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OUR EIGHTH VOLUME.

THIS week we have great pleasure in presenting to our readers the opening number of our Eighth Volume. We have no intention of boring them with eulogistic comments on the success which has attended our efforts thus far, but it is well that we should make this an opportunity for tendering to them our heartfelt thanks for the very considerable, and we rejoice to say, consistently increasing, support they have been pleased to accord our efforts on behalf of Freemasonry. We have striven within the modest limits of what our Gallic neighbours might perchance describe, if it were their case, as our "*petit possible*," to promote the welfare of the Craft, and we feel that we may take the flattering unction to our souls that these efforts of ours have met with a fair measure of success. At all events, while the great majority of our old friends remain to us, the number of new ones who have so kindly come forward to aid us, is, we may almost venture to say, a daily increasing one. This is most encouraging, for the pursuit of journalism, and especially of Masonic journalism, is not unattended with difficulties, and by no means free from disappointments. Of course, we should like to see Masonic literature more generally recognised among the Craft, but under the circumstances we have described, we have but slight ground for dissatisfaction, and even if we had any, we should feel it to be imperatively our duty to be silent. We strive to do our best, but literature is not a ware that can be unduly pushed. We can only hope that those we appeal to will appreciate our labours, and as we have steadfastly adhered to the programme we first marked out for ourselves, we must suppose that this appreciation has been exhibited. At all events, until satisfactory cause is shown, we shall continue in the same path, in the hope and belief that, as volume succeeds volume, we shall find our friends and supporters, as has been the case hitherto, continually as well as considerably on the increase. In one important particular we have been obliged, for the present, to break a series of contributions which, when complete, will be of the greatest value to the Craft. We allude, of course, to the momentary discontinuance of the Warrants of the Ancient Lodges. This, however, is explained by the absence of Bro. John Constable, to whose untiring efforts in procuring them we have been thus far indebted. On his return, however, which may be looked for in the autumn, we shall, with his assistance, resume their publication. It is possible we might have found means to continue the series in his absence, but to have done so would manifestly have been an act of grave injustice and discourtesy to a brother who has laboured so assiduously to assist us. As regards the future, we look forward to it with confidence, and we can only hope that when the time comes for us to announce the commencement of a fresh volume, that our friends will be as kindly disposed towards us as they are now. At all events, we shall spare no effort to secure so desirable a consummation.

MASONIC FETE IN DUBLIN.

ON Thursday of last week there was a grand Masonic gathering in the Exhibition Palace at Dublin, the occasion being the annual distribution of prizes to the Dublin Masonic Female Orphan Asylum, and the Boys' School attached to it. The absence of the Duke of Abercorn, K.G., the Grand Master, was a subject of general regret, and equally so the continued illness of his wife,

which was the cause of such absence. However, the Craft found a most efficient President in Bro. Robert W. Shekleton, Q.C., the Deputy Grand Master, who was ably supported by Bros. Robert Warren, Grand Treasurer, the Rev. John James MacSorley, Grand Chaplain, Alderman Joseph Manning, Grand Senior, and Theophilus E. St. George, Grand Junior Deacon, George A. Stephens, Grand Superintendent of Works, George Moyers, Grand Director of Ceremonies, H. Minchin, G. Swd. Bearer, C. O. Grandison, G. Org., James Creed Meredith G.I.G., S. B. Oldham D.G. Secretary and Treasurer, and Archibald St. George Assist. Secretary. Among the representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges were Bros. Dr. Philip C. Smyley, Prussia, Captain George Huband, Alabama, U.S.A., George Hill Major, Quebec, and James H. Neilson, Egypt. There were likewise in attendance a numerous array of brethren both from the capital and the provinces. A procession having been formed, and Bro. Shekleton having taken the chair, that worthy and worshipful brother, after feelingly alluding to the absence of the Grand Master, and the cause which prevented his presiding, spoke at some length as to the merits of the Institution whose Festival was being that day celebrated, after which, Bro. Chaworth Ferguson read the report for the year then closing, from which it appeared that both financially and educationally the Asylum was in a very flourishing state. It had added £2,000 India 4 per cent. Stock to its invested moneys, and the pupils who had been trained in it were proving themselves worthy of the care and attention bestowed on them. Moreover, the health of the School had been most satisfactory. The report further stated that it was in contemplation to enlarge the School, the number of girls being at present forty-five, and it is hoped it may be found possible to increase this to sixty. With this view, negotiations are in progress for obtaining a suitable site for the enlarged premises, and plans are being prepared by the architect. This must involve a large additional expenditure, and a hope was expressed that the Craft would increase the support already extended to it, so as to meet the increased outlay. Bro. James Spaight, Limerick, proposed, and Bro. Hugh Holmes, Q.C., seconded the adoption of the report, which was agreed to unanimously, as was a resolution moved by Bro. Captain King Harman, M.P., and seconded by Bro. Thos. M'Mullen, of Cork, inviting the further co-operation of the Masonic body in support of the Asylum. A selection of music having been performed by the pupils, and the National Anthem having been sung, the procession was reformed and marched to a dais in the glass building, where the prizes and certificates were distributed to the successful pupils, both girls and boys. Having regard to the space at our command, it will be impossible to give the list in full, but the chief prizes were awarded as follow:—The Ffennell Prize, value £3, for Scripture and History to Frances Smith; Gertrude Gill, who gained it last year, receiving a Certificate. The Astley Prizes, 1st Division, English, went to (1) Gertrude Gill, (2) Frances Smith; and Second Division, French, (1) Frances Smith, (2) Gertrude Gill. The Nagle Prizes, for the highest general proficiency in Classes I. and II., were carried off in Class I. by Gertrude Gill, and in Class II. by Sophia Fenton. The Good Conduct Medals, presented by Bro. Samuel B. Oldham, and awarded by the votes of the pupils themselves, were given to Jane Crymble (silver medal), and Henrietta Richards (bronze medal). The proceedings, which were enlivened at intervals by the organ and the band of the 21st Fusileers, were brought to a close shortly afterwards.

MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 60.)

A BOON COMPANION.

His worth is warrant for his welcome hither,
If this be he you oft have wish'd to hear from.

IN all our experience of works of fiction there is probably no character which has so deeply impressed us with the lifelike nature of its portraiture as that of the immortal Pickwick. He is the embodiment of all that is genial and kind among men. A man of considerable wealth, amassed after long years of steady application, and having apparently no immediate relatives in whose career he could feel or take any interest, he set himself, while yet in the full vigour of mature manhood, to know something of his fellow men. When starting on his memorable travels, to accomplish this magnanimous purpose, he associated with himself not men of his own age, and likely, therefore, to be pretty much of the same mode of thinking as himself, but three or four young fellows, to whom, as regards years, it was possible for him, had he been so minded, to have stood *in loco parentis*. With these, who are as quaintly and humorously drawn as himself, and as true to life, he journeyed about from place to place, mixing in various societies, seeing, after his fashion, a good deal of both the bright and the dark sides of human nature, and creating for himself a host of staunch and firm friends, such as even he must have felt proud of. In his more immediate circle we find him not only respected, but beloved. It was no lip-service which was proffered him when occasion suggested or demanded it. Wherever he went, in whatever he did, all who came in contact with him took as deep an interest in his welfare as in their own affairs, and Pickwick, whether with or without his spectacles and gaiters, at Christmas festivities or at a wedding, at a cricket match or during an election, in the enjoyment of perfect freedom or in the Fleet, was the point within the circle towards which all other points gravitated. He, as it were, fascinated the people among whom he moved and had his being with the hearty geniality and warmth of his kindness, so that old and young and middle-aged alike, the inferior as well as his equal, were all irresistibly drawn towards him. One short speech of his devoted Sam Weller's will serve to show the nature and extent of this wonderful influence which he exerted over all. It is towards the end of his history, and when he suggests that his faithful servant should marry and leave his service—a proposition which is indignantly repelled in the following words:—"If you want a more polished sort o' feller, vell and good, have him; but vages or no vages, notice or no notice, board or no board, lodgin' or no lodgin', Sam Veller, as you took from the old inn in the Borough, sticks by you, come what come may; and let ev'rythin and ev'rybody do their very fiercest, nothing shall ever perwent it!" And then, when Mr. Pickwick, as a last resource, points out to Sam that he is bound to consider the young woman also, the reply was instant: "'I do consider the young 'ooman, sir,' said Sam, 'I have considered the young 'ooman. I've spoke to her. I've told her how I'm sitivated; she's ready to wait till I'm ready, and I believe she vill. If she don't, she's not the young 'ooman I take her for, and I give her up with readiness. You've know'd me afore, sir. My mind's made up, and nothing can ever alter it.'" Such a resolution Mr. Pickwick could not combat, and we read that "he derived at that moment more pride and luxury of feeling from the disinterested attachment of his humble friend, than ten thousand protestations from the greatest men living could have awakened in his breast." This is only one out of innumerable illustrations to be found in the Pickwick Papers of the fascination which its hero exercised on all around, and justifies the brief remark we made at the outset that in him is concentrated all that is genial and kind in human nature. We have also said that the chief characteristic about his portrait is that it is so entirely true to the life. Indeed, we can hardly picture to ourselves a social circle which does not include among its members one, at least, who may justly be said to belong to the species Pickwick, with his admirable satellites the Winkles, the Snodgrasses, and the Tupmans. This is certainly the case in Masonry, where there is always one who possesses the most eminent qualities of Mr. Pickwick. In fact, in an early number of this journal, one of our contributors sent us a short Masonic poem, entitled "My Brother," and he

portrayed his hero as having both an outward and inward resemblance to Dickens's character.

"A pleasant man—a venerable file—
In gaiters, spectacles, and glossy tile;
For whom he meets a kindly word or smile—
My Brother!"

and in a footnote appended, he suggests that though Mr. Pickwick was not known to have been a Mason, he was essentially Masonic in feeling and action. There is, in short, no manner of doubt about it. It was impossible for him to stoop to speak ill of his neighbour; he would as soon have thought of marrying Mrs. Bardell to save himself from the unjust penalty inflicted in the memorable trial. Then, even in the most lugubrious circumstances he could be found retaining his natural placidity of demeanour. But chiefly remarkable was he for the unselfish desire that others should be happy, and in any way that he thought he could promote their happiness he was ever ready and willing to render service. His care for those in distress was not limited to a few conventional expressions of regret, while even those who had grievously wronged or offended found him their staunchest friend in adversity. He had his faults, of course. His temperament was sufficiently explosive in its character to have earned for him the cognomen of "Old Fireworks," and he could sharply rebuke any attempt to ridicule his peculiarities. For everything that partook of meanness he had a just and most profound contempt, while he worshipped religiously whatever in human nature was worthy of his praise and admiration. Are there not in the ranks of Freemasonry many who may be worthily designated as, in all these particulars, the Pickwicks of our Fraternity?—the men who are in the fullest and widest sense of the word charitable; that is, all kindness and consideration for others; ever thoughtful for their good name, while honourably silent as to their failings; ever ready to avenge themselves on those who have wronged them, by some return of kindness, especially if the wrongdoer has fallen into adverse circumstances; and determinedly hostile to whatever is mean and contemptible. One such, at all events, we have the good fortune to number among our friends, and him we present to our readers on this occasion. The details of his career will be brief, for the reason that we have spoken at greater length than is our wont as to the leading features by which our ideal of him is characterised. Moreover, he is known so well in the Provinces with which he is associated—we have met in Kent, in Middlesex, and in Surrey—as well as in the Metropolitan Lodges which he belongs to or visits, that it would appear as though we were anxious to flatter him unduly if we dwelt too long or circumstantially on his qualities of mind and heart. Turn we, therefore, to a sketch of his Masonic history, which, if brief, is, in every respect, creditable to him. He was initiated in the Royal Union Lodge, No. 382, Uxbridge, in 1868, and has held in it the important offices of Master and Treasurer. In 1872 he joined the Gooch Lodge, No. 1238, which meets at Twickenham, and at this moment most worthily fills the S.W.'s chair. In 1874 he became a joining member of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, at Kew, and in 1875, when the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, was consecrated, he joined immediately afterwards, and at the present time holds the minor, but congenial, office of Wine Steward. He is likewise a member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642. He is Founder and was elected to fill the high position of first Worshipful Master of the Unity Lodge, No. 1637, which was consecrated in October 1876, and at the conclusion, last autumn, of his year of office, he was presented "with a very chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel," Bro. Adams—who handed it to him at the request of his successor—remarking, that it was offered by the members as a token of friendship, and as a slight recognition of the esteem in which he was held by the members of the Lodge. At the present time he combines in his own person the offices of I.P.M. and Treasurer, and when, later in the evening, his health was proposed, the W. Master laid especial stress on the services our worthy brother had rendered to the Masonic Institutions, and to the heartiness he invariably displayed in whatever related to the Craft. He was exalted to the Royal Arch degree in the year 1874, in the Hermes Chapter, No. 77, meeting at Gravesend, and now occupies the chair of Second Principal; and in the year following he joined the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, of which he has the honour to be J. Thus we find that, in the ten years which have elapsed since his initiation into our mysteries,

