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## GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FROM the last issued "Proceedings" of this Grand Lodge, we learn that a Special Communication was held at the Masonic Temple, Boston, on Friday, 1st November 1878, the special object of the meeting, as described by the Grand Master, being to perform the last ceremonies over the remains of the late Recording Grand Secretary, Bro. Charles H. Titus. Bro. Titus, who was born on 11th April 1819, was admitted into Freemasonry in the King David Lodge, Taunton, in 1858. The two following years he received the Capitular degrees in Adoniram Chapter of New Bedford, and the Orders of Knighthood in St. John's Commandery, Providence, R.I., attaining the 33rd degree in 1865. He was appointed Recording Grand Secretary in April 1871, by Grand Master Gardner, and in the June following was duly elected by Grand Lodge to that office.

Grand Lodge being opened, was called off, and the members proceeded by train to Providence, R.I., being joined on the way by the relatives, having in their charge the remains of the deceased, and later on by the Members of Charles H. Titus Lodge, together with a delegation from King David Lodge. Upon the arrival of the train at Providence, the Grand Lodge was met by St. John's Commandery of Knights' Templars and members of various Masonic bodies of the district, who together proceeded by train to the town of Warren, where, in accordance with the special request of the deceased, his remains were to find their last resting place. At 2 o'clock a procession was formed to the Methodist Church, where the funeral service was conducted by Revs. Edgar F. Clarke, Dr. Samuel C. Brown, Dr. Micah J. Talbot, Dr. Morrison and John Livesey; Rev. Dr. Brown giving an oration on the character of the deceased. After the completion of the service the brethren, by invitation of the Grand Master of Rhode Island, proceeded to his mansion, where they were hospitably entertained, and left for their homes amid warm expressions of friendship between the two Grand Lodges. Grand Lodge was closed, at Boston, just before nine o'clock.

On the 11th December the Annual Communication was held, the Grand Master, Bro. Charles Alfred Welch, again presiding, supported by a large and influential gathering of Grand Officers and brethren. The records of the Quarterly Communication of 11th September, and of Special Communications held on 13th September, 3rd October, and 1st November having been approved, various proxies were presented, and the brethren named therein were duly recognised. The Grand Master then read his Annual Report, in which he states that the general condition of the Lodges throughout the State is satisfactory; he found that the records of the Lodges were correctly kept, harmony prevailed, and the duty which each Mason owed to the Institution was freely acknowledged. The number of initiates during the year ending August 1878, was 982; the membership at same date reaching 25,742. Two new Lodges have been added during the year, making up the total to 221, besides which two are working under dispensation. The Grand Master expressed his opinion that it was impolitic to warrant new Lodges unless the need for them was very apparent, as the founders of a new Lodge were very apt to under-estimate the expense, and when they found it had exceeded their ideas, to meet the

liabilities they admitted persons who, under ordinary circumstances, would be rejected. He referred to the granting of dispensations to confer the degrees at less intervals than the Constitutions required, and stated that he had expressed his opinion to the District Deputies in order that a stop should be put to such a course for the future. He then, at some length, referred to the loss the Grand Lodge had sustained in the death of its Treasurer and Recording Secretary, Bros. John McClellan, who died on 29th September, and Chas. H. Titus, who died on 29th October, and also mentioned other cases where death had taken members of the Grand Lodge. He had installed Bro. Samuel Wells and Bro. Tracy P. Cheever to fill the two vacancies. Special warrants were issued during the year for the purpose of installing the Deputy District Grand Masters of Districts Nos. 8 and 10, to formally heal two candidates of Districts Nos. 2 and 19 respectively, and for Bro. John A. Hall D.D.G.M. for No. 10 District to dedicate a new Masonic Hall at Conway. 1339.92 dols. had been received since last Communication for the relief of members of the Fraternity who were sufferers by yellow fever in the South-west. Of this sum only 300 dollars had been expended, the balance being withheld, as it was considered that sufficient funds had been raised for present requirements. The Grand Treasurer's accounts showed that the indebtedness of Grand Lodge at the close of the year was 12,000 dollars less than at the corresponding period of 1877, the principal item in the receipts being 21,156 dols. from the capitation tax. The question of the means to be adopted to meet the expenses of Grand Lodge after the end of 1879, when this tax ceases, appears to be a most important one to the members of this Grand Lodge. The Grand Master estimates the receipts for 1880 at 23,000 dols., and as Grand Lodge will start the year with about 265,000 dols. indebtedness, close on 19,000 dols. of this amount will be absorbed for interest, the other expenses raising the estimated expenditure to 37,000 dols. or a deficiency of 14,000 dols. for the year. To meet this difficulty the Grand Master points out two courses. Either the Masonic Temple, with its pictures, libraries, furniture, jewels, regalia, &c., must be disposed of, or the capitation tax must be renewed. If the latter course is adopted, it may reasonably be expected that under similar arrangements as at present exist, the rate of interest can be reduced to 6 per cent., as the mortgagees will have further security than at present, and if properly managed the result should be that at the end of twelve years the debt would amount to about 40,000 dols. only. He did not consider they need be discouraged, for they were much better off than at the time the Temple was finished. Then 16,000 Masons owed 450,000 dols., now over 25,000 Masons had to provide for a claim of 265,000 dols. It was finally arranged that a committee of one or more from each District should be appointed to consider the subject, and report on it at the next Quarterly Communication.

