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THE LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ORGANISATION.

HAD we consulted our own wishes, we should have abstained from offering any remarks on this subject. We do not wish people to think we view with disfavour the scheme now being attempted, because it has emanated from another quarter. Quite eighteen months have elapsed since we gave it our best consideration—the article appeared on the 9th June 1877—and the conclusion we arrived at was not favourable to the establishment in London of an association for voting purposes, such as is to be found in very many of our Provinces. We stated, indeed, at the time that we did not see how our Lodges could be brought together, and that we thought a greater display of energy on the part of the supporters of London candidates would ensure the success of a greater number of the latter. The occasion which induced us to offer these remarks, was a discussion which had taken place some time previously in the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction. Bro. C. Lacey had proposed the establishment of some such association, and Bros. Barnes and Stevens had pointed out that in all the cases they had taken up they had succeeded in carrying their candidates; there having been only one candidate in which success was not achieved at the first attempt. We pointed out that if two brethren, working in combination, had done so much, the efforts of half a dozen were likely to be even more profitably employed, though at the same time anything beyond this, in the way of organised canvassings, would be undesirable, and even impracticable. Since then we have studied the question more minutely. We have been furnished with copies of the regulations of several Provincial Associations of the same character, and the more we examine the matter, the more firmly are we convinced that such an association in London will sooner or later prove a failure. We pointed out that, while a combination of Lodges in this or that Province is a matter of no great difficulty, our Metropolitan Lodges, numbering over two hundred and fifty, “are distributed over an immense district. Assuming it is possible to induce the Lodges east, west, south, and north to combine together, it would be well nigh an impossibility to canvass them.” In the Provinces combination is comparatively easy, because the Lodges “are so located as to be come-at-able without much difficulty,” and moreover the average number in each Province is about twenty. Again, “A Province is enabled to concentrate its efforts in order to secure the election of one, or, it may be, at the outside, of two of its candidates, whilst the voting strength of London is necessarily distributed among a large number, all presumably of equal merit.” Under these circumstances we suggested that if brethren in the locality from which the case emanated bestirred themselves, it was probable that London would have its fair proportion of success, while a combination to carry a certain number of candidates might, in the anxiety to distribute the voting power so as to ensure the success of all, prove fatal to the success of any. That London might do a great deal better we admit. It fared indifferently at the October elections, and may do so again, if its efforts are not guided more skilfully; but when we have it on the authority of two brethren that they have carried every election in which they interested themselves, and all with a single exception at a first attempt, we do not think more is needed in the way of organisation for voting purposes than that other brethren in the metropolis shall bestir themselves with equal energy. It rarely happens that any

of our largest and most influential Provinces send up more than three or four candidates, while it is no uncommon thing for London to have as many as fifteen or twenty. It is comparatively an easy task for a Province like East Lancashire to carry one or two candidates. It has several hundred votes for each Institution, and the latest lists of Governors and Subscribers to the two Schools show that at the time they were issued it had seven girls and nineteen boys at Battersea Rise and Wood Green respectively, while London, which contributes about one-half of what is annually raised, had seventy-two girls and fifty-four boys. At the same time London sends up by far the largest number of candidates, and any organised attempt to carry an undue proportion might turn out disastrously. From the fact that Metropolitan Lodges are distributed over so wide an area, from the extreme improbability that east and west, and south and north, will league together, and place their respective votes in the hands of a Committee, and because we believe the well-directed efforts of a few are likelier to succeed than those of a more extensive combination—for these reasons, we should regret to see a permanently established voting organisation in the metropolis.

FREEMASONRY IN MASSACHUSETTS.

THE proceedings of the Grand Lodge of this State in respect of the regular Quarterly Communication on the 11th September, and of three Special Communications, one anterior and two subsequent to that date, have reached us, and accordingly we give them that brief, but fraternal recognition in our columns which all such publications deserve at our hands. The purpose of the first Special Communication in Holbrook, Mass., on the 20th July, was to lay Masonically the foundation stone of a new Town Hall. In the absence of the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master Bro. Abraham H. Howland jun. presided, and Bro. Tracy P. Cheever was acting Grand Secretary *pro tem*, in the absence of the Rev. C. Titus, who we regret to say, has since died. The meeting was held, owing to an invitation from the Municipal authorities of Holbrook, and the ceremony appears to have been most imposingly as well as impressively carried out. Bro. Howland, when the ceremony of laying the stone had been completed, delivered an address, and he and his Grand Officers were then conducted to an adjoining building and there entertained at lunch by the brethren of Norfolk Union Lodge. The object of the Special Communication on the 13th September, at which Grand Master Welch presided, was the performance of Masonic funeral services over the body of the late Honourable Frank Welch, Past Grand Master of Nebraska, and in order to participate in this mark of respect to their distinguished brother, several Nebraskan brethren had journeyed to Boston in charge of the remains. These having accordingly been introduced, a procession was formed, and after the religious services had been performed in the First New Jerusalem Church, the body was received by Grand Lodge and conducted to the cemetery, where our Masonic Funeral Service was most impressively rendered by the Grand Master and the acting Grand Chaplain. The other Special Communication, held on 3rd October in the Masonic Temple, Boston, under the presidency of Grand Master Welch, was to pay the last tribute of respect to their deceased Brother John McClellan, who for the long period of seventeen years had held the

important office of G. Treasurer. The Lodge Burial Service having been performed, the funeral service was rendered in St. Paul's church, and the body then escorted to the cemetery at Mount Auburn, and there consigned to its last resting place with the customary Masonic rites, the family and relatives of the deceased being present. At the regular Quarterly Communication on the 11th September, Grand Master Welch presided, and was supported numerously by his Grand Officers and the representatives of subordinate Lodges. In the course of the proceedings the Grand Master announced that anticipating his action would be confirmed by Grand Lodge, he had remitted to Memphis, New Orleans, Vicksburg, Jackson, and Port Gibson one hundred dollars each, or a total of five hundred dollars, towards the relief of the sufferers by the yellow fever. On the motion of Past Grand Master Nickerson, the action of the G. Master was confirmed, and a sum of five hundred dollars voted to replace the amounts so forwarded by him. Bro. Sutton in approving of the G.M.'s action, was pleased to add that he would increase the sum thus appropriated by another hundred dollars. With the exception of noting that arrangements were made for Grand Lodge to attend the funeral of Bro. Welch, Past G.M. of Nebraska, as already described, we need add nothing as to the other business which took place, as the interest attached to it is of a purely local character.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 4th December 1878.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 4th September 1878 for confirmation.
2. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
3. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
4. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
5. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz. :—
A Brother of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 1396, Newton Abbot £100 0 0
A Brother of the Rutland Lodge, No. 1130, Melton Mowbray 50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Witham Lodge, No. 297, Lincoln 50 0 0
The Widow of a Brother of the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, Plymouth 50 0 0
The Orphan Daughter of a Brother of the Royal York Lodge, No. 315, Brighton 100 0 0
A Brother of the Royal Athelstone Lodge, No. 19, London 100 0 0

7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a Statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 15th November inst., shewing a balance in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer of £3,542 18s 9d; in the London and Westminster Bank £985 1s 10d; in the Bank of England £1,822 10s 3d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
19th November 1878.

8. Proposed Motions.

By Bro. John M. Clabon P.G.D., that the Constitutions, under the head "Fund of Benevolence," be altered as follows:—

- (8.) Alter "three pounds" to "five pounds" and add at the end, the words "or to any country in which they have been established or have friends."
- (10.) After the words "Certify in Writing" add "on a form to be from time to time settled by the President and Vice-Presidents of the Lodge of Benevolence and the Grand Secretary."
- (16.) Alter "two pounds" to "five pounds."

The "Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1879 is now ready, and can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, or at the Office of the "FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE," price 2s, bound in roan.

THE CONSECRATION OF THE ETHELBERT CHAPTER ROSE CROIX.

THE ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

A SPECIAL Meeting of the Supreme Council, 33°, of England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, was held at the Masonic Rooms, St. Peter's-street, Canterbury, on Monday, 18th November, for the purpose of perfecting candidates in the 18th degree, and to consecrate a Chapter Rose Croix, under the title of the Ethelbert Chapter, to be held at Canterbury, when the following members of the Supreme Council were present:—Capt. N. G. Philips 33° Lieut. Grand Commander, J. M. P. Montagu 33° Grand Chancellor, Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General, H. D. Sandeman 33° Grand Secretary Foreign Correspondence; as well as Samuel Rawson 33° Deputy Inspector General S.E. District, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney 32° Director of Ceremonies to Supreme Council, Dr. W. Deamer 30° M.W.S. of the Excelsior Chapter, New Zealand, R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, Professor E. M. Lott 30°, Rev. J. Branfill Harrison 18°, Alex. H. Des Barres 18°, Horatio Ward 18°, and Capt. Charles J. Hamilton 18°.

The Supreme Council Chapter Rose Croix having been opened, the following brethren were perfected by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General:—Herbert T. Sankey P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.S.W. for Kent, F. Hughes Hallett P.M. No. 709 P.P.G. Reg. for Kent, John Hemery P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.J.W. for Kent, Philip Higham P.M. No. 31 P.G.J.W. for Kent, Francis F. Girard P.M. No. 133 P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, John M. Goldfinch P.M. No. 133 P.P.G.J.D. for Kent, James D. Terson P.M. No. 199 P.P.G.S.D. for Kent, George Page P.M. No. 1209 P.G.J.D. for Kent, Charles Holtum P.M. No. 31 P.P.G.S.W. for Kent, Major Philip H. Knight P.M. No. 31, Frederick Leith P.M. No. 483, Robert L. Harrison No. 1206, Richard Harrison jun. No. 1206, Rev. F. G. Jagg No. 133, Arthur C. Plater No. 1206, Edward Lukey No. 199, and James S. Harris No. 1209.

The Consecration and Dedication of the Ethelbert Chapter was then proceeded with. The brethren having assembled in the Hall, and formed the Arch of Steel—the Supreme Council 33° entered in order. The Lieutenant Grand Commander (Capt. N. G. Philips) assumed his seat, and the Warrant of the Ethelbert Chapter having been read, he gave the Declaration of Constitution, and Consecration and Dedication Address, and the Grand Marshal proclaimed that the Chapter had been consecrated.

The Ceremony of Installation then followed. Illustrious Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, Most Wise Sovereign Designate, was presented, and very ably and impressively installed by Lieut.-Col. Shadwell Clerke 33° Grand Secretary General; after which the Most Worshipful Sovereign appointed and invested the Officers of the Chapter:—Rev. T. Branfill Harrison High Prelate, Lieut. Alex. H. Des Barres First General, Horatio Ward Second General, James D. Terson Grand Marshal, Arthur C. Plater Raphael, Charles Holtum Herald, Francis F. Girard Captain of the Guard, Richard Harrison jun. Recorder, George Page Director of Ceremonies, John Wilson Outer Guard.

Bro. Herbert T. Sankey was unanimously elected Treasurer of the Chapter.

The Most Wise Sovereign then expressed the acknowledgements of the Chapter to the Illustrious Brethren present, members of Supreme Council, for the honour conferred in their attending to consecrate the Chapter, and a proposal that a vote of thanks be entered upon the minutes, and that for their excellent and valuable services they be elected honorary members, was carried by acclamation. Also that the thanks of the Chapter be given to Illustrious Bros. S. Rawson 33°, Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney 32°, Dr. W. Deamer 30°, and Professor E. M. Lott 30°, for their services in assisting in the ceremony of consecration, and that they be elected honorary members of the Chapter.

A committee was next appointed to draw up the Bye Laws; and propositions were made for reception of candidates at the next meeting of the Chapter. The ceremony was then concluded. All business being done, the Chapter was closed in due form. After which the brethren adjourned to the Fleur-de-lis Hotel, where the members of the Supreme Council, the visitors and members of the Chapter, numbering thirty-three, were hospitably entertained at a handsome banquet by the Most Wise Sovereign Illustrious Bro. R. Joynes Emmerson 30°, and where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed.

The Lieut. Grand Commander, in returning thanks for the health of the Supreme Council, congratulated the Chapter on the very admirable way in which it had been fitted up, and in the excellency of all the arrangements; results which were chiefly attributable to the skill and energy of the Most Wise Sovereign, and of Bro. Horatio Ward 18°, one of its founders.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- No. 1780.—Albert Edward Lodge, Southampton.
- 1781.—Ionic Lodge of Amoy, Amoy, China.
- 1782.—Machen Lodge, Coleshill, Warwickshire.
- 1783.—Albert Edward Lodge, Huddersfield.
- 1784.—Lodge Hiram, Bombay.
- 1785.—St. Petroc Lodge, Padstow, Cornwall.
- 1786.—Wimmera Lodge, Horsham, Victoria.
- 1787.—Grenville Lodge, Buckingham.
- 1788.—Hervey Lodge, Trinidad.
- 1789.—Ubique Lodge, Regent-street.
- 1790.—Old England Lodge, Thornton Heath, Surrey.
- 1791.—Creston Lodge, Freemasons' Hall.
- 1792.—Tudor Lodge, Harborne, Staffordshire.

CONSECRATION OF THE CASTLEMARTIN
LODGE, No. 1748.

INSTALLATION OF THE WORSHIPFUL MASTER.