he has occupied the chair of two Lodges, and has besides filled many other offices of dignity and trust, both in Lodge and Chapter. He is, indeed, on the high road to still greater honour, for next year, no doubt, we shall be in a position to hail him as Z. of the Hermes Chapter, and if all goes well, as Z. of the Royal Union the year following. So much for the work he has done and the distinctions he has attained in Craft and Arch Masonry; but there is another field in which he has distinguished himself still more considerably. We have seen already that on his retirement from the chair of the Unity Lodge, a jewel was presented to him, and that in proposing his health, the W. Master spoke in particular of the eminent services he had rendered to our Masonic Institutions. The praise was worthily bestowed, for our respected brother is a Life Governor, and has served the office of Steward on five occasions for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. He is also a Life Governor of, and has served three Stewardships for, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and holds the same position among the subscribers to, and has rendered exactly the same services for, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We may, indeed, anticipate that in the case of each of these Institutions the Life Governorship will at no distant period be merged in the more important position of Vice-President, from which, at the moment, he is, in fact, not very far removed. In fine, the number of his various Stewardships is in excess of the number of years he has been connected with Freemasonry, a fact which speaks volumes for the interest he takes in the Charities, and the heartiness, aforementioned, which he habitually displays in all that relates to the Craft. The same good fortune surrounds him in social life, in which, moreover, he is distinguished by the exhibition of the many qualities which have won for him so much love and respect among brethren. This, indeed, is a matter of course, for it is not in his nature to be other than the same man, exhibiting under all circumstances and at all times the same qualities, in whatever society he may be mingling with. Others, if they choose, may indulge in variableness of mood, and temper, and bearing, towards their fellows. Others may display whatever is genial and pleasant in them in the Lodge, and retain whatever is disagreeable or explosive about them for the domain of private life. But our brother is not of this description. He is invariably the same with whomsoever he mixes, be they his equals, his superiors, or his inferiors; or, in other words, he is always the same kind and jovial fellow, ready in season for the stern business of life, and equally, or even more, ready for its pleasures. Not selfishly given, however, to these latter; for he loses no opportunity of ministering to the comfort and delights of his fellows, and we have seen that wherever it is possible for him to be of service to those who need it, he spares no trouble to do what is in his power to assist them. Herein is the whole secret of Freemasonry—that a man shall do willingly what lies in him to promote the comfort and wellbeing of his fellows; and this is the basis on which the whole superstructure of our Brother's career has rested from the very first. May he prosper always, and increasingly!

THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

BRO. R. F. GOULD.

(Continued from Vol. VII. page 406.)

PART II.

§ 15.—Let us now apply ourselves to the inquiry, what are, or were the especial privileges of the four old Lodges? ⁽¹⁾

I.—Prior to the formation of the Grand Lodge (1717) it seems to have been the settled usage that “a sufficient number of Masons, met together within a certain district, had at that time ample power to make Masons, and discharge all the duties of Masonry, without any warrant of Constitution, the privilege being inherent in themselves as individuals.” At the first meeting, however, of the Grand Lodge, the following regulation was passed, viz., that the privilege of assembling as Masons, which had hitherto

been unlimited, should no longer be vested in the power of the Fraternity at large, but that every Lodge to be thereafter convened, *except the four old Lodges*, at that time existing, should be *legally* authorised to act by a Warrant from the Grand Master for the time being, with the consent and approbation of the Grand Lodge in Communication, and that without such Warrant, no Lodge should be hereafter deemed regular or constitutional.

II.—In compliment to the brethren of the four old Lodges, by whom the Grand Lodge was first formed, it was resolved, “That every privilege which they collectively enjoyed, by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that *no law, rule, or regulation, to be hereafter made*, should deprive them of such privileges, or encroach on any landmark, which was at that time established as the standard of Masonic Government.”

III.—This resolution being confirmed, the old Masons in the metropolis, agreeably to the resolution of the brethren at large, vested all their inherent privileges as individuals in the four old Lodges, in trust, that they would never suffer the old charges and ancient landmarks to be infringed.

IV.—The four old Lodges then agreed to extend their patronage to every Lodge which should hereafter be constituted by the Grand Lodge according to the new regulations of the Society, and while such Lodges acted in conformity to the ancient Constitutions of the Order, to admit their *Masters and Wardens* ⁽²⁾ to share with them all the privileges of the Grand Lodge, excepting precedence of rank. Matters being thus amicably adjusted, the brethren of the four Lodges considered their attendance on the future Communications of the Society as unnecessary; and, therefore, like the other Lodges, trusted implicitly to their *Master and Wardens*, resting satisfied that no measure of importance would be adopted without their approbation. The Officers of the Old Lodges, however, soon began to discover that the new Lodges, being equally represented with them at the Communications, might, in process of time, so far outnumber the old ones, as to have it in their power, by a majority, to encroach on, or even subvert, the privileges of the original Masons of England, which had been centered in the four old Lodges, with the concurrence of the brethren at large.

V.—Therefore they very wisely formed a code of laws for the future government of the Society, and annexed thereto a conditional clause; which it was agreed that the Grand Master for the time being, his successors, and the Master of every Lodge to be hereafter constituted, should engage to preserve, and keep sacred and inviolable, in all time coming. To commemorate this circumstance, it has been customary (says Preston) ever since that time for the Master of the oldest Lodge to attend every Grand Installation: and, taking precedence of all present, the Grand Master only excepted, to deliver the book of the original Constitutions to the new installed Grand Master on his engaging to support the ancient Charges and the general Regulations. The conditional clause above referred to runs thus:—“Every *annual* GRAND LODGE has an inherent Power and Authority to make *new Regulations*, or to alter these, for the real Benefit of this *ancient Fraternity*; Provided always that *the old LAND MARKS Be Carefully Preserved*; and that such alterations and *new regulations* be proposed and agreed to at the third *Quarterly Communication* preceding the *Annual Grand Feast*; and that they be offered also to the perusal of all Brethren before dinner, in writing, even of the youngest *apprentice*; the approbation and consent of the *majority* of all the brethren present being absolutely necessary to make the same binding and obligatory.” ⁽³⁾

This remarkable clause, with thirty-eight regulations preceding it, all of which are printed in the first Edition of the Book of Constitutions, was approved, ratified, and confirmed by one hundred and fifty brethren, at an annual Assembly and Feast held at Stationers Hall, on St. John the Baptist's day 1721, and, in their presence, was subscribed by the Masters and Wardens of the four old Lodges on one part; and by Philip Duke of Wharton the Grand Master; Theophilus Desaguliers, M.D. and F.R.S., the Deputy Grand Master; Joshua Timson and William Hawkins the Grand

⁽¹⁾ Illustrations of Masonry, by Bro. W. Preston, Editions 1775, 1781, 1796, 1801, and 1804.

⁽²⁾ The privilege of voting in Grand Lodge was only extended to Past Grand Masters, 21st Nov. 1724; to Past Deputy Grand Masters, 28th Feb. 1726; and to Grand Wardens, 24th June 1727. This explains why Bros. Sayer and Payne (Past Grand Masters) appear in § 3 as Officers of private Lodges.

⁽³⁾ Constitutions 1723, pp 58 to 70. Art. 39.

Wardens, and the Master and Wardens of sixteen Lodges constituted betwixt 1717 and 1721, on the other part.⁽¹⁾

VI.—By the above prudent precaution of our ancient brethren, the original Constitutions were established as the basis of all future Masonic jurisdiction in the South of England; and the Ancient Landmarks, as they are emphatically styled, or the boundaries set up as checks to innovation or absolute dominion, were carefully secured against the attacks of future invaders. The four old Lodges, in consequence of the above contract, in which they considered themselves as a *distinct party*,⁽²⁾ continued to act by their original authority. And so far from surrendering any of their rights, had them frequently ratified and confirmed by the whole fraternity in Grand Lodge assembled, who always acknowledged their independent and immemorial power to practise the rites of Masonry. No regulations of the Society, which might hereafter take place, could therefore operate with respect to those Lodges, if such regulations were contrary to, or subversive of, the original Constitutions by which only they were governed; and while their proceedings were conformable to those Constitutions, no power known in Masonry could legally deprive them of any right or privilege which they had ever enjoyed.

§ 16.—The following circumstantial account of the Old Lodges,⁽³⁾ by Bro. William Preston, P.M. Lodge of Antiquity (the Masonic historian), may here be appropriately inserted:—

I.—“Of the four old Lodges there is only one extant, viz., No. 1. The old Lodge of St. Paul, now named the Lodge of Antiquity, formerly held at the Goose and Gridiron in St. Paul's Church-yard.⁽⁴⁾

II.—“The Lodge No. 2, formerly held at the Crown in Parker's Lane in Drury Lane, has been extinct above fifty⁽⁵⁾ years, by the death of its members.

III.—“Lodge No. 3, formerly held at the Apple Tree Tavern, in Charles-street, Covent-garden, has been dissolved many years. By the List of Lodges inserted in the Book of Constitutions, printed in 1738, it appears, that in February 1722-3, this Lodge was removed to the Queen's Head, in Knave's Acre, on account of some difference among its members; and that the members who met there came under a NEW Constitution, though, says the Book of Constitutions, THEY WANTED IT NOT:⁽⁶⁾ and ranked as No. 10 in the list. Thus they inconsiderately renounced their former rank and every ancient privilege which they derived from their immemorial Constitution.⁽⁷⁾

IV.—Original No. 4, formerly held at the Rummer and Grapes, removed to the Horn Tavern, and then agreed to incorporate with the Somerset House Lodge, which immediately assumed their rank. “The members of

this Lodge,” says Preston, “tacitly agreed to a renunciation of their rights as one of the four original Lodges, by openly avowing a declaration of their Master in Grand Lodge. They put themselves entirely under the authority of the Grand Lodge; claimed no distinct privilege, by virtue of an Immemorial Constitution, but precedence of rank, and considered themselves subject to every law or regulation of the Grand Lodge, over whom they could admit of no control, and to whose determination they and every Lodge were bound to submit.”

It was resolved in Grand Lodge, that the members of the Lodge of Antiquity should agree to the same proposition, but they refused, it being, in their opinion, repugnant to the contract established at the first formation of the Grand Lodge, and to the original constitutions of the Order, to which all Masons in England were bound to pay obedience.

V.—Upon this the Lodge of Antiquity withdrew from the Grand Lodge, published a Manifesto in vindication of its conduct, resumed its original powers, and having asserted that the contract of 1721 had been violated by the Grand Lodge, proceeded to act as a Lodge in the same manner it was authorised to do before that contract was formed; whilst, therefore, the Lodges constituted subsequently to the Revival necessarily derived their sanction from the Grand Lodge, the Four Old Lodges continued to act by their own inherent authority.⁽⁸⁾

It may be interesting now to turn to Bro. Preston's description of the temporary secession of the Lodge of Antiquity, original No. 1, from the Regular Grand Lodge, as well as to his enumeration of the privileges enjoyed by the time Immemorial Lodges.⁽⁹⁾

(^s) This concluding statement is *inconsistent* with the position maintained throughout the remainder of § 16 (I. to IV.)

(⁹) Preston, Ed. 1781, 1796, 1801, and 1804.

(To be continued.)

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THE FOUR OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Gould's series of papers on the “Four Old Lodges,” which is now appearing in the columns of your valuable journal, will be welcomed by all who take an interest in Masonic History. Having had considerable experience in similar fields of labour, I am in a position to testify to the arduous nature of the task he has undertaken, and I have no doubt the Craft generally will bestow on him that applause to which he is so justly entitled. My object, however, in addressing these few remarks, is not so much to applaud a work, the merits of which are self-evident, as to direct Bro. Gould's attention to apparent discrepancies between him and Bro. Hughan, in the case of sundry of our earliest Lodges. You doubtless bear in mind that when Bro. Hughan published his “Pine's List,” for 1734, being No. 6 of his “Masonic Sketches and Reprints,” you entrusted to me the task of offering such comments on it as might seem desirable. In the fulfilment of my duty as reviewer, I noted that Bro. Hughan traced the No. 11, of Pine 1734, as being No. 18, Old Dundee, of the present day, and I deduced from this that, on the assumption that Bro. Hughan's suggestion was correct, the Old Dundee, No. 18, was, in truth, that old Time Immemorial Lodge, No. 3, which, in 1717, met at the Appletree Tavern in Charles-street, Covent-garden, but which, according to the list published in the 1738 Edition of the Constitutions, removed in February 1722-3, to the Queen's Head, Knave's Acre, and there met under a new Constitution, “though they wanted it not.” In this list it figured as No. 10, and in Pine's List 1734 as No. 11. It is also No. 11 in Pine's Lists of 1729 and 1730, as stated by Bro. Gould in his first paper, and No. 11 in Rawlinson's List 1733. It is No. 48 in the Dublin List for 1735, contributed by Bro. Hughan to the *Masonic Magazine* for January 1877, and deducting the thirty-seven Irish Lodges, this places it as No. 11 among English Lodges; while in Cole's List for 1763, contributed to the last Christmas number of the same Magazine, it appears to rank either as No. 6 (having in the interim jumped over two other Lodges), if we are to consider 27th February 1722, and 27th February 1722-3, as standing for the same date, or No. 8, if Bro. Hughan's remark is correct, that “the numeration observed is according to the new list made in 1756, the former alterations having been made in 1740,” though the date of Constitution, as given in the list of Cole's—“May 1722”—does not tally with previous dates. Or it may be—and if Bro. Hughan's surmise

(1) See § 3, and also Manifesto of Lodge of Antiquity, clause 4.—*Post*.