The Deputy Grand Master now assumed the chair, and Grand Lodge proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, it being announced by Grand Secretary that the whole number of votes that might be cast was 530. A Committee was appointed to examine the votes, and they declared that 455 had been cast for Grand Master, all of which were for M.W. Charles Alfred Welch, who was thereupon declared unanimously elected Grand Master. A Committee of Past Grand Masters, attended by the Grand Stewards, &c. waited upon the Grand Master, and con-

ducted him to his seat in the Lodge, when the result of the election was declared and acknowledged. Bro. Solon W. Stevens was elected Grand Senior Warden by 417 votes out of 432, and Bro. Henry G. Fay Grand Junior Warden by 280 out of 289. Grand Lodge confirmed the appointments made by the Grand Master as regards the offices of Treasurer and Recording Secretary, and proceeded to the election of the other Officers. By-Laws, for approval, were presented from several Lodges, communications read, and other matters of local interest disposed of; after which Grand Lodge was closed until the 27th December, when the usual Installation meeting was held and the Feast of St. John celebrated. The Appendix contains reports of D.D.G. Masters, abstracts of returns of Lodges, Lodges in Masonic Districts, List of Lodges and Secretaries, Past Officers and Permanent Members, and Organization of the Grand Lodge for 1879.

### THE SCHISMATICAL GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

A SHORT time since we wrote an article on this mushroom Grand Lodge of Freemasons lately declared to have been established in New South Wales by dissentient brethren of the Constitutions already working under regular Governments in that Colony. A late number of the *Australian Freemason* contains abundant information, fully corroborating the views we have stated, and justifying our condemnation of those who had set up this schismatic Grand Lodge. We learn from our contemporary that while the representative Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland have, or had, on their roll forty-two, twenty-three, and six Lodges respectively; even the supporters of the schismatic Grand Lodge only claim for it some twelve or sixteen Lodges, and that while the former muster among them several thousand brethren, the latter are about two hundred, or, at all events, within three hundred strong. Three of the Irish Lodges have seceded, or rather two, for the Master of one of the three remains loyal, and still retains the warrant granted by his Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge of England has refused to recognise the self-constituted schismatic body, that of Scotland has suspended the ringleaders of the movement and the contumacious, while that of Ireland has called upon the dissentient Lodges and members to pay their dues, which have remained unpaid for years. Notwithstanding these facts, which they are challenged to contradict, if they can, the schismatics have impudently declared themselves to be a majority of the Freemasons in the Colony. But though they have applied for recognition to several of the Grand Lodges of the United States, they have been courteously but firmly cold-shouldered. They have started an organ of their own, which is distinguished by its scurrilous abuse of Dr. Sedgwick, Prov. G. Master Scottish Constitution and other leading members of the legally-constituted brotherhood. But one other matter remains to be recorded, which is about as astounding a piece of impudence as we have ever heard of. It is announced from Tarbolton—so says our contemporary—that “the Grand Lodge of New South Wales having been duly erected, the functions of the various Provincial Grand Lodges hitherto existing have ceased; and as Brothers Sedgwick and Higstrim” (P.G.M. and P.G. Secretary respectively, under the Scottish Constitutions) “are not Officers of the Grand Lodge, they have no Masonic authority whatever in New South Wales.” Let these mushroom schismatics bear in mind the fate of the frog in the fable, which tried to swell itself to the dimensions of an ox, and—burst.