UNDER the genial reign of the present Provincial Grand Master South Wales Western Division, Bro. Col. Lloyd Philipps, and his worthy Deputy, Bro. Lord Kensington, M.P., Freemasonry is making progress in the Western Counties, and this progress is not confined to an increase in the number of those belonging to the various Lodges, but the members of the Craft in the Western Counties of South Wales are awaking to their duties in supporting the Charities, which are the glory of our Order. It is not long since Bro. J. Beavan Philipps took up the onerous duty of Steward for the Boys' School; although he only received proper encouragement from the members of his own Lodge, he still held on, and took up a fair sum, when the condition of the Province is considered. The following year he not less successfully advocated the claims of the Girls' School, and he has been worthily and successfully followed in the good work by Bro. Aaron Stone, a brother whom to know is to admire, while he in turn is followed by earnest and serious Bro. Margrave, who this year is working for the "Old Folks." But it is not to chronicle the doings of these brethren that we write, it is simply to place on record that if they found a little difficulty in stirring up the men of Pembrokeshire at first, these latter brethren are now pushing forward; they give their subscriptions, and not content with that, they open Chapters, for was not the Hwlfordd recently consecrated at Haverfordwest? Have not the Tenby brethren obtained a Charter to open another at that delightful watering place? And on Thursday, the 21st, Bro. Col. Lloyd Philipps had the pleasure, assisted by Bro. Lord Kensington, his Deputy, of consecrating the Castlemartin Lodge. The day was delightfully fine, and brought a large number of brethren into the pleasant old town of Pembroke, which, in the neighbourhood of the Assembly Rooms, where it is intended to hold the Lodge until a building of their own is built, was gaily decorated with banners. At the hour of twelve the brethren assembled, and those who were not members of Provincial Grand Lodge entered the Lodge room, when Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Thomas, Worshipful Master of the Loyal Welsh Lodge, held at Pembroke Dock, in the same borough, but separated by about a mile from Pembroke. The Prov. Dir. Cer. having marshalled the Prov. G. Officers, the Prov. G. Tyler announced the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy and Officers, who were received in proper form, by those in the Lodge. The chair was taken by Bro. Col. Philipps Prov. G.M., supported by his deputy Bro. Lord Kensington D. Prov. G.M., Bros. W. J. Morgan Prov. S.G.W., Howell Davies Prov. J.G.W., J. Jenkyn Jones Prov. S.G.D., and a very large number of other Provincial Grand Officers Past and Present. Bro. Szlumper P. Prov. S.G.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. Hauer Prov. G. Sec., having read the warrant of the new Lodge, the Prov. G.M. directed his Deputy to withdraw with the W.M. designate to prove his fitness for the office. Bro. Kensington having declared Bro. the Rev. D. Bowen duly qualified, the Prov. G.M. consecrated the Lodge in ancient form. He then proceeded with the installation of Bro. the Rev. D. Bowen as the first W.M. of the Castlemartin Lodge. In the course of the ceremony the Prov. G.M. took the opportunity of remarking that this was the first time he had had the pleasure of installing the first W.M. of a Lodge in his Province, and he very cordially wished the Castlemartin Lodge a prosperous career, and the W. Master a happy year of office. Bro. Bowen having been duly saluted in the three established degrees, and addressed by the Installing Officer, then appointed Bros. John A. P. Adams S.W., W. Murray J.W., R. Millar Sec., Ward Davis S.D., R. George J.D., J. W. Penny I.G. The brethren unanimously appointed Bro. R. E. Morgan Treasurer, who was duly invested by the W.M. Bro. G. Tracy was appointed Tyler. Several nominations were made, and the congratulations of a very large number of visitors were showered upon the new W.M., with the best wishes of all present. Nothing further having been proposed, the Lodge was closed. There was a dinner afterwards, at the Lion, capitally served by the host and hostess, to which about ninety brethren sat down, and where brotherly love and kindness prevailed until the breaking-up, caused by the departure by train of the Prov. G.M. and his Officers. It transpired during the day that a charter had been granted about forty years ago to another Castlemartin Lodge, but this, for some reason, had never been consecrated. Many were the warm wishes expressed that the present Castlemartin should be as long-lived and prosperous as the former was premature and unfortunate.

BRO. WOOLF LYONS, a well-known inhabitant of Margate, died suddenly of heart disease on Saturday, 16th November, at his residence, 4 King-street, Margate. He was initiated into Freemasonry by his friend, Bro. John Thomas Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex, at the Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, Hampton, Middlesex, on 15th February 1872, and continued a subscribing member to his death. He steadily refused all solicitations to take office in the Lodge. However, he did good suit and service last July by representing the Lodge as its Steward at the Boys' School, and making himself a Life Governor of that noble Institution. He was a popular brother, and was well liked by all who knew him. He leaves a widow to deplore his loss. He was about to serve as Steward to all the Masonic Charities, and become a Life Governor of each. He was buried in London. A large circle of relatives and friends were there to pay their last sad respect to him.

CONSECRATION OF THE LANDPORT LODGE
AT PORTSMOUTH.

IN the presence of a large number of the members of the ancient Craft, the interesting ceremony of the constitution of this Lodge, and the installation of the W.M. Bro. Richard J. Murrell, was performed on Wednesday, 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth, which had been kindly lent for the occasion by the Portsmouth Lodge. The brethren assembled in the spacious Lodge at 2.30, and shortly afterwards the R.W. Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. W. Hickman, and other Grand Officers past and present took their seats on the dais, Bro. H. M. Emanuel P. Provincial G.S. Warden being appointed to the Senior Warden's chair, and Bro. Dr. Wilks, of Ryde, Provincial G. J. Warden, taking the other chair. The Lodge having been duly opened, the P.G.M. said they were met together on a most interesting occasion, and he availed himself with great pleasure of the opportunity of attending, because it was not the first or second time that he had had the honour of being in Portsmouth for a similar purpose. Before he had the privilege of presiding over that province he was called upon by the late Admiral Sir Lucius Curtis to assist him in constituting a Lodge in this locality, and he had also then been entrusted with the power of conducting the ceremony. Since he had been P.G.M. he had also had the gratification of constituting a new Lodge in the town of Portsmouth, and he was glad to be able to say that both Lodges were thriving and flourishing. He had, therefore, unusual pleasure in attending to constitute another Lodge, which he had little doubt would flourish in a similar manner. He knew full well that Portsmouth was a large and important focus for Freemasonry. The energy and ability of Freemasons in this town were so great that they naturally felt that there was further scope needed for the exercise of those qualities, and as their numbers increased from time to time it necessarily followed that new Lodges should be required. It was always gratifying to a Provincial Grand Master to constitute a new Lodge, especially one which he was convinced would be properly and efficiently supported. In the present day, as in the past, it should be the aim of brethren to do all that lay in their power to support a Lodge after it had been constituted. That was best done by holding fast to the principles of their Order, and not by adopting principles disassociated from the past, or by thinking that through their own exertions they could introduce some new system of Freemasonry. That had recently been done in another country, to the great sorrow of those who had been Freemasons for a long time, and who loved and revered the traditions of the past. He strongly deprecated tampering with the fixed principles of the Craft, and the introduction of innovations. This would be a rash proceeding, and one which could not commend itself to them. Those Freemasons who were assisting in the foundation of a new Lodge had a serious duty to perform, and they should deliberately consider what were the leading principles of Freemasonry, take them to heart, and put them into practice with the greatest sincerity and energy. He commended to them, in the first place, reverence for the Great Architect of the Universe, and in the next place, unity and brotherly love, based upon that principle of charity which exists to such a great extent in their institution. Charity, they were told, consisted not merely in relieving distress or in assisting the widow, the orphan, or the aged in their time of need, but also in that spirit of brotherly love pervading all their relations in life and assisting them to become better members of society. Such, he trusted, would be the principles that would govern all their public and private relations in life. The Prov. G. Secretary Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre then read the petition and warrant for the new Lodge; and an oration upon the nature and design of Freemasonry was delivered by the Prov. G. Chaplain the Rev. S. Scott. The ceremony was afterwards proceeded with, Bro. Pillow presiding at the harmonium, and the consecration hymn being "Great source of Light and Life." The imposing ceremony completed, the P.G.M. installed Bro. R. J. Murrell as W.M. The W.M. then appointed Bros. John Clark S.W., C. G. Adames J.W., E. S. Main P.M. Secretary, J. Lillywhite P.M. Treasurer, and G. A. Green P.M. Director of Ceremonies. In the course of the proceedings the P.G.M. said that they were reminded of the uncertainty of life by the fact that one of the founders of the Lodge, Bro. E. G. Holbrook, had departed from amongst them. The P.G.M. added that he was a most respected brother, not only amongst the Masons of Portsmouth, but also in the Provincial Grand Lodge, where he had held office; and it was a source of deep regret to them that he had gone from amongst them. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the P.G.M. for his kindness in attending, and for the ability with which he had conducted the ceremony.

In honour of the event the W.M. of the new Lodge, Bro. R. J. Murrell, entertained the Prov. G.M., the Provincial Officers, and a number of the brethren at a banquet, which was served in the hall under the Lodge. The catering was entrusted to Bro. George Bond P.M., by whom an excellent bill of fare was provided, the wines being also of the first quality. The "founder of the feast," Bro. R. J. Murrell, occupied the chair, and the vice chairs were filled by Bros. Clark and Adames.

The chairman in submitting the toast of the Queen and the Craft, said that in assemblies of good and true-born Englishmen the toast was one which required very few words to commend it. When he spoke of their beloved Sovereign, the mother of their Grand Master, it was a name they all revered, for during her reign of many years this country had been prosperous and happy. The Chairman next proposed the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Knowing the interest which his Royal Highness manifested in their Ancient Order, the toast required few words by way of introduction. While they hoped that the day might be far distant when the Prince of Wales would be called upon to rule over this country, they knew that when that time came he would do his duty to their satisfaction. (Applause.) The Chairman afterwards gave the R.W. the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Bro. W. W.

B. Beach, M.P., Constituting and Installing Officer, and the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Hickman, and the Officers of P.G. Lodge past and present. He regretted that the P.G.M. had been obliged to leave in order to catch a train, and expressed his obligations to him for his kindness, and also to the Officers in coming there to constitute the Lodge. The toast was received with great enthusiasm. The D.P.G.M. in response, said that it had afforded the P.G.M. considerable pleasure to constitute the new Lodge under such auspicious circumstances. Indeed he (the D.P.G.M.) did not remember any Lodge which had been constituted with such favourable prospects, and the gratification felt by the P.G.M. was therefore shared by every brother present. (Hear, hear.) The P.G.M. had been confined to his house through indisposition, and that had been the first time he had left it on any business purpose for some time past. It must have given an exceptional degree of pleasure to the P.G.M. to have added to the number of his Lodges in the province one that came into working under such circumstances as did Lodge 1776. The province was steadily increasing, not only in the number of its Lodges, but in the number and importance of the brethren; and he trusted that satisfactory state of things would long continue. He hoped and believed that the new Lodge would work in harmony and in the true spirit of Masonry with the Lodges in the neighbourhood, as well as with those of the Province generally. It was a great happiness to him to be able to come among the brethren in that district, for he had had experience in past times of their uniform kindness towards those in positions of authority, which might at times be accompanied with a certain amount of anxiety to fulfil their duties in a way not only beneficial to the Craft, but acceptable to the brethren in their particular province. He felt satisfied that the W.M. would have a happy year of office, heartily wished every success to the Lodge, and, in conclusion, expressed his belief that the W.M., at the end of his term of office, would receive the congratulations of the brethren, as he most heartily deserved them. (Applause.) Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre, P.G.S., replying for the Provincial Officers, expressed obligations to the W.M. for the magnificent entertainment he had provided. For years past Portsmouth had been pre-eminent in its devotion to Masonic principles, which he hoped were not confined within the four walls of the Lodge, but were, to the best of their ability, extended outside. In a short time that would not be the junior Lodge, for one was about to be constituted in Southampton, and it would be very gratifying to the Southampton brethren who were present to have the Portsmouth brethren with them on the 12th of December, to assist them in carrying out those fraternal feelings which they were associated together to promote. The W.M. was well known in Portsmouth for his ability in another Lodge, and the higher rank he had assumed would afford gratification to the brethren over whom he presided. Bro. Murrell would prove a useful addition to the long and honourable list of Masters and Past Masters, and he was proud to be the mouthpiece of the Provincial Officers in wishing him a prosperous year of office, and in hoping that the new Lodge might succeed, even beyond their expectations, in disseminating the principles of brotherly love, relief, and truth. (Applause.) The Mayor of Portsmouth Bro. W. D. King, who was received with great cordiality, said that he was very pleased to be present that evening, and regarded that first meeting of the new Lodge as a happy augury of a number of pleasant reunions. He proposed the toast, the Worshipful Master Bro. R. J. Murrell, and success to the Lodge (Applause), expressing his conviction that the W.M. would occupy his position in a dignified yet humble spirit—dignified, in that he would maintain order in the Lodge, and humble, in that he would be always ready to receive advice from his seniors. The toast did not need many words to commend it to their hearty approval, especially to those who knew Bro. Murrell as intimately as he did. He was a sterling friend and possessed great energy, and he had no doubt that those brethren who had been the means of inaugurating the Landport Lodge had selected him as the most fitting brother in the town to fill the important position, because they knew that if he took a thing into his head he would carry it out. He was sure that Bro. Murrell would retire into the Past Master's chair with all the honour and credit that would most certainly be his due. (Loud applause.) The chairman made a feeling response, trusting that the Lodge would work harmoniously, prove a centre of Masonry, and extend its beneficent influence far and wide. The other toasts were the W.M.'s and representatives of neighbouring Lodges; the Visitors; the Officers of the Lodge; and the Tyler's toast. During the evening some capital harmony was contributed by several of the brethren.

The Provincial Grand Master was attended by the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Bros. W. Hickman 130 D.P.G.M., Dr. A. Platt Wilks P.M. 698 G.J.W., Rev. W. Scott 394 P.G. Chaplain, G. Dymott P.M. 394 P.G. Reg., M. E. Frost P.M. 487 and 1069 P.G. Treasurer, J. E. Le Feuvre 130 P.G. Secretary, J. Harrison P.M. 804 P.G. Superintendent of Works, G. Bond P.M. 487 P.G. Sword Bearer, G. Pack W.M. 175, and J. Whale P.M. 309 P.G. Sts., J. Excell Tyler.

On Thursday evening the first regular meeting of the new Lodge was held, under the presidency of Bro. Murrell, when the usual routine business was discussed, and numerous propositions for initiation and joining were made.—*Portsmouth Times and Naval Gazette.*

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, has removed from the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, to the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, Regent-street, where the members have secured very commodious and comfortable quarters.

Special Advent Services will be held at St. Anne's Church, Soho. Bach's "Magnificat and My Spirit was in heaviness," will be sung, with orchestral accompaniments, under the direction of Mr. Barnby, on Friday, 6th, 13th, and 20th December, at 8 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained of the Churchwarden, Bro. J. E. Shand, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.

