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## REPORTS OF MASONIC MEETINGS.

## Craft Masonry.

**PAXTON LODGE (No. 1686).**—The October meeting of this lodge was held last Saturday, at the Crystal Palace, and in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Goddard, W.M., the brethren were presided over by Bro. J. M. Klenck, P.M.; Bro. F. J. Sawyer, S.W., and W.M. elect, occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. W. H. Boswell, J.W., performed the duties of J.W. Bro. R. E. Woodhams acted as Deacon, and Bro. G. R. Dodd, as I.G. After the opening of the lodge, the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. H. E. Frances, P.M. and Secretary, was requested by Bro. Klenck to take the Master's chair, and that brother having done so, Mr. J. J. H. Sale was introduced and initiated into Freemasonry. This ceremony was followed by the Audit Committee's report being read, and when this had been adopted, Bro. Klenck introduced Bro. F. J. Sawyer to Bro. Frances for the purpose of installation. Bro. Sawyer having agreed to accept the office of W.M., was then duly installed in the chair, with the customary forms and ceremonies, and after he had received the congratulations of the brethren, he appointed the following brethren to office: Bros. W. H. Boswell, S.W.; R. E. Woodhams, J.W.; J. M. Klenck, Treasurer; H. E. Frances, P.M., Sec.; N. J. Basnett, P.M., S.D.; G. Dodd, J.D.; S. Walker, I.G.; F. W. J. Goddard, D.C.; E. L. Partridge, A.D.C.; F. C. Graves, W.S.; J. E. Sharnan, Assistant W.S.; and Radford, Tyler. Before the lodge was closed the new W.M. presented to the lodge his banner, whereupon Bro. Boswell, S.W., proposed, and Bro. Basnett, S.D., seconded, a vote of thanks for the gift. This having been unanimously carried, Bro. Frances, P.M. and Secretary, announced that in consequence of increased business engagements and ill health, the I.P.M., Bro. Goddard, had reluctantly felt compelled to resign his membership of the lodge. Bro. Frances proposed, and Bro. Basnett seconded, a vote of regret at the circumstance, and Bro. Klenck in putting the motion to the lodge hoped that Bro. Goddard would soon find more time and have better health, and so be enabled to come again among the brethren. A vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Frances for having, in addition to his ordinary duties as Secretary of the lodge during the past year, also performed the work of the W.M., and five guineas was afterwards voted towards a testimonial to him in recognition of those services, on the motion of the W.M., seconded by the J.W. This concluded the work of the lodge, and nothing was left to be done but to close down and celebrate the W.M.'s accession to office by a banquet. Lodge was thereupon closed, and an adjournment took place to one of the elegant dining rooms of the Crystal Palace, where a choice repast was provided by Bros. Bertram and Roberts. When the toasts were proposed at the conclusion of the banquet, Bro. Klenck, P.M., in submitting to the brethren "The Health of the W.M.," said that the selection the lodge had made of a brother to rule over them was one which was a credit to the lodge, and it would be found when his year of office closed that his good qualities had commended him to the respect and affection of the brethren. At the foundation of the lodge Bro. Sawyer took great interest in it. That interest had continued, and it was a great pleasure to find a brother who took such an interest raised to the high position of W.M. He hoped to see all the brethren who stood by the lodge at its formation spared to attain the same distinguished position. The selection the lodge had made had fallen on the right man, and the right man was in the right place. Bro. Sawyer would promote the harmony and prosperity of the lodge, and he (Bro. Klenck) called upon the brethren to award him that meed of approbation which they could evince by drinking his health. The W.M., in reply, said that as the time was very late, and he had to catch more than one train before he got home, he should not say much, but he would merely detain them by saying he was very proud indeed—no one knew how proud he was—at having attained to the position of W.M. of the Paxton Lodge. Since he first entered into this wonderful brotherhood (for wonderful it really was), the more he had seen of it the more delighted he had been with it. The more he had seen of it, the more he had been struck with the ceremonies which had raised him from pillar to pillar until he had attained the eminence on which he now found himself. He must thank Past Master Frances primarily, and Bro. Past Master Klenck secondarily, for having helped him forward at such a rate, that within five years of his initiation he had reached the position of W.M. He trusted that he might ask the initiate to try and get on as fast. If

that brother would do his best to learn, and try to emulate those brethren who had gone before him, and work up to the position of W.M., it would give him great pleasure, and, no doubt, as much pleasure as it had given him (Bro. Sawyer) to reach the chair. He knew all the brethren felt as he felt; they were all equally glad to see him at their head, and this fact rendered it unnecessary for him to say any more on the toast which had been so kindly proposed and cordially drunk. The W.M. next proposed "The Initiate." It was a toast which they all gave honour to at all times, and it was right that they should, as there was no toast to which more honour was due. Without an initiate there would be no Masonry. He could only repeat what he had said just now, that he hoped and trusted the initiate would do all that he possibly could for Masonry, and as he had been told that evening that the badge he had on was the badge of innocence and the bond of friendship, and that if he never disgraced it it would never disgrace him, he should go on and obtain the higher badge as quickly as he could. There was no difference, however, in his connection with the fraternity; he was as much a brother Mason now as he would be when he took the higher degrees; the only difference there was was in the degree; he would be no more a Mason in the further degree than he was now. Sooner or later the brethren would no doubt see Bro. Sale rise step by step until he obtained the Worshipful Master's gavel. It might take some little time, but he (the W.M.) could assure him that the more attention he gave to Masonry the more pleasure would he take in his duties, and the better would he be appreciated by the brethren. The toast having been heartily drunk, Bro. Sale, in responding, said he had no idea when he came to the lodge that evening that he was going to be so kindly and heartily received. He had been going to join the Craft a great many years on account of his having been so deeply impressed with it when travelling abroad, and never more impressed than when travelling in Mexico. If a man was a Mason when there, if he was not a native of the country, he was looked upon as akin to it, and he had received the greatest kindness at the hands of the inhabitants. He should adopt the advice of the W.M. and obtain the higher badge of which he had spoken. The W.M. then proposed "The Visitors," and expressed the great pleasure felt by the brethren at seeing the visitors among them. Bro. Butt, in replying, after thanking the brethren for their hospitable reception of the visitors, wished the W.M. a most happy and prosperous year of office. He also complimented the lodge on having the ceremonies so ably performed as they had been that evening by Bro. Frances. If the brethren would emulate the Past Masters, the lodge would never lack a brother to fill the post of Worshipful Master, if that brother should from any cause be absent. This would bring great credit to the lodge. He was sorry the I.P.M. had been unable to attend, because it was a great thing for a lodge to have the Master always present. Bro. Dunn also replied, and expressed the same sentiments. The W.M. then gave "The Health of the Installing Master, Bro. H. E. Frances." He had been, and continued to be, a prime mover and instigator in Freemasonry. He was the hardest working man that he (the W.M.) knew in that particular sphere. Bro. Frances was very proud of Freemasonry, and never tired of hard work in its interest. He believed that the greatest pleasure of Bro. Frances's life was to install some one. He begged to express his best thanks to Bro. Frances for the admirable way in which he had performed the ceremonies of the evening, with which he was sure all the brethren were equally pleased. Bro. Frances, replying, said he thoroughly enjoyed Freemasonry, and especially when he had the pleasure of putting one of his friends in the chair. He was exceedingly sorry that he had not seen Bro. Goddard since he was installed. Bro. Goddard was a brilliant star in the firmament of Freemasonry. The brethren would never get a man who had the powers of Bro. Goddard, who was a born orator, with a marvellous power of speech which belonged to few men. Bro. Sawyer he knew would attend to his work; he was thoroughly sincere, and he would perform the work of the lodge in a way that would bring credit upon it. Bro. Klenck responded to the toast of "The P.M.'s." Whenever anything was wanted of him the brethren might command him. He took a great interest in the Paxton Lodge, and was pleased to see its progress. The brethren had never had a wry word or dissension. He was pleased to find that member after member was added to the number. The same unanimity and concord, however, prevailed notwithstanding this increase. He only hoped that as years rolled on, and Masters succeeded Masters in the chair, the unanimity and concord would increase, and brotherly love continue. He was much indebted to Bro. Frances for his kindly aid, and in assisting him in Freemasonry. With regard to the Charities of the Order they had found in him (Bro. Klenck) a leader and supporter, for although he had not been many years in Masonry, he had raised directly or indirectly £500. That was the end and aim of Freemasonry. Freemasons ate and drank, were merry and enjoyed themselves, but amid the whole of that the great secret was that they were kind to those who could not help themselves. While enjoying themselves they did not forget others who required help. He was proud to be a Past Master of the Paxton Lodge, and he hoped the brethren would with him long enjoy each other's society. The toasts of "The Officers" and "The Press" followed, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

**LANCASTER.**—Lodge of Fortitude (No. 281).—The monthly meeting of this lodge was held on the 8th ult., in the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, the W.M., Bro. Cardwell, presiding, supported by his respective officers. The lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, the minutes of previous meeting were read and

confirmed. Bro. Jowett, I.P.M., then gave a very interesting original lecture, entitled "The Ancient and Modern Rituals," which was listened to with much attention. Several illustrations were given, in which Bro. Jowett was assisted by Bro. Warbrick, S.W. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the I.P.M. on the motion of Bro. Whimpray, P.M., seconded by Bro. Atkinson, S.D. The usual proclamations were then made, eliciting "Hearty good wishes" from the visiting brethren, after which the lodge was closed in peace, love, and harmony, and with solemn prayer.

**LISCARD.**—Warren Lodge (No. 1276).—The brethren of the above lodge, which has now attained its tenth year's existence, met on Tuesday afternoon, the 21st ult., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, for the purpose of assisting at the annual celebration of the festival of St. John, and the very large and influential attendance of members and visitors clearly showed the popularity and vitality of this important lodge in the important Province of Cheshire, which enjoys the genial Masonic rule of Bro. the Right Hon. Lord De Tabley, R.W.P.G.M. Bro. W. Price, the W.M., was unavoidably absent in consequence of severe illness, and his place at the opening was accordingly taken by Bro. J. Taylor, P.M., who efficiently initiated a candidate into the Order. At the conclusion of this section of the work, the chair was taken by Bro. E. Pritchard, P.P.G.P. Warwickshire, who, in a most impressive and thoroughly-efficient manner, proceeded to install Bro. Henry Matthews as the W.M. of the Warren Lodge. The following were subsequently invested as the officers for the ensuing year: Bros. W. Price, I.P.M. (by proxy); J. G. Parker, S.W.; W. Danger, J.W.; G. Henderson, Treas.; J. H. Jones, Sec.; M. Ellaby, S.D.; T. V. Burrows, J.D.; G. Alister, I.G.; J. Taylor, P.M., M.C.; J. H. Poval, S.S.; J. Hindley, J.S.; and J. H. Holtaway, P.G.T., was unanimously re-elected Tyler. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Pritchard for his services as Installing Master, and it was agreed to send a letter of condolence to Bro. W. Price in connection with his illness. The attendance included besides those already named Bros. H. Skinner, P.M.; W. R. Bainbridge, F. B. Hughes, J. Looney, E. T. Rawson, W. Mathias, H. Hindley, J. Lawton, P. Hockey, J. Jones, W. Worth, A. McKay, J. Ellis, H. P. Jones, J. Leicester, J. Alltree, G. Dunn, and others. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. J. Ridehalgh, P.P.G.P.; W. Matthews, 220; H. Nelson, P.M. 673; G. Hutchin, P.M. 241; W. Brackenbury, W.M. 673; J. P. Platt, P.P.J.W.; H. Williams, P.G.A.D.C.; W. Bennett, W.M. 477; T. Gregory, W.M. 605; Ellis Davies, P.M. 605; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; T. Wilson, 216; M. Miller, 673; T. Davis, 1182; R. E. Fulton, 1505; E. Brierley, 223; T. F. Chaloner, 477; E. Evans, J.D. 477; A. G. Coveney, S.D. 605; J. Jones, 605; G. Richardson, J.W. 1045; J. Lewis, 1045; S. Ellaby, 605; and E. Chater, 1094. The brethren subsequently banqueted, under the presidency of the W.M., at the Queen's Arms Hotel, and during the evening the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and cordially responded to. A choice musical programme was also given, and a pleasant evening was spent by the whole of the brethren, who mustered about seventy strong.

**HAMPTON COURT.**—Burdett Lodge (No. 1293).—The October meeting of the above lodge was held at the Mitre Hotel on Saturday last. Present: Bros. Col. Francis Burdett, P.M., Prov. G.M. Middx.; Rev. David Shaboe, P.G. Chap. Middx., W.M.; Southwell, I.P.M.; R. L. Sindall, S.W.; H. G. Buss, Treas.; D. W. Pearce, P.M., Sec.; Frederick Keily, P.M.; W. D. Kentish, S.D.; Sanders, J.D.; Bindoff, I.G.; Hubbard, George Kenning, Speatley, Kirk, Sadler, Stewart, Forrester, and others. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. A brother was elected a joining member. Bros. Harvey and Smith were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Secretary read an application from the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for a Steward, whereupon Bro. Kirk offered himself, and Bro. Buss then proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the lodge funds to be placed on the list of Bro. Kirk, which was carried unanimously. This being the day for the election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year, a ballot was taken, the result being unanimously in favour of the S.W., Bro. Sindall, for W.M., and Bro. Buss for Treasurer. Three brethren were appointed for the Audit Committee. The brethren afterwards dined together, presided over by the W.M.