(2) This assertion, repeated in Manifesto, *Post*, but not otherwise corroborated. It should be noted, however, that the Edition of 1775 (Preston) in which it appears, was published with the formal sanction of the Grand Master, Lord Petre.

(3) See §§ 6, and 9-12.

(4) Preston, Ed. 1781, p 224.

(5) Ibid. This statement first appears in this edition (1781), and is repeated verbatim in those of 1796, 1801, and 1804.

(6) From this expression it is evident that the members of this Lodge were understood to have an inherent right, at least collectively, without any new authority, to meet as a Lodge, and to discharge the duties of Masonry; and this in a more full and ample manner than any newly constituted Lodge could do; for it is very remarkable that the four Old Lodges always preserved their original power of making, passing, and raising Masons, being termed Masters' Lodges; while the other Lodges, for many years afterwards, had no such power, it having been the custom to pass and RAISE Masons at the Grand Lodge only.—(Preston, Ed. 1781, p 225).

REGULATIONS OF GRAND LODGE:—“Apprentices must be admitted Masters and Fellow-craft only here, unless by a dispensation.”—*Constit.* 1723, p 61.

22nd Nov. 1725:—“The Master of a Lodge, with his Wardens, and a competent number of the Lodge assembled in due form, can make Masters and Fellows at discretion.”—*Constit.* 1756, p 280.

(7) It is a question that will admit of some discussion, whether any of the above Old Lodges can, while they exist as Lodges, surrender their rights; as those rights seem to have been granted by the old Masons of the metropolis to them in trust, and any individual member of the Four Old Lodges might object to the surrender, and in that case they never could be given up.—Preston, Ed. 1801-1804, p 215. (This note appears for the first time in 1801, and carries with it, therefore, greater weight than if it had been penned by Preston during the schism of 1779-90. See § 15 (II.-III.)

that No. 11 of Pine 1734, is No. 18 of to-day, is correct, it must be—No. 9 of Cole, described as meeting at the “Dundee Arms, at their own private room, Red Lion-street, Wapping, second and fourth Thursday,” and Constituted in 1722. All this is perplexing enough, and the perplexity is not diminished, when we find, on the one hand, Bro. Hughan tracing the No. 11 of Pine 1734, as the No. 18 (Old Dundee), of to-day, and on the other Bro. Gould connecting it with Fortitude and Old Camberland, No. 12, of to-day. In any attempt to set this matter straight, it is obviously impossible for me to take upon myself to follow both Bro. Hughan and Bro. Gould in tracing the conclusions at which they have severally arrived. However, for purposes of comparison, I will first append a table, showing (a) the existing Lodges and those in Pine’s List for 1734, with which in Bro. Hughan’s opinion, they correspond; and (b) Pine’s of 1729 and 1730, and the list of Book of Constitutions for 1738, and the existing Lodges, with which, in Bro. Gould’s opinion, they correspond.

(b.)

PINE 1729.	PINE 1730.
1 St. Paul’s Charchyard	1 King’s Arms in Do
3 Westminster	3 Horn Tavern Do
4 Ivy Lane	4 Swan, Hampstead
6 Clare Street	6 Tom’s Coffee House Do
7 Behind the Royal Exchange	7 Rummer, Queen St., Cheapside
9 Noble Street	9 One Tan in Noble Street
10 Brewer Street	10 Lion and Shield, Brewer Street
11 Knave’s Acre	11 Queen’s Head, Knave’s Acre
12 Swithin’s Alley	12 Three Tuns in Swithin’s Alley
13 Duchy Lane	13 Anchor, Datchy Lane

(a) PINE, 1734.	HUGHAN, 1876.
1 King’s Arms, St. Paul’s Church-yard	Antiquity, No. 2.
3 Horn, Westminster	R. Som. House and Inverness, No. 4.
4 Swan, Hampstead	Friendship No. 6.
6 New Bond Street	British, No. 8.
7 Rummer, Queen Street, Cheapside	Westminster and Keystone, No. 10.
8 Devil (Union Lodge) Temple Bar	Fortitude and O.C. Lodge, No. 12.
9 Tan, Noble Street	Tuscan, No. 14.
10 King’s Arms, New Bond Street	Royal Alpha, No. 16.
11 Queen’s Head, Knave’s Acre	Old Dundee, No. 18.
13 Covent Garden	R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20.

CONSTITUTION 1738.	GOULD 1878.
1 King’s Arms in Do	Antiquity No. 2
2 Horn Tavern Do	R.S.H. and Inverness No. 4
3 Shakespeare’s Head, Marlborough Street	Friendship No. 6
5 Braund’s Head, New Bond Street	British No. 8
6 Rummer, Queen St. Do	Westminster and Keystone No. 10
8 Red Cross, Barbican	Royal Alpha No. 16
9 King’s Arms Tavern, New Bond Street	Tuscan No. 14
10 Queen’s Head, Knave’s Acre	Fortitude and O.C. No. 12
11 Castle	Old Dundee No. 18
12 Bury’s Coffee House, Bridge’s St.	R. Kent L. of Antiquity No. 20

Classing these together and giving only the numbers of the Lodges in the several Lists, we find the following result:—

Pine 1729.	Pine 1730.	Pine 1734.	Const. 1738.	Hughan 1876.	Gould 1878.
No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1	1	1	1	2	2
3	3	3	2	4	4
4	4	4	3	6	6
6	6	6	5	8	8
7	7	7	6	10	10
8	8	8	7	12	—
9	9	9	8	14	16
10	10	10	9	16	14
11	11	11	10	18	12
12	12	12	11	—	18
13	13	13	12	20	20

Thus Bros. Hughan and Gould agree as to Nos. 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 20, while they differ as to Nos. 12, 14, 16, and 18. As to the former, nothing further need be said; but as to the latter, I may, perhaps, with the dates of constitution, be able to throw some light on the matter, though I labour under the disadvantage of having only copies of a few lists available. Taking the four, about which there is this disagreement, I note, as regards our present

No. 12.—Bro. Hughan connects this with No. 8 of Pine’s Lists for 1729, 1730, and 1734, and the Constitutions List of 1738. The date of constitution in all three is stated to have been April 25th 1722. In Cole’s List for 1763, no Lodge constituted on such a day is included, and Bro. Gould notes that it was erased on 4th April 1744.—See § 7, List No. 5 of his in last week’s number of the FREEMASON’S CHRONICLE. The latter connects it with No. 11, meeting in 1729, 1730, and 1734 at the Queen’s Head, in Knave’s Acre, No. 10 of 1738, meeting at same place, No. 10, at the George and Dragon, Oxford Market, in 1740, the Swan, in same locality in 1744, and the Fish and Bell in Charles-street, Soho-square up to 1765—in such case it would be No. 8 in Cole’s List 1763. He adds that in 1775-6 it met at the Roebuck in Oxford-street, and in 1781 was named the Old Fortitude, which some time between 1814 and 1832 was changed to its present title. Be it added, in favour of Bro. Gould’s theory, that if 27th February “1722” and same day “1722-3” are one and the same, the dates in all the lists I have given bear out this statement.

No. 14.—Bro. Hughan makes this the same with No. 9 of Pine’s 1729, 1730, and 1734, and No. 8 of Const. List 1738. The date in all these cases is “May 1722,” and there is a Lodge constituted at this date in Cole’s List 1763, meeting in “David-street, Grosvenor-square.” Bro. Gould makes it the same with No. 10 of Pine’s 1729, 1730, and 1734, and No. 9 of the Const. List 1738. The date in these cases is 25th November 1722, and in Cole’s List for 1763 there is a Lodge (No. 7) of this date meeting in New Bond-street.

No. 16.—Bro. Hughan connects this with No. 10 of Pine 1729, 1730, 1734, &c., &c., the date being May 1722. In fact Bro. Hughan’s present Nos. 14 and 16 are Bro. Gould’s Nos. 16 and 14.

No. 18.—Bro. Gould traces this to No. 12 of Pine’s 1729, 1730, and 1734, No. 11 of Const. List 1738. The date of Constitution is given in 1729, and 1730, as March 27th, 1723; in 1735, no date is affixed; in 1738 it is given as March 1723. In Cole’s List, 1763, there is a Lodge (No. 9) corresponding with this in the particulars as to place of meeting—namely, the Dundee Arms, Wapping, but the date is given as “1722.” This, of course, need not be a discrepancy, as what we should now speak of as March 1723, was often enough spoken of

as in the year 1722. Bro. Hughan makes this agree with No. 11 of Pine’s 1729, 1730, 1734, No. 10 of 1738, the date of Constitution being Feb. 27th, 1722 or 1722-3, as variously stated.

To sum up the case. Bro. Hughan’s present No. 12 was, according to Bro. Gould, erased in 1744; Bro. Hughan’s No. 14 is Bro. Gould’s No. 16; Bro. Hughan’s No. 16 is Bro. Gould’s No. 14; and Bro. Gould’s No. 18, according to Bro. Hughan, has disappeared from the List.

I think I can see how the discrepancies have arisen, but I must leave these redoubtable champions to explain them.

Fraternally yours,

YOUR REVIEWER OF HUGHAN’S REPRINT OF PINE’S LIST FOR 1734.

CONFLICTING ACCOUNTS ABOUT THOMAS DUNCKERLEY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON’S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to point out that your very frequent correspondent, Bro. Jacob Norton, in his letter last week respecting the late Bro. Thomas Dunckerley is entering on a very difficult, if not an impossible task, in his endeavour to weaken the Masonic version of that eminent brother’s biography. I had not read the account in the *Gentleman’s Magazine*, though I had seen mention of it in the account of Dunckerley in the *Cyclopædia of Freemasonry* in question, and I am of the same opinion as the writer of the latter, that there is no “good reason in re-opening a question difficult in itself, and so long buried.” However, my object in writing these presents is to show that the more the two accounts are analysed, the greater reason is there to believe that no antecedent improbability exists against the correctness of the Masonic version. On the contrary, I am inclined to think, that all things considered, the version given in in the *Freemasons’ Magazine* for 1793 is the more likely one. I am to a certain extent confirmed in this opinion by the account by himself, and “communicated in his own handwriting, by his executors” to the same *Freemasons’ Magazine* some time after his death.—Vide *Freemasons’ Magazine*, Vol. VI., 1769, pp 96-100.

I say there is no antecedent improbability against the truth of the Masonic version of Dunckerley’s parentage. In the account published in 1793, and therefore in Dunckerley’s lifetime, to which Bro. Norton refers, the question is only briefly mentioned, all that is said being contained in the passage quoted by Bro. Norton. The reason for this brevity is furnished by Bro. White, the writer of the Memoir, who adds, “but as this is a matter of much delicacy, our readers must excuse us from entering into further particulars, and permit us to draw a veil over this part of the life we propose to record, which, were we at liberty to illustrate, would prove a most interesting part of the history.” But when Dunckerley was dead this motive of delicacy no longer existed, and accordingly we find in *Freemasons’ Magazine*, Vol. VI., pp 96-100, a full circumstantial account, which had been, as we have said, “communicated in his own handwriting, by his executors,” and “fully contradicts the many idle stories that have for some time been in circulation respecting him.” The account is too long for quotation, but it was communicated to Dunckerley himself the day following his mother’s funeral by a Mrs. Pinkney, who had been many years Mary Dunckerley’s neighbour in Somerset House. The substance is as follows:—In November 1723, while Mr. Dunckerley senior was at Chatsworth, on some business for the Duke of Devonshire, Mrs. Dunckerley visited a Mrs. Meekin at Lady Ranelagh’s. “Mr. L.—y

happened to come there, and paid me the greatest respect, and hinted that I stood in my own light, or I might be the happiest woman in England. I knew his meaning, but made no reply, and went back to Somerset House next day." A fortnight later, and she again visited Lady Ranelagh. Mr. L—y was again there, and handed her from the coach to the parlour, "where," says Dunckerley's mother, "to my future unhappiness, I found the Prince of Wales, whom I had too well known before my unhappy marriage. At his request (for I could deny him nothing), I stayed several days, during which time he made me five visits, and on Candlemas-day I went home." The result was that Mrs. Dunckerley found herself *enchantée*, and on the return, in May 1724, of her husband from Chatsworth, she told him what had happened. "He commended my conduct with so much joy that I could not help despising his meanness." Dunckerley was born 23rd October 1724, soon after which a separation between his mother and her husband took place, and "he kept the secret on his own account, for he had two places, and several considerable advantages as the price of my folly." The son was never known to his father, though it might have been, and his mother "might have lived in as elegant a manner as Mrs. H. or Miss B." This was the account which Dunckerley received from Mrs. Pinkney, to whom it was communicated by his mother five days before her death, and in the belief that her illness (gout in the stomach) would prove fatal. Mrs. Pinkney added that his Grandmother Bolnest, Mrs. Cannon, a midwife, and herself were present at his birth on the aforesaid Oct. 23rd 1724, "that his mother then declared the Prince of Wales was his father, and that she and his grandmother requested it might be kept a secret." Mrs. Pinkney further informed Dunckerley that his mother was a physician's daughter, and was residing "with Mrs. W. when the Prince of Wales debauched her," and Mrs. W. having discovered what had happened "had her married to Mr. Dunckerley, who was then attending the Duke of Devonshire, on a visit to Sir R. W." (Sir Robert Walpole) "at Houghton."