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"CHARITY;" IS IT "GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to the strictures of "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST," on my letter to you under this heading I can assure him that I neither was, nor am, desirous, either "in haste" or at leisure, to "demolish your series of correspondents," or any one of them. On a subject so important as that under discussion, I am gratified at seeing so many brethren communicating their views and notions, and while claiming the free expression of my own opinions, I am fully prepared to accord a respectful consideration to those of others with whom I fail to agree. The fault I ventured to find with "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST"—and with the large number of whom I cannot help accepting him as a type—was, not that he absolutely ignored Masonic Charity, but that he placed it on a level much lower than that of charity in connection with the popular world. This I gathered from his previous letter, and his second only confirms the impression I formed. He says that no one in his Province experiences greater pleasure than himself in subscribing his annual *mite* to the Masonic Charities; and, lower down, he gives it as his opinion that this is as acceptable to the G.A.O.T.U. as the hundred guineas of the brother of large wealth. Now, surely that unfortunate "widow's mite" has been made to do duty long enough. I should like to know on how many occasions it has been tendered in lieu of sterling coin; how many times it has been quoted, and pleaded in justification of the most limited exercise of practical benevolence? But, apart from this, I contend that your correspondent proves my case; that there is a very large class in Freemasonry which regards every other charitable claim as paramount to that of Masonic Charity—the outer world first, Masonry next—whereas I, and those who think and feel with me, reverse the order. I do so for this, to me, extremely simple and coherent reason—I became a Mason voluntarily; in the earliest stage, I was informed, in plain terms, what I ought, and ought not, to expect, and was closely examined as to the motives by which I was actuated. I was then told that above all other virtues there was that of *Charity*; that the rich abounded in the Craft, but that there were also many who were reduced to a state of poverty and misfortune, and that in their behalf appeals must be made, &c. Pleading inability, I made certain promises, and I have ever since felt bound to do what in me lies to fulfil them—to what extent is a question to settle with my own conscience, as it is for every brother Mason. Of course, no one is called upon or expected to do anything that may prove detrimental to himself or connections, or more than his circumstances in life may fairly warrant. The little I have been enabled to do has been the result of my having always regarded, as a Mason, all other charitable claims as subservient to those of Masonry, and I continue to do so. Herein is the point of contention between the class of which I am one, and that class with which "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST" associates himself, and it may be that these will go on in parallel lines with no possibility of ever meeting.

My ability to discuss this question impartially shall be matter of opinion, but I altogether demur to the statement that my point of view is necessarily very different from nearly all the rest of the Craft. My experience has fortunately proved that I can claim the concurrence of a very large minority at all events, and I hope to live to see this minority converted into a majority. I conceive it to be my duty to enlist support by all legitimate means, from every quarter to which I have the privilege of appealing, and no less my duty fairly and dispassionately to combat the arguments of those who do not give themselves, and who, by example may influence others.

Whether St. Paul was a "brother" or not I have not the slightest idea, but that he was eminently cute and practical is proved by his "dictum" as quoted by your correspondent, to the general applicability of which I have no possible objection.

"Big Stewards' Lists" are most desirable, and I believe are attainable without peril, such as that pointed at. May their realisation be a dominant idea amongst energetic brethren, both Metropolitan and Provincial.

If Charity begins at home, there is no reason why it should end there, and I applaud those who, while they possess the means, extend their bounty to others not so fortunately situated as themselves. Should unforeseen adversity overtake them, they are not to be censured for the generosity they exhibited in happier and more prosperous days, and in such instances as alluded to by "A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST," more ready sympathy and assistance will be forthcoming than in the cases of those who, resolutely setting their faces against appeals, when it was in their power to contribute, may by accident or misfortune be placed on the lowest spoke of Fortune's wheel, and compelled to seek aid from the very Institutions the claims of which they never recognised. Many such cases have occurred within my own personal knowledge!

As to the prominent instance adduced of a Brother "enjoying a comfortable life income of a £1,000 per annum, possessing more than one Charity jewel" (there must be some mistake here), "leaving his family almost wholly unprovided for, they having to seek Masonic assistance," I should like to know to what extent Masonry is to be held responsible for a state of things so deplorable. The services necessary for the attainment of a Charity jewel and Bars would not involve an

outlay that could be considered as approaching extravagance in a man with an income of £1,000 per annum.

To the question "Charity; is it Giving?" I emphatically answer "Yes." Most certainly there is a Charity apart from giving, but that sublime attribute we are not discussing. To answer the question in the negative would be destructive of all efforts to mitigate the effects of that evil which we are told shall never cease out of the land, and which when endured by Masons must be relieved by the aid of Masons!

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

FREDERICK BINCKES.

25th November 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“OLD FILE,” in issue of CHRONICLE for 23rd November, says he thinks Bro. Godtschalk is wrong in assuming that Bro. Radclyffe had suggested compulsion in reference to subscriptions to the Charities.

'Tis a pity “OLD FILE” only thinks when, with a little more trouble, he might be assured.

A sentence placed between inverted commas should mean a quotation. The words quoted by me in CHRONICLE were so placed, the full text of this quotation is as follows:—“Would it not be an easy matter to compel every Lodge to subscribe, say, one-third of their subscriptions.” The original of this quotation, here rendered *verbatim*, can be seen in Bro. Radclyffe's letter in CHRONICLE of 26th October last, and which “OLD FILE” evidently has overlooked. However, he will find it under the head of “Correspondence,” and will then, I hope, admit, in this matter, nothing has been assumed.

“OLD FILE” refers to another portion of my letter, in which attention is called to cases I mildly termed undeserving; but this he is pleased to describe as a *serious allegation* against the General Committee.

I take the facts to be these; then point to another little error that, in some unaccountable manner, has crept into “OLD FILE's” letter—Provided the petition of a candidate for one of the Charities is in accordance with the laws of the Institution; that it is in every way regular, vouched for and signed, the General Committees do not specially investigate each case on its merits. This function they possess, doubtless; but to exercise the power would be an endless, unthankful, and impossible task.

The real executive is the Secretary of the Institution. He it is who would act and promptly take steps to have a case removed should falsehood or unworthy motives be detected after a petition had been accepted, or he would cause it to be removed from the list, even after the election, if such was the case. But the undeserving cases I referred to were not of this class, but cases in which the mischief is done before the petition reaches the General Committees, by the injudicious action of those who first get up the petition and bring the case forward, irrespective of whether the candidate stands in need of the aid of the Charity, but simply because they happen to be qualified, and that to get on the Fund, or into the Schools would be so much gained, and this possibly to the detriment and exclusion of the really deserving and sometimes nearly penniless who happen to be without influence or friends.

It is to the former class reference is made, as the *undeserving cases*. To no neglect of the General Committee or the Secretaries—they are wholly blameless. How is it possible for them to judge of individual merit? Cases coming as they do, not only from the United Kingdom, but from all parts of the world. To give some idea of the watchful care of the Secretaries of the Institutions, that no case gets elected or placed on the lists if misstatements or falsehoods in a petition can be detected, I here relate the circumstances of a case which came under my own knowledge.

A petition had been sent up for the Benevolent Fund. It appeared all regular, and was duly signed, &c., &c. It passed the General Committee, and the petitioner was placed on the list. The usual election was approaching; in fact, so close was it, that voting papers had been sent to the Secretary's office filled in for this candidate, and signed for polling; when it came to the knowledge of the Secretary of the Institution, that this candidate was in receipt of a Government pension far exceeding in amount the annuity sought, and that the petition which had been accepted in good faith by the General Committee contained a gross falsehood. The Secretary promptly and thoroughly investigated the matter, and found the petitioner had been for some time, and was then, in receipt of a pension largely in excess of the annuity, rendering this person ineligible as a candidate. I need scarcely say, the Secretary at once took steps to remove the case from the list. Now, say the candidate was ignorant of the law of the Institution that declares an applicant must not be in possession of an amount of more than a given sum to be eligible for the fund, what are we to think of the brethren, the friends of the candidate who got up the case and forwarded the petition. They surely knew the particulars as to the position in life of the petitioner. Their own status in Masonry necessitated the knowledge on their part of the law of the Institution,—that a person in receipt of a certain sum per annum could not be eligible for the annuity. Had this case not been detected, the candidate would in all probability (from the influence at work) have been elected, and would have received the annuity at the expense of perhaps some poor and deserving candidate to whom it might mean the annuity or absolute want. Comment is superfluous; but the facts I vouch for. I am, however, charitable enough to believe cases of the character described do not often occur. My allusion, therefore, to undeserving cases getting elected to one or other of the Institutions has nothing to do with the General Committees or the Secretaries. The onus is not with them, but with those injudicious brethren who get up petitions for wrong candidates; those

who from social position could do *without* the aid of the Charity, but from influence or clamour get to the front, whilst the really deserving in some cases go to the wall.

Yours fraternally,

CHARLES GODTSCHALK,

P.M. 70 and 1255.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am at a loss to understand why the above could not be reduced to one guinea, charging the brother who acts as Steward for his dinner, the same as any other visitor. Thus reducing his expenses, and, in the case of provincial brethren unable to attend, doing away with the feeling that they were wasting money. I believe if our three worthy Secretaries were to take this into consideration they would find more brethren anxious to represent their Lodges.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WM. C. PARSONS P.M. 180.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Excuse me again trespassing on your valuable space, but I am sure you will give me the opportunity of removing what appears to be a misunderstanding on “OLD FILE's” part. I had no wish or intention to limit the subscriptions of all Masons to a standard,—as there are many better able to give 100 guineas than others to spare one. I wished it to be understood how small a sum would be required from each, and that it should be every Mason's duty before “refreshment” to consider it a virtue to give, according to his ability, and to recollect that “a Mason's Charity” should know no bounds, save those of prudence. Nor do I wish to exclude poorer brethren from the honours of G. Lodge rank, this is not my intention, as I should regret to see a Mason's worth measured by the length of his pocket. I simply suggested—if Grand Lodges were to take the services rendered into consideration, it would be an inducement for many poorer brethren to serve; as, although poor, much good is done by working. No brother should decline undertaking the task of seeking to induce others to give, because he is not able to head his list with a round sum. I have frequently observed that the best lists come from the poorer brethren, who, knowing their own inability, make up for the deficiency by hard work, and inducing others to give. I think the good these brethren do, by making the wants of the Institutions known to many, far greater than the Steward who serves and simply gives sufficient to qualify himself as a Life Governor. I point this out here, as I intended all my remarks should tend to show that no Mason need shirk the duties of Steward on the ground of expense; what he is unable personally to give, he may make up for by inducing others to do. I am afraid I have not succeeded in pointing out my intentions so clearly as “OLD FILE's” letter leads me to desire; I thank him for his friendly remarks, and I would ask “A MASONIC ENTHUSIAST” to peruse these remarks of “OLD FILE.”

Apologising for this encroachment on your space,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

23rd November 1878.

AN “OFF” NIGHT AT THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the meeting of this Lodge on the 18th instant, it is stated that the frugality of the supper would have rejoiced the hearts of Bro. Dick Radclyffe, “UNION JACK,” “OLD FILE,” and the rest, who hold “that Masonic Charities would best be served and supported by impracticable self denial and a policy in Lodge arrangements calculated to hinder Masonic human nature from being occasionally made glad by the enjoyment of the good things which a gracious Providence in His goodness and mercy has deemed fit to bestow on His but too frail and erring creatures.” I leave Bro. Dick Radclyffe and “UNION JACK” to speak for themselves, but, as far as I am personally concerned, I must repudiate any such notion as that hinted at in the above quotation. On the contrary, I am convinced it is man's duty to enjoy the good things which Providence has designed to bestow on his creatures. In a letter you did me the honour to publish in your columns of the 19th October, I wrote:—“I rejoice to say I am very partial to good living. I should be a fool if I were not. I hold that the good things of this life which a benign Providence has bestowed upon us should be enjoyed, and enjoyed freely—though not to excess—as well as thankfully.” Herein lies the gist of the whole matter. In that letter I had been criticising three balance sheets sent you by “UNION JACK” for publication, the result being that I found £650 had been spent in “Refreshment, &c.” and £20 in Charity. Well, supposing the three Lodges had limited their expenditure under the former head to about two-thirds of their receipts from all sources, I can hardly imagine they would have enjoyed themselves less, while there would have been £150 available for our Institutions or for other Charitable purposes. There was nothing mean, or of which I need have any reason to be ashamed,

when I drew attention to the huge disproportion between £650 spent in feasting and merrymaking, and £20 voted for Charitable purposes. Any attempt to deprive Freemasonry of its festive character would be a capital mistake, and would do incalculable injury, but let the festivity be kept within modest limits, instead of absorbing all, or nearly all, our Lodge Funds, as would seem to have been the case in the three Lodges whose balance sheets I criticised.

It is not a little amusing that while your report speaks of the "frugality" of the supper, the *Sunday Times* reporter remarks that those who remained to partake of it, had no reason to complain, "as the 'off' night at the Tranquillity would be esteemed a 'gala' night at many of our Masonic gatherings." However, it is satisfactory to know the brethren enjoyed themselves, and as Tranquillity has a considerable Benevolent Fund of its own, I for one begrudge them nothing.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There are two subjects to be brought forward at the meeting of the Grand Mark Lodge, on Tuesday next, which have attracted a good deal of notice, and I ask a small space to remark on them.

The proposed alteration in clause 63 of the Book of Constitutions will, I am sure, act prejudicially upon the Order. At present we are almost certain of a good class of men to rule over our Mark Lodges, and we feel that this is especially necessary in an Order which has not the status of the Craft, and of some other Masonic degrees. The proposed alteration, to do away with the qualification of a candidate for the Chair, having previously been installed Master in a Craft Lodge, if carried out, will open the door to a worse qualified set of brethren to fill the Mark Chair. Observation convinces me that if the "Recommendation (a)" is confirmed, we shall soon have brethren ruling some of our Mark Lodges who would never be elected to the chair of a Craft Lodge, simply because Masons, as a rule, think the Mark Degree comparatively of no moment. This will be a fatal mistake on the part of our rulers, who should do all in their power to elevate, or at least maintain, the ground we hold.

The other proposed step to which I take exception is the plain for establishing an Educational Fund for the children of necessitous Mark Masons. We are told that this is not for the purpose of aiding "indigent" brethren. For whom then? It seems to me that this will be pauperizing the Order. If a brother is so needy as to be unable to pay for his children's education, at such a time as this, when excellent educations can be procured throughout the length and breadth of England for merely nominal payments, I do not think he ought to have indulged in the expense of taking the degree. Would it not be better to expend the money in establishing foundations or scholarships at one or both of the Universities, or even book prizes, open for competition to boys in the Masonic Schools, who are sons of Mark Masons?