**LIVERPOOL.**—Emulation Lodge (No. 1505).—The annual installation meeting of the members of this capably conducted lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, on Thursday afternoon, the 23rd ult. There was a very large and highly influential gathering of members and visitors, the latter including Bros. Major Turner, P.P.G. Treas.; Richard Brown, P.M. 241 and 1609, one of the Hon. Secretaries of the West Lancashire Masonic Educational Institution; L. Courtenay, I.P.M. 1609; W. J. Chapman, P.M., M.C. 1609; J. B. MacKenzie, W.M. 1609; and others. Bro. John Capell, who has already fulfilled the duties of the chair in the Pembroke Lodge with complete satisfaction, was on this occasion duly installed W.M. of the Emulation by Bro. J. Hocken, the retiring Master; and the officers invested were Bros. J. Hocken, I.P.M.; H. Coulson, S.W.; R. Foute, J.W.; J. T. Callow, P.G.T., Treasurer (re-elected); H. H. Smith, Secretary; M. Strang, S.D.; J. Irvine, J.D.; H. Morris, P.M., D.C.; Rev. H. G. Vernon, P.G.C., Chaplain; W. S. Banks, I.G.; J. Skeaf, P.G.O., Organist; T. Blundell, Asst. Org.; P. Thomas, S.S.; W. Roan, J.S.; W. Kritchman, A.S.; and W. H. Ball, Tyler. The brethren banqueted after business, and during the evening a valuable gold watch was presented to Bro. Hocken, in recognition of his valuable services to the Emulation Lodge,

which occupies a very high position in the Province of West Lancashire. The banquet was most admirably provided by Bro. W. S. Vines, P.P.G.D.C. of the Canton Hotel, Liverpool.

**HAMPTON.**—Hemming Lodge (No. 1512).—The installation meeting of this lodge was held on the 16th ult., at the Lion Hotel. There were present Bros. Fox, W.M.; Jessett, S.W., W.M. elect; Ockenden, J.W.; E. Hopwood, P.P.G.S.B. of Middx.; Treasurer; W. Hammond, P.P.G.D. of Middx.; Secretary; T. C. Walls, P.G.S.B. of Middx., S.D. (Freemason); Kent, J.D.; Hiscox, I.G.; Moody, D.C.; Day, A.W.S.; J. Hurst, P.G.A.P. of Middlesex, P.M.; J. Hammond, P.G.D. of Middlesex; and Gilbert, P.G.T. of Middx., Tyler. The visitors were Bros. H. E. Frantis, P.P.G.D. of Surrey; Rev. C. H. Gem, P.P.G. Chaplain of Cumberland and Westmoreland; H. W. Linton, W.M. 1638; C. Hopekirk, 179; Theokatz, 754; Robinson, 784; McClelland, 901; Pinckney, 1638; and Marvin 1768. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. Hammond, who had kindly undertaken the onerous duties of Installing Master. The officers appointed to assist him in the ceremony were Bros. Hopwood as S.W.; Walls as J.W.; Frances as D.C.; and Fox as I.G. The ceremonial was most ably carried out, and at its conclusion a vote of thanks to Bro. J. Hammond, in recognition of his exertions, was carried with acclamation, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The officers appointed and invested for the ensuing year were Bros. Fox, I.P.M.; Ockenden, S.W.; Walls, J.W.; Kent, S.D.; Hiscox, J.D.; Hopwood, Treasurer; W. Hammond, Secretary; Moody, I.G.; Tagg, D.C. (by deputy); Day, W.S.; and Knowles, A.W.S. The W.M., in the name of the lodge, then presented Bro. Fox with a handsome Past Master's jewel, to mark its appreciation of his services. Bro. Fox having acknowledged the honour in a few appropriate sentences, a distressed brother of a neighbouring lodge was relieved to the extent of five guineas. Previously to the lodge being closed the Secretary read a letter from the R.W.P.G.M., apologising for his absence, in consequence of a recent domestic bereavement. The members and visitors then adjourned to an excellent banquet, ably catered for by the new host of ye Lion, Mr. Ballard, and which repast gave general satisfaction. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. announced that it was his intention during his year of office to be exceedingly brief in prefacing the various toasts—a very laudable resolution, and which course might be copied with advantage by many after-dinner Masonic orators. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past," and "The R.W.P.G.M. of Middlesex," followed in quick succession, and were duly honoured. In giving "The R.W.D.G.M. of Middlesex, and the rest of the P.G. Officers, Present and Past," the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the lodge upon possessing five members who were the fortunate possessors of the Provincial purple. He said that he should couple the toast with the name of the father of the lodge, Bro. William Hammond, P.P.G.D., whose all-round services in the cause of Freemasonry in the province and elsewhere could not be over estimated. This pledge having been greeted with excellent "fire," Bro. Hammond made a modest speech in responding. "The Installing Master" followed, and in reply Bro. John Hammond expressed the gratification it had afforded him that evening in being called upon to discharge the duty of installing the W.M. into the chair of K.S., and that pleasure had been enhanced by the fact that the "work" had been carried out under the eye of his old Masonic tutor, Bro. Frances. "The Health of the W.M." followed. In introducing this—the toast of the evening—Bro. Fox indulged in some very flattering observations. He said that Bro. Jessett had been connected with the lodge from its commencement, he had been most zealous and energetic as an officer, and he felt confident that the work of the lodge would be carried on well under his able Mastership. This toast having been warmly received, the W.M. made a brief but efficient reply. "The Health of the Visitors" followed, and was fully dealt with by Bros. the Rev. C. H. Gem, Linton, Marvin, and others. The toast of "The Past Masters" came next, and was acknowledged by Bros. Fox, W. Hammond, and Hopwood. In prefacing "The Health of the Officers," the W.M. was pleased to say that no Master of a lodge could possibly hope to be better officered than he was. He particularly mentioned the name of his S.W., Bro. Ockenden, whose Masonic abilities were widely and deservedly known. He also alluded to the great services of the Treasurer and the Secretary. He said that very few provincial lodges could boast so excellent a balance-sheet as the Hemming Lodge, which showed a surplus of upwards of sixty pounds. This gratifying result was greatly due to the exertions of Bros. Hopwood and W. Hammond, who occupied the positions of Treasurer and Secretary. This toast having been acknowledged, the proceedings terminated with "The Masonic Charities," coupled with the name of Bro. Walls. In the intervals of the toasts Bros. Knowles, Hurst, Pinckney, Raw, and others entertained the brethren with vocalisation.

#### INSTRUCTION.

**LONDON MASONIC CLUB LODGE** (No. 58).—A meeting of this lodge of instruction was held on Friday, the 24th ult., at the Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present: Bros. Barnett, W.M.; Wells, S.W.; Brittain, J.W.; J. D. Langton, Sec.; Hogg, Treas.; Williams, S.D.; J. D. Langton, J.D.; Langton, I.G.; J. S. Fraser, Preceptor, pro. tem.; and G. B. Cooper. Lodge was opened in the First Degree, and the minutes of the last lodge meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Garland acting as candidate. Bro. Chapman being candidate for the Second Degree, answered the usual questions.

Lodge was then opened in the Second Degree, and Bro. Chapman was passed to the Degree of F.C. Bro. Wells was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The lodge was then closed in due form.

**WELLINGTON LODGE** (No. 548).—The Fifteen Sections were worked at a meeting of this lodge of instruction, held at the lodge house, the White Swan Hotel, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th ult. Bro. Walter Martin, D.C. of the Southwark Park Lodge, 879, occupied the chair of W.M., and was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Stephens, P.M. 879, as S.W.; Cattersin, J.W. 548, as J.W.; Hutchings, J.W. 169, and 1531, as S.D.; Hassall, 13, as J.D.; and Lefever, 1531, as I.G. The lodge was opened in the Three Degrees, and being resumed in the First Degree the Sections appertaining thereto were worked as follows:—

FIRST LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	Bro. Ross, D.C. 700.	
2nd " ...	" Cattersin, J.W. 548.	
3rd " ...	" Milbourn, 13.	
4th " ...	" Hutchings, J.W. 169, 1531.	
5th " ...	" Moss, 1275.	
6th " ...	" Stephens, P.M. 879.	
7th " ...	" Stephens, P.M. 879.	
SECOND LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	Bro. Gloster, W.M. 1531, S.D. 1326.	
2nd " ...	" Jenkins, 1475.	
3rd " ...	" Taylor, W.M. 753.	
4th " ...	" G. Andrews, P.M., D.C. 871.	
5th " ...	" Taylor.	

The lodge having been resumed in the Third Degree the remaining Sections were rehearsed, the First Section by Bro. Gibson, 1531, Hon. Sec. to the lodge; the Second Section by Bro. Griffin, P.M. 933, S.W. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, the Preceptor of the lodge; and the Third Section by Bro. Davis, 879. The business of the evening having been thus brought to a satisfactory termination, the lodge was in due time closed, after a unanimous vote of thanks had been passed to the W.M. and the brethren who had assisted him in the working. As a further recognition of the services of Bro. Martin, and of the ability displayed by him in fulfilling the duties of the chair, he was elected a honorary member of the lodge of instruction. It may be added that the working of the Sections was completed in a few minutes less than the stipulated time—three hours—which is usually allotted for the purpose, a fact which affords abundant proof of the ability and promptitude of all concerned.

**DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE** (No. 1524).—This lodge of instruction met on Wednesday, the 29th ult., at the Havelock Tavern, Albion-road, Dalston. Present: Bros. J. Williams, W.M.; A. R. Olley, S.W.; J. L. Payne, J.W.; J. Lorkin, J.D.; J. Dignam, I.G.; W. Fieldwick, Precep.; C. Lorkin, Treas.; also several other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. E. Digman being candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin, assisted by the brethren, worked the First, Second, and Third Sections of the Lecture. Bro. W. Fieldwick proposed, and Bro. J. L. Payne seconded, that Bro. A. R. Olley be W.M. for the ensuing week. Carried unanimously. Bro. C. Lorkin proposed, and Bro. J. Marsh seconded, that 150 circulars be printed and dispatched to the members of this lodge of instruction, informing them of the change in the place of meeting. Carried unanimously. The Secretary announced that on Wednesday next, the 5th inst., this lodge would be removed to the Royal Edward Hotel, Triangle, Mare-street, Hackney, on which evening the ceremony of installation would be performed by Bro. W. H. Lee. Nothing further offering, the lodge was closed in ancient form.

**WEST SMITHFIELD LODGE** (No. 1623).—The Fifteen Sections were worked by the brethren of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, on Monday, the 27th ult., under the very able direction of Bros. T. Cull, S.W. 1446, W.M.; G. Davis, S.W. 167, S.W.; T. Dickinson, P.M. 1298, J.W.; W. Pennfather, P.M. S.W. 1623, I.P.M.

FIRST LECTURE.		
1st Section...	Bro. P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298.	
2nd " ...	" W. Rowley, S.D. 917.	
3rd " ...	" A. B. Dunn, S.D. 1695.	
4th " ...	" J. Shackell, P.M. 193.	
5th " ...	" J. W. Wright, P.M. 1298.	
6th " ...	" T. Cull, S.W. 1446.	
7th " ...	" G. Davis, S.W. 167.	
SECOND LECTURE.		
1st Section ...	Bro. H. B. Dunn, S.D. 1659.	
2nd " ...	" P. Dickinson, P.M. 1298.	
3rd " ...	" G. Davis, S.W. 167.	
4th " ...	" W. Lee, S.W. 1201.	
5th " ...	" C. G. Sparrow, J.D. 1743.	

**THIRD LECTURE.**  
1st Section ... Bro. J. Eldridge, P.M. 167.  
2nd " ... G. H. Hunter, S.W. 1298.  
3rd " ... J. H. Powell, S.W. 186.  
Better Section working is to be rarely seen, the brethren having been, doubtless, carefully and well trained, and some of them greatly excelling, amongst whom may be mentioned Bros. Cull, Dickinson, Dunn, and Lee. The working of Sections in one another's lodges is greatly on the increase, and, if encouraged, will be one of the best systems in getting near to uniformity of working, besides bringing the various members of the Craft together. The undoubted good feeling amongst Freemasons was fully exemplified on the present occasion, every one vying with each other in displaying brotherly love to all. The Sections completed, the W.M. closed the lodge in the several Degrees, and rose to enquire for the good of Freemasonry. On proposition, many of the visiting brethren joined the lodge, each brother expressing his happiness at

joining; also on proposition, the W.M. and S.W. presiding were unanimously elected honorary members of the lodge in acknowledgment of the admirable services rendered to the lodge by their able working. The W.M., in tendering his thanks to the lodge, remarked that it always gave him great pleasure to preside at a meeting of that description, and hoped it would not be the last time the two lodges would meet together; the S.W. also expressed his satisfaction at the honour conferred on him, and reciprocated the sentiments of the W.M. The names of the brethren of the lodge assembled to meet their visitors were Bros. Pennfather, Preceptor; W. Stuart, T. Butt, W. Butt, D. Moss, Lardner, King, Lawrence, Patrick, Silveo, Caton, Greenwood, Renaut, Malthouse, Valentine, G. H. Stephens, G. Stevens, Mallett, Hon. Sec.; Dunbar, the regular Tyler of the lodge, being in attendance; and a word of praise is due to the Bros. Butt for the excellence of arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren, considering there was a similar assemblage of brethren in another spacious apartment in the hotel. The labour being ended the W.M. closed the lodge in due form, and the usual greeting amongst friends being ended, the brethren separated after having spent a most enjoyable evening, the muster amounting to close upon forty.