What follows relates to Dunckerley's career in the navy, in which previous to superannuation in 1764 he served as "teacher of the mathematics on board the Vanguard" for three years, as well as gunner. In August 1764, he left the kingdom through fear of arrest, his pay as "teacher of the mathematics" having been refused, and his daughter's illness having further crippled his resources. Previously, however, he assigned his "superannuation-pension" for the benefit of his wife and family during his absence, and then sailed with Captain Ruthven to the Mediterranean, on which voyage he made the acquaintance of Lord William Gordon, who in the following year befriended him when in distress at Paris. In June 1765 he was put on shore at Marseilles when suffering from scurvy. On his recovery he received a letter of recommendation to his Excellency Col. T. [Townsend], at Minorca, by whom he was received "with great friendship," and while there "some gentlemen of the Lodge at Gibraltar," knowing his distress, sent him £20. On reaching London, in November, he removed his family "from Plymouth to the apartment in Somerset House, where my mother had resided near forty years; and at her decease it was continued to me by an order from the late Duke of Devonshire." In 1766, several persons of distinction endeavoured to convey a knowledge of his misfortune to the "Dowager Princess of Wales and the Princess Amelia," but without success. In April 1767 General O. [Oughton] acquainted Lord H. with his situation, and "that nobleman, with the assistance of Mr. W.," says Dunckerley, "laid my mother's declaration before the King. His Majesty read it, seemed much concerned, and commanded that an inquiry should be made of my character from Lord C." [? Chesterfield] "and Sir E. W." [Sir Edward Walpole] "who had known me from my infancy. The account they gave of me was so satisfactory to the King, that he was graciously pleased to order me a pension of £100 a year, from his privy purse, 7th May 1767." In the course of this account Dunckerley incidentally mentions that in January 1761 he asked Sir E. W. if he were like the late King [George II]. "As he was pleased to say that he saw no resemblance, I did not, at that time, acquaint him with my reason for asking such a question." He also says that being obliged to return to his ship after his mother's funeral, he made known the account he had received from Mrs. Pinkney "to no person at that time but Captain Swanton," and the latter remarked that those "who did not know" him "could look on it to be nothing more than a gossip's story."

Such is an outline of this very circumstantial account of Dunckerley's parentage, and what strikes me principally about it is, its apparent truthfulness. Moreover, there are some important particulars in which it is, to a certain extent, confirmed by the *Gentleman's Magazine*. Thus we are told in the latter, that his mother was a servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole at Houghton, whence his father married her, and got a place of porter at Somerset House. Dunckerley's version, based on Mr. Pinkney's statement, is, that his mother was "a physician's daughter, and lived with Mrs. W." [? Mrs. Walpole, mother of Sir Robert, or possibly Sir Robert's wife, as he was not knighted till later; for there would be nothing singular in describing a man in 1760 by the title he was best known by in his lifetime, though it had not been conferred upon him at the time of a particular occurrence]; and Mrs. Walpole discovering she had been debauched by the Prince, had her married to Mr. Dunckerley, then in attendance on the Duke of Devonshire, who was visiting Houghton at the time. Moreover, their residence at Somerset House is mentioned, and Dunckerley afterwards occupied the same apartments, till his removal to Hampton Court Palace, where apartments were assigned him by the King [George III]. Then as to the discrepancy in the dates variously assigned to his mother's death. The *Gentleman's* says she died when he was very young, and his grandmother took care of him till he was put apprentice to a "barber." Dunckerley himself writes, "9th January 1760, soon after my return from the siege of Quebec, I received an account of my mother's death; and having obtained permission from my captain to be absent from duty, I went to London and attended her funeral." Are we uncharitably to suppose that this man, a distinguished Mason, and having hosts of friends moving in good society, even though he "died over

eighty years ago," deliberately manufactured this *lie* about his mother's funeral, and the accounts he received of her deathbed confession from Mrs. Pinkney? He was in correspondence with Lord Chesterfield, General Oughton, Grand Master of Masons in Scotland, 1769-70. He was assisted pecuniarily by Lord William Gordon in 1765, who begged he "would give him leave to present" him with £200. His mother's apartments in Somerset House were continued to him "by an order from the late Duke of Devonshire," no doubt the same who had visited Houghton years before with Mr. Dunckerley senior in attendance on him. Even Sir Edward Walpole—though, according to the *Gentleman's*, he had no knowledge of the story of his parentage—"had known him all his life," and "believed him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served." Moreover, when Dunckerley, as the writer in the *Gentleman's* states, ran away to sea and got on board Sir John Norris's ship, Sir Edward wrote and interested himself in that youngster's behalf; while he, as I have shown, admits that Sir E. W. failed to see any likeness between him and the late King George II., when the question was asked. Moreover, the account was kept secret, and Sir Edward may be pardoned if he made a mistake as to the early death of the mother, when she had gone away, shortly after her seduction, to reside in London—whether she were "a physician's daughter" living with Mrs. W. or a "servant maid in the family of Sir Robert Walpole." Again, why should George III. give Dunckerley a pension of £100 a year, afterwards increased to £800, and apartments at Hampton Court Palace, if he had been only known to Sir Edward Walpole, and had served meritoriously as a gunner in the Royal Navy? It strikes me so handsome a pension, equal to what was then and is now conferred on titled persons, would not have been conferred on a mere naval gunner without some excellent reason, no matter how meritorious his services. Taking, then, the facts as narrated in the *Freemasons' Magazine*, Vol. VI., the grant of the pension, the testimony of eminent personages, and the points of agreement, slender though they be, between the *Gentleman's* and the *Freemasons' Magazines*, I incline to the latter's version of the parentage of Dunckerley. It was common enough for a girl who had yielded to the importunities of a princely or noble suitor to be married to some convenient attendant on the latter, a snug office being oftentimes the portion of the poor girl. Readers of *Percival Keene* will remember that the hero of that entertaining novel was the son of his mother by Captain (afterwards Lord) Delmar; and that she was married to Keene the Marine for the purpose of concealing her shame. This, of course, is a mere tale of fiction, but it serves to illustrate a common practice. However, my letter is running to a great length, and therefore I shall ask your permission to state a few other points in connection with Dunckerley's career in a second letter.

Faternally yours,

"Q."

A. M. B.—Shall be pleased to hear from you at all times. We hope your Consecrations will pass off enjoyably.

CONSECRATION OF THE LODGE OF PERSEVERANCE, No. 1743.

ON Saturday, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct, was consecrated the Lodge of Perseverance, No. 1743, the gathering in honour of the event being numerous and well worthy of the occasion. The duty of consecrating the new Lodge had been entrusted to Bro. Hervey, the Grand Secretary, and we noted with pleasure not only that he performed his allotted task as impressively as usual, but that he was in excellent spirits and took a kindly interest in the ceremony. He was assisted in his duties by the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford M.A., Past Grand Chaplain, and Bros. H. G. Buss, Assist. Grand Secretary, E. Bowyer, and Jas. Terry Secretary to the Royal Benevolent Institution. Bro. Hervey having taken his seat, appointed Bro. Buss to fill the chair of S.W., and Bro. Bowyer that of J.W., while Bro. Terry acted as Director of the Ceremonies. In his address, he referred briefly to the changes recently introduced into the Constitutions of the Grand Orient of France, and fully justified the action taken by our Grand Lodge in relation thereto. He also deprecated change even in cases where it might seem desirable. Having further remarked on the importance of the occasion on which they were assembled, Bro. Hervey called on Rev. Bro. Woodford to deliver an oration, and the latter promptly obeyed the summons. In doing so, he pointed out that considering the frequency with which the ceremony of consecration had been celebrated lately, it was hardly possible for one in his position to say anything that would be new; and, after all, perhaps, it would be better for him to traverse the same ground over again, especially as he felt that he was addressing a lenient audience, who would make every allowance for the lack of novelty which distinguished his address. Bro. Woodford then went on to insist on the necessity there was for firmly establishing the ancient foundations of Freemasonry in all new Lodges, and conspicuous among those foundations was that of belief in God, and love of our brethren, the acceptance of which was absolutely necessary, in order to ensure the exclusion of the stupid atheist and the irreligious libertine. He enlarged on the virtues of Freemasonry and the leading features which distinguished it, and especially referred to that hatred of all persecution which was one of its principal characteristics. He spoke of the high code of morality it inculcated, and the innumerable blessings which had been the most conspicuous result, and concluded an able and instructive address by congratulating all present on the fortunate circumstance that Bro. Hervey had presided on the occasion. The rest of the ceremony having been performed, Bro. Hervey proceeded to install Bro. Louis A. Leins P.M. 65, 1364, and 1471, as the first

W.M. of the Lodge. This done, Bro. Leins appointed and invested the following as his officers for the year, namely, Bros. Albert Barker and Frederick Kearney, both designated in the Warrant, as Senior and Junior Wardens respectively, Bro. J. L. Mather Treasurer, W. H. Mollindina Sec., E. Marlet S.D., J. B. D. Wall J.D., Sparrow I.G., C. Daniel P.M. D.C., C. Robinson Asst. D.C., J. Mellison, W.S., and Reed P.J.D. Essex and P.M. 407 and 453—who acted as I.G. during the ceremony of consecration—as Assistant W.S., Bro. Goddard P.M. being chosen Tyler. The Grand Secretary delivered the customary address to the Worshipful Master, and Bro. Terry those to the Wardens and Brethren, on the conclusion of which the W.M. rose and expressed the great gratification it had afforded him to have had Bro. Hervey presiding, and he referred with especial pleasure to the fact that this was the fourth time it had been his good fortune to receive installation at his hands. He then proposed, and the proposition was agreed to unanimously, that Bros. Hervey, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Bass, and Terry, should be elected honorary members of the Lodge, a compliment which it is needless to say was duly and suitably acknowledged. Several propositions for joining and initiation having been handed in, the Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. After the opening toasts had been honoured, that of the Pro G.M. &c. &c., was proposed, and with it was associated the name of Rev. Bro. Woodford, who, in reply, thanked the Master for the honour he had done him in connecting his name with the toast. He was certain that both Present and Past Grand Officers were anxious to live in the good opinion of their fellows in the Craft. Freemasonry, he observed, was a remarkable institution, bringing, as it did, into one accord, people differing materially in their opinions. Moreover, it was a standing protest against everything in the shape of intolerance and bigotry. It was essentially cosmopolitan in its character, and it was our duty as Freemasons to inculcate everywhere this cosmopolitan teaching. Bro. Hervey then rose and proposed the toast of the W.M., and remarking that he came thither that evening for the purpose of consecrating the Lodge and not for speech making, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to have been entrusted with that duty, and also the great pleasure he felt in having installed so worthy a brother in the chair of the Lodge. He considered that he had that day added a fresh link to an already secure chain, and that the work he had entailed would proceed most prosperously. Having concluded by giving some sensible advice to the members, the W.M. rose and responded to the toast, and ended by proposing the toast of the Consecrating Officers, to which Bro. Hervey briefly replied, humbly observing that he was not unlike the late *Mdme. Grisi* in the number of his last appearances, for he had imagined that he had already presented himself to the notice of those present for the last time when he proposed the Master's health. In connection with the toast of the Assistant Consecrating Officers, the W.M. made a point of stating that it was purely an omission on his part, which he deeply regretted, that when he proposed those brethren and Bro. Hervey as honorary members, the name of Bro. E. Bowyer was not included. That omission, however, would be rectified on the first occasion it was possible to do so. The several brethren having replied, the health of the Visitors followed, and among those who acknowledged it was the Rev. Bro. Court, an American Mason, who spoke very eloquently on the subject of Freemasonry, and the cordial and fraternal reception he had met with that evening. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary and of the Officers having been given and responded to, the Tyler's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a conclusion. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. T. W. Simons, who had the able assistance of Bros. F. H. Cozens, and Albert Hubbard.

PILGRIMAGE OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO EUROPE.

WE have already announced that Allegheny Commandery, No. 35, of Allegheny, Pa., together with such members of other Commanderies as may join the expedition, will set forth on the 3rd July next, for a tour of 75 days to Great Britain and the Continent. We have now to add that Sir Knight Robert Morris, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, has secured a place, and will give his large Masonic experience to make the tour pleasant and instructive. Success go with them!—*Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, May 1878.

Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., 32°, is the author of *Masonic Songs and Poems* (incomparably the best collection of Masonic poems ever written, commencing with "We Meet upon the Level, and we Part upon the Square"), "The History of Freemasonry in Kentucky," "Freemasonry in the Holy Land," &c., &c. Bro. Carson, in his "Masonic Bibliography," after enumerating ten of Bro. Dr. Morris's works, adds,—He was also the editor of the *American Freemason* (Louisville, 1859, Folio). The same title 8vo Chicago, 1859. He was also the projector, editor and publisher of that ponderous collection, the "Universal Masonic Library," 30 vols. 8vo, 1856-57, and he edited an edition of Webb's "Freemasons' Monitor" (Cincinnati, 1859), and has been engaged in various other Masonic literary enterprises.