I am sorry to be unable to attend Grand Lodge on Tuesday, where I should have been glad to have heard these questions discussed, but I do hope nothing will be done in haste, especially as regards the alteration of Constitutions.

I am, yours fraternally,

27th Nov. 1878.

A MARK W.M.

LORD CARNARVON'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The approaching marriage of our Pro Grand Master having been announced in the papers, would it not be well to take steps to enable the Craft to present to his Lordship some tangible token of their high appreciation of his services? I would, with all deference, suggest that a list be opened with a subscription limited to 5s, so as to bring it within the means of every brother on the Roll, and that the result be expended in the purchase of a piece of plate, of suitable design, to be presented to our Pro Grand Master in open Grand Lodge, or at a special banquet in his honour.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. W.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

Will be worked as under:

At the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, Westbourne, 1 Craven-road, Paddington, on Monday, 2nd December. Bro. George Davis J.W. 167 W.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Heath, Nevitt, C. Powell, West, J. Powell, Maillard and Reynolds. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Coop, Mickleburgh, Rudderforth, G. Read, Dulton. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Elborn, Gellion, Sones. Bros. G. Read Preceptor; G. Davis Sec. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

At the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, on Tuesday, 3rd December. Bros. Collings 1585 W.M., Puseford 1153 S.W., Whitley 936 J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Fane, Stevens, Fortune, Holloway, Leaper, Griffiths and Cull. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Carter, Wise, Collings, Farwig, and Puseford. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Radcliffe, Smith and Collings Bro. A. Withers 211 Hon. Sec. At 7 p.m. precisely.

At the Great Northern Lodge of Instruction, No. 1287, Berwick Arms, Berners-street, W., on Thursday 5th December, at seven o'clock.

CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 14th ult., at "The Marine Hotel," Tidal Basin, Victoria Docks. The Lodge was opened shortly after 2 p.m. by Bros. J. White W.M., F. Brien S.W. W.M. Elect, P. McCarthy J.W., B. Brayshaw P.M. Treas., J. Mitchell Hon. Sec., H. Taplay S.D., J. T. K. Job J.D., W. Dorton I.G., M. Sherwin Organist; also Bro. E. West P.M., Holliday P.M., and numerous brethren. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. A committee was elected for the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. Bro. F. Brien, W.M. Elect, having been presented by Bro. J. Dorton I.P.M. to the W. M. J. White, for the benefit of Installation, was installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able and impressive manner. On the return of the brethren the W.M. invested as his Officers Bros. J. White I.P.M., P. McCarthy S.W., H. Taplay J.W., B. Brayshaw P.M. Treas., J. Mitchell Hon. Sec., J. T. K. Job S.D., W. Dorton J.D., P. Nevins I.G., A. Mason D.C., R. Brown and W. Harvey W. Stewards, and M. Sherwin Orgt. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented the I.P.M. Bro. White with a P.M.'s jewel. Bro. White briefly thanked the brethren. Bro. White announced his intention of acting as Steward. He spoke as follows:—Worshipful Master and Brethren,—“For the good of Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular” I would like to say something about this Lodge becoming a Vice-President of the Aged Freemasons' Charity. I would like each brother to give me 7s 6d between this and February; 2s 6d this month, 2s 6d next month, 2s 6d in January, or the whole amount now, or a promise to pay this small sum. Brethren, this Lodge can become V.P. of the R.M.B. Institution. Reflect on this; for 7s 6d either of you who might require them would have ten votes, whereas, for a member to get two votes only it would cost five pounds. Ten votes every year at the disposal of this Lodge! Brethren, you remember my speaking to you and asking you for your votes and interest on behalf of the child of Mrs. Priestley. How many votes do you think I obtained from this Lodge? Two from our W.M., and one from our J.W.; only three votes from this large Lodge! I know that P.M. Holliday is a thrice-told Governor; that P.M. Dorton is the same; that the wife of one of our P.M.'s gave five pounds for a Life Governorship. Now, I joined the London Masonic Charity Association, to further Mrs. Priestley's child's case. After I had laid it before the committee I noticed that a brother on my left stated that, although pledged to support the Committee's "last chance" selections, still, he could not give up some 300 votes he wielded. On this he was assured his case should be carried at the next election if he lent those votes. Now, brethren, what votes could I promise? None. At the Board of Benevolence there is no case comes before it but the question crops up, "What has the applicant done for our Charities?" You may be sure that there is a considerable difference made between the one who has done something and the one who has done nothing. Now, I want you, not only to give me these three half-crowns, but to give me one each quarter-day until such time as this Lodge is V.P. of each of our great Charities. Only think, brethren, that there are nearly 1,800 Lodges, and of these Lodges and Chapters but 200 rank as V.P.'s. In four years we should have cleared off the three Institutions, and by that time I venture to think we should count our Life Governors by the score. Your good example may ultimately be followed by other Lodges; in fact, a V.P.'s Wing to the Royal Benevolent Institution might be the result of such an effort; and the time may come when the candidates for our Order might qualify for the "three degrees" more fully by taking up three Life-Governorships. The effort can hardly be elevated into a sacrifice, the sum being so trifling; yet how noble the result! Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the Milk-street Restaurant, Cheapside, for the banquet, to which about seventy sat down. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the toast "The Queen and the Craft;" "God Save the Queen" was sung by Bro. Sherwin Org. The toast "H.R.H. M.W.G.M." then followed. Song—"God Bless the Prince of Wales." The other Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P.M. White then proposed the "W.M." He alluded to the earnest manner in which Bro. Brien had always worked for the Lodge, and the excellent impression he had made upon the brethren, as evinced by his unanimous election. He had joined the Lodge at a most opportune time, and had ably filled a gap, year by year, to his own credit and the welfare of the Lodge. The W.M. briefly replied, and then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, naming White and J. Dorton, who replied in suitable terms, as also did P.M. Gaskell, at considerable length, and P.M. West, Holliday, Day, &c. The W.M. next gave The Masonic Charities, which the Capper Lodge was proud to have at all times recognised as worthy of its utmost support. He coupled the name of Bro. J. Terry P.M. P.G.J.W. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I., with the toast. Bro. Terry, who was received with cheers, said he would recall to the memory of the brethren those beautiful words of our Lectures, "That Charity is the best test, and the surest proof of the sincerity of our religion." No doubt this was deeply impressed upon the hearts of all, especially when Bro. White I.P.M. made so earnest an appeal that afternoon for support for the Masonic Institutions. Brethren, our Masonic Institutions are, as you will readily perceive, most unique in themselves. Any other charitable institution can plead, and often successfully, over an unrestricted area, for support, whereas those of the Craft cannot appeal to the general world, and have, in consequence, a far less extended circle from which to enlist support. We are limited to the benevolence of the Craft only, for the support, clothing, and education of 220 boys, 200 girls, and 298 aged people. Now, as business men, let us try and estimate what amount of capital ought to be supplied, year by year, by the generosity of the Craft, for the daily support of over 700 souls in our Institutions. Each girl costs, to educate and clothe £36 per annum, each boy £41. There are 150 orphans at £10 per annum, 135 at £30 per annum, and 13 widows are receiving £20 per annum for three years. Thus we are committed to an annual expenditure of over £10,800 for the aged people, £9,000 for the boys, and £7,000 for the girls. Such is the magnitude of the work to be done each year; and, speaking of working expenses,

I am happy to inform you that an independent actuary has declared our working expenses to be low; indeed, upon a lower scale than any other collecting charitable institution you can name. Our Charities, brethren, are not only unique in their deriving support from the Craft alone, but are unique in that they are unfortunately dependent upon the generosity of a small minority only for support to carry on their good work. Of the Craft we may estimate 100,000, who, allowing a deduction of one quarter to cover duplication of membership, if they would subscribe only 5s per annum to each of our three Institutions would yield £50,000 and upwards. If they gave only 5s to one, which I think within the range of all, what a noble increase would be made to our resources. It is, indeed, only the minority who support us, for out of 210 or 215 candidates, I find only 18 of the parents had subscribed, and yet they were admitted, being deserving. Brethren, could I tell you, or could you witness what I do, I feel you would remember the lesson taught us at our initiation, when our ability to assist the cause of charity was so forcibly brought home to us; and now that you are possessed of the means, give as you are able, and the Masonic Institutions would never have to refuse admission to a candidate, and would become a pattern to all charitable institutions. An opportunity now presents itself. Place in Bro. White's hands what you have to give, that he may give a good account in February next. He has to-day appealed to the Capper Lodge for the support of each brother. He asks each of you to give 2s 6d a month till January, so that by February he may take up sufficient money to the R.M.B.I. to constitute the Capper Lodge a V.P. of that Institution. The idea is good, and likely to increase in good works. You can, by this simple means—1st, place your W.M. a member of the Committee of Management, and thereby aid your candidates, and then make your Wardens *ex officio* V.P.'s of the Institution. Brethren, is not this something worthy of the Capper Lodge, to have the great credit of starting so excellent an idea? The means of attaining this object are simple—a glass of beer less occasionally will afford sufficient to carry out the suggestion of one you are all so justly proud of, and enable him to continue the good work the Capper Lodge has done. I remember Bro. Holliday P.M. brought up nearly £100 from the Capper Lodge. The golden opportunity is now yours; do not let it slip, or the credit of it be taken away by others. In response to this appeal, £30 was guaranteed by the brethren at the table to Bro. White's list. The health of the Visitors was next given, and received with enthusiasm. After several had replied, the Officers was given, and met with a bumper. Each of the Officers having spoken, the Tyler's toast brought a very memorable evening to a close. During the proceedings some excellent songs were sung by Bros. Catchside, Stephens, and Sherwin Organist, who greatly enhanced the pleasure of the evening by his accompaniment of the songs and selections. The Visitors were Bro. J. Terry P.M. Sec. R.M.B.I., Wren 50, Balls 77, Ives 781, Jolly 913, Catchside 1063, Reeves 1437, Clapp 1437, Stephens 1623.

PORTLAND LODGE, No. 576.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge and installation of the Worshipful Master, on Monday, the 9th ult., was the occasion of a large gathering of the brethren of the "mystic tie." Upwards of forty members of the Craft were present, including visitors from the Grange, Wannon, and other Lodges. The Lodge was opened in due form, Bro. J. L. Archer P.M. presiding. Masonic business was transacted, including the "passing" of a Brother. The ancient charge having been read, and all brethren under the rank of P.M. having retired, a board of Installed Masters was formed. There were present Bros. Archer, Browning, Hayward, McConachy, Portland Lodge; Bro. Kinch, Grange Lodge, Hamilton; Bro. Bailey, Wannon Lodge, Coleraine; Bro. J. J. Martin, All Nations' Lodge, Clones; and Bro. Liddle. The ceremony of installation having been performed, the newly installed Worshipful Master Bro. Ednott Burbank was greeted by his Fellows, and the Board of Past Masters closed. Master Masons and Fellow Crafts were then severally admitted, and the brethren saluted the Worshipful Master according to ancient usage. Bro. Burbank then proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing twelve months, as follows:—Bros. Hayward I.P.M., Lowe S.W., Beath J.W., Jones Treasurer, Browning Secretary, Barton S.D., McEachern J.D., Chapman D.C., Tattersall and T. McConachy Stewards, Hayden I.G., Hayward Tyler. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. Archer, the several charges being given in an impressive and perfect manner. The Lodge having been closed the brethren and their visitors sat down to the customary banquet, which was catered in excellent style by Mr. Lewis, Percy-street. The chair was taken by the W.M., Bro. Burbank; the vice-chairs being occupied by the Senior and Junior Wardens. Due justice having been done the "good things" provided, the Worshipful Master gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, including the Queen and the Craft, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of England. Song—Bro. Hayward—"The British Lion." The S.W., Bro. Lowe, very briefly proposed the District and Provincial Grand Masters, to which Bro. Kinch responded as a Past Provincial Officer. Song—Bro. Brown—"Gentle Annie." Bro. Hayward gave The Sister Lodges throughout the world. Bro. Thurman, Wannon Lodge, replied to the toast in a very appropriate and pithy speech. Masonic Song—Bro. E. Burbank. Bro. Archer proposed the health of the newly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge. He spoke very highly of the exertions made by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge, and all agreed that he would discharge the duties of his high and important office in a most commendable and efficient manner. Masonic Song—Bro. S. McConachy. Bro. Burbank, in reply, said it gave him confidence when he found he had the assistance and goodwill of all the brethren. During his connection with the Lodge he had been assiduous in the discharge of his Masonic duties, and he hoped that under his rule the Lodge would continue to prosper. He urged a regular attendance at meetings, more particularly at Lodges

of Instruction, as every brother should endeavour to render himself competent to hold office in the Lodge. Bro. Burbank pointed out the benefits and advantages accruing from a strict adherence to the tenets and usages of Masonry, and strongly deprecated the admission of unworthy men into the ranks of the Masonic Order. Kindly reference was made to the services of Bro. Browning, Secretary of the Lodge, whose Masonic knowledge was not equalled in the district. Bro. Chambers, with capital effect and spirit, gave the hunting song, "My Pet Horse." The health of the Retiring Officers was very warmly drunk, and Bro. Hayward, the I.P.M., acknowledged the toast on their behalf. Comic Song—Brother Bailey—"Studying Economy." Bro. Burbank proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Archer. He said although the lateness of the hour prevented any long introduction to the toast, yet it required none. The zeal and ability displayed by Bro. Archer in the working of the Lodge, and the able and impressive manner in which he that evening conducted the installation ceremony, were noted and duly appreciated by the brethren, and he (Bro. Burbank) hoped that the Officers and members would long continue to have the benefit of Brother Archer's advice and assistance. Song—Brother Burbank—"Let us speak of a man as we find him." Bro. Archer made a capital speech in reply to the toast, which was very heartily received and drunk. He tendered good advice to the Officers as regards their duty, if they desired the Lodge to prosper and be regarded with respect, always inculcating the great principles of Masonry, brotherly love, truth, and charity. He sincerely thanked them for the manner in which his health had been drunk, and would strive to aid in every measure for the good of the Lodge. Masonic song—Bro. Hayward. Bro. S. McConachy gave the Visiting Brethren, a toast always well received at the Portland Lodge. Bros. Brown Grange Lodge, Bailey Wannon Lodge, and J. J. Martin All Nations' Lodge, returned thanks for the kind attention shown them that evening. Bro. Beath gave the Ladies, which it is needless to state was received enthusiastically. "Here's a health to all good lasses" being sung by the company. The Tyler's toast was then honoured, and the brethren separated after spending a pleasant evening.—*The Portland Guardian*, 12th September 1878.