#### Royal Arch.

**JERUSALEM CHAPTER** (No. 181).—This old chapter held a meeting on the 14th ult., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, when there were present Comps. P. Robinson, M.E.Z.; J. Mander, H.; T. C. Walls, P.G.D.C. Middx. (Freemason), J.; Davage, P.Z., S.E.; Harfeld, P.Z., Treas.; Wagner, I.P.Z.; Moss, S.N.; Ellborn, 2nd Asst.; Lowenstark, P.Z.; Holbrook, P.Z.; Gispert, Aucard, Sarsa, Whitby, and Parkinson, Janitor. The minutes of the installation meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed by the M.E.Z., assisted by his officers. The chapter was shortly afterwards closed, and the companions adjourned to the banquet, which was well served. Upon the removal of the cloth the preliminary Royal Arch toasts were done full justice to. "The Health of the M.E.Z." was proposed in a very flattering speech by Comp. Wagner. In his remarks he complimented the chapter upon possessing so very able an exponent of Royal Arch Masonry at the head of its affairs. They had seen that evening the very excellent manner in which the impressive and arduous ceremony of exaltation had been rehearsed by their First Principal, and he hoped that the M.E.Z. would have an early opportunity of performing the "work" of the degree with an actual candidate for Royal Arch mysteries. This toast having been heartily received, the M.E.Z. briefly responded, and immediately gave "The Second and Third Principals," which toast was most ably responded to by Comp. Mander. "The Past Principals" followed. In introducing this toast the M.E.Z. enlarged upon the merits of the long and distinguished array of Past Principals who had successively occupied the chair in the old Jerusalem. They were fortunate that evening in being favoured with the presence of four of that influential body, and he hoped that they, the Past Principals, would be spared many years to come among them. This toast having been received with excellent "fire," Comps. Wagner, Lowenstark, and Holbrook briefly replied. In giving "The Treasurer and Scribe E." the M.E.Z. paid a well merited compliment to their worthy and esteemed Comps. Harfeld and Davage, for the very zealous and able way in which they managed the financial and secretarial duties of their respective positions. He felt convinced that the affairs of the chapter were in very good hands, and he trusted that the chapter would continue for many years to possess the ripe and able judgment which those two worthy companions had brought to bear upon the exigencies of their duties. In response, Comps. Harfeld and Davage both expressed their thanks to the M.E.Z. for the more than flattering way in which he had prefaced the toast of their health. They were gratified at witnessing the steady progress which the chapter had made in recent years, both financially and otherwise. They were also pleased to see that the officers, from the M.E.Z. downwards, were so well filled. In conclusion they stated that they would continue to exercise the same interest and zeal as hitherto in the affairs of the chapter. "The Officers" terminated the proceedings, which were agreeably diversified by the vocal efforts of Comps. Robinson, Mander, and others.

**WOOLWICH.**—Union Waterloo Chapter (No. 13).—The usual quarterly meeting of the above chapter took place on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Hall, William-street, one of the oldest P.Z.'s of the chapter, Comp. Thomas, in the absence of Comp. Pownall, in the chair of Z. The only business before the lodge was the election of officers for the ensuing year, and Comps. Gamble, W. Weston, and E. West were elected to those exalted positions. Comps. Kennedy, as Scribe E.; H. Shaw, as Scribe N.; C. Coupland, Treas., &c., were the other appointments. Among the companions present were Quarter Master Sculley, R.H.A.; Wilkins, Denton, P.Z.; Warren, Deeves, Gaskell, De Gray, Ashford, McDougall, P.Z.; and B. Norman. The business of the evening being concluded, the companions adjourned to Comp. De Gray's house, the Freemason, opposite the Dock-yard Station, where a superbly served banquet awaited them. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts were given and responded to, and a most enjoyable evening spent by all assembled.

**BRIGHTON.**—Royal Pavilion Chapter (No. 315).—The annual convocation and installation of the Principals of this chapter took place on the 21st ult., when Comp. W. T. Nell was exalted to the position of M.E.Z.;

Comp. G. Smith, as H.; and Comp. S. T. Foat, as J. The following junior officers were also installed: Comps. A. J. Hawkes, S.E.; G. Nash, S.N.; R. J. Pope, P.S.; W. H. Gibson and T. Packham, A.S. The chapter being closed, the companions partook of a sumptuous banquet, served in Messrs. Sayers and Marks' best style. Among those present at the dinner table were Comps. H. Davey (Mayor of Brighton); J. H. Scott, P.Z. (Deputy Grand Master of Sussex); V. P. Friman, P.Z., Prov. G. Sec.; J. W. Stride, P.Z.; W. Huds., P.Z.; W. Smith, P.Z.; Day, M.E.Z. Royal Sussex; Watts, M.E.Z. Hartington; Henty, M.E.Z. Cyrus; R. H. Ellman, M.E.Z. South Saxon; C. J. Smith, M.E.Z. Yarborough; Farncombe (Lewes); W. T. Clarke, J. Ridge, W. Smithers, R. T. Nye, Sturt Weston, Sayers, Marks, and others. The usual toasts were given and heartily received, and an exceedingly pleasant evening was passed.

**DARTFORD.**—High Cross Chapter (No. 829).—The installation meeting of the above chapter took place on Tuesday, the 21st ult., at the Bull Hotel, Bro. Bray's house, and was a most successful and pleasant gathering. The chapter has for its M.E.Z. one of the most popular and respected Masons in Kent, viz., Comp. the Rev. W. A. Hill, G. Chaplain England and Kent, while among its ranks are numbered such Masons as Comps. C. Andrews, W. Russell, Flaxmen Spurrell, T. J. Barnes, G. M. E. Snow, and T. Smith, names in Kent as familiar as household words. The chapter was opened at 3.30 precisely by the M.E.Z., Bro. Hill; C. Andrews, as H.; and H. S. Thompson, J. Among the officers and companions present were the following:—Comps. W. Russell, P.Z., Scribe E.; T. J. Barnes, P.Z.; R. Russell, Scribe N.; A. Spencer, P.S.; F. Spurrell, 1st Asst. S.; H. Potter, 2nd A.S.; H. S. Neate, 2nd A.S.; T. Smith, P.Z.; G. Martin, Janitor; R. French, T. R. Cnapman, W. Hicks, T. W. A. Meah, J. Spurge, C. Steatford, G. Churchley, B. K. Sharpe, P.G.H.; and C. Jolly (*Freemason*). The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. J. Aillud, 615, and Bro. G. W. Mitchell, 700, which proving unanimous they, with Bros. T. W. Wallis and J. E. Meredith, who had been previously approved of, were, with the usual ceremonies, exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Masons. The report of the Audit Committee having been received, and proclaimed very satisfactory, the installation of the Principals and officers took place as follows: Comps. C. Andrews, Z.; H. G. Thompson, H.; R. Russell, J.; R. P. Atkins, Treas.; W. Russell, P.Z., S.E.; A. Spencer, S.N. The whole of the beautiful ceremonies were splendidly worked, Comp. Barnes aiding materially by his perfect knowledge of the ritual. The business being concluded, the chapter was duly closed in solemn prayer, and the companions adjourned to a superbly served banquet, specially prepared by Comp. Bray for the occasion. The usual loyal and Arch Masonic toasts having been enthusiastically honoured, that of "Lord Holmesdale, the G.S. of Kent," was given in eulogistic terms by Comp. Andrews. He said every Mason in the province heard the name with reverence and respect. Since his lordship had taken an interest in Masonry it had increased greatly, and Royal Arch Masonry had under his lordship's guidance taken great strides in the province. He asked them to drink the toast with all the enthusiasm it deserved. To the toast of "The Grand Officers of the Province, Present and Past," Comp. Barnes, whose name was coupled with it, replied, and thanked them for the hearty manner in which they had received it. He thought they perhaps might have let him off and placed the honour of it in the hands of Comp. Thompson, who had been sufficiently long in office to take the responsibility upon his own shoulders. In the course of a most able address, Comp. Barnes was repeatedly cheered, and gave way to Comp. Hill, who rose to propose the toast of the evening, that of "The M.E.Z., Comp. Andrews." He said nothing gave him more gratification than to have the privilege of proposing the toast. He was now about to ask the companions to do honour to it—it was that of their esteemed M.E.Z., who that day had achieved the highest position in the chapter. That was not the first occasion by a great many that they had had the opportunity of meeting Comp. Andrews, and it was totally unnecessary for him to say that he (Comp. Andrews) was second to none in carrying out any and every duty entrusted to him, especially in Freemasonry. In the High Cross Chapter they only would have good men as their officers, and they looked for efficiency in their M.E.Z. He felt this Comp. Andrews had earned, and trusted he might be spared for many years to enjoy the respect and esteem in which he was held, not only by every member of that chapter but by every Mason in the Province of Kent. Comp. Andrews, in response, expressed his regret that ill-health had prevented him not having the opportunity of being with them during the last two years so much as he should have liked. He looked forward to the time when he should be so enabled to carry out the high duties placed in his hands as would cause them never to regret having placed him there. During the time Comp. Hill had held the position he now occupied he had honoured and dignified it. He should endeavour to follow in his footsteps, and if he did so he should have no fear of their approval at the expiration of his term of office. "The Exaltees" were then toasted and responded. An excellent address from Comp. Russell followed the toast of "The Officers of the High Cross Chapter." Comp. Jolly returned thanks for "The Visitors," and shortly after the proceedings closed.

The first meeting since the consecration of the Duke of Cornwall Lodge, No. 1839, was held at the Freemasons' Hall on Thursday last, Bro. J. W. Brooke, W.M., presiding. During the evening Bro. Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke ably delivered the Lecture on the Second Tracing Board. A full report will appear in our next.

## Masonic Notes and Queries.

### CHARLES MARTEL.

It is no doubt true that the words "Charles Martel" do not occur in Matthew Cooke's MS., and so far my esteemed friend Bro. Hughan is perfectly correct (as he generally is), in the "letter." But in the "spirit" of the Guild legend he is, I venture to think, not so, and that Bro. Fort may fairly claim the evidence of Bro. Cooke's MS. For the Charles Martel, or Charles Marshall, can only be the real "Charles Martel" alluded to in the old French Guild Regulations,—quoted by Depping,—and who, the son of Pepin d'Heristal, and born about 689, died in 742. The fact brought out is in this old tradition, that, like Athelstan, he gave privileges and charters to the operative Guilds. It is impossible to rely too much on the mere "dicta" of Guild legends, which often betray confusion, and are marked by anachronisms. Suffice it for us if the salient points remain intact and matters of historical fact. Such I conceive to be the case as regards "Carolus Secundus," by whom, indeed, the Masonic scribe may mean the actual Charles the Second who made many regulations for various bodies. But Charles Martel is the person to whom the old Guild Traditions assigns the patronage of the "Craft." If we understand the old Norman French rightly, he made the "Maçons" free of taxes and military service. Bro. Hughan is quite right, therefore, in saying that no mention of "Charles Martel" nominatim occurs in the Halliwell or Cooke MSS., but there is in Cooke's MS. a reference to a French King Charles, or Carolus Secundus, who, in all probability answers, (as no other is known or alluded to), to the Charles Martel of the prose constitutions. The earliest prose constitution in which "Charles Martel" is found is Dowland's, if its antiquity can be maintained, and there the words "Charles Martel" are found, in conjunction with a certain "Mamus Græcus," whoever he may really be. In the Lansdown we have the words "Charles Marshall." I note Bro. Gould's remarks, and will allude to them again (D.V.) next week.

A. F. A. W.

### THE QUATUOR CORONATI.

I hope to publish in the December number of the "Masonic Magazine" the Martyrology in the Arundel MSS., in Latin and English, and which is a 12th century MS. The names of the Coronati occur in the Sarum Missal, 11th century, and as that was based on others, we probably go back to the 8th century. But what I am anxious to know is, which is the earliest MS. Service Book known in which the names are to be found? The mere fact of the pious legend being well known in the 11th century is an answer to my good friend Bro. Findel's theory of the German origin of English Masonry. Rome is again the source of the Christian legend as of the operative Guilds, and this very fact becomes an historical point of no little importance.