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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Col. Creton presided. Bros. Joshua Nunn, S. Rawson, John Boyd, Thomas W. White, B. Head, J. A. Rueker, R. B. Webster, H. Massey, E. Cox, Arthur E. Gladwell, George Bolton, Thomas Massa, F. Binckes, Peter de L. Long, John H. Southwood, Walter Wellsman, C. F. Hogard, H. Browne, H. Potter, David Roberts, J. G. Marsh, and E. Letchworth also attended. Bro. Hedges acted as Secretary. The report of the House Committee on the applications and testimonials of candidates for the Secretaryship of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls stated that the Committee met on the 13th and 20th inst., when they reported that the brethren eligible for the office were Bros. W. Clifton Crick, Thomas Cull, T. Rogers Eames, Francis R. W. Hodges, W. Smallpeice, Paul Storr, William Worrell, and C. FitzGerald Matier. Five other applications were received, but the candidates either were not eligible, or had not complied with the rules. After examining the petitions of candidates for the October election, twenty-eight were placed on the list, and three vacancies were declared. A discussion afterwards ensued as to the power of ladies and lewis who are minors being able to vote at the election of Secretary, according to the laws of the Institution, and it was resolved to take the opinion of Grand Registrar on the point. The meeting was then adjourned to the 11th of July at two o'clock, for the election of Secretary, on which occasion the scrutiny of votes will not be opened till after the poll is closed at five o'clock.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last. Present—Bros. T. B. Whythead W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., C. G. Padel J.W., T. Cooper I.P.M., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., T. D. Smith as S.D., A. T. B. Turner as J.D., M. Millington I.G., T. Humphries Assist. Sec., P. Pearson Tyler, J. Morgan, Ware, Hebblethwaite, Blackstone, Jackson, and other brethren. Bros. Tennent and Harrison were passed to the second degree, and Bros. Varvill and Husband were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. A very pleasant evening was subsequently passed, the W.M. alluding to a pleasant visit he had paid on the previous Wednesday to the Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough, and to the excellence of the musical performances on the occasion of the Scarborough Masonic Band; he thought it might be possible to organise during next winter, in York, a concert in aid of the Masonic Charities.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Held its usual weekly meeting on Friday, the 21st inst., at Bro. Clayton's, the Dukes Head, Whitechapel-road. Bros. Cundick Preceptor, McDonald W.M., Job S.W., Stevens J.W., I. P. Cohen S.D., Waterer J.D., Wells I.G., and a number of other brethren were also present. The Lodge was opened in due form, minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Ellis having offered himself as a candidate, was asked the usual questions and entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising in a most excellent manner. Bro. Musto worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, the Lodge was closed in the second and third degrees. Bro. Barnes, in a very appropriate address, proposed that Bro. Morgan, of Lodge 211, Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, be made an Honorary Member of this Lodge of Instruction, the motion was seconded by Bro. Cundick, and unanimously carried. Brother Morgan thanked Bro. Barnes for the kind remarks he had uttered in introducing the proposition, and assured the brethren he felt the greatest possible pleasure at receiving this mark of their appreciation of what he had been able to do for the Craft universal. It was not his custom to occupy the time of those he visited with details of the labours that devolved on him, but on this occasion, though he feared he might be voted a bore, he would break this rule. In olden times, it was recognised that our brethren were to serve their Masters faithfully seven years or less, they might then gracefully ask for preferment. He, brother Morgan, had that evening completed the seventh volume of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and he thought he might say a few words respecting the labour he had thus completed. Our brother then gave some interesting particulars in reference to the journal with which he was associated, and ventured to submit that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE had faithfully and satisfactorily fulfilled its mission,—the advancement and support of the best principles of our Order. Bro. Morgan's remarks were listened to with much interest, and he concluded by again thanking the brethren for the privilege they had conferred upon him in making him an honorary member of this, one of the most celebrated of our Lodges of Instruction. It was then proposed by Bro. Ellis, and seconded by Bro. Cundick, that Bro. Musto, who had been acting as the Hon. Sec. pro tem for the last year and nine months, be appointed Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, which was carried unanimously. Brother Musto returned thanks for the honour conferred. Bro. Job was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday next, the 28th inst.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Met on Wednesday, 26th inst., at the Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C. The following brethren were present:—A. Posner W.M., Moss S.W., Staley J.W., Gottheil P.M., J. K. Pitt Sec., Bush S.D., Maidwell J.D., Compeitz I.G., Walker, Woodward. The first and second degrees were rehearsed, and the ceremonies of opening and closing in the three degrees practised. A vote of thanks was unanimously carried in favour of the W.M., he having occupied for the first time in this Lodge the position of Master. Bro. Moss was elected to preside on next Wednesday, and in thanking the brethren for the honour, stated he felt quite incompetent as yet to perform a ceremony with anything approaching proficiency; if, therefore, on the next occasion, any brother should desire it, he would be willing to vacate the post.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS,
EIGHTIETH ANNUAL FESTIVAL, ALEXANDRA PALACE,
MONDAY, 8th JULY 1878.

Thirteenth Anniversary of Opening New Building.

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Office—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street,
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R. M. I. G.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

THE Votes and Interest of the General Committee are respectfully requested in favour of

BROTHER W. CLIFTON CRICK,

(Bachelor of Sciences Paris University), P.M. Canonbury Lodge 657, and
Secretary, Sunbury Lodge 1733.

102 CHANCERY LANE, W.C.

To the Vice - Patrons, Vice - Presidents, and Life
Governors of the

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

MY LORDS, LADIES, AND BRETHREN,—

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a candidate for the post of Secretary to your valuable Institution, rendered vacant by the lamented death of our esteemed Brother R. WESTWORTH LITTLE.

I have been a Freemason upwards of Nine years, during which time I have taken a very active interest in the Order. I am a P.M., and have been for some time past, Secretary of my Lodge, and Scribe E. of my Chapter.

I am now the Secretary of an Orphan Asylum, a position which I have held nearly four years, and am therefore thoroughly acquainted with the practical working of a Public Institution.

I am thirty-three years of age, and in good health, and previous to receiving my present appointment, I was engaged in business with a Marine Insurance Broker at Lloyd's.

Soliciting the favour of your kind interest and support,

I have the honour to be,

My Lords, Ladies and Brethren,

Yours obediently and fraternally,

WILLIAM WORRELL,

P.M. and Sec. No. 766. P.M. 1339.

P.Z. and S.E. Chapter No. 766.

P.M. and Sec. Macdonald Mark, 104.

and Past Grand Organist (Mark).

67 KNOWLE ROAD, Brixton, S.W.
May 1878.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

ELECTION OF SECRETARY.

BRETHREN desirous of Supporting the Candidature of Bro. Hedges are respectfully solicited to forward their names to Bro. Alfred Tisley, St. Dunstan's Vestry, Fleet-street, E.C.

SECRETARYSHIP.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BROTHER THOMAS CULL

Will be glad to receive the names of those Life Governors who will support him ON THE DAY OF ELECTION, 11th of July next, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, W.C., between the hours of Two and Five p.m.

79 Median-road, Clapton Park, E.

To the Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

BRETHREN,—I beg to offer myself as a Candidate for the office of Secretary, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. Little. Should you do me the honour to elect me, I can only say that I will endeavour to fill the office efficiently, and I hope that the manner in which I have discharged my various duties in Masonry will be considered a sufficient qualification.

W. SMALLPEICE, Assoc. Inst. C.E.

P.M. 1395, Secretary 969, Z. Cyrus Chapter 21;
Secretary Emulation Lodge of Improvement.

6 GRAYS' INN PLACE, W.C.,
And—KINGFIELD, Woking.

Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Committee for securing the Election, as Secretary, of BRO. CHARLES FITZ GERALD MATIER.

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The Right Hon. the EARL of DONOUGHMORE, L.G.
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F. Rath, L.G.
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Wm. Roebuck, L.G.
David Rose, L.G.
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Walter Sowdon, V.P., Aldershot.
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John G. Stevens, L.G.
Jack Sutcliffe, V. Pres., Lincoln.
Dr. W. H. Thomas, L.G., W. Yorks.
George Toller, jun. P.G.S.B., L.G.
John Tunnah, V.P., E. Lancashire.
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G. E. Webster, L.G., W. Yorkshire.
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Jas. Winter, L.G.
T. B. Winter, L.G., Northumberland.
Reginald Young, L.G., Wt. Lancashire.

Brethren desirous of assisting are respectfully requested to forward their names to—

BRO. STEPHEN BARTON WILSON, L.G.,

Hon. Secretary,

27 Walbrook, E.C.

The Committee for securing the Election of Bro. C. FITZ GERALD MATIER have to add, in support of his Candidature, the following Testimonial, which, with many others, has been submitted to the House Committee.

From His Grace the Rt. Hon. the EARL OF ROSSLYN,
Late Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of Spain, and Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland.

HOLYROOD PALACE,

3rd June 1878.

SIR,—I have great pleasure in bearing my testimony to your fitness for the post for which you are a Candidate.

As a Mason of high standing and unblemished character, I can imagine no one more calculated to give satisfaction to the authorities, in the position of Secretary to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, than yourself.

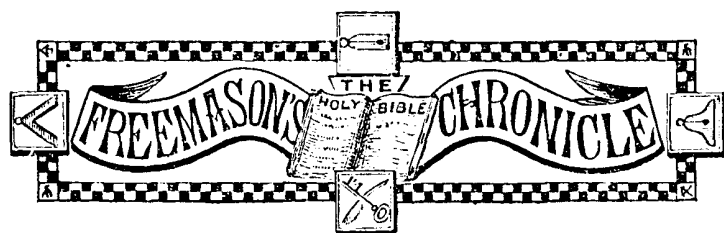
Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

ROSSLYN, P.G.M.

C. Fitz Gerald Matier, Esq.

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67 BARBICAN, E.C.

OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

DURING a short sitting on Thursday last, the House of Lords, at the instance of the Bishop of Exeter, gave a second reading to the Truro Chapter Bill. On Friday, the Lord Chancellor, who had given notice of his intention the previous day, obtained leave to introduce a Bill on Intermediate Education in Ireland. The Bill was subsequently read a first time, and the second reading was fixed for yesterday (Friday). On Monday, after an unsuccessful attempt on the part of Earl Fortescue to oppose it, their Lordships went into Committee on the Poor Law Act (1875) Amendment Bill, and the measure passed this stage without further hindrance. On Tuesday, the Public Health Act Amendment Bill was read a third time and passed.

In the House of Commons, last Thursday, a variety of questions were put to Ministers, among them one relating to the appointment of Sir Charles Du Cane to be Chairman of the Board of Customs, which was amply justified by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. When these had been disposed of, the House went into Committee on the Roads and Bridges (Scotland) Bill, and satisfactory progress was made with several clauses. On Monday a new writ for Middlesbrough, in the room of Mr. Bolckow deceased, was moved for by Mr. Adam. An attempt was made by Mr. O'Clery to get Ireland relieved of her share of the charge paid annually for the Volunteers, on the ground that Volunteer regiments were not allowed in Ireland, was defeated. The Chancellor of the Exchequer declined to see the force of Mr. O'Clery's argument, when the latter very informally moved the adjournment of the debate for the purpose of calling attention to the subject, but his motion was defeated by 306 to 12. Sir H. Selwin-Ibbetson then rose shortly after, and moved the second reading of the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Bill, Mr. W. E. Forster following with an amendment directed against the proposal of the Government for the slaughter of cattle from the Continent at the port of landing. Several members, including Sir M. Hicks-Beach, took part in the debate, which, on the motion of Mr. Rathbone, was adjourned shortly before one o'clock till Tuesday, when it was resumed and again adjourned till Thursday. This was at the afternoon sitting on that day; in the evening, when the House should have resumed at the usual hour, it was found that a sufficient number of members was not present, and the House accordingly adjourned. On Wednesday Sir Wilfrid Lawson moved the second reading of the Permissive Bill, but he failed in impressing the House with a favourable opinion of its merits, and his motion was defeated by 278 to 84 votes, or by considerably more than three to one.

The Queen and Princess Beatrice returned to Windsor on Saturday, and on Monday the remains of the late King of Hanover were buried in the Royal Vault in St. George's Chapel, where lie those of his grandfather George III., Queen Charlotte, George IV., William IV., and Queen Adelaide. The choir of the chapel was thronged with those whom duty or invitation had brought together to pay their last tribute of respect to a Prince of the English Blood Royal, but the ceremony was not of that imposing character, nor, indeed, was it intended to be on that magnificent scale which people usually associate with Royal funerals. A large number of distinguished guests were brought down by special train early in the morning, and shortly after the doors of the chapel were thrown open, those who were to be present began flocking in. The chief mourner was Prince Ernest Augustus, Duke of Cumberland K.G., who previous to the ceremony, had had an interview with the Queen, for the purpose of delivering to Her Majesty the insignia of the Order of the Garter worn by his late father, after which the Queen invested the Prince with the insignia of the Order, and dubbed him Knight of the Garter. Following his Royal Highness were the Prince of Wales and Prince Leopold, and in the course of the proces-

sion were representatives of other members of the English Royal Family. Officers of State of the late King carried the orders that he wore, his cocked hat and sword, and the Crown of Hanover, while the pall-bearers, ten in number, were chosen from among his late ministers and officers of state. The service was choral, the officiating clergyman being the Venerable the Dean of Windsor. The Queen witnessed the ceremony from the royal pew, while the Princess of Wales with the Princesses Frederica and Marie of Hanover occupied seats near the chancel. The pall having been removed, the coffin, almost hidden by the wreaths of flowers which had been placed on it by the Queen and members of the Royal Family, was lowered into the vault, whither the Queen and others descended to take a last view of their relative's remains, while the congregation slowly dispersed to the solemn strains of the Dead March in *Saul*. The Duke of Cumberland, the Ex-Queen of Hanover, and her daughters have since left the Castle for Paris. The only evidence outside that anything unusual was going on was a guard of honour, with the band of the Scots Guards, drawn up in the courtyard. Hardly a day had elapsed after the mournful ceremony was over, when the Duke of Connaught with his affianced bride, the Princess Margaret Louise of Germany, and her father, Prince Frederick Charles, arrived at the Castle, where they will continue to reside for some time, till the auspicious day arrives for the marriage of the youthful couple.