DEATH.

At the residence of his brother-in-law, Mr. S. Hurdle, Greenwich, on the 25th ult., Bro. H. T. FISHER, P.M. of the St. George's Lodge, No. 1152.

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. Thomas W. White in the chair. There were also present Bros. Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, H. Massey, W. Bailey, Henry Maggeridge, F. Adlard, W. H. Farnfield, Charles Lacey, John A. Rucker, R. B. Webster, J. B. Scriven, E. H. Hewitt, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. The petitions of nine candidates were accepted, and three deferred. A letter from Mrs. Jardine was read, thanking the Committee for their condolence with her on the loss of the late Bro. Charles Jardine, her husband, who was drowned in the Princess Alice. Bro. Hedges reported the receipt from the Mansion House Committee of the purchase money for one of the orphan girls of Bro. Grinstead, the captain of the Princess Alice. The Committee afterwards adjourned.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE P.G.L. OF ARMAGH.

DUNDALK, Thursday.

YESTERDAY, pursuant to due notice, the Quarterly Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces representatives from about thirty Lodges, comprised within the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan was held under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master. The Most Worshipful Maxwell C. Close, D.L., M.P., Drumbanagher Castle, Representative in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, at the Masonic Hall of this town. He was supported by V.W. Bro. Francis Scott, M.D., as Senior Warden, V.W. Bro. Andrew K. Young, J.P., as Junior Warden, and Worshipful Bros. Sydney Jackson, John Galbraith, William Shimold Young, J. Hease, Past Grand Officers, and a fair attendance of the brethren of the Province. V.W. Bro. Geo. Hill Smith Grand Secretary read the minutes of last meeting at Clones, Co. Monaghan, which were confirmed. After which the installation of the following Grand Officers for 1879 was proceeded with by the Grand Master:—

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| V.W. Andrew K. Young, J.P., Monaghan, G.S.W. | |
| " Robert Heron, Castleblaney, G.J.W. | |
| " Richard Harvey, Drogheda, G. Treasurer. | |
| " Geo. Hill Smith, Armagh, G. Secretary. | |
| W. Bro. Rev. Aug. R. Young, Rector of Ballybay | } G. Chaplains. |
| " Rev. E. M. Holden | |
| " Arthur Wynne Horan, G. Organist. | |
| " John Galbraith, Dundalk, G.S.D. | |
| " M. M. Rutherford, Ballybay, G.J.D. | |
| " C. M. Tranter, Armagh, G.I.G. | |

Very Worshipful Bros. R. Harvey and W. Leonard were re-elected Representatives at the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge of Ireland; and Bros. J. Hease and R. Turner on Board of Instruction. After routine business, some very interesting matters to the Craft were introduced, and decisions arrived at, after which the Grand Lodge closed in peace, love, and harmony, and the brethren subsequently dined together at the Hotel of Bro. Williams, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master.

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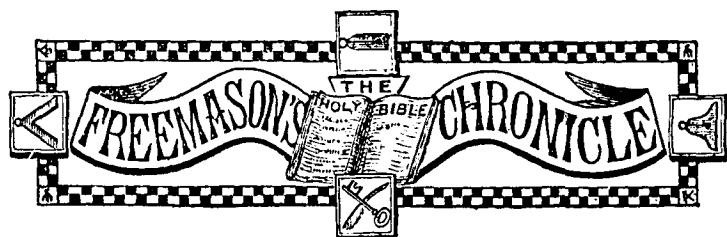
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

HER Majesty the Queen, accompanied by Princess Beatrice and suite, reached Windsor from the North on Friday morning. The Premier paid a visit to Her Majesty during the afternoon. On Saturday H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught arrived at the Castle, and left on Sunday evening for London. On Monday Her Majesty conferred the honour of Knighthood on Mr. F. Leighton, having previously invested him with the Gold Medal and Chain of Office of President of the Royal Academy. On Tuesday the Queen and Princess Beatrice paid a visit to the Duchess of Cambridge at St. James's Palace. On Wednesday several gentlemen, including the ex-Lord Mayor of London, were introduced to Her Majesty by the Secretary of State for the Home Department, and received the honour of knighthood.

Three Cabinet Councils have been held. The first on Friday afternoon, at which it was decided to recommend the Queen to summon Parliament for Thursday the 5th December, the second on Monday, and the third on Thursday. It is stated that the Queen will not open Parliament in person.

The Sarmatian, with the Marquis of Lorne and the Princess Louise, arrived at Halifax on Saturday night. The passage had been a rough one, and the Princess was very sick. The patent births were a failure. The vessel was three days out when the Marquis and the Princess made their first appearance on deck for a short time. On arriving off the York Redoubt, on Saturday, the Governor General and his wife landed to enjoy a short rest at the Admiral's house. The official landing took place on Monday. The Royal party stepped on shore at exactly the same spot at which the Prince of Wales landed eighteen years ago. They were received officially by the military and naval authorities, and with much enthusiasm by the public at large. The Duke of Edinburgh was in the procession by which the Princess and the Marquis of Lorne were accompanied from the dockyard to the Provincial Hall, where the ceremony of administering the oaths of office was gone through. Salutes of guns from the Citadel, the forts, and the ships made generally known the interesting fact that an heir of the Argyll family had for the first time become the actual ruler of British America. In reply to the address which was presented to him the Marquis of Lorne thanked the people of Halifax for their devotion to the Throne, and mentioned the fact that there the Duke of Kent had passed many years of a soldier's life, and there two of his grandchildren had come that day. The Governor General of Canada and the Princess Louise left Halifax on Wednesday morning for Montreal, which it was expected they would reach on Friday, as they will stop at two places for the night on the journey.

Another terrible disaster has occurred off Dungeness, where, about midnight on Monday, a collision took place

between the German mail steamer Pommerania and an iron barque, the Moel Eilian, which was in ballast. The night was dark and foggy. The steamer was so badly injured that she gradually filled and sank; the Moel Eilian had a large hole stove in her bows; but she made for Dover, where she is now in dock. The Pommerania had boats sufficient to save all who were on board, who are believed to have numbered 220, but one of them was swamped, and two others were crushed. Others were floated, and 172 persons were saved by a Scotch steamer, the Glengarry, which was passing and saw the rockets from the mail steamer. The captain was supposed to have gone down with his vessel, but a telegram states that he was picked up by the City of Amsterdam and taken to Holland. In a dense fog on the Mersey a ferry-steamer was carried against a vessel anchored in the river, and several passengers were thrown overboard. It is believed that fifteen lives were lost in consequence.

Julius Heizburg, a wholesale jeweller, has been committed for trial on a charge of fraudulent trading. The prisoner commenced business in 1874 with a capital of £100, and in July last failed for nearly £10,000. He appears to have obtained large quantities of goods from various London jewellers, and to have immediately pledged them.

On Friday three men were buried alive by the falling-in of the top of a tunnel near the new station at Fairlie on the line of railway which is to connect Glasgow with the watering place at Largs. Two more men were seriously injured.

A summons taken out by Mr. John Balieff, charging a police sergeant with an assault in Piccadilly on the evening of Lord Mayor's Day, has been decided at the Marlborough-street Police Court. The evidence of Mr. Balieff was corroborated by Mr. Thompson, a law student, who declared that the conduct of the police outside the Criterion was perfectly scandalous. The magistrate did not consider the charge substantiated, and dismissed the summons, remarking that it would be impossible for the police to do their duty in a crowd if every person who happened to be roughly used had the right to render the police liable for the injury caused to him.

Several members of the Metropolitan Board of Works went down the river, on Saturday, in order to collect samples of the water at the time when it would be most likely to be contaminated with sewage from the Outfall Works at Crossness. Their object is to decide the question raised by Captain Calvert in his report to the Thames Conservators, and by others, whether the discharge into the River is injurious and offensive. The specimens taken, which are reserved for chemical examination, were turbid, but without swell. A meeting of watermen and lightermen of the Thames was held on Saturday to protest against the report of the Wreck Commissioners in the Princess Alice case. Resolutions were passed denouncing the report made by Mr. Balguy, and his assessors, and instructing an opposition to be presented to the proposed new Thames Navigation Bill.

The British troops are rapidly continuing their advance in the Khyber Pass. They occupied the Chagai Height, commanding Ali Musjid, without opposition; and after an engagement, chiefly with artillery, the fort of Ali Musjid was occupied, the enemy having evacuated the place some time before, leaving behind the tents, guns, and war material. General Browne reports that the British loss was not serious. It is stated that the place was a scene of great confusion on the entrance of our troops. Considerable additions had recently been made to the forts, and the garrison appeared to have been prepared for a long siege, but when their position was turned the Ameer's troops took to flight, most of them leaving their arms behind them. Behind the fortress was a standing camp, which was taken as it stood. A number of the Afghans have been captured, including many officers, but they have since been released. A telegram has been received from the Viceroy, stating that Dacca has been occupied without opposition, and telegrams from other sources state that the tribes from Jumrood to Jellalabad have revolted against the Ameer. The Khurum Fort has been occupied by the British forces. The garrison fled to Peiwar, and the English troops encamped in the Valley. The principal inhabitants welcomed our soldiers, and brought them provisions. Another message states that supplies are being received on all sides. The Maharajah of Cashmere has offered to send a contingent

to our help, but has been told that the greatest service he can render will be to watch the Afghan frontier of his territory. The occupation of Pisheen is confirmed, and two English officers have visited the largest villages, where they were received in the most friendly manner.

A remarkable scene was presented by the City of Rome on Sunday, in its reception of the Royal Family on their return from Southern Italy. The enthusiasm of the people was very warmly expressed, and the King and Queen, full of emotion, again and again came on the balcony at the Quirinal to bow their acknowledgments to the crowds in the streets who hailed them. Prince Charles opened the Roumanian Chambers on Wednesday with a speech, in which he remarks upon their newly-acquired independence, and the steps taken to occupy the Dobrudscha. He hopes that the Constitution will be remodelled, and tells the Deputies that "posterity will remember accomplished facts." The Emperor William in reply to the Address of the Prussian Chamber of Deputies, after thanking them for their devotion to his person and the Royal House, says he intends to return shortly to his Princely vocation, to which he will the more readily devote himself as he is certain of finding in the Chamber a clear comprehension of his efforts for the tranquil development of the Fatherland.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation and Installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 25th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. W. Littaur M.E.Z. in the chair, P. Dickinson J., S. N. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., L. Lazarus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s Comps. J. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, S. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, S. Pollitzer. After preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Bros. Simmons No. 1017, G. Hobinstock 1017, F. Gianelli 167, W. Howard St. Barnabas, E. Gosherson No. 193, and J. E. Walters (previously accepted), who were duly exalted into R.A. Masonry by the M.E.Z., whose working was perfect; he was assisted by the Companions, who rendered the ceremony solemnly and impressively. The Installation of Principals then took place, and Comp. W. Littaur (who had been re-elected) was inducted into the chair. The M.E.Z. invested the Principals and Officers:—Comps. P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. N. Abrahams Treas., W. H. Gulliford S.E., I. P. Cohen S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S., Smith P.Z. Janitor. The M.E. in investing his Officers addressed pertinent remarks to each. The report of the auditors was read and adopted; it showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of a goodly amount, this being without the fees for exaltations of the evening. Propositions were handed in to the S.E. Comp. S. Pollitzer P.Z. said he had great pleasure in being the medium for a presentation to the M.E.Z., who had been re-elected that evening for the third time to the chair, which he so worthily occupied. The presentation consisted of an elegant watch with suitable inscription. The M.E.Z. in eloquent terms suitably acknowledged the valuable gift, and also the kind expressions uttered by the P.Z. and endorsed by the brethren. The resignation of two Companions was tendered, and accepted with regret. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions—forty-seven in number—sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet, provided by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. The M.E.Z., after grace had been said, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. S. N. Abrahams proposed the health of the M.E.Z. Whatever had been said of him he deserved; they had seen how he had impressed the Companions who had been exalted, and they also must have seen how ably he had performed his duties. All were gratified to see him for the third time in the chair. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Abrahams for his kind expressions; he hoped at the expiration of his third year of office to merit their continued approbation. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the Exaltees, remarked it was a red letter day in their Chapter to have so many candidates, all of them respected and introduced by tried Companions; he was sure each would be a credit, not only to Freemasonry, but to the higher degree they had just entered. Comp. J. Walters responded to the toast. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Comp. A. M. Cohen P.Z., late 188, returned thanks, followed by Comps. W. Stevens, Kidder, Gardner, and Max Littaur. The M.E.Z. next gave the toast of the P.Z.'s, with it he would associate Comp. J. Lazarus, whose name was on their Warrant, and Comp. E. P. Albert, who had filled the chair two consecutive years; the others had done every duty required of them. Personally he had to thank Comp. J. Lazarus, to whom he was indebted for the position he then held Freemasonry. After a reply from Comp. S. M. Lazarus, the remaining toasts, comprising the Treasurer, H. and J., P.S., and the rest of the Officers, were given and acknowledged; the Janitor was then summoned, and the Companions separated after passing a very agreeable evening. The visitors were Comps. W. B. Kidder 12, W. Stephens P.Z. 862, A. M. Cohen P.Z. late 188, J. O. Gardner, M. Littaur late 188, Wolf No. 21.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 27th ult., at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. K. Harris W.M., T. W. C. Bush S.W., D. Moss J.W., Gotthel P.M. Prec., J. K. Pitt Sec., T. B. Biddle S.D., Woodward I.G. The usual preliminaries having been arranged, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Walker as candidate; this was followed by the ceremony of passing, with the same candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, at 7 o'clock.

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, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
R. A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—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.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
190—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
492—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Guthbergu, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
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.
1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1380—Skelmersdale, Queens Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Chayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
R. A. 605—De Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
R. A. 874—Holmesdale, Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.

TUESDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1261—Golden Rule, Cafe Royal, Regent-street, W.
1294—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1668—Samsons, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.
246—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
246—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
244—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
693—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stron., Gloucestershire.
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Liverpool.
923—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston.
1002—Skidaw, Lounge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1044—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
1044—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Averley, Cannonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1366—Square and Compass, Iron Exchange, Wrexham.
1433—Boote, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Enoch, Castle Hotel, Amble.
R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
M. M. 151—Watson, Assembly Rooms, St. Ann-street, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7.
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 at 1. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Gro-m, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1186—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1554—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.
1687—Rothsay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.
580—Harmony, Wheatheaf, Orm-kirk.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction.)
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno.
754—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1091—Ermo, Ermo House, Ivy-bridge, Devon.
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester.
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool.
R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

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.)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, S.E.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.
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.)
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
31—United Industrious, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinkley, Leicestershire.
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne.
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Naphthalia, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
269—Fidelity, White Bill Hotel, Blackburn.
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden.
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.
360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.
659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.
816—Road, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland. (Instruction.)
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
1244—Brent, Globe Hotel, Toppam, Devonshire.
1301—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.
1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster.
1473—Boote, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
1504—Re Rose of Lancaster, Starkies Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley.
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.
1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.
1630—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.
R. A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
R. A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-street, Openshaw, near Man.
R. A. 754—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
R. A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herno Hill.
M. M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

Simulation 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.)
506—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
444—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
402—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
938—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)

1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1153—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—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.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

44—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.
 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool.
 1096—Lord Warden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh.
 1333—Athelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.

SATURDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 92—Moir, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

To Secretaries of Craft Lodges, Scribes of Chapters,
 Preceptories, Conclaves, &c.

BROTHER M. MILLINGTON, 25 Colliergate, York, S.D. of Eboracum Lodge 1611, is making a collection of Lodge Circulars, Toast Lists, Menu Cards, &c., and would feel grateful to the officers above named if they would forward him copies of the same.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 25th inst. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Percy S.W., Wing J.W., Fenner Sec., Powell S.D., J. Millington I.G. The Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—FIRST LECTURE—Fenner, Percy, Millington, Percy, Hallam jun., Sadler, and Powell. SECOND LECTURE—Hallam jun., Powell, Hallam sen., Sadler, and Fenner. THIRD LECTURE—Wing, Percy, and Trewinnard. On the resumption of the Lodge, Bro. McClean, of the Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M., and those brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the sections. After which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 26th November. Bro. Sparrow W.M., Moss S.W., Daniel J.W., Roberts, Hollands, Hamilton, Brown. Bro. Brown answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was duly raised, the W.M. giving the Traditional History and the lecture on the Tracing Board. The second degree was worked, Bro. Hamilton candidate. Bro. Moss was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Bro. Sparrow was unanimously elected Preceptor for the ensuing year. Bro. Maidwell Treasurer, and Hollands Secretary, were re-elected. An Audit Committee was appointed; it will consist of the following:—Bros. Daniel, Brown, and Hamilton.

Prudent Brethren, Lodge No. 145.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C. Bros. D. Haslett W.M., J. Leggett S.W., Lister J.W., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec., C. A. Woods J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., A. D. Kerrall D.C., J. Read Steward, T. Bull P.M., &c., E. H. Thielay P.M. Visitors—Bros. W. H. Fraser Prov. Grand Chaplain Dublin, J. Turner 907, Hayes 619, Hirsch, H. M. Levy. After the minutes were confirmed, the resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret. Pursuant to notice of motion previously given by Bro. J. Boyd P.G.P., who was unavoidably absent, Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed, and Bro. G. S. States seconded, that the sum of ten guineas be given to the Wentworth Little Memorial Fund. The election for W.M. resulted in Bro. Leggett S.W. being unanimously chosen. Bro. J. Boyd P.G.P. was re-elected Treasurer (16th time), and Bro. Grant Tyler. After an acknowledgment from Bro. Leggett, the Audit Committee was appointed. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed that the sum of 10 guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a P.M.'s jewel for the able manner he had discharged his duties in the chair, and in appreciation of the regard and esteem in which he is held by every Bro. in the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Kerrall, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in January, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M., in general terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; he regretted the absence of Bro. J. Boyd. Bro.

T. Bull proposed the health of the W.M., who gracefully replied. Bro. Bull responded for the P.M.'s, and Bro. G. States for the Treas. and Secretary. The Officers were in due course complimented, and after other toasts had received attention, the proceedings were brought to a close. The harmony of the evening was enhanced by the excellent singing of Bros. Porpa, Curtis, Turner and Hall, and Bro. Fraser P.G.C., who gave a very excellent reading.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington. Present—Bros. Joseph Pickthall W.M., J. Rymer Young S.W., C. E. Hindley J.W., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Sec., John Armstrong P.M. Treas., James Paterson S.D., Thomas Grime J.D., Arthur Peake I.G., Thomas Domville Tyler, P.M.'s Bros. William Sharp P.P.G.J.W., Thomas Tunstall, W. H. Robinson, John Harding; and Bros. Ferguson, Dr. Young, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Mackie, Wallhead, Kinsey, W. Burn, Thomas Jones, John Laithwaite, Morris, Gibbon, G. F. Carzon, &c. Visitors—Bros. James Kenworthy S.D. 1565 and James Farrington 1250. After due observance of formalities the W.M. called upon Bro. Secretary to read the bye-laws according to annual custom. The choice of W.M. for the ensuing year fell unanimously upon the Senior Warden, Bro. J. Rymer Young. Bro. Armstrong was re-elected Treasurer. Auditors and Tyler having been elected, a Ball and a Banquet Committee was formed. A Past Master's gold jewel was unanimously voted to the outgoing W.M. After some further routine business the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 168.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N., Saturday, 23rd November. Bros. H. Hall W.M., Brand S.W., Brasted J.W., Gilham S.D., J. Millington J.D., Spencer I.G., Killick Sec., Percy Preceptor. A large number of the members were present to do honour to Bro. H. Hall, he being an old member of the Lodge, and it being his first appearance in the chair. During the evening a well-deserved vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him. The business consisted of the rehearsal, in a very satisfactory manner, of the initiation ceremony. The first four sections of the degree were afterwards worked by Bros. C. Lorkin, Hallam sen., Fenner, and Hallam jun. Bro. Brand will preside this evening.

Caveac Chapter, No. 176.—The installation meeting was held at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday. J. B. Sorrell Z., W. M. Goss H., C. Browne J., and others opened the Chapter. Afterwards Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. installed W. M. Goss Z., C. Browne H., the J. elect being absent through illness. The ceremony was well done. The Officers are F. Walters P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex P.Z. Treas., J. B. Sorrell jun. S.E., A. Middlemass S.N., R. P. Tobb P.S., S. Pownceby 1st A.S., H. Boyson 2nd A.S., C. T. Speight Janitor. Bros. R. Strong, J. Soper and H. Soper were exalted. The ceremony was beautifully rendered. A Past Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. J. B. Sorrell P.Z., for his able services rendered to the Chapter. Business ended, the Chapter was closed, and adjourned to meet on 22nd February 1879. Banquet followed. The Visitors were Comps. W. A. Barrett and W. J. Stride.

Beaconsfield Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 205.—The brethren of this Lodge met at "The Chequers," Marsa-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 16th November. Bro. D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O. opened the Lodge for the W.M., and the minutes of the last Lodge and audit meetings were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for six brethren, which proved unanimous in their favour. Four of the candidates being present were regularly introduced and advanced into the Order, according to ancient form and custom. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, Bro. Binckes G.S. being the Installing Master, Bro. W. T. Christian, the W.M. elect, was then installed, proclaimed, and saluted in due form. The W.M. appointed the following brethren his Officers for the ensuing year, viz.:—Bros. J. Pinder I.P.M., W. C. Claridge S.W., W. Groomer J.W. and Treasurer, W. G. Hallows M.O., T. Franklin S.O., J. S. Badkin J.O., F. Hallows Secretary, E. Laverack R.M., E. Brown S.D., J. M. Hunt J.D., J. H. Cambridge I.G., T. Upward Organist, E. Laue D.C., &c. Shephard W.S., W. Gilchrist Tyler. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously that a vote of thanks be tendered and recorded upon the minutes of the Lodge to Bros. Binckes and Dewar for their able and efficient services as Installing Officers. The Lodge closed in due form with solemn prayer, and adjourned until the third Saturday in February 1879. After the labours of the evening were ended the brethren sat down to a banquet, at which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M. Bros. Binckes and Dewar responding for the Grand Officers. The toast of the I.P.M. Bro. J. Pinder was ably given and heartily responded to by the brethren, and for his able and efficient services as first W.M. of the Lodge, the brethren, through the W.M., presented him with a very handsome Past Master's Jewel; Bro. Pinder replied, thanking the brethren for so highly appreciating his services, and wishing the Lodge prosperity and success. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Pinder, and responded to. The remaining toasts were then given, and the brethren separated after spending a pleasant evening.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—A meeting was held on 26th November at Cannon-street Hotel. Present—Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. W.M., A. Basington S.W., H. J. Phillips J.W., C. F. Hogard P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Essex Sec., C. Cook P.M. P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treas., C. Norden S.D., J. Da Silva Steward, H. Smith I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s W. Sillam, M. J. Emanuel, I. P. Cohen. The ballot was taken for Mr. James Milbourn; it proved successful, and that gentleman was initiated. Bro. Edwin John Ward was raised to the sub-lime degree.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern. Comp. Jas. Terry M.E.Z., J. A. Winsland H. M.E.Z. elect, Robert Griggs J. H. elect, J. Hillhouse S.E. J. elect, John While S.N., R. H. Halford P.S., C. K. Killick Second Assistant, Thomas Janitor; T. W. Hazelgrove, W. J. Pandall, W. G. Hunter, J. Woodman, T. Woodman, J. R. Green, R. Percy, Jas. Hill, T. Goode, W. Rowley, A. W. Fenner, A. J. Timothy, J. Stock, W. Moseley, John Gibbs, Jos. Crump, C. Davies, W. Fysh, and H. Paine. The Visitors were Comps. W. J. Cawdell P.Z. 948 St. Barnabas, J. Pigot Hervey Chapter, A. F. Rowley Prudence 12, W. Clarke Royal Savoy. Chapter being opened the minutes of last convocation were read and confirmed. The following brethren were duly exalted:—Bros. H. Paine United Strength 228, George Calderwood Crusaders 1677, Auguste Ross Salisbury 435, Henry George Flaws United Strength 225; the ceremony being impressively performed by the M.E.Z. Comps. Winsland, Griggs, and Hillhouse were then installed as M.E.Z., H., and J. Comp. While being appointed S.E., Halford N., Killick P.S. The latter appointed Comps. Davies and Percy his Assistants. Comp. Thomas was re-elected Janitor. The auditors' report was read and proved satisfactory, after which the Chapter was duly closed, and the Comps. adjourned to an excellent banquet, served by the managers of the Guildhall Tavern in their usual excellent manner. The routine toasts were proposed and severally responded to. During the proceedings a handsome P.Z.'s Jewel was presented to Comp. Terry P.Z. by the M.E.Z. in the name of the brethren. The gift was gracefully acknowledged by Comp. Terry. A very handsome pair of vases was also subscribed for, and presented to Comp. Terry by the Comps. The M.E.Z. made some remarks on the kindness of feeling exhibited towards Comp. Terry by all who knew him. He hoped he would live long to enjoy the honours he had so well earned. Comp. Terry made an excellent reply.

Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd instant, at the Head Quarters of the Hon. Artillery Company, Finsbury, Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. presiding. The following Officers were present:—Bros. A. D. Everingham S.W., Captain Durrant P.M. acting J.W., Captain R. Holsbam P.M. Treasurer, Captain J. Eglese P.M. Hon. Sec., Quarter Master W. G. Brighten S.D., W. Birdseye P.M. I.G., W. Jolliffe D.C., Lieut. W. I. Spicer I.P.M., and W. H. Honey P.M. The minutes of the last Lodge having been read and confirmed, Bros. Captain Jacobs and James Quarm were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the following members of the Regiment were ballotted for, viz., Thomas Blashill, of No. 4 Company; Henry Salaman Harris, of No. 1, Company; Edward Harrison, of No. 1 Company; and Charles Haynes, of the Artillery Division. The ballot proving unanimous in their favour, they were severally initiated into the mysteries of the Order. A ballot was taken for Bro. W. H. Bateman, of the Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12, which also was unanimous in his favour. Bros. A. D. Everingham S.W. was then elected W.M., and Captain R. Holsbam P.M. Treasurer for the ensuing year. A Past Master's jewel was voted, to be presented to Bro. R. G. Webster W.M. on his retirement from office. Several members of the Regiment were then proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and after some other formal business had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to supper. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. J. D. Matthews W.M. Canonbury 657, P. Baylis Eastern 751, F. C. Pelton Lewis 1185, W. F. Gunnell Ivy 1441, and A. B. Cowrie St. John's 795.

Buckingham Lodge, No. 591.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 20th November, at the George Hotel, Aylesbury. Present—Bros. J. Adams W.M., T. W. Robinson S.W., G. A. Jeffries J.W., John Williams P.M. Sec., L. Poulton S.D., R. B. Bateman J.D., Rev. W. T. W. Lang I.G., T. Cheshire Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. O. J. Grace, John Lawson, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. G. Tottle 1501, Rev. H. G. Layton P.P.G. Ch. Gloucestershire. The Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. H. Martin, a candidate for the third degree, was examined, entrusted, and duly raised to sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Rev. O. J. Grace P.M. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. John Williams took the chair, and examined Bro. J. E. D. Ostrehan, who, in due course, was passed to degree of Fellow craft. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence was signed, and all business ended, the Lodge was closed in ancient and solemn form and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 22nd November, at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Gunner (Hon. Sec.) W.M., Costelow S.W., Goss I.P.M. 780 J.W., Gomm S.D., Tucker Treas. J.D., Talbot I.G., J. C. Roe P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Kyzor and Skinner. After preliminaries, Bro. Kyzor kindly volunteered to act as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, at the close of which he was called away to attend to a little business connected with Bro. Roe's testimonial, which is ready for presentation at the banquet on 29th instant. Bro. Skinner answered the questions leading to the third degree. The brethren were called to refreshment, after which labour was resumed, and a short discussion took place relating to home affairs. Lodge was closed, and the meeting adjourned till 29th inst., at half-past six, when a strong muster of Bro. Roe's admirers is anticipated.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Gilham W.M., Polak S.W., Carr J.W., Brasted S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., McClean I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wellington Preceptor, Bros. Wardell, Weige,

J. Lorkin, Collins, and others. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Collins as candidate. The Preceptor then occupied the chair, and opened the Lodge in the second degree; Bros. Weige answered the questions, the Lodge opened in the third degree, and Bros. Weige was raised to the degree of M.M., Bro. Brasted gave the traditional history. The W.M. resumed the chair, and Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed down. Bro. Polak will preside next week.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On Wednesday, November 27th, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppus-court, Fleet-street. Bro. J. S. Brown in the chair. Welsford S.W., Abell J.W., Tate S.D., Knill Abell I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the minutes the first three sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Kidder offered himself as a candidate for passing; was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened up and the ceremony of the second degree ably performed by the W.M. Some of the sections of the second lecture were worked. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Welsford elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the ceremony of initiation will be rehearsed.