A Grand Chapter for Holy Royal Arch Chapter and Mark Masons will shortly be inaugurated for Jamaica.

The ordinary meetings of the Phoenix Lodge, Port Royal, Jamaica, are now held on the first Tuesday of each month, instead of the first Thursday. The first meeting under new arrangement took place on Tuesday, 4th February 1879.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—Influenza, Coughs, and Colds.—In diseases of the throat and chest, so prevalent in our changeable climate, nothing so speedily relieves, or so certainly cures, as these inestimable remedies. These disorders are too often neglected at their commencement or are injudiciously treated, resulting in either case in disastrous consequences. Whatever the condition of the patient, Holloway's remedies will restore, if recovery be possible; they will retard the alarming symptoms till the blood is purified and nature consummates the cure, gradually restoring strength and vital nervous power. By persevering in the use of Holloway's preparations, tone is conferred on the stomach and frame generally. Thousands of persons have testified that by the use of these remedies alone they have been restored to health after every other means had failed.

### Q: AND THE DUNCKERLEY QUESTION, ONCE MORE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

I WAS pleased with Bro. Q.'s fraternal style of discussion, but cannot say as much about his arguments. His letter of 28th December contains no new facts; it is but the old over again; he proves that it is only an *opinion* of Bro. Norton; and what then? The adage says, “it takes a wise child to know its own father;” how then can any one know whose son Dunckerley was? Again, he gives a gentle hit at my admission that my opinion was changed. Again, I ask, What then? I shall name (privately) several distinguished brethren who were astonished at my boldness in questioning the truth of the Masonic Dunckerley version; but when I communicated the facts and the arguments as printed in my communication of 7th December, their opinions were also changed. One of those brethren, after he heard what I had to say, remarked, “It seems to me, now, that Dunckerley was neither the son of Mr. Dunckerley nor of the Prince of Wales.”

The *stunning* argument of Bro. Q. is based upon the fact, that George the 3rd (who, by the bye, Q. admits was not over intellectually bright) must have believed in Dunckerley's story, otherwise he would not have given £800 per annum, and as the *Masonic Magazine* mentions a Lord H. and a Mr. W., which according to Q. probably meant Lord Harcourt and Mr. Worsley, whom he believes to have been paragons of wisdom and virtue, and as there were then “giants in the land;” therefore, the *Masonic Magazine* ought to be believed.

But, in the first place, assuming that H. and W. meant Harcourt and Worsley, and that they were giants in wisdom and virtue. And they themselves had signed a certificate of their belief in the Dunckerley narrative, then, I would be bound to believe their opinion. Here, however, we have *only* Dunckerley's testimony that they said so, or wrote so, and for obvious reasons I cannot accept his unsupported testimony. With regard to the judgment of George 3rd, before I go further, I must relate an anecdote.

James the 2nd showed Waller, the poet, the picture gallery in his palace; the king observed that Waller took especial notice of the picture of Queen Elizabeth, and in the course of conversation he asked Waller for his opinion of Elizabeth; the poet expressed himself in high terms of her ability, &c. “Oh!” said the king, “the wise measures of her government were not due to her wisdom, but to the wisdom of her ministers.” “Sire,” replied Waller, “that is true, but it is only a wise sovereign who knows how to choose wise ministers.”