A. F. A. W.

### THE MELROSE MS. No. 2.

In the *Freemason* for September 13th, 1879, the date 1583 should be 1674, the former being an unaccountable error. The facts are these—The Melrose MS. is a transcript made in December, 1674 (by, apparently, Andro Mein) from a still older MS. of A.D. 1581, or earlier. The record at the end of the MS. of 1581 is the only clue at present to the date of the original, but of course may have been added some years after the original MS. itself was written. The addition is simply a certificate from a "Master Free Mason" to Robert Wincester, a Mason, and probably refers to the latter having completed his time as an Apprentice, A.D. 1581. This MS., which we style Melrose MS. No. 1 of 1581, was transcribed in the Records of the Melrose Lodge during the first four days of December, 1674, by "A. M." (Andro Mein), and is so dated, "Anno MDCLXXIII." The "Melrose MS. No. 1" is still untraced, but the copy of 1674 is the one discovered by our indefatigable Bro. Vernon, of Kelso, from whom I have had the foregoing particulars, and I desire to have it known by the name of the "Melrose MS. No. 2." I am now anxiously waiting for Bro. Vernon's careful transcript of the latter MS., and trust that these facts, brief, because all we have at present, will serve to correct the errors kindly pointed out by Bro. "W. P. B."

W. J. HUGHAN.

### "THE HOLY MARTYRES FOURE."

Referring to the "Masonic Cyclopedias" respectively edited by Bros. Woodford and Kenneth Mackenzie, I find the earliest reference to this legend recorded by the former under date of the eleventh, and by the latter under date of the fifteenth century. In a former note I have shown the actual existence of the tradition at Canterbury in the seventh century, and now submit a few remarks from which it may not unreasonably be inferred that a belief in the "four blessed coronati" was prevalent in Britain some centuries earlier. Bro. Mackenzie ("Royal Masonic Cyclopaedia"), quoting, I imagine, from the "Roman Breviary" of 1474, assigns Nov. 8, A.D. 287, as the date of martyrdom. This, though coinciding with the era of St. Alban's decapitation, given by writers of the Craft, is scarcely historically correct. Gibbon says ("Decline and Fall," vol. 2, p. 458):—"Notwithstanding a celebrated era of martyrs has been deduced from the accession of Diocletian (284), the new policy, introduced by that prince, continued, during more than eighteen years, to breathe the mildest and most liberal spirit of religious toleration." This writer, therefore (at p. 468), places the first edict against the Christians (tempus Diocletian) at February 24th, A.D. 303. The author of "The Life of St. Alban," in the "Biographia Britannica," likewise dates his martyrdom at 303. The prosecution of

the Christians was very thorough everywhere but in Britain; their immunity from repression in these islands being due to the clemency of Constantius, of whom Gibbon (p. 478) observes:—"The provinces of Gaul (under which we may probably include those of Britain) were indebted for the singular tranquillity which they enjoyed to the gentle interposition of their sovereign." It is, therefore, I think, fairly deducible that churches in honour of the victims of A.D. 303 would most probably be first of all erected in that part of the empire where a spirit of toleration alone prevailed. According to Mr. Coote ("Romans in Britain," p. 414) "St. Germanus visited the martyrdom of St. Alban at Verulamium in the fifth century;" and this learned writer not only dates the Christianity of our island from the epoch of St. Alban's martyrdom (A.D. 303), but adduces abundant evidence in favour of its continuation and perpetuation down to the arrival of St. Augustine. Of the sudden stoppage of the fire, which ravaged the city of Canterbury, A.D. 619-624, on its reaching the martyrdom of the "four blessed coronati," Mr. Coote (at p. 420) observes:—"Now Beda's account of the circumstance demonstrates one of two facts—either the martyrdom contained the bodies of the saints, or the martyrdoms had taken place upon the spot where the church was afterwards built. But in either case the martyrdom must have been erected about the time when the work of Satan was committed." This writer seems to be of opinion that the martyrdom of the "coronati" was of home manufacture. A passage, however, cited by him on a previous page of his work (419) will make his meaning clearer:—"By Canon 14 of the 19th Council of Carthage, no church could be built for martyrs, except there were on the spot either the body or some certain relics, or where the origin of some habitation or possession, or passion of the martyr had been transmitted from a most trustworthy source."

R. F. GOULD.

I recently came across a part of the title page of a Masonic work, on which was "The only genuine edition—Jachin and Boaz; or, an Authentic Key to the Door of Freemasonry, both Ancient and Modern." On the margin, in pencil, "1812." Can you inform me if this is a well-known book, and of any value or otherwise?

J.W., P.M. 699.

### PRINCE LEOPOLD AT OXFORD.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Oxfordshire took place at Oxford on Wednesday, the 29th ult. The Prov. Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold accompanied by his Private Secretary, arrived at Oxford, at 2.15 on Tuesday, and proceeded to his rooms in Christ Church. On Wednesday afternoon the Provincial Grand Lodge was opened in the Apollo University Masonic Hall, H.R.H. presiding, when the usual Masonic business was transacted and the officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested. All the lodges in the province were well represented, there being a large attendance of Past Masters and brethren. The annual banquet took place in the Clarendon Assembly Rooms in the evening, which was also well attended, and the proceedings throughout were of a very interesting character. We shall give a full report in our next issue.

### MASONIC FUNERAL AT PLUMSTEAD.

The mortal remains of Bro. Robert Lister, one of the oldest members of the Pattison Lodge, No. 913, for some five years past Tyler of the lodge, were conveyed to their last resting place at Old Plumstead Church yard on Saturday, the 25th ult., in the presence of a large assembly of the brethren of the district and friends, who in life knew his sterling qualities as a man and a brother, and who sorrowed for him in death. Our dear brother was only 48 years of age, and occupied an important position at Messrs. Siemens, Bros., the distinguished telegraphists and electricians at Charlton, near Woolwich, and we may say in reference to his position of Tyler to the Pattison Lodge, that he merely filled the office through his love for Masonry. The emoluments arising from the office were in no instance received by him, but were handed over to a brother, who holds several similar positions in the Woolwich district. Bro. Lister was a native of Leeds, in Yorkshire, and had been employed in Her Majesty's Arsenal for many years. He was in his earlier days one of the best bowlers in Woolwich, and many an old cricketer brother living around the Metropolis will remember poor Robert's "left hand twisters." He was one of the eleven Englishmen some seventeen years ago chosen to play against an eleven of the inhabitants of Boulogne, in France, and to his fine bowling the victory achieved by the "perfidious Albions" was by both friends and foes attributed.

Among those assembled around his grave were, of his own lodge, Bros. Lloyd, W.M.; C. Coupland, P.M. and P.P.G.J.W. Kent; E. Denton, Sec., and P.P.P. Kent; T. D. Hayes, P.M.; Widgery, Day, Capon, Allen, Ozer, Joskey, Watts, Grant, Ginman, Mabbett, and Jarvis. Of the Union Waterloo, No. 13, Bros. N. Brown, S.W.; H. Syer, J.W.; Hodgkinson, P.M.; and J. Bell. Of the Cornwallis Lodge, Bros. Harger and Peschlar. Of the Capper Lodge, Bros. Knox, P.M., and Risch. Of the Sydney Lodge, Bros. Moulder, S.W., and Coombes. Bros. Gregg, Franklin, and C. Jolly, 913 (*Freemason*).

There was a large concourse assembled, and the principal foremen and employees at Messrs. Siemens followed in procession the funeral cortege; and so has gone to his rest a good man and a good Mason, kind, generous, and loving; his memory will ever be green in the hearts of his sorrowing family, friends, and brothers in Plumstead—aye, and wherever and to whom he was known in both private and Masonic life.



### To Correspondents.

The following stand over until next week:—What is Freemasonry?; Sunderland Lodge of Instruction; Ashbury Lodge, No. 1459; Lodge of Industry, No. 48; Royal Arch Chapter of Instruction, Manchester; Chapter of Fortitude, No. 279, Leicester; The Provinces and the Charities; De Lacy Encampment, No. 95; Royal Oscar Lodge and Temple.

#### BOOKS, &c., RECEIVED.

"Brief," "Keystone," "Hull Packet," "Broad Arrow," "Hertfordshire Mercury," "Newcastle Courant," "The Royal Cornwall Gazette," "Alliance News," "Masonic Newspaper," "Modern Thought," "Hertfordshire Mercury," "American Traveller," "The Freemason, Australia," "The Rough Ashlar," "Greenhouse Favourites," "Magazine of Art," "The New Vol. of the Quiver," "Masonic Review," "Hebrew Leader," "The Liberal Freemason."

### Births, Marriages, and Deaths.

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#### BIRTHS.

ASHBURNER.—On the 24th ult., at Kensington Park-road, the wife of the Hon. L. R. Ashburner, of a daughter.

WHITE.—On the 1st ult., at Willowdale, Darjeeling, the wife of Lieut. W. H. White, of a son.

#### MARRIAGE.

YARDLEY—ENGLISH.—On the 22nd ult., at Holy Trinity Church, Gray's Inn-road, Henry Bowdich Yardley, of Denmark-terrace, Hervey-road, Leytonstone, to Julia, daughter of J. English, of Lamb's Conduit-street, W.C.

#### DEATHS.

FIELD.—On the 27th ult., at 273, Regent-street, W., William Field, late of Paris, eldest son of Capt. Field, of Meriden, aged 51.

LONDON.—On the 23rd ult., Elizabeth, wife of John London, of Halliford-street, Islington, aged 70 years, formerly many years resident in Newcastle-on-Tyne.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1879.

### H.R.H. PRINCE LEOPOLD AT SHEFFIELD.

All the members of our Craft will be deeply pleased with the appearance and utterances of their distinguished brother at Sheffield. As W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity, as Prov. G.M. of Oxfordshire, as P.G.W. of England, H.R.H. comes before our loyal Craft, invested with all the attributes which add incentives to loyal regard and Masonic sympathy. Like our Royal Family in general, Prince Leopold never forgets that he too, despite his high rank, has not to lead an idle life, merely a "denizen of palaces," but that he is a worker in the great hive of our industrious community. And, therefore, it is that our English people, always indulgent and ever sympathetic, rejoice to see him making use of his high talents and many gifts, "pro bono publico," ready to assist in all efforts, when the state of his health permits, which tend either to the development of art, the furtherance of science, the spread of education, or the cultured progress of civilized humanity. Prince Leopold seems to have a special career marked out for him in the providence of T.G.A.O.T.U., alike honourable to himself and beneficial to society, and which obtains for him the marked approval and applause of all thinking persons amongst us. Inheriting in signal measure many of the tastes and ideas of his lamented father, if debarred from a more active life, he has time, happily, to devote to subjects which, whether utilitarian or ornate, are ever helpful here to the best interests of peace and progress, and serve to consolidate and cement in one homogeneous pyramid the different orders and separated classes of society. When the late Prince Consort, in one of his best and most comprehensive speeches, gave us the golden opinion that the "interests of the most widely contrasted classes are identical," he not only struck a chord which vibrated through the active sym-

pathies of society and thought, but he offered us the key note, let us hope and trust, to the eventual harmonies of advancing and intelligent civilization. To us, as Freemasons, the same teaching always comes home, as it is the ground work, so to say, of our whole Masonic building, and is one which serves to compact and cement our Order with those loyal, and yet fraternal emotions which colour all our professions, which dominate, or ought to dominate, at any rate, all our practice. With the immediate work, in which Prince Leopold took so honourable and distinguished a part, we shall, as Freemasons, also heartily sympathize. To Mr. Mark Firth the best thanks of all are due for having sought among the crowded masses of our countrymen to place the means of shelter, instruction, and recreation within the reach of the humblest and poorest of us all, to open out a path for honest industry, and to offer rewards for happy intelligence and hard working zeal. As Freemasons, preferring light to darkness, religion to superstition, cultivation to ignorance, we shall rejoice in all undertakings which subserve the great end of intellectual cultivation, which seek or serve to "encourage industry and reward merit," and we are glad to read the words and note the presence of our exalted Bro. Prince Leopold at such memorable gatherings, and in so goodly, and peaceful, and fraternal a warfare.

### THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC.

It seems from the last report of the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Quebec that the "position" in this serious controversy remains unchanged. The Grand Lodge of Quebec appears also desirous of commencing a similar angry discussion with the Grand Lodge of England, but which if the Grand Lodge of England is wise it will decline to carry on. Forewarned is forearmed, and the position of the Grand Lodge of England in the matter is so legally and constitutionally unassailable, that its best recourse, in our opinion, is dignified reserve and silence. As regards the question at issue we note with pleasure that our contemporary, the *New York Dispatch*, in its Masonic sheet, admits that the original position of the Scotch lodges was right and the course of the Grand Lodge of Quebec wrong, for it denied the absolute and alienable privilege of the Scottish Lodges warranted by the Grand Lodge of Scotland to retain their lawful connection, if they so willed it, with their mother G. Lodge. This is what we have always contended to be the real "Crux" in the whole matter, and on this point we have never doubted for one moment what is the law, as we have often ventured to explain. It is a most important question thus raised, rashly and unwisely, we think, by the Grand Lodge of Quebec, namely, the very reality, legality, and independence of all lodge existence. How far the Grand Lodge of Scotland is wise or unwise, right or wrong, in setting up a Prov. Grand Lodge is not for us to decide. It is but fair, however, to the Grand Lodge of Scotland to say that it has only acted after great provocation, after its ancient organization had been practically "excommunicated" with almost Ultramontane violence of expression, and its attached and faithful members in Canada deprived of their normal privileges as Masons, and held up to universal odium and blame. Under these circumstances it has a moral and Masonic right, we think, to throw its "ægis" over the faithful brethren who hail from "Auld Reekie," and are loyal and steadfast to the principles and centre of Scottish Masonry. We see with much regret that the "Keystone" does not go along with us in the matter. So far we have been like Masonic Siamese twins, and we fear for this "severance" in the best interests of Freemasonry.