The storm of Sunday, which burst about midday over London, was one of the severest we have known for some time, and caused a considerable amount of damage to property, many walls and parts of houses being struck by lightning, while not far from King's Cross, the main sewer burst into the Midland line at St. Paul's Junction, and rushing down into the cutting at King's Cross, by which the Great Northern and Midland trains travel citywards, completely stopped the traffic all Sunday and Monday, several fire-engines being engaged in the work of pumping out the water, and for a long time without seeming to make any impression. In the region of the Caledonian Road, the basement of many houses was inundated by the water, and not a few had their Sunday dinners interfered with, while in the Holloway Road, the ground was under water in parts, and the tram and omnibus traffic had to be suspended for some time. The storm does not appear to have made the atmosphere much lighter; at all events, the heat has been as great since, and may fairly be described as sweltering.

In the late Charles Mathews, who died after a brief illness, on Monday afternoon, the British stage has lost one of its brightest ornaments. The deceased actor was going a tour of the Provinces, and had taken cold at Stalybridge when *en route* for Manchester. This was followed by an attack of acute bronchitis, and though no one anticipated it would have terminated fatally, owing to the great vigour of the veteran's constitution, yet they evidently exaggerated his power of resistance, for he succumbed, as we have said, on Monday afternoon, his wife and son being present at the time of his demise. Numerous inquiries were made by his friends and admirers during the progress of his illness, and among those who did so were the Queen and the Prince of Wales. The late Charles James Mathews was born in 1803, being the son of Mr. Charles Mathews the elder by his wife, *née* De Camp—who was the daughter of an actor of that name, of some repute, and sister to Mrs. Charles Kemble. It was intended that young Charles should be educated for the Church, and he was sent to Merchant Taylors' School, where his father had been before him. On reaching years of discretion, however, he determined on following the profession of an architect, and was accordingly articled to the late Mr. Pugin for four years. With him he visited Paris, and subsequently went to Italy to pursue his studies, being made a member of the Academies of Milan and Venice. In 1830 he was laid prostrate, a helpless cripple, by fever supervening on an attack of malaria, and when removed to England his life was despaired of, but he recovered and was shortly afterwards appointed Surveyor of the Parish of Bow. On the death of his father he became part proprietor of the Adelphi, and resolved on abandoning his former pursuits and adopting the stage as his profession. He had, indeed, always shown a taste for dramatic impersonation. Accordingly he accepted an engagement under Madame Vestris, then manager of the Olympic Theatre, and his first appearance was a great success. This was in December 1835. In 1838 he married Madame Vestris, and she dying in 1857, he was married a second time to Mrs,

Davenport, who survives him. In March 1855 he gave up management altogether, and for the rest of his life was simply actor. Twice he visited the United States. In 1870 he went to Australia, returning thence in 1872, and in 1875-6 was in India, and had the honour of performing, by command, at the Calcutta Theatre before the Viceregal Court and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He was a successful dramatist, his first piece, *My Wife's Mother*, being performed at the Haymarket in 1833, before he had adopted the stage as a profession, and his last being *My Awful Dad*, which was played at the Gaiety in 1875. Of his other pieces, *Cool as a Cucumber*, which he prepared a French version of, named *L'Anglais Timide*, and played in to the delight of a Parisian audience in 1863; *A Game of Speculation*, in which he played Mr. Affable Hawk, and *Patter v. Clutter*, in which he played the hero, are perhaps as well known as any. As an actor he was unapproachable in the characters we have named, and also in the double rôle of Puff and Sir Fretful Plagiary in the *Critic*. But other claims he had on the admiration of society. He was a great linguist, speaking both French and Italian with wonderful purity. He was a good musician, and had attained such proficiency as a painter in oils that one of his pictures was exhibited in the R.A. in 1835. In society he was a very great favourite, his sterling qualities, his gentlemanly bearing, his consideration and kindness for others, and especially for young people, commanding the affectionate regard of all he was brought into contact with. We offer our sympathy to his family on the irreparable loss they have sustained.

And while we in England are mourning the loss of a veteran actor, who, even in his old age, retained all the bearing and vigour of youth, all Spain is struck with dismay at the sad and sudden death of its young and beautiful Queen Mercedes, who, in January, was a bride full of hope, and with a rosy path of expectation before her, but who now lies a corpse, cold and senseless to the sorrow and grief of her stricken husband and parents. There are not a few who imagine—for what reason we know not—that high and puissant personages know not sorrow. Yet who can hope to form a just conception of the grief of King Alphonso at the sudden close of a life so young and dear to him? Can we picture to ourselves the sorrow that reigns everywhere in Madrid, and indeed throughout Spain at the terribly sudden death of this young lady in all the vigour of her youth, and hardly yet perhaps able to realise the cares and responsibilities of her position? No doubt time will assuage King Alphonso's grief, but he will hardly ever be able to obliterate the remembrance of this dreadful blow to his happiness, though he should attain even to an almost patriarchal age. May the kindness of the G.A.T.O.U. support him in his bereavement, and give him strength to endure his loss!

At the end of last week the state of things at Berlin was the reverse of hopeful, and the continuance of the Congress seemed in the last degree improbable. Thanks, however, to the firmness of the representatives of Great Britain, who manfully declined to swerve a hair's breadth from their terms, Russia, after referring to the Czar at St. Petersburg for instructions, yielded, and the Balkans will henceforth be the northern boundary of Turkey in Europe. In fact, there will be a strong and independent Turkey, capable of offering the most strenuous resistance to Russian aggression, while Bulgaria will be re-organised, and remaining nominally under the sovereignty of the Sultan, will naturally enjoy independence, guaranteed by all the Powers of Europe. Thus what was certain to form the most difficult point to arrange between Russia on the one hand, and Austria and Great Britain on the other, has fortunately been determined in a manner honourable to the latter Powers, and especially to Turkey. Little else has been done at the Congress, indeed, it is impossible, considering the gravity of the Bulgarian question, to have expected further material progress to have been made. We note, however, that there is every probability that Austria will occupy, with the consent of Europe, the provinces of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and thus put a stop to the ambition of the petty princelings of Servia and Montenegro. Greece, too, will be consulted, but only on matters connected with her own interests, and those of the Greek populations of Turkey. Meantime, Turkey seems fully satisfied, and the situation at Constantinople appears to be no longer critical,—at least so critical as it was some time since. Let us hope that all will go well, and that ultimately a firm and durable peace will be brought about.

The Annual Festival of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Kent will take place at Canterbury, on Wednesday next. The three Lodges of that City, viz., the United Industrious, No. 31, the Saint Augustine, No. 972, and the Royal Military, No. 1-49, have co-operated to make the gathering one of the most successful that has ever been held, and we hope to be able to report that these efforts have proved successful. The Provincial Grand Officers (Past and Present), and the Masters and Wardens of the various Lodges throughout the Province, will be entertained at breakfast at 10.30, and will afterwards adjourn to the Chapter House, where Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 12.30. The brethren will attend service at the Cathedral at two o'clock, and the business of Provincial Grand Lodge being concluded, will dine together in the Upper Music Hall at four o'clock. Bro. John R. Hall, P.M. of No. 31, is the Hon. Sec. to the Reception Committee, and we doubt not will be pleased to give any further information regarding the meeting.

Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Berks and Bucks, has fixed Wednesday next for the annual meeting of his Provincial Grand Lodge, which will be held at the Carlton Club Room, Windsor. The usual items of business are set down on the agenda paper as requiring the attention of the members of this important Province. The Finance Committee will meet at 1 o'clock, and audit the accounts of the past year; Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at half past one; after the transaction of the business of the day, the brethren will dine together at the Town Hall, at three o'clock. We notice that the Great Western Railway offer the usual advantages to members attending the meeting; return tickets being issued from the principal stations at single fares, and a special train being provided in the evening to convey those brethren who would otherwise be compelled to leave before the conclusion of the day's programme.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Middlesex and Surrey will be held this day (Saturday) at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon, under the Presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Colonel Francis Burdett. Grand Lodge is to be opened at three o'clock; at half-past the members will repair to the parish church, where, by (permission of the vicar), a special service will be held, and a sermon preached by the Provincial Grand Chaplain. After the business of the day the brethren will adjourn to banquet, tickets for which (6s 6d each) may be had of the Prov. G. Sec., Bro. Brighten. Previous to the meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, the Croydon Mark Lodge will be opened (at two o'clock) for the advancement of such brethren as may be eligible.

We have received with great regret an announcement to the effect that Sir Knight John Robin Mc Daniel, Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Virginia, departed this life at Washington, on the 14th May, in the 72nd year of his age. He is spoken of in the circular containing the sad intelligence, as having been true in all his relations of life, "True to his professions, true to every duty, true as a friend, true as a Templar." We offer our tribute of respectful sympathy to the relatives and friends of the deceased Sir Knight.

Those of our readers who may visit the Paris Exhibition will have an excellent opportunity of judging of the merits of Messrs. Dick Radcliffe and Co.'s ability as floral decorators. They have very prettily fitted up a window case near the Avenue "des Grandes nations," and this is decorated with ferns, rockwork, fountains, and waterfalls—in a manner which abundantly testifies to the excellent skill and taste of this well known firm. They have likewise fitted the Prince of Wales's Pavilion with a fernery, having caverns, cascades, &c., in an equally becoming style, and they have also sent four cases of very handsome wreaths, composed of dried natural flowers and grasses. Indeed, the whole of their exhibits are a credit to the firm, and to the country they represent at this International Exhibition.

BRO. COURT (U.S.A.)—We have a pocket book which belongs to you. It was found, after the meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, on Tuesday last.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 29th JUNE.

M. M.—Prov. Grand Lodge Middlesex and Surrey, Greyhound, Croydon, at 3.0.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 1st JULY.

174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
139—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Morlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

TUESDAY, 2nd JULY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 10 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Arms Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 3rd JULY.

Provincial Grand Lodge Berks and Bucks, Carlton Club Room, Windsor, at 1.30.
Provincial Grand Lodge Kent, Chapter House, Canterbury, at 12.30.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1707—Eleonor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton.
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
K.T.—Holy Palestine, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
293—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
328—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
447—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.
1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
M. M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

THURSDAY, 4th JULY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
720—Panmure, General Lodge of Instruction, Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
K. T.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
Royal Order of Scotland, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1282—Aucholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomery.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

FRIDAY, 5th JULY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-Street, Durham.
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1523—Fork, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
1604—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 6th JULY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY.

4151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan, Halifax.
R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.

TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

THURSDAY.

259—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
1643—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

SATURDAY.

R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.

TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.

THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 17th inst. Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Stock S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Robison S.D., Percy J.D., Willison I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Isaac, Currey, Gardner, Dybdahl, &c. Lodge opened, minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge advanced to the second degree, Bro. Robison gave proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge being opened in the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Currey candidate. Bro. Percy worked the first, Bro. Isaac the second, Bro. Stock the third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

On Monday last—Bros. Stock W.M., Percy S.W., Halford J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Gibb S.D., W. Rowley J.D., W. Cook I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Wing, Baldry, Hallam sen., Killick, Gardner, &c. The usual formalities having been complied with, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, including the traditional history, in a manner which met with the unanimous approval of the brethren; Bro. Wing acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. Bro. Tolmie worked the seventh section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the next meeting night, which will take place on the first Monday in September next. After which Lodge was closed.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—Held at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Bros. T. B. Dodson W.M., May S.W., Abell J.W., Dickens S.D., Soper J.D., White I.G., W. G. Dickens Secretary, Bingemann P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Cornu, Bond, Scott, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Cornu offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. This was followed by the ceremony of passing, Bro. Soper candidate. The first section of the second lecture was worked by Bro. Dickens. Bro. May was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 15th inst. Present Bros. Slaiter W.M., Crosbie S.W., Hallam jun. J.W., R. Percy Preceptor, Fenner acting Sec., Cohen S.D., Willison J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Powell, Brasted, Hyland, Fysh, C. Lorkin, Garrod, Hallam sen., C. Crosbie, Roberts, Brand, McClean, Jaffa, and others. All preliminaries were duly observed. Bro. C. Lorkin answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, performing his work in a very correct manner, and giving the Traditional History. Bro. Percy worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, and Bro. Percy worked the first and second sections of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. G. H. Jaffa of St. James Lodge, No. 1579, and C. Crosbie, of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, were elected members.

On Saturday, 22nd June, Bros. James Crosbie W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., I. P. Cohen J.W., J. Lorkin S.D., Brasted J.D., Hallam sen. I.G., Killick Sec., Percy Preceptor. Lodge opened, and minutes were confirmed. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. C. Lorkin and Garrod as candidates. Several sections of the first Lecture were worked. Bro. Hammond Kennard, thirty degree, Leith and Canongate Lodge, No. 5 Scotch Constitution, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam jun. was appointed W.M. for the next meeting, after which the Lodge will be closed until Saturday, 7th September.