There were undoubtedly in the early years of George 3rd's reign good men, wise men, intellectual men in England, who may be called “giants,” but there were also there at the same time giants of selfishness, of corruption, and of meanness, and George 3rd, who was not endowed with the intellect of an Elizabeth, unfortunately chose his confidants and his favourites from the latter class of giants. Take a glance at all his ministers up to the time of the French Revolution, or even after, and we will not find a solitary man who combined in himself intellect, honesty, and independence, who could maintain himself for any length of time in the king's confidence. The Rockingham ministry, which was really composed of good and honest liberal-minded men, was turned adrift by our King George, for no other reason but because they were honest and patriotic men. Lord Camden, who was another good man, was treated by the other appointees of King George with such contempt, that he was induced to keep away from the Cabinet meetings during the discussions about the Wilks' troubles and the American troubles, and at last he could endure it no longer, and spoke out boldly in the House of Lords, when, of course, he was dismissed. After many solicitations, the Earl of Chatham consented to hold office; for some reason or other, he did not improve matters. The history of that period, is a history of imbecility and corruption; both inside and outside of parliament; the mean, the crafty, and the selfish, found favour in the eyes of the king. Wholesale corruption was carried on in parliament, and in government offices; but as the tools of his despotism reaped benefit therefrom, the king approved of it. During the administration of Pitt (the younger) an inquiry was called for in the House of Commons to the corruptions going on in the Post-office, that pensions were exacted from Post-office appointees by the Post-Master General's friend. Pitt did not dispute the fact—indeed, the facts were admitted, but inquiry was quashed by the king's hired majority in the House of Commons. His Majesty imagined himself a kind of a divinity, and he exacted divine worship from his devotees, or in other words the king's favour was confined only to those who could flatter his conceits and prejudices. Under those circumstances, I really can see no reason for disbelieving that one of these court lick-spittles may have been hired by Dunckerley to obtain for him £800 per annum. Surely, if the king's Postmaster-General could take bribes, why could not an official in the palace do the same?

“That a foremost Mason,” says Bro. Q., “should have been noticed in his lifetime, and after death in a *Masonic Magazine*, is only in the order of things, but how came it that his death and some particulars of his career should have been made the subject of an article in the *Gentleman's Magazine*?”

The object of my opponent in asking the above question I cannot divine, but without further circumlocution I will endeavour to answer him, viz., at the end of each monthly Number of the *Gentleman's Magazine* some pages are devoted to obituary notices of prominent persons of both sexes who died during the preceding month, the notices are generally brief, consisting of a few lines; but there are also longer notices, covering sometimes a whole column or more. In these editorials the editor usually exercised what is called “Christian charity;” that is, the frailties and faults of the deceased, were omitted or glossed over, and his virtues prominently brought

forward. For instance, I had once occasion to hunt up the memoirs of the Duke of Cumberland, son of George the 3rd, whom I found described in the Gentleman's Magazine, *without any faults*, or as a very much abused personage. Well; in the second volume of the said Magazine for 1795, page 973, I found the following, among the obituary notices.

"At Portsmouth, in his 71st year, Thomas Dunckerley, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of Masonry, and pretty generally supposed to have been a natural son of George 2nd."

The above notice appeared in November, but in the December Number, on page 1052, I found the other editorial, which appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, 15th June 1878, p 389, in which Sir Edward Walpole, the second son of Sir Robert Walpole, who is admitted to have known Dunckerley from his childhood. The said Sir Edward, however, seems to have repudiated Dunckerley's pretension to royal parentage as a piece of humbug. Sir Edward is made to say, "that he had at all times been his (Dunckerley's) friend, that he believed him meritorious in the capacity in which he had served, but he [Sir Edward] could never be made an instrument of imposing this story as true."

Having answered Br. Q.'s question, I shall take the liberty of asking him also a question, viz., "That a foremost Mason" should be flattered during his life and after death in a Masonic Magazine, "is only in the order of things," but how came it that the Editor of the Gentleman's Magazine of 1795, who, as a rule, took care to whitewash the sins and shortcomings of the subjects of his memoirs; stating in the November Number that it was generally supposed that Dunckerley was the natural son of George 2nd, should in the succeeding month have charged his opinion, as may be inferred from his second editorial?

In conclusion, I beg to state, that unless my opponent can scrape up some facts unknown at present, it is useless to continue the discussion. It is possible that such new facts may yet be discovered, but they have to be searched for, and it is my opinion that something may be found about Dunckerley in the newspapers and magazines of 1795. As no precise date is given in the Gentleman's Magazine of the demise of Dunckerley, it will be necessary to search these publications, say, from the month of September; perhaps some brother in Portsmouth would take the trouble to hunt up the Portsmouth papers of 1795. I think that something could yet be found to throw light upon the subject if somebody in England would take a little trouble; and should my friendly opponent succeed in such a discovery, which may change my opinion once more, I shall most heartily thank him for it.

Boston, 17th January 1879.