### MOST UNSOUND MASONIC TEACHING.

Our attention has been called by a Masonic contemporary in the United States to a speech reported in the "Chaine d'Union" for September

last, (edited by our esteemed confrère Hubert), to which our friend takes most serious exception, and which we also feel bound as honest journalists, and, above all, in the interests of Cosmopolitan Freemasonry, at once to animadvert upon and protest against. Indeed, remembering Bro. Hubert's known views on the subject, and that of many sympathetic French brethren, we confess we are surprised and grieved to read such an "Oration" reported in the "Chaine d'Union," without a note of warning, as it is the duty of all Freemasons at once to repudiate such teaching in the most emphatic terms, as contrary to common sense and injurious to Freemasonry everywhere. It seems that our good Bro. Hubert reproduced in the "Chaine d'Union," from the "Reveil de la Dordogne," an account of a "Masonic feast at Perigueux," in the words which follow. Knowing from personal experience how often reports slip in, and how difficult it is to keep out the very passages which ought not to appear, we are inclined to look upon this paragraph as one of those little "accidents" to which the best of editors are liable. Sure we are that the sentiments are not those of Bro. Hubert. But now for the statement. "Last Sunday, the Feast of the Summer-Solstice brought together, in the Masonic Temple of the Rue Saint-Front, the members who constitute the lodge, and a great number, from all points of the department, who had taken advantage of the general invitation, happy to strengthen the ties which unite them, especially to their brothers of Perigueux. After the labours of the day, during which three new Freemasons received light, a banquet took place in the vast park, which, however, proved too small to receive the numerous guests who had flocked together to cement, in a fraternal love-feast, the reciprocal feelings of strong solidarity which animate them. Seldom has it fallen to our lot to be present at a more brilliant Masonic feast. At the beginning of the banquet, the Orator arose from his chair, and delivered the following address, which we are happy to be able to reproduce: 'In our ancient love-feasts, the Orator began by inviting you to place your labour under the authority and protection of the Great Architect of the Universe. That invocation, nowadays, has ceased to be regular. But if the formula was obliged to disappear, you have already admitted, on a former occasion, that we should preserve its fundamental idea and thought. Henceforth, the tradition is established in our lodge to replace the antiquated invocation by a simple reminding by the Orator of the always sublime character of our unions. In fact, my brothers, whatsoever may be the nature of the labour to which we are going to apply ourselves in the courts of the Temple, we should never forget what we are, and what we always should remain—seekers of ideas, men devoted to the labour of thought. For a certainty there is room for all here; there is room for all those, at least, who possess the good-will to study the great questions relating to the origin and destiny of man, his faculties, and consequently the institutions which must govern him. But the Great Architect of the Universe does not preside over our work any longer. The time has passed when we worked with fear under the timid forms of religion. Finally, disengaged, we clearly perceive, to-day, that we do not belong to those who, in the great and incontestable harmony of Christian Spiritualism, think themselves able to cut all difficulties at once by faith alone. In spite of the torments, caused by the painful labour of doubt, and by the honest investigation of truth, we strive to rest as free-thinkers in the safe harbour of sure, positive opinions, independent in philosophy, in morals, and in politics. In this research, my brothers, we have no longer faith for a guide, nor the Great Architect of the Universe for a Master. Our only means, our only tool is reason. Reason is the secret light which illuminates and fecundates our labour. Reason is the great witness towards which we should incessantly and on every occasion elevate our minds and our hearts. In consequence, my brother, you will not be offended if your Orator takes the liberty to recommend to you—not forgetting himself—at the moment that we are going to sit down at this table of equality and fraternity, to preserve from all dethroning a

faculty which elevates and ennobles human nature to so high a degree, and to watch, with a most jealous care, over the most precious and fragile instrument of our labour—our Reason." Such is the speech, and, as our readers will see, a very disagreeable speech it is, to look at it from our reverent Masonic point of view. Our American contemporary says of it, "The specially noticeable feature of this oration is its rank atheism. It discards the Great Architect of the Universe and faith, and for its god sets up reason. It proclaims the desirability of seeking ideas and of being devoted to thought, but ignores the fountain of wisdom, the source of true ideas and correct thought. It proclaims that there is room in this field for all who study the great questions concerning the origin and destiny of man, but denies his origin and destiny, that from God he came, and unto God he is to return. It puts away from the work of the Craft the Great Architect; accounts His wisdom, skill, and designs of no use or consequence, and without compass, rudder, captain, or pilot, launches boldly out on the seas of materialism and nihilism. It prates of honest investigation of truth; and yet shuts from its vision the author of truth—the being who is its Master, and without whom truth cannot exist, for He is truth, and only in, and by, and through Him, can it be revealed and discerned." And we feel, as we write with the speeches before us to-day, not only how true are our contemporary's words, but how repugnant to the whole teaching of Freemasonry are such avowals and assertions. And here is the great danger which permeates and environs French Freemasonry. Once let Anglo-Saxon Freemasons believe firmly that henceforth such teaching is to be paramount in Masonic addresses in France and Belgium, there will be nothing left for our honest Craft but utter repudiation of sentiments and theories against which Freemasonry offers a solemn protest, and to which its entire teaching is in open opposition. As in all movements which loosen either the influence of religion or weaken the links of order, at first often the specious clap-trap and insidious proposition ensnare the unwary and mislead the unreflecting, until at last the gulf opens out before them when they least expect it, when retreat is impossible, when they have "burnt their boats and their bridges," and fear overpowers vacillation, and presumption masters timidity. And thus the result is very different from the proposed beginning; reality, alas, widely antagonistic to anticipation. We cannot, as honest English Freemasons, too solemnly protest against such unsound, unwise, and insane teaching, or too affectionately warn our foreign brethren against the dangers of their course, and the inevitable end of all such unjustifiable infidelity. To substitute the Goddess of Reason for T.G.A.O.T.U. is in itself, despite its utter childishness, not only a crime and a misdemeanour of the deepest dye, but it is practically high treason to the great and reverent, the universal, and beneficent declarations of true Cosmopolitan Freemasonry.

### THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

We understand that some negotiations are on foot with respect to the purchase of some adjoining property. We feel sure that such a purchase will be for the best interests of the School, both for its safety in respect of building and for the health and convenience of the inmates. We hope to hear that the arrangements will be speedily completed.

### Original Correspondence.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for, or even approving of, the opinions expressed by our correspondents, but we wish in a spirit of fair play to all, to permit—within certain necessary limits—free discussion.]

#### TRURO CATHEDRAL AND THE FREEMASONS.

[The following, which has been addressed to our contemporary the *Western Morning News*, will be of interest to many of our readers.]

Sir,—

Under the head of "Cornish Facts and Notions," I see a statement made by a Truro correspondent, I trust not a Mason, in to-day's issue of your valuable paper, to the effect that the reason my motion at last Provincial Grand Lodge relative to the Freemasons assisting in the

erection of Truro Cathedral was withdrawn, was, that I was not a Cornishman of eminence; and that in order to ensure success in carrying such a motion we must get our Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of St. Germans, or any Cornish Mason of eminence to bring it forward. It is true, sir, I am not eminent, nor yet a Cornishman (more's the pity), but I will yield to none in zeal for the Order to which I am proud to belong, and as Masonry is universal, and cosmopolitan, and not provincial, I am loth to believe that Cornishmen are so narrow minded, especially amongst the Masonic fraternity, that they will refuse to support an effort, no matter how excellent in itself, simply because it is not suggested or initiated by a Cornishman of eminence. Let me also say that your correspondent is wrong in thinking I am wedded entirely to the scheme of putting in a window in the new edifice, or that the proposition for a Committee to collect subscriptions was withdrawn altogether at the last meeting. I distinctly gave notice that I should bring forward the question at the next and subsequent Provincial Grand Lodges until the proposition was carried, and if I am spared I intend so to do. If the Freemasons of Gloucester could give a reredos to their cathedral, for which they paid £1,300, restore the west front of Bath Abbey at a cost of some £3,000, and only lately restore the 13th Century Chapel in Tewkesbury Abbey (all honour to them!), I venture to hope that the Masons of Cornwall will take to themselves a lesson in the noble text, "Go and do thou likewise."

The Masons of Bristol restored the Lady Chapel at St. Mary Redcliffe Church, at their own charge, and helped in the restoration or re-building of the nave of their cathedral. The Masons of Durham have put a beautiful stained glass window, in memory of their Provincial Grand Master, in their cathedral. The Masons of Brecon are going to defray the cost of the Bishop's Throne in their cathedral, and I see no reason why the Freemasons of Devon and Cornwall should not copy so noble an example, although the idea has been first suggested by so humble an individual as myself.

I shall be only too proud to withdraw my motion at next Provincial Grand Lodge when I find any noble lord, or other Masonic luminary, ready to take it up in my place.

Should a subscription list be open for the Masons of Cornwall and Devon, I for one, though only a poor civil servant, will gladly put my name down for £50 in five annual payments of £10 each. Will 500 out of the 1700 Masons in Cornwall do the same, or will fifty? Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space,

I remain, yours fraternally,  
EMRA HOLMES,  
Collector H.M. Customs.  
Belle Vue, Fowey, 25th Oct., 1879.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

In your last number, on page 424, I note the paragraph commencing "A correspondent writes." As an old Mason, initiated under the rules of the Grand Lodge of England, wherein we are taught to consider the Bible as our unerring guide, it is our duty to show in every possible way we can that great quality in the Book on which we base our faith.

It is with this view I beg to introduce to your notice the astronomical calculations and archaeological researches of my friend and brother Mason, Robert Greaves, which tend to confirm our belief in that sacred volume as the revealed word of God to man, refute the ignorant, and those who ignore the belief in T.G.A.O.T.U. as the fundamental groundwork on which to base Freemasonry.

WM. ASHLEY CLAYTON, 30,  
P.G. Constable for Cheshire; P.E.C. Grosvenor  
Preceptory, Chester, &c.  
Birkenhead, 27th Oct., 1879.

#### LAUGHTON CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION FUND.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

I am compelled to appeal to the public on behalf of the Rev. Daniel Ace, D.D. (Vicar of Laughton-by-Gainsborough, Lincolnshire), who, to the surprise of everybody who heard the evidence and the summing up of the judge, was made personally liable at the late Lincoln Assizes for the repairs of the Church Tower of Laughton. The sum claimed by the builder (including damages £600) was £889 15s. 5d., which was increased by the legal charges of the plaintiff (£121) to £1000 15s. 5d. These amounts were reduced by the special arbitrator appointed by the judge who tried the case (Henry Goddard, Esq., diocesan architect, Lincoln), from £889 15s. 5d. to £181, only £2 being allowed for damages instead of £600. The law charges were brought down to £80 from £121. The sum required to meet this liability and to save Dr. Ace from absolute ruin (including law expenses, &c., £138) is about £400, of which £120 has already been raised. The Rev. Dr. Ace has no private means; he is sixty-seven years of age, and conducts three services on Sunday without assistance. The net income of the united parishes of Laughton and Wildsworth, of which he is vicar, is only £223. The churches are three miles apart, which distance he has to walk, the income not being sufficient to supply him with means of conveyance. The repairs of the church tower, for which the Doctor has been made by this decision entirely responsible, were absolutely necessary to save the fabric from destruction.

As in the present state of the law church rates are not compulsory, and as the parishioners, who are farmers and farm labourers, have already contributed £70, and are not in a position (owing to the present depression in agriculture) to render any further help, I am compelled, on behalf

of Dr. Ace, to appeal to the generosity of the public to rescue an old and efficient minister of the gospel from a position of great distress and anxiety.

The sheriff's officers have been put in his house; his library and effects have been sold, and he is threatened with sequestration of his living.

I am confident that a clergyman of the Church of England will not be abandoned in his hour of need, or allowed to suffer utter pecuniary ruin through his having (in his anxiety to preserve the ancient and venerable edifice in which he ministers) incurred a debt not in any way for his own personal benefit, but wholly for the preservation of the House of the Lord.

Contributions have already been received (amongst others) from

	£	s.	d.
The Right Hon. Rowland Winn, M.P.	...	5	0
Sir J. D. Astley, M.P.	...	5	0
The Rev. J. Teague	...	5	0
The Rev. Charles Babbington, D.D.	...	1	1
The Rev. C. Mackenzie, M.A., Prebendary of St. Paul's	...	1	0
The Rev. Duncan Fraser, M.A., Canon of Rochester	...	1	0
Henry Thompson, Esq., 38, Mincing-lane	...	2	0

Further contributions will be thankfully received by the Vicar and Churchwardens of Laughton, Messrs. Smith, Ellis, and Co., Bankers, Gainsboro, or by Messrs. Smith, Payne, and Smith, Lombard-street, London.