De Sussex Chapter, No. 406.—At a regular convocation of this Chapter, held on the 11th June, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, there were present—Companions J. Ridsdale Z., W. S. Hughes H., T. J. Armstrong J., H. Hotham P.Z. Treas., R. L. Armstrong E., R. G. Salmon as N., G. Cockburn P.S., Bolam and Carr A.S., G. S. Sims Janitor. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed; the ballot was taken for two brethren to be exalted, and it proved successful in each case. No other business offering the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. Comp. J. Cook P.S. 481 was present as a visitor.

Derby Lodge, No. 724.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 26th June, at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Asher Hart W.M., R. Cripe S.W., H. Trevitt J.W., M. Hart P.M. Sec., J. Pendleton as S.D., Jacobs as J.D., J. W. Ballard P.M. D.C., Gordon I.G., M. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Caine and Beeken. Visitors—Bros. Cave, Henochsberg, and Davies. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, found correctly recorded, and duly ratified. It was explained, in consequence of the illness of the candidate, the third degree would not be given. There was a notice of motion by Bro. Jacobs to the effect that he should move for the alteration of the date for the ceremony of Installation to June, and that July and August be months of vacation in each year. No other business coming before the Lodge, the brethren were invited to refreshment by the hospitable and amiable W.M. The brethren enjoyed a very generous repast, and the W.M. rose to propose the toast of the Queen, with a few well-chosen remarks; the toast was properly honoured, all the brethren singing the National Anthem. The next toast of

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and our Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate, was submitted from the chair, and heartily drunk; Bro. M. Hart leading in the Anthem God Bless the Prince of Wales, which was very well sung. The W.M. called upon Bro. Gordon for a song; he cheerfully responded. W. Bro. Hart then with the kindest expressions possible gave the toast of the Visitors. He said it afforded him great pleasure in seeing Bros. Davies and Henochsberg with them that evening. He regretted that there had not been work before the Lodge, as he was sure Bro. Davies, who had the interests of the Craft so much at heart, always visited a Lodge for the purpose of seeing them work. He (the W.M.) regretted to learn that Bro. Davies would not, during his stay in Liverpool, be able to pay them another visit. However, as he had, on the last meeting previous to this, seen the third given, he has a knowledge how we get along. We shall always be glad to see Bro. Davies, and accord him a warm reception. We are also pleased to see Bro. Henochsberg here this evening. You know the feelings I have towards him, and he must be fully aware that he is heartily welcome to the Derby Lodge. Our Lodge at all times extends a cordial greeting to all who favour us with a visit, and I regret that there are not more visitors round the festive board on this occasion. To those who are here we give the toast in the heartiest manner. Bro. Davies replied for the honour conferred, and was followed by Bro. Henochsberg, who returned thanks in a very able manner. The Derby Lodge is one of those happy, harmonious Lodges which it is a pleasure to visit, especially so under the able and genial Mastership of Bro. Hart. May it ever continue as harmonious and prosperous as it is to-day. During the evening, Bros. McGanley, Humphreys, Jacobs, and Pendleton discoursed some good music, and Bro. M. Hart gave a touching recitation, in a manner he feels is sure to please. The last toast brought the evening's pleasures to a close, and the brethren separated, highly edified.

Everton Chapter, No. 823.—The regular communication of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Present—Comps. T. Shaw M.E.Z., J. W. Ballard H., Wm. Boulton J., T. Webster S.E., Jesse Banning P.Z. P.P.G.P.S. as S.N., Wm. Wilson P.S., King 1st Assist., Beesley 2nd Assist., Ex. Comp. Cottrell P.Z. as Treas., P. Ball Janitor, and Comps. J. Pendleton, W. Brassey, D. Davies, P. W. Oglesby, T. Johnson, and H. Trevitt, &c. Visitors—H. Williams P.P.G.S.B. P.Z. 580, Pearson P.Z. 249, R. Washington Z. 1094, H. Bradshaw 1094, A. Cotter 249, &c. The usual preliminary business having been disposed of, it was proposed by Ex. Comp. Cottrell, and seconded by Ex. Comp. Banning, that a letter of condolence be forwarded to the widow of our late Comp. J. B. Foreshaw, on her bereavement,—carried unanimously. It was proposed by Ex. Comp. Cottrell, and seconded by Ex. Comp. Banning, that the sum of fifteen guineas be devoted from the funds of the Chapter for the purpose of endowing the three Principals of the Chapter as Life Governors in the W. L. Educational Institution,—carried unanimously. There were three candidates for Exaltation, but neither put in an appearance, much to the disappointment of all present, especially as the Chapter meets only once in two months. The Chapter was closed in ancient form, and by command of the M.E.Z. the Companions adjourned to refreshment. On the removal of the cloth, the M.E.Z. gave the first toast,—the Queen, prefacing it with a few pleasing remarks; the same was duly honoured, the Comps. singing the National Anthem. After the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proposed and heartily drunk, the Prov. Grand Supt., and the Masonic Rulers Supreme and Subordinate was given from the chair, and coupled therewith the name of Ex-Comp. Banning, who in reply acknowledged the compliment paid him in having his name associated with the toast. He paid a high tribute of praise to our Masonic Rulers, saying he was proud of them, and stating that no Comp. would regret ever attaining to the distinction of working with them; he trusted that every one deserving of honours would receive them, as reward sweetens labour. He thanked them for the kind manner the toast had been proposed and received. Comp. Trevitt gave a very impressive recitation, after which Comp. King proposed the health of the three Principals, which was cordially drunk with musical honours. Ex-Comp. Washington kindly gave a song. Ex-Comp. Shaw in response to the last toast said, he wished to be as brief as possible, but as he should be compelled to reply for the three Principals, because of the unavoidable early departure of Comps. Ballard and Boulton, he would have to reply a little more at length than he desired. He felt greatly put about that there was no work done that evening. He had always attended to his duties, for years, in that Chapter, and could not remember such an occurrence ever before; he regretted it exceedingly, especially as so many visitors had come for the sole purpose of seeing the various officers do their part, and which had gained for the Everton Chapter so exalted a name. He hoped they would never meet again to part under such unprofitable circumstances. He thanked the Comps. for receiving the toast in the kind manner they had. He proceeded to put for their cordial reception a toast he always felt so much pleasure in proposing. The Everton Chapter owed every thing to the talent and energy of its P.Z.'s, and he, as well as they, were greatly indebted for the continued support given the Chapter by these able Companions, without whose assistance they could not succeed. He therefore would ask all to charge their glasses, and drink the very good health of the P.Z.'s of the Everton Chapter. This was most heartily done. Comp. Milne gave the next song. Ex-Comp. Cottrell rose to respond to the toast so kindly put from the chair, and so unanimously received. He had the privilege, as the I.P.Z., to reply first. He said the uniform kindness and gratitude shown by the Comps., and the many special honours conferred upon him by the Chapter fully compensated for the attention devoted by him to their welfare. He was always ready and willing to do his utmost, and, with the M.E.Z., regretted that they had been disappointed in not having at least one candidate for exaltation that night, but their meet-

ing had not been exactly fruitless, as the Chapter had increased its weight in the Province by endowing the chair of the three Principals as Life Governors in the West Lancashire Educational Institution. They had ample funds, and he trusted the time was rapidly approaching when they would add additional lustre to the Chapter by contributing to the great and invaluable Charities centred in London. Ex-Comp. Banning said he was fortunate in having to follow so eloquent and able a speaker as Comp. Cottrell, as he uttered sentences coinciding with his own. He observed that it was well known the deep interest he took in the Craft, and particularly in the Royal Arch degree, which to him was the consummation of everything touched upon in preceding ones. He felt the more he studied and followed the principles of Freemasonry, the better he was enabled to fill his position in life with satisfaction to himself. The precepts laid down in our glorious Order made us befitting members of society, taught us how to live, and leads us daily to contemplate, with feelings of profound adoration, the Grand Lodge above. He assured the Companions that in going through the chair he had not deemed his labours ended, but as long as he could he would stand to his post, and with the utmost pleasure render all the assistance he could. In conclusion he thanked the Comps. for receiving the toast of the P.Z.'s in such a cordial way. Ex. Comp. Shaw then gave the Officers of the Chapter, and said, without deprecating other Chapters, the Officers of the Everton Chapter always held up the highest standard, and he trusted that the position for excellence of working which No. 823 had attained would never be relinquished. With the toast he would mention the names of Comps. King and Beesley, who in responding, said they felt the great responsibility of their positions to keep up the standard hitherto attained by their Chapter, and expressed their determination not to fail in their duties. Comp. Pendleton favoured the Companions with a song. In proposing the toast of the visitors, which was done in the most hearty and fraternal manner possible, the M.E.Z. expressed the pleasure he experienced in seeing so many distinguished visitors present. He said the Everton Chapter takes great delight in having as many visitors as can come, he regretted there were so few. During his year of office he would be glad to see all who might pay them a visit, without mentioning any names, it would suffice to say he was delighted to see them, and hoped they would come again to see their working. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Comps. Milne and Beesley favoured the Companions with more harmony, after which Comps. Williams, Pearson, Washington, Cotter, Bradshaw, and Davies replied to the toast of the Visitors. Comp. King complied to the request for a recitation. Comp. Cottrell said the next toast was entrusted to him, and the subject was brought home to him impressively by the eloquent remarks of Comp. Davies. In his speaking of our Order in its universal aspect, we are reminded that many Companions of this Chapter are scattered over various parts of the world, and who, although absent in the body, are, when we meet, with us in spirit, and we who are privileged to meet here will remember them, as our absent Companions, and to this toast I ask you to drink most cordially. This was done. Comp. Cottrell favoured the Companions with the next song, after which additional toasts were proposed, duly received, and responded to; more harmony was well rendered, and after spending a most enjoyable evening the Companions dispersed at an early hour.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bro. M. Christian W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Gilham J.W., Wardall S.D., Forss J.D., Borer I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Brasted Preceptor. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Forss answered the questions leading to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forss candidate. The Lodge was closed to the first degree; Bro. Dallas worked the first section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren; Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 26th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bros. Marston W.M., Bull S.W., Gladwell J.W., Abell S.D., Cornu J.D., Pate I.G., Long P.M., Preceptor. After the reading and confirmation of minutes, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Tate was examined as to his proficiency, entrusted and raised. The Lodge was then closed down to the second, and various sections of the lecture were worked by the W.M., Bro. Tate, and the Preceptor. Bro. Cornu was elected a member, and Bro. Bull W.M. for ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 14th inst. Bros. Hine W.M., Campbell S.W., Moss J.W., Posener S.D., Kent J.D., Smith I.G., Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Richmond, Sargeant, Brickels, Tatton, Bolton, &c. The minutes of last meeting were read and duly confirmed; Bro. Bolton answered the questions, and Lodge advanced to the second degree; the W. Master then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. On the resumption of the Lodge to the first degree, Bro. Fenner worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Brockels of Constitutional Lodge, No. 55, was elected a member. Bro. Campbell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed.

Pembroke Lodge, No. 1299.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at West Derby, near Liverpool, on Thursday the 20th inst. Present—Bros. John Capell W.M., R. Bennett P.M. as S.W.,

F. B. Bramham J.W., T. G. Fisher Sec., P. Macmudrow P.M. Senior Grand Deacon Treas., B. M. Uldro S.D., T. W. Rudd Organist, Wm. Avis I.G., J. Robinson Tyler. Past Master—Bro. W. S. Vines Prov. G.D.C. Visitors—Bros. Rev. Dr. Hyde D.D. 1086, Berry P.M. 155, Hatch 220, Ellis 220, Durant 1473, Sandbrook 1609, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and declared correctly recorded, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Lewis was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge then resumed business in the first, and the labours of the evening being ended, the Worshipful Master closed the Lodge in due and ancient form. By request of Bro. Capell, the brethren partook of supper, which was done justice to by all present. On removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toast of the Queen was given from the chair, and duly honoured. The W. Master proceeded rapidly to the toast of our Masonic Rulers, supreme and subordinate, coupling the name of Bro. Macmudrow P.G.S.D. P.M. with the same. Bro. Avis kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Macmudrow, in reply to the last toast, said, in proportion to the honour and significance of being a Provincial Grand Officer, he esteemed and wore those honours, and trusted he would be able to do so with every consideration, and thanked the Worshipful Master for uniting his name with the toast, and the brethren for receiving it in such a cordial manner. Bro. Sandbrook kindly favoured the brethren with a song. The Worshipful Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters, coupling the name of Bro. W. S. Vines P.M. Prov. G.D.C. Bro. Macmudrow favoured the brethren with a song in the interval. Bro. Vines rose to respond to the toast of the Past Masters, and said he had indulged in the hope that the Worshipful Master would dispense with the toast he had so kindly given, and which had been so heartily received by them all; he expressed his readiness to do all in his power for the good of the Lodge, but regretted the absence of other Past Masters. The working of the Lodge is always enhanced by the presence of the Officers, past and present; and it was to be deprecated that one of the principal Officers was so often absent. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which the toast was drunk, and before he resumed his seat he availed himself of the great pleasure he experienced in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master. In offering this toast it was quite unnecessary for him to tell the brethren how deep an interest the Worshipful Master took in the Lodge and the Craft, and how well he had filled the Office of Master of this Lodge. The toast was most cordially drunk. Bro. T. W. Rudd kindly gave the next song. The W.M. in responding to the toast last proposed by W. Bro. Vines, returned his sincere thanks, and regretted that there had not been more work, as was anticipated. He hoped that the Visitors would pardon any inconvenience they might be put to, as certain eventualities had to be gone into. Bro. Bramham ably sang the next song. The W.M. rose for the last time to propose a toast which, he said, was more heartily drunk in the Pembroke Lodge than any other, because the members all rejoiced to see their visiting brethren, and no Lodge did or could give a more truly fraternal welcome to their Visitors than the Lodge he had the honour of presiding over. He had great pleasure in uniting the names of the Rev. Bro. Hyde, and Bros. Davies and Berry with the toast. The toast was cordially drunk. Bro. Avis volunteered the next song. Bro. Hyde, on rising to respond for the Visitors, said: I thank the Worshipful Master and brethren for the kind reception given the Visitors this evening. It affords me great pleasure to be with you, and to witness the efficient working and harmonious feeling existing in the Lodge. I have been particularly pleased with the truly Masonic spirit evinced in the Lodge to-night towards the candidate for initiation. I may say with reference to Mr. Deane that I have known him and his family for a considerable time, and think him in every way deserving of that great mark of respect and confidence which you have shown him in unanimously electing him to become a member of our Order. Happily, Freemasonry does not look upon a gracious act, performed by a generous-hearted man (as some would say indiscreetly generous), as sufficient reason for its censure or disapproval, morally speaking. It will doubtless be a great gratification to Mr. Deane to know that the vote of this Lodge has been so unanimous in his favour. With reference to the remarks of the Worshipful Master, I need not say there is any cause for an apology on account of a portion of the business of the Lodge being submitted for the members only, and I cannot refrain from expressing my sincere congratulations to the Pembroke Lodge in having for its Master a Mason whom I have known in the Craft and otherwise for years, and a Brother whom I greatly respect. Bros. Davies and Berry followed, and returned thanks. A few more songs and a pleasant social chat, previous to the Tyler's toast being given, concluded the programme, and the brethren dispersed.