#### AFFABILITY CHAPTER, No. 317.

THE regular Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th ult. Present—Comps. John E. Smethurst M.E.Z., James Dawson H., J. E. Lees J., W. Nicholl S.E., J. F. Watts S.N., J. B. Sowter 1st A.S., W. P. Norris Treas., Vetter Org., and Comps. W. F. Towle P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., J. Blandon P.Z. P.G.S.B., J. Hall P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., J. Higginbottom P.Z. P.P.G.R., J. H. Sillitoe P.Z. P.G.D. of C., Jas. Sly jun., J. W. Almond, John Church, E. De Yongh, H. L. Rocca, G. Summerfield, G. A. Packwood, A. S. Radford, H. R. G. Bayley, J. Sumner, S. D. McKellen, R. Tomlins, Alfred Love, T. Watson, J. Cavanah, J. G. Batty, J. Frankenburg, L. Simondson, D. Donbavand, &c. Visitors—Comps. E. Nathan P.Z. 204, J. Hall Z. 210, W. R. Batchelor P.Z. 524, S. M. Davies FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE, &c. The Chapter was opened according to ancient rite, and the minutes of last Convocation read and ratified. This being the occasion for the installation of Principals Comp. James Dawson the M.E.Z. elect was installed by E. Comp. J. H. Sillitoe P.Z., the H. (Comp. J. E. Lees) was installed by E. Comp. J. Hall P.Z., and the J. (Wm. P. Norris) by E. Comp. W. F. Towle P.Z. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his Officers for the next twelvemonths as follow:—Bros. William Nicholl S.E., J. W. Watts S.N., William Sowter P.S., F. Rocca 1st A.S., John Church 2nd A.S., Vetter Org., James Sly Janitor. The Treasurer being absent, his investiture was deferred. A vote of thanks was proposed by Comp. Sillitoe, seconded by Comp Higginbottom, to Comp. Norris, late Treasurer, for his services. This was carried unanimously. A vote of £5 5s was moved by Comp. Sillitoe and seconded by Comp. J. E. Lees, Second Principal, to the East Lancashire Educational Institution, out of the funds of the Chapter, —carried unanimously. The business of the evening being ended the Chapter was closed, and the Companions, by command of the M.E.Z., adjourned to refreshment, where in due course Comp. Dawson proposed the customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. The I.P.Z., in proposing the health of the worthy Comp. who occupied the chair, said the most important toast of the evening devolved upon him. He felt sure all the Companions had known their esteemed Chief long enough to be aware of his capability to fill the important office confided to him, and they had additional proof that evening of his ability to rule the Chapter, and despatch the business before it. In addition to his ample capabilities, he possessed an amiable disposition, which endeared him to those who needed his counsel. During his year of office he will shine forth and lighten the footsteps of those who may come under his direction. The toast was drunk most enthusiastically. The M.E.Z. highly appreciated the kindness which prompted the I.P.Z. in proposing his health. He was always grateful to the Comps. for their past indulgences; particularly so for their mark of esteem to-night. He felt they knew he would do his allotted task to the utmost, and he hoped the Chapter would progress. He now had a pleasing duty to perform in proposing the health of the Installing Officers. It was gratifying to know that the Chapter possessed

Companions who could and did perform their duty in any post they were called upon to fill, in a manner that could not be excelled. E. Comp. Sillitoe, in responding, said he had installed the M.E.Z. into his exalted office with a deal of pleasure; had watched his career in the Craft; had installed him Jun. and S.W. and W.M., the gratification he now experienced in extending aid on this important occasion must be apparent to all. Comp. Hall followed, to the same purport. Comp. J. E. Lees proposed the health of the Visitors, extending a cordial welcome to all; he trusted their visit had been made agreeable, and productive of some benefit. He united with the toast the names of Comp. Batchelor, a Military Comp. whose name did not transpire, and Comp. Davies—all of whom returned their best thanks for the honour conferred. Comp. Bladon proposed the health of the Officers; in doing so he remarked that every office was filled by Comps., who would do their duty, and were worthy of the trust reposed in them. E. Comp. H. was very grateful for the honour done him and the Officers of the Chapter; he was much attached to the Chapter. If by regular attendance and strict attention he could discharge the important duties committed to his charge he should not fail. Comp. Nicholl was pleased to be remembered in the good wishes of the Comps. Others followed, to the same purport. Comp. Dawson next proposed the health of Past Principal Smethurst, and bore witness to the energy and courtesy with which he discharged his high office. After Comp. Smethurst had replied, the M.E.Z. said he was pleased to see Comp. Davies present, as a representative of the Masonic Press. He had had the pleasure of meeting him on a previous occasion. He hoped Comp. Davies would visit this Chapter some time when there was not such a rush of business as they had that evening experienced. The toast was duly honoured, and Comp. Davies thanked Comp. Dawson for his kind remarks, after which the health of the Past Z.'s was proposed and duly honoured; after this the last toast of the evening was given, when the Comps. separated.