Apologising for troubling you, I am, dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

W. H. SAUNDERS, P.P.G.S.D. Midx.

### A CAUTION.

To the Editor of the "Freemason."

Dear Sir and Brother,—

By inserting the following you may save many brethren and lodges from being imposed upon.

A person, calling himself Thomas Bissett, late sergeant in H.M. 72nd Highlanders, has been endeavouring to obtain money from brethren in Southsea and Portsmouth. He has lately been released "on license" from Woking Prison, has in his possession five certificates of character, neatly bound, evidently for begging purposes, and a certificate lately signed by me and the Secretary of my lodge, No. 126, S.C. Thomas Bissett, then a sergeant in the above regiment, was initiated, &c., in 1855, in Lodge St. Andrew's, No. 126, S.C., and the person alluded to may be Thomas Bissett; but a brother in Southsea with whom I have had some correspondence ament him, and who, with others, examined him, is not satisfied that he is. From correspondence I have had with Bissett (?), the Governor of Woking Prison, and the Southsea brother referred to, I am convinced that brethren and lodges should be thoroughly satisfied of his (Bissett's) integrity and identity before assisting him. Should any brother have the opportunity of doing so, I should like him to write across the face of the certificate granted by me to Bissett (?) the words "I find the bearer unworthy"—if he thinks he is.

To give the history of my correspondence with the persons above referred to would occupy too much of your space.

I am, Sir and Brother, yours faithfully and fraternally,  
THOMAS SCOTT,  
I.P.M. 384; R.W.M. 126. (S.C.)  
Kilmarnock, 27th Oct., 1879.

### Reviews.

PLAY GRAMMAR. By Miss CORNER; DOG TRAY'S TRAVELS; THE WHITE CATS OF YORK. Dean and Son, 160A, Fleet-street.

We have received the three books mentioned above, and have looked over them with much interest and approval. The "Grammar," which has gone through sixteen editions, of 2000 each, has been entirely revised, and we commend it conscientiously to the notice of all our young friends as affording alike information and amusement, and being easily digested by the mental assimilation of the young and very healthy food. The new Royal series of toy books is likely to be very popular from the two specimens mentioned above, which are highly commendable in themselves, and reflect great credit on the publisher. They are very effective in appearance, and are likely to amuse and attract.

It may interest some of our readers to know that Messrs. Dean and Son fairly claim credit for the fact that the "illustrations" are much better executed, being printed in chromo, than those usually provided for "children's books," and that "the books are sewn along the entire length, so that nothing short of deliberate tearing will destroy the leaves." Remembering the humble picture books of our youth, we almost say with a sigh, "Ah mihi præ teritis si referet Jupiter annos," and are inclined to envy the youthful generation such pleasant companions for the sportive or idle hour.

DICTIONARY OF THE THAMES FROM OXFORD TO THE NORE. By CHARLES DICKENS. 26, Wellington-street.

We welcomed Bro. Dickens's "Dictionary of London" when it appeared, and we hail this new contribution of his to-day just as we are prepared, like Roman citizens, to say "Salve," to his "Dictionary of Paris" when it appears in good time. We think Bro. Dickens is doing good by these handy, useful, "unconventional" handbooks. For it is astonishing what an amount of ignorance still exists, even among educated people, as to the streets and "purlicues" of our "little village," and how much more the stretch from "Oxford

to the Nore," is a "terra incognita" actually to ordinary mortals. And yet in these days of athletic exercises, of "muscular Christianity," at an epoch when Cook's cosmopolitan trips are becoming stale, and Gaze's European journeys are becoming vapid, it seems a reasonable excuse of time and temper, a proper development of money and patience, to search out the nooks and corners of the "old country," and to realize that instead of a "cheap trip" to Boulogne or Hamburg, or Mount Blanc, or even Paris,—yes, even Paris,—it would be better for us if we realized what charms good Father Thames, and our fair country side have for the pedestrian tour or the family expedition. There are aspects and scenes of beauty, nature, and interest in Great Britain, which we may defy the world to equal or surpass. Here we see, or we think we see, in these little books, which is the same thing, a wish to superinduce a knowledge of, and taste for, home realities and English life; a wish to remove ignorance and impart information, equally creditable to the author as a "litterateur" and a Freemason, and, therefore, we warmly welcome them. We have ourselves turned over the pages of the new handbook with much pleasure. We have found a good deal of interesting information in it, and we cannot help hoping that with the idea it appears to us to suggest, and the love of country it traces so effectively, when summer again brings us green meads and "sighing trees," many a pleasant jaunt may be organized, which will not only bring out the great capabilities of the Thames for personal and intellectual enjoyment, but will make many better acquainted with the resources of their own country than they are at present, in respect of a needful holiday or mental recreation. The handbook will also be useful to yachting men, and then—yes, oh! then—it only costs "one bob!" As Captain Cuttle says, "When found make a note of it."

#### JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF THE HERTFORD LODGE, No. 403.

A lodge of emergency in connection with the Hertford Lodge of Freemasons was held in the Shire Hall, Hertford, on Tuesday, the 21st ult., followed by a banquet in the Assembly Room, to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the lodge.

The proceedings were rendered the more interesting and remarkable from the fact that they also served to mark the fiftieth anniversary of the membership of Bro. Stephen Austin, sen., the Worshipful Master of the lodge for the present term.

There was a large attendance of members, and several visitors from all parts of the country were also present.

After the transaction of the routine business of the lodge, Bro. T. S. Carter, P.M., P.G.J.W., in the name of the members of the lodge, presented Bro. Austin with a handsome dining-room clock, a pair of antique bronze ewers, and an address illuminated and framed, of which the following is a copy:—

"To the Worshipful Bro. Stephen Austin, P.P.G. Sup. Wks. Herts, W.M. and P.M. of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403.

"We, the members of the Hertford Lodge, No. 403, upon the occasion of celebrating its jubilee, most fraternally request your acceptance of the accompanying time-piece as a slight token of our esteem and regard, and as a memento of your having been one of our first initiated members. We congratulate you upon the completion of your 50th year in Freemasonry, knowing that you have been during those years a continuous subscribing member of one and the same lodge—a fact unprecedented in the annals of the Craft. We earnestly trust that the Great Architect of the Universe will in His infinite wisdom grant you health and strength for many years, that you may be enabled to witness the growth and continued prosperity of the Order, and afford this lodge the advantage of your matured experience."

The Worshipful Master feelingly acknowledged the presentation, and alluding to the jubilee character of the proceedings and to the valuable articles presented to him, said that they would be placed in his house in such a position that his children and those who came after him might at all times look upon them and see in them an appreciation of him by the members of his lodge as a true, tried, and valued friend. In the course of his remarks he said that a brother had recently waited upon him with a manuscript containing a history of the lodge compiled from its minutes. He had added to this an article from Turner's "History of Hertford," giving a brief history of the Craft, a list of the members of the lodge from its foundation to the present time, lists of joining members and honorary members, and a list of Worshipful Masters from the first Master of the lodge downwards, and thinking that a copy of these documents would be interesting to the members, he had had copies printed in the form of a book, one of which he asked each member of the lodge and each visitor to accept.

The lodge having been closed, the members and visitors adjourned to the Assembly Room, where the banquet was served.

The banquet was presided over by Bro. Stephen Austin, W.M., P.P.G. Supt. Works, and amongst the members of the lodge present were Bros. Rev. Lewis Deedes, S.W., P.P.G. Chaplain; Baron Dimsdale, J.W.; J. R. Cocks, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Treasurer; Robert T. Andrews, P.M., P.P.G.J.W., Secretary; R. Benyon Croft, S.D.; John Harrington, J.D.; F. Taylor, I.G.; J. E. Burnard, M.C.; R. W. Brett, Steward; T. S. Carter, P.M., P.G.J.W.; J. D. Medcalf, P.M., P.P.G.J.D.; H. Campkin, P.M., P.P.G.S.D.; H. C. Heard, P.P.G.J.D., P.M. 449; C. Drummond, P.M., P.P.G.S.B.; E. A. Simson, P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; J. Terry, P.M., P.P.G.J.W.; J. Boatwright, I.P.M., P.P.G. Supt. Wks.; S. Neale, jun.;

J. E. Cussans, P.M., 1366; C. C. Dick, P.M. 112, 494, 1181; W. Warrenner, W.M. elect 2; W. P. Willson, P.M., P.P.G.A.D.C.; Abel Smith, M.P.; E. R. P. Francis, F. Roberts, A. J. Small, J. J. Dorman, W. J. Morris, W. Finch, J. Wells, E. Oram, W. H. Clarke, F. Cates, T. D. Medcalf, C. H. K. Gilbertson, and F. Hall. The following visitors were also present: The Right Worshipful Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., P.G.M.; Bros. F. H. Wilson Iles, M.D., D.P.G.M.; A. W. Nash, W.M. 409, P.A.G.D.C.; T. Erskine Austin, P.M. 475; R. J. Abbott, P.M. 1473; R. Freer Austin, Studholme, 1591; Stephen Austin, jun., 403; W. M. Armstrong, P.M. 403; J. R. Dagg, 449; David Roberts, P.M. 754; H. C. Finch, P.P.G.R., P.M. 404; Geo. Turner, 70, St. Abb, Eyemouth; Fredk. Venables, W.M. 1385; John Lowthion, P.M. 1385, P.P.G.S.W.; J. Childs, 453; George Corble, 453, P.P.G.J.W. Essex; John Purrott, W.M. 1479, P.G.S.B.; and Malcolm Heywood, P.P.G. Orgt. 403. Letters expressive of regret at being unable to be present were read from the following brothers: Bros. L. P. Metham, P.G.D. England, D.P. G.M. Devon; W. C. Maddever, W.M. 504; W. Oswell Thompson, W.M. 1757, P.G. Chap.; W. H. Green, 403; Samuel Jacobs, W.M. 1327; Geo. Farr, 403; George E. Lake, W.M. 404, P.P.G. Regr.; C. W. Bernard, M.D., Secretary 1757; C. E. Keyser, J.W. 404; the Right Hon. Earl Cowper, K.G.; G. T. Carter, P.M. 382; W. J. Fitch, P.M., Secretary 449; G. E. Gompertz, P.M., Secretary 869; and S. Andrews, 403. Bros. William Winn, Thomas Baxter, and Charles Beckett were present, and afforded the utmost gratification by their classical rendering of several glees, songs, &c., during the evening, Bro. M. Heywood accompanying on the pianoforte in his usual excellent manner.

On the removal of the cloth,

The Chairman said his duty was now to propose a toast which was the first proposed in every company of loyal Englishmen, and he would therefore ask them to drink "The Health of the Queen." This toast he was sure would be received with all the enthusiasm it so richly deserved. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk with great applause, the company singing "God save the Queen."

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," and in doing so remarked that he presented a striking contrast to many of his predecessors, in that he came among his people in such a way as to make himself respected, admired, and beloved.

"The Health of the Pro. Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master (Lord Skelmersdale), and the rest of the Grand Officers, Past and Present," followed, and was received with great enthusiasm.

The Chairman next proposed "The Health of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master," and said it was unnecessary for him to say anything in the way of eulogy of the brother who filled this distinguished office, inasmuch as he was so well known and appreciated by all present. (Applause.) Bro. Halsey possessed that most admirable quality of doing whatever he had to do in the best possible way it could be done, and he had, therefore, no hesitation in recommending him as an example for them to imitate. (Loud applause.)

Bro. Halsey, Provincial Grand Master, said he had to return them his most sincere thanks for the very kind manner in which they had received the toast of his health, and for their flattering expressions of feeling in regard to himself. He could assure them that he esteemed them very highly, because, from their originating with one who filled the position the Chairman did in his lodge—reckoning a membership of fifty years, and filling the highest office in it—he could not regard them but as of a very high character, and as showing that his labours were appreciated. He could only say that it had given him very great pleasure to be with them on that occasion. It was the third time, independently of the day of his installation as Provincial Grand Master, that he had visited the Hertford Lodge, and he was glad to see that their work prospered as the years went on. (Applause.) He most sincerely said that he hoped this meeting, marking as it did the close of one half century of their lodge's successful working, would be the commencement of another, and that during the next fifty years it would go on as prosperously as it had hitherto done, and show even an increased amount of work at its close. It gave him great pleasure to know—although the fact was not due to any merits of his own—that Masonry in the province was not only not deteriorating, but in spite of bad times and depression of trade was increasing. He was glad of this continued prosperity of the lodges, and it was satisfactory to him to know that he had at least done nothing to counteract it. (Applause.)

"The Health of the Deputy G. Master, V.W. Bro. Iles," was next proposed in very complimentary terms by Bro. Capt. Dick, P.M., and drunk with great applause.

The Chairman next proposed "The Memory of the Founders," and remarked that it was unnecessary for him to say much to commend this toast to their acceptance. The Duke of Sussex was the Grand Master at the time of the foundation of the Hertford Lodge, and granted the warrant for it upon the petition of Francis Crew, Alfred Septimus Dowling, Robert William James Rodgers, John Cass, Thomas Cobham, John Harwood, Joseph Francis Taylor, and others. He felt that he must say a word about Bro. Crew, who was the "head and front" of the whole matter. There were people alive now who could recollect his powers of vocalisation. Anything more exquisite than his singing he (the chairman) never heard, and he pleased the members so greatly that it was felt they must have the ladies present to listen to him. Accordingly, when singing was going on, the doors of the lodge were opened, and the ladies, who were in the adjoining room, were permitted to hear, and this was continued for some time. (Applause.)