Stanley Lodge, No. 1325.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 18th instant. Present—Bros. J. W. Burgess W.M., J. H. Bradshaw S.W., C. Winskill J.W., T. Faulkes Sec., H. Ashmore P.M. Treas., R. B. Burgess S.D., N. Robinson J.D., C. Leighton P.M. D.C., A. Samuels Steward, S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. P.M. Bro. F. Knight took his seat in the East. There was present a large number of visiting brethren, among whom were J. Skeaf P.G. Org., John Pemberton P.P.G. Superintendent of Works P.M. 1264, T. Roberts P.M. 673, J. Woods Treasurer 1094, H. Williams P.M. 249, G. E. Hanmer P.M. 1086, H. Burrows W.M. 673, J. Mortleman S.W. 1470, &c., &c., and members. The minutes of the last meeting were read, declared correctly recorded, and ratified. The next business was the installing of Bro. Bradshaw W.M. elect, for which purpose he was formally introduced to the W.M. presiding, and the usual ceremony was duly performed by Worshipful Bro. Burgess in first-class style. Bro. Bradshaw, after receiving the salutations of the brethren present, at once proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year, which with the able assistance afforded by Bro. Burgess was soon accomplished. The Officers are as follows:—Bros.

J. W. Burgess I.P.M., C. Winskill S.W., T. Faulkes J.W., R. B. Burgess Sec., H. Ashmore P.M. Treasurer, F. Knight P.M. D.C., N. Robinson S.D., A. Samuels J.D., J. Holmes and P. McArthur Campbell Stewards, S. Hill I.G., M. Williamson Tyler. Bro. Ashmore delivered the ancient charges efficiently, and on the conclusion of the ceremony, the Worshipful Master proposed, and Bro. Leighton seconded, that a vote of thanks be tendered the I.P.M. for the very able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony, and that the same be entered on the minutes of the Lodge—carried. The labours of the day being ended, the W.M. invited the brethren to banquet, which, it is to be regretted, was held in the old Lodge room, where there is no accommodation for such a number as were present on the occasion. The Stanley Lodge to all appearance is firmly established, and is gaining ground, and it is sincerely hoped that its future career will be a continuous one of prosperity. Few Lodges have come through such a fiery ordeal as 1325, and it is evident that the increasing prosperity of the Lodge is due to the able Masters who have recently passed the chair. It is a pleasure to be able to record the progress of a Lodge. The credit is applicable where it is due. After the brethren had done justice to the good things provided, the W.M. gave the first toast,—The Queen, which was duly honoured, the brethren all singing the National Anthem. Bro. Ashmore, by command of the W.M., gave the toast of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was heartily received; Bro. Bryan sang God Bless the Prince of Wales. After the toast of the Pro Grand Master had been given and received, Bro. Linaker in his usual good style favoured the brethren with a song. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the Prov. Grand Master in a very able manner, and united the name of Bro. Pemberton as a Prov. Grand Officer with the toast; the toast was cordially drunk, and Bro. Pemberton responded in a speech remarkable for its apology for the absence of Prov. Grand Officers from their duties in the work of the Province. He wished the Lodge every success, and paid a tribute to his dear friend who was placed in the exalted position of Master, and congratulated the Lodge on having so worthy a Mason to fill the chair. The I.P.M. again assumed the gavel, and in doing so this time rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Burgess said it gave him the greatest satisfaction to propose this toast, as the W. Brother was one whom they all knew so well and so greatly respected. He was sure that the prosperity of the Lodge would increase under his Mastership, and the Lodge and Officers, Past and Present, would be united in one desire to enable him to carry on the affairs of the Lodge with success. He announced, with additional pleasure, that Bro. Bradshaw was the first Master who had risen from the ranks as an initiate of the Lodge. The toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Hatton responded to the call for a song in his accustomed tasteful manner. The W.M. on rising returned thanks for the very kind manner in which Bro. Burgess had spoken of him; he was deeply moved by the cordial reception his name received from all. As he was the first Master from among the initiates of the Lodge, he trusted he would be enabled, through the co-operation of the Officers and members, to make the Lodge second to none; there was no reason why it should not be one of the best Lodges in the province. The next toast proposed from the chair was that of the Installing Master. Bro. Bradshaw felt sure every one present admired the brilliant style in which Bro. Burgess did his work, and the excellent manner in which Bro. Ashmore gave the charges; the toast was most cordially drunk. The W.M. presented a P.M.'s jewel, in the name of the Lodge, to the I.P.M. Bro. Burgess in reply to the last toast said, he thanked the brethren sincerely for their mark of esteem. When he first saw the light of Freemasonry, in the East Indies, he never thought he should hold office in England; he had entered this Lodge with Bro. Knight, with whom he had worked hand-in-hand for the good of the Craft, and had now the proud satisfaction of following him as a Past Master. Both had done their duty to the best of their ability, and he felt sure that in the post of Immediate Past Master, he would do all in his power for the good of the Lodge in the future. He urged the members and Officers of the Lodge to attend their various posts, and said that the satisfactory position he held that day in the Order might be acquired by all, if they would, in their proper turn. He thanked them greatly for the handsome jewel, and trusted he would be long spared to wear it, with credit to the Craft and the Lodge which had so generously voted it to him. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Stanley Lodge, briefly and appropriately. Bro. Bell kindly gave the next song. Bro. Leighton, as the Senior Past Master, rose, with peculiar pleasure, to respond to the last toast; he was happy to see Bro. Bradshaw in the East. He had the honour of initiating him, and he felt sure he would do credit to the exalted position of Master of the Lodge. Bros. Knight and Burgess followed, with suitable replies to the toast. Bro. Davies favoured the brethren with the next song. The I.P.M., by request of the W.M., then gave the toast of the Visitors, in his usual genial way extending a hearty welcome to one and all. The toast was heartily drunk, and fully responded to by Bros. Williams, Hayes, Roberts, Jones, &c. After which Bro. Burgess gave the West Lancashire Educational Institution. In proposing success to this Institution, he made an urgent appeal, in the absence of Bro. Browne, for that support which it so richly deserved.

He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Williams. During the interval Bro. Donnelly volunteered the next song. Bro. Williams, in response to the last toast, said he regretted that it was not left to one more competent to reply on such an important occasion. He was, however, fully alive to the great value of the West Lancashire Educational Institution; he told them that every child educated under the auspices of the institution was thoroughly and properly trained. He then recounted the various offices, and stated that all those offices were honorary, and the difficult duties were performed gratuitously; he finally urged every member of the Lodge to do his part towards sustaining so noble an institution. The W. Bro. produced a profound impression. The W.M., in the next toast, gave the Officers of the Lodge, and, in doing so, expressed a desire that each brother would do his duty. In the selection he had made, he felt confident that they would. The toast was warmly received. Bro. Winskill favoured the brethren with a capital recitation. He then proceeded to reply to the toast of the Officers in a suitable manner, and was followed by the J.W., &c., &c. The I.P.M., in a very kind and appreciative manner, proposed the Masonic Press, uniting therewith the names of Bros. Wood, Mackenzie, and S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The toast was drunk with musical honours, after which it was graciously responded to by each of the brethren mentioned. The W.M. next gave the Musical Brethren, which was cordially received, and replied to by Bro. Skeaf. The W. Bro. then, in a very fraternal spirit, proposed the toast of the Absent Brethren, which was heartily received, and fully acknowledged by Bro. Burgess in his usual happy strain. Bro. Linaker again sang a capital song; after which the W.M. gave the health of the Members of the Stanley Lodge, with kind remarks. The toast was duly honoured and responded to. Before terminating the evening's programme, Bros. Faulkes and Ellery favoured the brethren with additional harmony, after which the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and the brethren dispersed, having spent a very pleasant evening.

St. Michaels Lodge, No. 211.—The beautiful summer weather we are now revelling in has induced many of our Masonic friends to direct their attention to promoting those little excursions that are becoming so popular with members of the Craft. On Wednesday last, some of the members of the St. Michaels repaired, by Great Western Railway, to Maidenhead. The party left Paddington at 10.30, and, on reaching Maidenhead, were conveyed by carriages to the Raymoad Hotel, where luncheon was awaiting them. After this had been ably discussed, the brethren, with their lady friends, proceeded up the river by boat. After a most enjoyable trip, the return was made to the Hotel, where the party partook of a most *recherché* dinner and dessert, which was capitally served by host Deacon. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Alfred Green, the W.M., briefly introduced the few toasts it is customary to honour on these occasions, and then the party once more took a peep at the beautiful scenery that surrounds this charming spot. Not till the exigencies of the train service compelled, did our fair friends exhibit a desire for the return journey, which, however, was pleasantly completed. All tendered their sincere thanks to Bro. Green for the admirable way in which he conceived and carried out the arrangements.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The second meeting of this Lodge since its consecration took place at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, on Tuesday, the 25th inst. Present—Bros. J. Willing jun. W.M., Adams P.M. S.W., Clemow J.W., Jones S.D., Hyland J.D., Cook I.G., Stiles Secretary, Treadwell P.M., Clifton, W. Payne, Holt, Parkes, J. Greenfield, Dellar, Jacques, &c. Visitors—Rev. Robert Court (Ancient York Lodge, Lowell, Massachusetts, U.S.A.), Sweeney P.M., Adams P.M., Rowley and others. After reading and confirming the minutes, it was announced that the Ladies' Summer Banquet would take place at Lewis's Hotel, Maidenhead, on the 25th July next, and that due arrangements would be made with the Railway Company for the comfortable conveyance of the ladies and brethren. The W.M. then passed Bros. J. Maby and A. D. Douglas. A ballot was taken, and J. W. Smith, F. Howcroft, C. Hammond, F. Dovy and W. H. Nicol were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. As at the last banquet, there was an abundance of excellent things provided, but the waiting was exceedingly bad, and, in consequence, great delay and confusion took place between the courses. Nearly, if not all, the waiters were foreigners, and appeared to misunderstand the orders given them. The brethren are anxious that, on future occasions, there should be at least some English waiters present. A very excellent speech was made by Bro. Court, who particularly alluded to the great and favourable change in feeling created by our American brethren towards the Prince of Wales since he had joined the Craft, and in the course of his speech mentioned as a fact that long before the close of the late war between North and South the Freemasons on both sides were endeavouring to put a stop to further bloodshed, and to bring about a durable peace. The speech of our American brother gave evident satisfaction to all present, and was received with enthusiasm. Speeches were made by P.M. Adams, and others; several good old songs were sung by some of the visitors and members.

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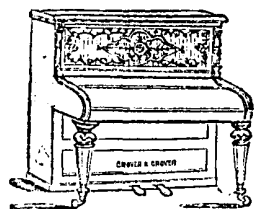
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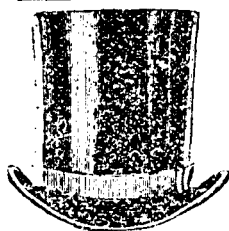
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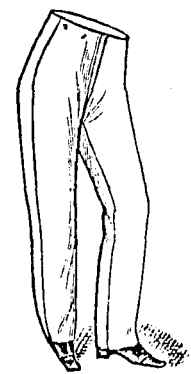
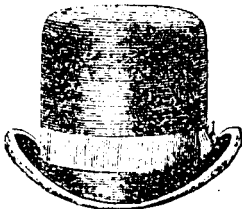
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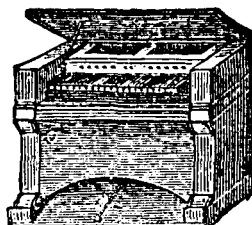
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