Whittington Chapter, No. 862.—A convocation was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on 22nd inst. Present—Comps. Thos. Kingston Z., Tinney H., Murlis J., W. Stephens P.Z. Treas., J. Weaver P.Z. Scribe E., Jno. High Scribe N., J. Glaskin P. Soj. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous convocation confirmed. A ballot was then taken for Bro. Pike of the Mother Lodge, which being unanimous in his favour, he was regularly exalted to the degree of a Royal Arcu Mason. This being the annual convocation, Comp. Wm. Stephens regularly installed Companion Tinney First Principal for the ensuing year, after which Comp. W. J. Murlis was installed into the chair of H. The installation of Comp. Moore, who had been duly elected to the Third Chair, he being prevented by business from attending, was deferred until a future meeting. The Officers were then invested as follow:—Comps. Wm. Stephens (re-invested) Treasurer, Jas. Weaver (re-invested) Scribe E., Jas. Glaskin Scribe N., W. Grist P. Soj., Geo. Penn First Asst., S. Parkhouse Second Asst. The business being over, the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet, and the usual toasts were honoured. Comp. Kingston presided, in the absence of the M.E.Z., who, from professional engagements, had been compelled to leave. The duty of presenting the retiring First Principal with a valuable jewel was entrusted to Comp. Wm. Stephens P.Z., who, in complimentary and feeling language, in the name of the Chapter, placed on the breast of Companion Kingston the insignia of a Past Principal. He, in grateful sentiments, acknowledged the honour. Comp. Massey returned thanks for the Visitors, and the Janitor's toast brought an enjoyable evening to a close. The sum of five guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Masons.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—At the Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road. The Fifteen Sections were worked on the 22nd November, at this Lodge. Bros. Ellis 933 W.M., Barnes P.M. 933 and 554 S.W., Durell S.D. 1349 J.W., Cundick Past Master 1421 I.P.M. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Stamp, Durell, Field, West, Musto, McDonald and Barnes. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. Stephens, Berry, Job, Williams and Webb. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. Cohen, Maidwell and Taylor. Bro. William Musto P.M. 1349 Hon. Sec. The other brethren present were P.M.'s Bros. Butters, Culverley, Hill, Hogg and Mortlock; also Bros. Phillips, Moss, Goldstein, S. Moss, Bone, Saunders, Norden, Slaiter, Waterer, Clayton, Lorkin, Hayes, Graveley, Richards, Richmond, Knight, Furness, Burr, Holland and Prestridge. The work was done in the admirable manner for which this Lodge is famous. Afterwards Bros. Saunders 33, Knight 95, Phillips 205, Bone 765, Graveley 898, Goldstein 898, Haynes 898, Holland 1321, Simkins 1421 and Furness 1421 were duly elected members. Bro. B. Cundick P.M. and Preceptor proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded upon the minutes, and that the W.M. be elected an honorary member. He was sure this mark of respect was richly deserved. Individually he had derived very much pleasure from the excellent working of Bro. Ellis, and felt it reflected credit both upon him and upon the Lodge,—carried unanimously. Bro. Barnes P.M. and S.W. in announcing this to Bro. Ellis, expressed his entire concurrence with all Bro. Cundick had said. He had no more pleasurable recollection of the working of the Fifteen Sections than on the present occasion. Having occupied the S.W. chair on very many similar occasions, he was sure that Bro. Ellis had acquitted himself most ably; it moreover, was his first time of working the Fifteen Sections. He also alluded to the perfect working of the brethren, without exception, and felt it a great compliment to hear his own system so ably rendered. Bro. Ellis having replied, votes of thanks to the working brethren followed, and the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 27th inst., Bro. J. Featherstone was the W.M., Bro. J. J. Holland S.W., and Bro. F. Reed J.W. There were also present—Bros. H. R. Jones P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., C. Digby, W. A. Blackmore, H. J. Newens, J. Frost, P. V. Denham, and A. A. Denham Secretary. The three degrees were worked, Bro. Newens being the candidate for the first and second, and Bro. Featherstone (who resigned the chair for the third degree to Bro. Digby) going through the ceremony of raising. Bro. J. J. Holland will be the W.M. at the next meeting.

Stamford Chapter, No. 1045.—The regular convocation was held at the Masonic Rooms, Ayringham, on Wednesday, the

20th inst. Present—Ex-Comp. H. Kenyon M.E.Z., J. Siddelay P.G.S.B. H., H. Goodacre P.P.G.P.S. J., T. H. Kirk P.Z. as S.E. W. H. Wakefield as P.S., Dr. W. Agar Renshaw S.N., J. Worthington Janitor, and Comps. E. G. Simpson P.Z., J. R. England, C. H. Hinde W. Gibson, G. Barker, T. A. Crompton, Jas. Hervey, &c. Chapter was opened at 6.30, and the minutes of last regular convocation read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Comp. F. Smith as a joining member, and it proved unanimous. The ballot was taken for Bro. J. Drinkwater, as candidate for exaltation. This also proved unanimous. The Second Principal gave the ancient lecture peculiar to his office, for the benefit of a young Companion, in a very able manner. We have been told that this Chapter works equal to any in the Province, and if this is so, we shall be pleased at some future time to witness its efforts, as we consider it a pleasure to visit where talent is displayed. The business of the evening being ended, the Chapter was duly closed with ancient charge and solemn prayer at 7.30, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment. The toast list on these occasions is short, but the importance of all is felt and duly honoured. The M.E.Z. proposed the first toast. The Queen, followed with that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family, which were heartily received. To Comp. Dr. Renshaw was entrusted the toast of the Prov. Grand Supt. and the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers; with it he united the name of Comp. Siddelay, who replied: He felt proud to respond for the Prov. Grand Chapter of Cheshire and his fellow Officers. He informed the Companions that he had been pleased to receive the distinction he had from their noble chief at last Provincial Grand Chapter at Birkenhead. He expressed the pleasure he felt at seeing the Prov. Grand Supt. Lord De Tabley looking so hale and hearty on that important occasion. He hoped the day would be far distant when His Lordship could not be at the head of the Craft in this Province. Comp. Simpson also returned thanks. Comp. Siddelay, by courtesy of the M.E.Z., assumed the gavel. He had now the pleasing duty to propose the health of the newly elected joining Comp. Smith. He welcomed him warmly into the Chapter, and trusted the work done in it would be to his satisfaction and edification. The toast was warmly received. Comp. Smith, in reply, thanked the Comps of No. 1045 for their kindness in electing him. As he was Third Principal in another Chapter, he hoped his services, which were at their disposal, might be brought into requisition, as at all times he would do his best to promote the interests of the Chapter. Comp. Goodacre proposed the health of the Visiting Companions. He regretted that unforeseen circumstances had prevented Comp. Davies, who had come a long way for the purpose, seeing the Chapter work that evening. He assured the Visitors that there was always a cordial welcome extended to all in the Stamford Chapter. The toast was received very heartily. Comp. Davies, in replying, touched upon many topics interesting to all; the subject of his remarks evoked a lively and pleasing chat, which ushered in the hour for separation.

United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069.—Bro. Capt. G. Haldane, 339, P.P.G.D.C. Monmouth, was lately installed as Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas. Hants and Isle of Wight, and amongst the brethren present on the occasion were Bros. H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., H. M. Emanuel P.M. P.P.G.W., G. Bond P.M., Starkey P.M., J. Maltby P.M., C. B. Whitcombe W.M. 1705, T. P. Hall W.M. 804, H. Townsend P.M. &c. The newly-installed W.M. appointed his officers as follow:—Bro. J. E. Ivimey I.P.M., R. J. Murrell S.W., M. H. Emanuel J.W., H. J. Guy P.M. Director of Ceremonies, E. Groves P.M. Sec., H. M. Emanuel P.M. Treasurer, J. Gieve S.D., Albert Wendover J.D., W. E. Atkins I.G., D. Whitehall and F. E. Knott Stewards.

De Grey and Ripon Lodge, No. 1161.—A meeting was held on the 20th inst., at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester. Present—Bros. James Hargreaves W.M., Sturm S.W., James Burgess J.W., Thos. J. Cowen Secretary, John Hayes Treasurer, R. Dottie S.D., A. Radford J.D., E. H. Bland I.G., J. Meadows Tyler; Past Masters Bros. S. P. Bidder, John Hayes, W. H. Anderton, Julius Aremberg, and W. T. Norton I.P.M.; Visitors—Bros. George Mellor R.W.D.P.G.M. of East Lancashire, Edwin Simpson Provincial Lodge of Cheshire, John Chadwick Provincial Lodge of East Lancashire. The Lodge being duly opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed; the E.A. charge was then impressively given to two initiates by Bro. Jas. Burgess J.W. The Lodge was raised, and the ceremony of passing was worked by Bro. James Hargreaves W.M. in a very able manner; the charge being given by Bro. Wm. Sturm S.W. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous repast provided by Bro. W. Y. Smith, of the Zetland Lodge, of the above address, at which Bro. James Hargreaves W.M. presided. After the usual Loyal toasts, Bro. S. P. Bidder P.M. proposed the health of Bro. George Mellor R.W.D.P.G.M. of Masons in East Lancashire, and the rest of the Provincial Officers. He said that every Lodge in the Province rejoiced when the R.W.P.G.M. selected Bro. Mellor for the high position of his Deputy; and the great esteem in which Bro. Mellor was held, not only by the brethren of the Province, but by his fellow-townsmen of Ashton-under-Lyne, who had several times elected him to the highest municipal honours they could bestow, was a sufficient guarantee that he was well worthy of holding the high position he did in the Craft. In response Bro. Mellor complimented the W.M. and his Officers upon the excellent and efficient manner of working in their Lodge, and remarked that during his forty years' experience in Freemasonry, he had seldom seen and heard the ceremony of passing so well done. He urged the brethren to copy the example of their W.M. and his Officers, in being prompt and regular in their attendance. Bro. Simpson, Provincial Lodge of Cheshire, proposed success and prosperity to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge,

which was duly responded to. The other toasts usual at Masonic gatherings brought a very enjoyable evening to a termination.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, 21st ult. Bros. Abrahams W.M., Hine S.W., Pearcy J.W., Fenner S.D., Bolton J.D., Townsend I.G., and others. Bro. Townsend gave ample proof of his proficiency, and was entrusted. Bro. Abrahams vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Fenner. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed in a very excellent manner. Bro. Townsend as candidate. Bro. Abrahams resumed the chair. Bro. Fenner worked the first three sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hine was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge.—The regular meeting of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge was held on Thursday last, the 21st instant, under the presidency of Bro. C. K. Crouch, the W.M., who was supported most ably by Bros. Sayers S.W., Dr. Defriez J.W., and the rest of his Officers. The muster of members and Visitors was large, numbering in all 84, the majority of whom were in time for the opening ceremony. The business consisted of initiating two gentlemen, Messrs. Johnson and Harrison, and this over the brethren adjourned to banquet. Among the guests present were P.M.'s Brayshaw, Brookes, Finch, Robertson, Hodges, Hughes, Anglis, Tandgrove, Hogarth, and Edwards. The Lodge unanimously agreed to a petition for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be located at the Victoria Tavern, which will be its nearest neighbour. The banquet to which the brethren adjourned was done ample justice to, and the usual toasts were given and heartily responded to.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The members met on Wednesday, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road, where, in spite of the depressing influence of the weather, there was a fair attendance of members. Bro. Sturtevant, an earnest worker of the mother Lodge, presided, and rehearsed the ceremony of initiation. The Lodge was opened up to the third, and closed down. Several interesting matters were discussed, and Bro. Chitson was appointed to preside on Wednesday next. We can recommend brethren to pay this Lodge of Instruction a visit; they will find good workers, comfortable quarters, and a fraternal greeting awaiting them.

St. John of Wapping, No. 1306.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Bro. T. Mortlock's, Gun Tavern, High-street, Wapping, on the 13th ult. Lodge was opened at 6.30 p.m. by Bros. A. W. Coleman W.M., W. H. Hayward S.W., G. Hamilton J.W., R. Hayward Treas., H. T. Hardy Sec., C. Veal S.D., C. Wells I.G., W. Beck P.M., J. W. Dawson P.M., T. Mortlock P.M.; also Bros. J. Horsey, C. Bate, J. Carroceiro, H. Harbert, T. Howard, and J. Magrath. Visitors—G. H. Stephens and C. Karaber. The minutes of previous meeting were read, and after discussion confirmed. The other business comprised the balloting for a gentleman for initiation, and the discussion of several subjects of interests to the Lodge. Lodge was closed with prayer, and the brethren went from labour to refreshment, and spent a very pleasant evening together. The usual toasts were enlivened with some capital songs. By permission of the W.M., Bro. G. H. Stephens introduced the claims of the Masonic Charities upon the Craft. He explained the immense good to be derived from the brethren forming Masonic Charity Funds, the proceeds of which would be devoted to the purchase of Life Governorships in the names of members. After an interesting discussion, eighteen names were given to start a fund, as explained by Bro. Stephens, and it was arranged that endeavours should be made to enlist the support of brethren of the Lodge of Instruction.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1365.—On Friday, 22nd November. Present—Bros. L. Coubro W.M., Bell S.W., Spurgeon J.W., Yates S.D., Birch J.D., MacMillan I.G.; also Bros. P.M. Cansworth, Goddard, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Goddard candidate. The Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Cohan was passed. The Lodge was closed down, and the thanks of the members unanimously voted to Bro. L. Coubro for the very able manner in which he had rendered the first and second ceremonies, for the first time. The increasing attendance at this Lodge shows that the brethren appreciate the comforts of the new room.

Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.—An emergency meeting was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, Middlesex, on Saturday last. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. H. A. Daboiss P.P.S.G.D. P.M. P.Z., supported by the following Officers:—Bros. H. Lovegrove S.W., George Clark jun. J.W., H. Clark S.D., G. C. Cruikshanks J.D., Dr. Whitmarsh I.G., W. Ramsey I.P.M., G. J. Dunkley Organist; Visitors—Bros. C. P. McKay W.M. 720, F. Perks 1507. The ballot was taken for Messrs. Horace Marshall, C. C. W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, T. G. W. Brown, and F. W. Gritten; it having proved unanimous, the four first were duly initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. A letter from the Duke of Cumberland was read, thanking the brethren for naming the Lodge after his illustrious father, King George V. of Hanover, and giving permission for the Hanover Arms to be used by the Lodge. Bro. Marshall announced that he had much pleasure in presenting a copy of the "Sacred Law" for the use of the Lodge. The W.M. announced that had offered himself as Steward for the coming Festival of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a slight repast, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

William Preston Lodge, No. 766.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 28th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. Lodge was opened by Bro. S. D. Ewins W.M., assisted by Dr. C. R. Cutmore S.W. W.M. elect, E. Kidman J.W., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. F. Smart I.G., W. J. Collens D.C.; Past Masters Bros. Captain Kain Treasurer, W. Worrell Secretary, W. J. Miller, G. Newman, B. Abbott, A. Braun, J. Pringle, and several Visitors. Lodge having been opened by the W.M., and the minutes having received confirmation, the ballot was taken for Messrs. E. D. Jerrold and J. G. Appell; in each case it resulted in their unanimous election. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Dr. Cutmore was introduced to Bro. J. W. Miller, who had assumed the chair, by Bro. P.M. Newman, for the benefit of installation. Lodge was regularly advanced, and the ceremony completed. At its conclusion the W.M. appointed his Officers as follow:—S. D. Ewins I.P.M., E. Kidman S.W., W. Drake J.W., Capt. Kain Treas., W. Worrell Sec., J. R. Roberts S.D. (by deputy), W. F. Smart J.D., W. Collens I.G., E. B. Broomhall D.C., G. Newman P.M. Std. Mr. J. G. Appell was introduced and most impressively initiated by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a very perfect manner. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. had the gratification of presenting to his predecessor in office, Bro. S. D. Ewins, a handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge. He considered that the jewel had been well earned, and trusted that Bro. Ewins might live long to wear it. The inscription on the jewel was as follows: "Presented by the William Preston Lodge, No. 766, to Bro. Samuel Daniel Ewins P.M., in appreciation of his eminent services as W.M., and as a token of fraternal regard and esteem. 28th November 1878." Bro. G. Newman announced that he had undertaken to represent the Lodge at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and on his asking the Lodge to support that Institution, the sum of five guineas was immediately voted to head his list. Lodge was now closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At its conclusion, after grace, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. Bro. Ewins in introducing the toast of the W.M., referred to Bro. Cutmore in very kind terms. He considered the health of their new W.M. was the principal toast of the evening. The members had seen how well Bro. Cutmore had been able to work the ceremony of initiation on this the first night he had occupied the chair of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Ewins) considered his conduct in the chair thus far augured well for the future prosperity of the Lodge. The W.M. thanked the brethren for having placed him in his present position. It would be his endeavour to carry out the duties of the Lodge in a most perfect manner. His object would be to make the working as impressive as it was possible to be, and with this in view he hoped for the support and co-operation of the brethren. Brother Abbott here sang "The Fine Old English Gentleman." The next toast given was that of the Initiate. All must know that anything in Nature, as well as in Masonic Lodges, must die unless fresh blood is infused into it. The W.M. had great pleasure in welcoming the newly initiated Brother among them, and hoped he would be the means of stirring the members up to renewed effort. Bro. Appell replied in a neat little speech. He felt fully sensible of the great honour that had been paid him that night. He should ever retain a memory of the beautiful and impressive ceremony he had that night taken a part in. The health of Bro. Miller, who performed the ceremony of installation in a most impressive manner, was, we are pleased to announce, specially proposed by the W.M. who in fitting terms called to the memory of the brethren the perfect way in which the whole of that ceremony had been carried out. Bro. Miller thanked the brethren. He was always most heartily received in the William Preston, and as a consequence felt more at home there than in any Lodge it was his good fortune to enter. Since the Lodge meetings had been held at their present quarters, the Lodge had considerably increased. He hoped that its prosperity would continue, and that it would always occupy the high position it at present enjoyed. He was gratified at thinking he had been of service in installing the present Master. Bro. Newman, by command of the W.M., gave the health of the Visitors, tendering them a hearty welcome, and trusting it would be long before it was necessary to omit the toast at the meeting of the William Preston. Each of the guests replied. After which the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters; replying to which Bro. S. D. Ewins I.P.M. considered it a great honour to have the opportunity of responding to so important a toast, and then delivered the following speech:—"I am desirous of doing my duty in every state of life in which the G.A.O.T.U. has called me. I confess I am glad to be relieved from the distinguished post I have just left. The poet talks of "the fierce light that beats upon a throne," but in my opinion it is nothing to the nervousness I felt on taking the distinguished office to which you appointed me." He tendered his hearty thanks for the handsome jewel which had been presented him, and hoped he would be able to attend the meetings of the Lodge for many years to come. The health of the Officers was next given and acknowledged. The Tyler was summoned, and the brethren dispersed.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The installation meeting was held on Thursday, 28th inst., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Report will appear in our next issue.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602.—A meeting was held on 22nd November, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Present—Bros. P. M. Sim, Acting W.M., Rowley S.W., Western J.W., Osborne Sec., Poulton J.D., Parslow D.C., Field I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Somers, Lee; W. Payne, E. Payne, Percy, Rimell, J. Francis, W. Francis, Hollidge, Pelikan, Kitchener, Greenfield, and others. Visitors—Bros P.M. Brain, Röhrs, Hirst, Rowley, Pearcey, Fenner, and others. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M. Bro. Coombes, Lodge was opened in due form by P.M. Sim, and advanced to the third degree, to which Bro. Hollidge was raised. Bros. J. Kitchener and E. Pelikan

were passed to the second degree. Pursuant to notice of motion, the brethren then proceeded to the election of a Treasurer, that office having become vacant by the much-regretted resignation of Bro. W. Payne. The candidates were Bros. P.M. Somers, and J. Greenfield. After a ballot, duly taken, Bro. Greenfield was declared elected, by a considerable majority, and was invested by the Acting W.M. with the collar of office. The names of several joining members, including one from a Scotch Lodge, were announced. Petitions for relief were presented, and in two cases refused. The Craft will do well to look carefully into and remember these petitioners, who make claims from time to time, which they cannot sustain. Lodge was closed in solemn form, when the brethren proceeded to partake of slight refreshment, and spent a very happy evening. Bro. Parslow and others sang some excellent songs, and the brethren dispersed at an early hour. We are gratified in being able to state that this young Lodge is making satisfactory progress, and that the members conduct their proceedings with perfect harmony and good feeling.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting of this Lodge on Thursday, the 21st instant, there was a very numerous attendance of brethren to support Bro. H. Kasner, the S.W. of 1612, who was W.M. for the night. The Officers were Bros. Rickwood S.W., Seward J.W., Barr S.D., Gasson J.D., Wright I.G., Tucker Treas.; and Bros. Beasley, Kingston, Dyer, Stephens, Maling, Clarke, Fernes, Jones and others. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed by the W.M. (Bro. Maling candidate), in a manner reflecting the highest credit, and affording a most enjoyable treat to the brethren present. At the conclusion of the proceedings, a special vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Kasner for his able rendering of the most impressive of our ceremonies, which that brother suitably acknowledged, and after the transaction of some formal business, relating to the formation of the Benevolent Association, and to the erection of a Masonic Temple, which we understand is to be seriously considered at the next regular meeting of the mother Lodge, the proceedings were closed in the usual way, and the brethren retired, feeling thoroughly satisfied that when, in the course of events, Bro. Kasner fills the chair of W.M. in Lodge 1612 he will ably discharge the duties of the post, and in every way keep up the high reputation which that Lodge has for careful, accurate, and impressive rendering of the ceremonies.

West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.—The regular meeting of the Lodge was held on Thursday, 21st November, at Bro. T. Butt's, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. G. S. Elliott W.M. presided, supported by his Officers—Bros. J. Howes P.M. S.W., J. Johnson J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, E. Mallett P.M. Secretary, W. Pennfather P.M. S.D., W. Malthouse J.D., T. McButt I.G., Lardner D.C., G. Stephens W.S., and others. The W.M. in an able manner initiated three gentlemen into the Order. It was unanimously resolved to present the Treasurer, Bro. F. Walters, with a testimonial from the Lodge Funds. Banquet was well served. There were thirteen visitors.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 25th November, Present—Bros. Berry W.M., Barnes S.W., Yetton J.W., Gotthell I.P.M.; also about 40 other brethren. After the usual preliminaries, the fifteen sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Moss, Barnes, Andrews, Musto, Durell, Candick, Yetton, Moss, Musto, Myers, Hogg, Taylor, Job, Webb, and Ellis. The thanks of the Lodge were given to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided, considering he was labouring under great mental trouble, hourly expecting the death of his father; this called forth the sympathies of the brethren. The thanks of the Lodge were voted to those who had assisted the W.M. in the working of the sections. Bro. Hollington was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will be held on the 9th December, as the mother Lodge meets on the first Monday, in the same room. Visitors—Knight 184, Smith 1278, Hodge 1278, Gravely 898, Haynes 898, Oldacres 898, Moss 1275, Addison 1349, Howcroft 1349, Sand 1349, Ward 1349, Hodges 1382, Macdonald 1445, and Waiter 1579, all of whom, with the exception of the first three, became members.

Hilda Chapter, Rose Croix.—At the regular meeting of this Chapter, held at York, on Wednesday, Bro. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett was elected M.W.S., and Bro. T. Cooper, the present M.W.S., was elected Treasurer for the coming year.

St. George Lodge, No. 1723.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton. Present—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh W.M., Nat. Nicholson S.W., Harrison Veevers J.W., G. P. Brockbank P.M. and P. Prov. S.G.D. as Sec., Geo. Ferguson Treas., James Heywood S.D., William Court J.D., J. W. Taylor P.M. D.C., John Barrett Steward, Robert Latham I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Thos. Morris, Jas. Richardson W.M. 221, Thos. Entwistle P. P.G. S. of W., W. H. J. Jones, Chas. Stanley, W. Hewitt, John Bromley, R. Hough. Visitors—Bros. Robt. Harwood 37 and 348 P.P.G. S. of W., H. Greenwood 348 P. Prov. G.P., Thos. Holme P.M. Ellesmere, E. Garstang S.D. 37, John Collins 678, J. Horrocks 348, A. Cosgrave 221, R. Duxbury I.G. 146, J. F. Skelton 146, Bradburn 221, Rooke Pennington 37, Jas. Hall 221; and Bros. H. Stead, W. H. Alcock, Jas. Smith, Wm. Blain, M. Fielding, P. Staton Organist, S. Brierley. The members confirmed minutes of former meeting, and then balloted for the following gentlemen as candidates:—Messrs. E. G. Harwood, J. Priestley, T. T. Holt. All were approved. Mr. Robt. Ramwell, who was accepted at the last

meeting, was initiated by Bro. James Richardson W.M. Lodge 221; E. G. Harwood, by Bro. G. P. Brockbank; T. T. Holt, by Bro. Chas. Stanley P.M.; and J. Priestley, by Bro. T. Entwistle P.M. P.P.G. S. of W. A letter was read from Bro. Terry, announcing Festival for Aged Freemasons and their Widows, and soliciting Stewards from the Lodge. Colonel Starkie, our Prov. G.M., was announced as chairman. Bros. Ferguson Treasurer, J. Martin Rutter Secretary, and J. W. Taylor Director of Ceremonies, together with Bro. Brockbank, who had previously given in his name, all consented to act as Stewards on the occasion. A circular from Prov. Grand Secretary was then read and considered. Bro. Dr. Hall was proposed as a joining member, and a gentleman was also proposed for initiation at the next meeting. Hearty good wishes were given by the Visiting Brethren, and the Lodge was closed at 8.30. At this meeting, which was the first, from the establishment of the Lodge, from which formal invitations had been issued to the Past Prov. Officers and others, the master was unusually large, and the appearance of the Lodge Room very brilliant. Thirteen of the members sat under their own banners, and the Lodge banner of the Mother, 221, together with that of St. George, were suspended from the walls. The Officers were punctual, the ceremonies were given with great care and accuracy, and at the close of the proceedings the W.M. was highly complimented by the Visitors for the treat which had been afforded them. Three old P.M.'s and the W.M. of the Mother Lodge respectively performed the ceremonies of initiation. The working tools of the degree were explained by the W.M. in a highly effective manner, and the founder of the Lodge delivered the charge to the initiates. The Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Taylor, and the Organist, Bro. Staton, with Bros. Collins and Garstang, enhanced the pro-

ceedings by their rendering of the musical programme, and altogether the evening's proceedings in the Lodge were of a most enjoyable character. Dinner succeeded, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bros. Skelton, Holt, Nicholson, Collins, Pennington, Spead, and others, contributed materially to the pleasures of the evening, the proceedings of which were conducted under the able management of the Master of Ceremonies, Bro. J. W. Taylor.

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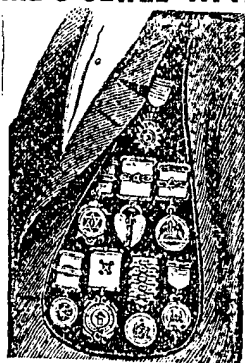
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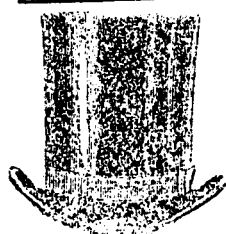
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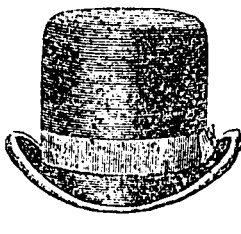
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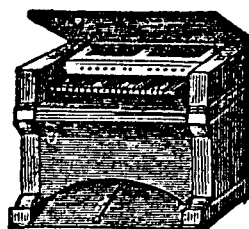


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