The toast was drunk in solemn silence.

Bro. Halsey (P.G.M.) proposed the next toast, "The Worshipful Master of the Hertford Lodge, and continued prosperity to it," which he said might emphatically be called the "toast of the evening." When they remembered that the lodge was founded so long ago as the 1st of September, 1829 (as he saw by the book the Chairman had kindly placed in their hands), and when he found on the 19th of October, in that year, in the list of initiates one of the name of Stephen Austin, jun., printer, Hertford (loud applause)—when he found fifty years and three days afterwards, to be exact, the same Stephen Austin—but he must say senior now—in the chair, although not for the first time, they would, he thought, agree with him in saying that they had before them a career of which every Mason might be proud.

The present year marked a great era in the province, this lodge being not alone in celebrating its jubilee, for on the 28th November the Watford Lodge—which he had the honour of being a Past Master—would be engaged in the same agreeable proceedings. It would not fall to their lot, however, for it fell to the lot of very few lodges, to celebrate the fiftieth year of its existence and the fiftieth year of the membership of a brother—and that brother the Worshipful Master—at one and the same time, but on behalf of the Watford brothers he would say that if any of those here were there on the evening they celebrated their jubilee, they would receive a most cordial welcome. (Loud applause.)

The Chairman on rising to respond to the toast was received with a long-continued burst of applause. On silence being at length restored, he said that he felt he must rise at once to thank them for their most kind and hearty congratulations. He felt very grateful to God, the Great Architect of the Universe, that, notwithstanding his age, he was in the full enjoyment of all his senses. He was twenty-five years of age when he was initiated in the Hertford Lodge, and having completed his fiftieth year as a member, he was now seventy-five, and he, therefore, could not be sufficiently thankful for the health and strength which he enjoyed. (Applause.) He felt a little pride in his own name having been so long and agreeably associated with the lodge, and hoped that at the termination of another fifty years of its existence some of its descendants would be found connected with it, and would then receive similar expressions of good will from its members as he now did. (Applause.) He had just to add that none of the members of the lodge who assisted at its foundation were living now, but one or two of the initiates of 1829 were still alive, and he desired at this time to mention their names. These were Charles Smith, of Enfield, and his friend from boyhood, Young Crawley, and then of a little later date there were Valentine Carter, of Buntingford, George Farr, William Robert Baker, of Bayfordbury, the Right Hon. William Cowper-Temple, Dr. Woodhouse—whom he would have liked to have seen present—and Henry Kember. He had only in conclusion to thank them, and that most warmly, for the kind feelings they had expressed towards himself. (Loud applause.)

"The Health of the Visitors" was proposed by Bro. Cocks, Treasurer, and responded to by Bro. Nash.

The Rev. L. Deedes, S.W., proposed "The Masonic Institutions," a toast which, he said, was most dear to his own heart. The Institutions connected with Masonry were the principal attractions that induced him to join the Hertford Lodge, an act which he had never for a moment regretted, and he most seriously hoped that all earnest men, whatever their position in life or the form of their religion might be, would unite in extending the benefits which they were calculated to confer upon all, no matter what the position in life might be in which it might have pleased the Almighty to place them. (Applause.) These Institutions were of undoubted excellence, of tried capability, and were bringing forth fruit which would redound to the credit of all concerned in founding and conducting them. With the toast he coupled the name of Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. (Applause.)

Bro. Terry returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received, and assured the company that he esteemed it a great compliment to be allowed to respond to it. Allusion had been made to the fact that these Institutions were not "charities," and he might justly say, on behalf of their Committees, that everything was done that could be accomplished to take away from their benefits all idea of charity. The Committees knew full well what had been done by the Hertford Lodge in the way of rendering their assistance by their contributions. He found, by referring to their books, that since its foundation the members had contributed £700 in this way, and although this sum might not appear large when spread over a period of fifty years, yet, when it was remembered that it was only during the last nine or ten years that the claims of the various Institutions were brought prominently before them, the amount contributed was very considerable, and on their behalf he had to thank the members of the Hertford Lodge for what they had done. (Applause.) Bro. Carter would represent the lodge as Steward during the present year; and he ventured to think that as Bro. Crew, to whom allusion had more than once been made, was at once time Secretary of the Girls' School, there was a debt of gratitude due to that Institution on his account which might be paid through Bro. Carter in May, 1880. (Applause.) Reference was then made to the Girls' School and the Benevolent Institution, and in the course of an eloquent appeal for additional subscriptions to the three Institutions, Bro. Terry mentioned that if an average contribution of £60 a year could be got from each lodge, no candidate for admission need ever be turned away for want of funds.

The Chairman proposed "The Healths of the Officers of the Hertford Lodge," and in doing so thanked them very



heartily for their attention during the year now closing. In connection with the toast he also wished to couple the name of Bro. Warren, the newly-elected Worshipful Master.

The Hon. Baron Dimsdale, J.W., in replying, said he was only speaking the sentiments of all his brother officers when he returned his most hearty thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. He must say that in all the arguments against Masonry he had heard there was nothing substantial, but they were indebted to the Senior Warden for the able manner in which he had shown how their Institutions had removed the stigma—if it was a stigma—from them as Masons that their time was spent principally in eating and drinking. He was indebted to the Chairman, however, for another illustration of the usefulness of their lodge, for, alluding to a period of fifty years ago, he had told them that such a feeling of animosity then existed in the town, politically and religiously, that the people were at "daggers drawn." The great corrective of this objectionable state of things, however, was the foundation of a Masonic lodge, and therefore those who had seen and rejoiced at the entire decay of that feeling were indebted to those men who founded it and kept it going, and to none were they more indebted than to the Worshipful Master who now presided over them. (Loud applause.) It must also be satisfactory to those present that the first Masonic lodge in the county was founded on the eastern side of it, and that an example was thus set to their friends on the other side, which, however, they were not long in following. (Applause.) He wished to say on behalf of all the officers of the Hertford Lodge that they were anxious to promote the interests of Masonry to its utmost extent, remembering at the same time that it was their duty to do all in their power to promote that charitable and kindly feeling towards all men which was the best and surest foundation for the prosperity of States. (Applause.)

Bro. Dr. Warren (W.M. elect) also returned thanks, and expressed the great pleasure he experienced at being present at the celebration of the jubilee of the Hertford Lodge. He was very much pleased to see Bro. Austin in the chair, and he sincerely hoped that he would long continue to be amongst them. When as years rolled on, however, and the time came for him to bid farewell to the lodge below, might he indeed become a joining member of the Grand Lodge above, there to live and reign for ever. (Loud applause.)

The Tyler's toast was then given, and the company shortly afterwards separated.

The members of the Committee appointed by the lodge to carry out the jubilee arrangements are to be congratulated upon the success that attended their labours. To Bro. R. T. Andrews, the Secretary, great praise is due for the excellent manner in which he performed his onerous duties, and conducted the mass of correspondence which the festival involved.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

The General Committee of this Institution assembled on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presided. There were also present Bros. Herbert Dicketts, Frederick Adlard, Colonel James Peters, Arthur E. Gladwell, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, Charles G. Rushworth, James F. Corben, E. Letchworth, H. Potter, H. A. Dubois, W. C. F. Moutrie, E. Spooner, F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary, and H. Massey (Freemason).

On the recommendation of the House Committee, the sum of fifteen guineas was voted for the purpose of apprenticing one girl to a business in Hackney.

On the motion of Col. Creaton, in accordance with the recommendation of the House Committee, the salary of Bro. Weaver, the senior clerk in the Secretary's office, who has given the greatest satisfaction in the discharge of his duties, was raised £20 a year.

Two children were placed on the list for election in April, 1880.

On the motion of Bro. H. A. Dubois, the letter of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, with regard to his Pupils' Assistance Fund, was ordered to lie on the table. The Chairman, however, informed the Committee that any member was at liberty to read it.

The usual compliment to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

### Masonic and General Tidings.

The installation meeting of the Brixton Mark Lodge will be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Saturday, the 8th inst., at five o'clock. Bro. C. P. McKay is the W.M. elect, and the Installing Master, will be Bro. Thomas Poore, P.G.I.G., P.M., &c., who, as W.M. of the lodge, will previously perform the ceremony of advancement. Further particulars may be obtained of Bro. Baldwin, Secretary, 47, Flaxman-road, Brixton, or Bro. H. Lovegrove (Prov. G.S. of W.), Treasurer, 30, Budge-row, Cannon-street.

The Scottish Corporation will hold its 215th anniversary festival on Monday, December 1st, for St. Andrew's Day, when the Earl of Rosebery, one of the vice-presidents of the Corporation, will occupy the chair.

We understand that the Duke and Duchess of Connaught have consented to preside on November 13th at the distribution of prizes to the successful students of the City of London College.

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A report of the election meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, which was held on Tuesday last, unavoidably stands over.

The future meetings of the Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524, will be held at the Royal Edward Hotel, Mare-street, Hackney, where the ceremony of installation will be worked on Wednesday next by Bro. W. H. Lee, P.M. 975 and 1524.

Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, M.W. Pro. G.M., distributed the prizes to the students at the Art School of Winchester on Tuesday. He traced some of the effects and tendencies of modern art culture, among which he prominently remarked that manual workers were forsaking the country for the towns in the search for higher avocations. The noble Lord regretted that while our national taste had improved with marked rapidity, the quality which partially compensated for our former deficiency in this respect seemed to be declining, for the charges that the soundness of our workmanship was departing were frequent and loud.

The Panmure Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners will be consecrated on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the Balham Hotel, Balham. The officers designate are Bros. C. Pulman, P.G. Stwd., W.C.N.; Gibson, P.P.G.S. of W., J.; and Bro. Mitchell, S. The Panmure Mark Lodge will be opened at five o'clock.

Mrs. Swanborough, of the Theatre Royal Strand, has presented the Asaph Lodge, No. 1319, with an entire set of clothing on the occasion of her youngest son's (Bro. Edward Swanborough) installation as Worshipful Master of the lodge.

A supplement to the *London Gazette*, published on Wednesday night, contains a Royal Proclamation further proroguing Parliament until the 19th of December. The Convocations of the Provinces of Canterbury and York are also prorogued until December 20th.

Mr. George Rignold, the eminent tragedian, who commences his season at Drury-lane this (Saturday) evening, has secured a good company for the production of "Henry V.," the list including such names as Mr. Ryder, Mr. Charles Harcourt, Mr. Odell, Mr. Stephenson, Mr. Calhoun, and Miss Henderson.

It has been said that the man who causes two blades of grass to grow where one had grown before is a public benefactor—this, from a political economist's point of view—but many of us are more concerned just now about domestic economy, and the man who can double the utility of an article in common use deserves the thanks of the community. It seems the designer of a new necktie, which has just been submitted to us, is not content with simply doubling its usefulness, he has produced the patent rotary scarf, which can, by a very simple arrangement, be used in four different positions, without altering its appearance in any way when in use. The arrangement is very simple, but ingenious, and we have no doubt there will be a large demand for it.

### METROPOLITAN MASONIC MEETINGS

For the Week ending Friday, November 7, 1879.

The Editor will be glad to receive notice from Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Mark Lodges, Encampments, Conclaves, &c., of any change in place or day of meeting.

#### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1.

Gen. Com., Boys' School, at 4.  
Lodge 142, St. Thomas's, Cannon-st., Hot.  
" 1559, New Cross, New Cross Hall, Lewisham-rd.  
" 1572, Carnarvon, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 1622, Rose, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
Chap. 173, Phoenix, F.M.H.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Lily, Greyhound, Richmond.  
Manchester, 17, London-st., Fitzroy-sq.  
Star, Marquis of Granby, New Cross-rd.  
Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico.  
Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., at 8.

#### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 12, Fortitude & Old Cumberland, Leadenhall-st.  
" 25, Robert Burns, F.M.H.  
" 69, Unity, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 72, Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 144, St. Luke's, 2, Westminster Chambers, S.W.  
" 188, Joppa, Albion Tav., Aldersgate-st.  
" 256, Unions, F.M.H.  
" 1319, Asaph, F.M.H.  
" 1669, Royal Leopold, S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1670, Adelphi, 4, Adelphi Terrace, Strand.  
Mark Lodge 139, Panmure, Balham Hot., Balham.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Wellington, White Swan Hot., High-st., Deptford.  
St. John, Gun Hot., Wapping, 8 till 10.  
Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tav., Kingsland.  
Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, Old-st., E.C.  
Sincerity, Railway Tav., Fenchurch-st. Station.  
Camden, 174, High-st., Camden Town, at 8.  
Tredegar, Royal Hot., Mile-end-rd.  
St. James's Union, Union Tav., Air-st.  
Perfect Ashlar, Victoria Tav., Lower-rd., Rotherhithe.  
Upper Norwood, White Hart Hot., Church-rd., at 8.  
Marquis of Ripon, Pembury Tav., Amherst-rd., Hackney.  
Loughborough, Cambria Tav., nr. Loughborough Junc., L.C. and D.R., at 7.30.  
West Smithfield, New Market Hot., West Smithfield.  
St. George's, Globe Tav., Greenwich.  
Doric Chapter, 248, Globe-rd., Mile End-rd., at 8.  
Royal Commemoration, R. Hot., High-st., Putney, 8 till 10.

#### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Colonial Board, at 4.

Lodge 7, Royal York of Perseverance, F.M.H.  
" 9, Albion, F.M.H.  
" 18, Old Dundee, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 101, Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 172, Old Concord, F.M.H.  
" 217, Stability, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 765, St. James's, Old White Hart, High-st., Boro.  
" 1298, Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-st. N.  
" 1381, Kennington, Surrey Club H., Kengtn. Oval.  
" 1397, Anerley, Thicket Hot., Anerley.  
" 1472, Henley, Three Crowns Hot., Henley.  
" 1668, Samson, F.M.H.  
" 1693, Kingsland, 113, Southgate-road, N.

Mark Lodge 1, St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tav.  
Rose Croix 72, Canterbury, 33, Golden-sq., W.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Metropolitan, Moorgate-st. Restaurant.  
Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
Domestic, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-road.  
Faith, 2, Westminster Chambers, Victoria-st.  
Prince Fredk. Wm., Lord's Hot., St. John's Wood.  
Prosperity, Hercules' Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Dalhousie, The Sisters' Tav., Pownall-rd., Dalston, E.  
Florence Nightingale, F.M.H., William-st., Woolwich.  
Constitutional, Bedford Hot., Southampton Bds., at 7.  
Israel, Rising Sun Tav., Globe-road.  
Wandsworth, Spread Eagle Hot., Wandsworth.  
Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea.  
Beacontree, Red Lion, Leytonstone.  
Excelsior, Commercial Dock Tav., Rotherhithe.  
St. John of Wapping, Gun Hot., High-st., Wapping.  
Islington, Three Bucks, 23, Gresham-st., at 7 p.m.  
Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., Bermondsey.  
Mount Edgcombe, 19, Jermyn-st., St. James's.  
Duke of Connaught, 1558, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, S.E., at 8.  
Sir Hugh Myddelton, 162, St. John's-st.-rd.  
Metropolitan Chapter, Jamaica Coffee Ho., Cornhill.  
Clapton Chapter, White Hart Tav., Upper Clapton.

#### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Grand Chapter, at 6 for 7.  
Lodge 511, Zetland, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1687, Rothsay, Inns of Court Hot.  
" 1728, Temple Bar, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 1766, St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Confidence, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-st., at 7 till 9.  
Urban, 23, Gresham-street, City, E.C., at 6.30.  
New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-rd., N.  
Mt. Lebanon, Horse Shoe Tav., Stones-End, E.  
Pythagorean, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich.  
La Tolerance, 2, Maddox-st., W., at 7.45.  
Peckham, Maismore Arms, Park-rd., Peckham.  
Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
Southwark, Southwark Park Tav., Southwark Park.  
Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward Hot., Mare-st., Hackney.  
United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., N.W.  
Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-st., at 8.  
Royal Jubilee, 81, Long Acre.  
Langthorne, Swan Hot., Stratford.  
Temperance in the East, George the 4th, Ida-st., Poplar, 7.30.  
Thistle, M.M.M., The Harp Tav., at 8.

#### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 27, Egyptian, Anderton's Hot., Fleet-st.  
" 45, Strong Man, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
" 192, Lion and Lamb, Cannon-st. Hot.  
" 227, Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-st.  
" 231, St. Andrew's, F.M.H.  
" 538, La Tolerance, F.M.H.  
" 822, Victoria Rifles, F.M.H.  
" 1288, Finsbury Park, Cock Tav., Highbury.  
" 1351, St. Clement Danes, 265, Strand.  
" 1360, Royal Arthur, Wimbledon Village Club.  
" 1539, Surrey M.H., S.M.H., Camberwell.  
" 1681, Londesborough, Regent M.H.  
" 1765, Trinity College, 64, Weymouth-st., W.  
Chap. 1507, Metropolitan, 269, Pentonville-rd., N.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

Union Waterloo, Chatham Arms, Thomas-st., Woolwich.  
Egyptian, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall-st.  
Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., W.  
Finsbury, Jolly Anglers' Tav., Bath-st., City-rd.  
Ebury, 12, Ponsonby-st., Millbank.  
Highgate, Bull and Gate, Kentish-town.  
The Great City, M.H., Masons' Avenue.  
High Cross, Coach & Horses, High-rd., Tottenham.  
Salisbury, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Southern Star, Crown Hot., Blackfriars-rd.  
Great Northern, Berwick Arms, Berners-st., Oxford-st.  
Rose, Walmer Castle Hot., Peckham-rd., at 8.  
Covent Garden, Ashley's Hot., Covent Garden, at 8.  
Crusaders, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9.  
Prince Frederick William Chapter, St. John's Wood.

#### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 706, Orpheus, F.M.H.  
" 890, Hornsey, F.M.H.  
" 1627, Royal Kensington, F.M.H.  
Chap. 1489, Ezra, 90, Balls Pond-rd., N.  
Mark 223, W. Smithfield, New Market Hot., Smithfield.

#### LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

London Masonic Club, 101, Queen Victoria-st., E.C.  
Robert Burns, Union Tav., Air-st., Regent-st.  
Belgrave, Harp Tav., Jermyn-st., W.  
Unions Emulation (for M.M.'s), F.M.H.  
Temperance, Victoria Tav., Victoria-rd., Deptford.  
Metropolitan, Portugal Hot., Fleet-st., at 7.  
St. Marylebone, British Stores Tav., St. John's Wood.  
Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.  
United Pilgrims, Surrey M.H., Camberwell New-rd.  
St. James's, Gregorian Arms, Jamaica-rd., S.E.  
Duke of Edinburgh, Silver Lion, Penny-fields, Poplar.

Doric, 79, Whitechapel-rd., at 8.  
 Burgoyne, The Red Cap, Camden Town, N.W.  
 St. Luke's, White Hart, King's-rd., Chelsea.  
 Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 Royal Standard, The Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-rd., N.  
 Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-rd.  
 Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-rd., Holloway, at 8.  
 William Preston, Feathers Tav., Up. George-st., Edgware-rd.  
 Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hot., Goulbourne-rd., Notting-Hill.  
 Stability, Guildhall Tav., Gresham-st.  
 Pythagorean Chapter, Portland Hot., London-st., Greenwich

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN WEST LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1879.

##### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 113, Unanimity, Bull Hot., Preston.  
 " 1045, Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham.  
 " 1051, Rowley, M.R., Lancaster.  
 " 1204, Neptune, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1380, Skelmersdale, Queen's Hot., Waterloo.  
 Chap. 594, Downshire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Everton L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 673, St. John, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 995, Furness, M.T., Ulverstone.  
 " 1476, Blackpool, Clifton Hot., Blackpool.  
 Chap. 203, St. John of Jerusalem, M.H., Liverpool.  
 Merchants L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Bootle L. of I., 146, Berry-st., Bootle.

##### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 1013, Victoria, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1061, Triumph, M.H., Lytham.  
 " 1080, Walton, Skelmersdale H., Liverpool.  
 " 1335, Lindsay, M.H., Wigan.  
 " 1354, Marquis of Lorne, M.R., Leigh.  
 " 1403, W. Lancashire, Commercial Hot., Ormskirk.  
 " 1620, Marlborough, Derby Hot., Liverpool.  
 Chap. 477, Fidelity, M.R., Birkenhead.  
 Mark 65, W. Lancashire, M.H., Liverpool.  
 De Grey and Ripon L. of I., 80, N. Hill-st., Liverpool.  
 Downshire L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 249, Mariners, M.H., Liverpool.  
 " 1473, Bootle, A.R., Bootle.  
 Chap. 758, Bridgewater, M.H., Runcorn.  
 St. John's L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.  
 Duke of Edinburgh, L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

##### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 680, Sefton, Adelphi Hot., Liverpool.  
 " 1375, Architect, Didsbury Hot., Didsbury.  
 Hamer L. of I., M.H., Liverpool.

#### MASONIC MEETINGS IN EAST LANCASHIRE.

For the Week ending Saturday, November 8, 1879.

##### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3.

Lodge 37, Anchor and hope, M.H., Church Inst., Bolton.  
 " 62, Social, Queen's Hot., Manchester.  
 " 381, Harmony, Smalley's Hot., Over Darwen.  
 " 1009, Shakespeare, M.H., Manchester.  
 " 1077, Wilton, Red Lion Hot., Blackley.  
 " 1519, Albert Edward, Albion Hot., Clayton-le-Moors.

##### TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4.

Lodge 226, Benevolence, Red Lion Hot., Littleboro.  
 " 1134, Newall, M.H., Salford.  
 " 1322, Waverley, Queen's Arms, Ashton-un.-Lyne.  
 Mark 130, Alfred, Bridge Inn, Bury.

##### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5.

Lodge 210, Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hot., Denton.  
 " 274, Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch.  
 " 298, Harmony, M.H., 23, Ann-st., Rochdale.  
 " 363, Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 " 645, Humphrey Chetham, M.H., Manchester.  
 " 678, Earl Ellesmere, Church Hot., Kersley.  
 " 992, St. Thomas, Griffin Hot., Lower Broughton.  
 Chap. 126, Nativity, Cross Keys, Burnley.  
 " 221, St. John, Commercial Hot., Bolton.  
 Mark 36, Furness, Hartington Hot., Barrow-in-Furness.  
 Rose Croix, Palatine, Palatine Hot., Manchester.

##### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6.

Lodge 215, Commerce, White Swan Hot., Haslingden.  
 " 266, Naphtali, M.H., Market-place, Heywood.  
 " 269, Fidelity, White Bull Hot., Blackburn.  
 " 300, Minerva, Pitt and Nelson Hot., Ashton U.L.  
 " 317, Affability, M.H., Manchester.  
 " 1012, Prince of Wales, Derby Hot., Bury.  
 " 1504, Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkes Arms Hot., Padiham.

Chap. 325, St. John, M.H., Salford.

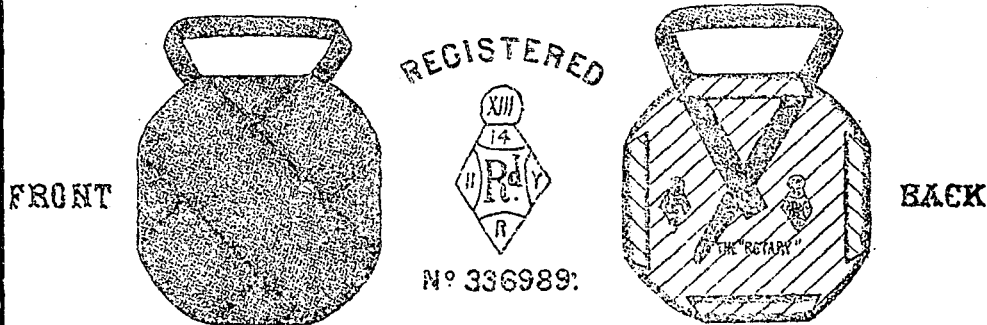
##### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7.

Lodge 44, Friendship, M.H., Manchester.  
 " 219, Prudence, M.H., Tedmorden.

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 All have leaders on Thomas's Hats and his Rhymes,  
 Whilst the Editors swear "when in Thomas's Castor  
 Their ravings flow brighter, and lighter, and faster;"  
 And I hear Tupper, Tennyson, Ruskin, Carlyle,  
 Have offered him odes and critiques by the mile;  
 With no other return for their essays and lays

Than his finding them Hats for the rest of their days.  
 So I felt half inclined, since they've made such a row  
 'Gainst the "penny gold wreath" to encircle my brow,  
 The pleasure of wearing at once to forego,  
 And exchange it away for a Thomas' Chapeau.  
 For, to tell you the truth, my dear Punch, I've a dread  
 Of any more weight being placed on my head,  
 And as Thomas's Hats are so easy and soft,  
 Whilst the wreath will be hard and not easily doffed,  
 If Thomas is willing, I'll readily yield  
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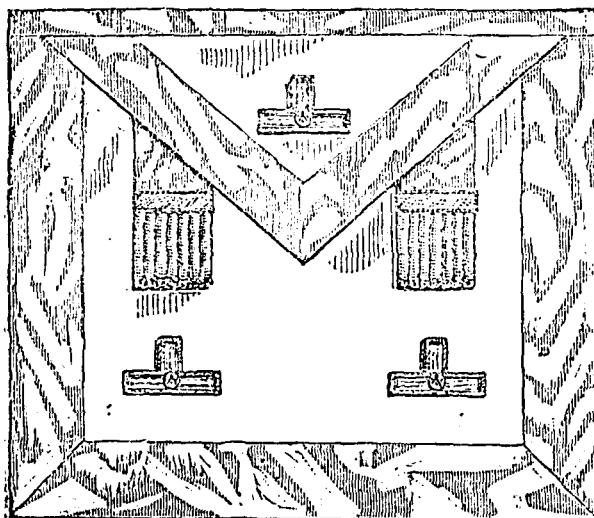
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