**Chapter of Prosperity, No. 290, Huddersfield.**—The last regular convocation of the above Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, South-parade, on Wednesday, 26th February. The Chapter was opened punctually at 6.30 p.m. (being the time called) by Comps. John W. Turner Z., William Smith P.Z. H. (for Comp. Sykes who was absent), Allen Haigh J. The minutes of last convocation having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. John Joshua Brook, of the Huddersfield Lodge, No. 290, and being favourable, he was exalted to the Supreme Degree of a Royal Arch Mason by the M.E.Z.; the lectures were given respectively by Comps. Wall, the M.E.Z., and Comp. Lewis Brierley, in such an efficient manner as to meet with the approval of all. The next business was, "To elect the Officers of the Chapter for the ensuing year," which resulted as follows—Allen Haigh unanimously elected Z., George Sykes H., and the following all unanimous Thomas Farrar J., Cornelius Wheawill re-elected Scribe E., Joseph Hopkinson Scribe N., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treas., William Smith P.Z. Registrar, Lewis B. Brierley P.S., who appointed Thomas Beauland and William Dyson his Assistants, and John William Rhodes Director of Ceremonies. We should state that the Treasurer and Registrar were re-elected, the Treasurer having held the appointment into the teens of years. Alfred Smith was re-elected Janitor. The business of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed until November, except in case of emergency. The Companions then adjourned to refreshment, where the usual toasts were duly honoured. The M.E.Z. in responding to his health acknowledged the kindness he had received from every member of the Chapter, and thanked his Officers for the very efficient manner they had done their duty; he had no doubt his successor would have as happy and prosperous a year as himself, and would, at the expiration of his term, look back with proud feelings to the time he held the supreme office of Z. in the Chapter of Prosperity. The Companions separated at about 10.30, having spent an agreeable, pleasant and instructive evening. We noticed Comps. Dore and Crowther P.Z.'s, from the Chapter of Perseverance 275, also Comp. Smith Scribe E. Chapter of Truth 521, as Visitors.

**Ancient Carthage Chapter R.A., No. 1717.**—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, on the 27th February. Present:—E. Comps. A. M. Broadley Z., Dr. Mugnani H., the Baron James Castellunovo J., Comps. J. H. Stevens E., G. Pentecost N., M. Schembi P.S., P. M. Paleologo S.S., G. B. Cassar J.S., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Cassanello Registrar, E. Gardelle Steward, G. Eymon Janitor; and twelve members. The first business of the evening was to instal Dr. Mugnani as H., and P.M. Baron Castellunovo as J. This change was rendered necessary by the lamented death of E. Comp. N. Lenghi 33° H., who died on the 3rd February, and unless the Chapter had had another P.M. amongst its members, this misfortune would have caused the suspension of its labours for a lengthened period. The ceremony being completed, the newly-installed Principals were duly saluted, and the First Principal alluded to the death of their Comp. Lenghi, on which account the Chapter decided to remain in mourning up to the summer vacation. The election proving favourable for Bros. Arieti, Carletto, Enriquez and Darmon, they were duly exalted, in the Italian language. E. Comps. Mugnani and Castellunovo delivered the lectures of their respective chairs. The charitable collection having been made, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to a banquet.

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## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FESTIVAL.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think HAUTE GRADE's pointed reference to the three "prominent members of one Masonic organization, which has recently come very much to the front," who are "adorned with the purple," is most unfortunate—I may even say unjust; and I doubt not HAUTE GRADE when he reads this communication, which is from a simple Craftsman, will be the first to acknowledge and regret the injustice of which—I am sure unintentionally—he has been guilty. I write subject to correction, but I fancy there can be no question but that the three purple brethren he alludes to are one of the Senior and the two Junior Grand Deacons. Now, the Senior Grand Deacon was a Steward at the Boys' School Festival in 1876, when his list amounted to £239 8s. He was a Steward at the Girls' School Festival in 1877 when the subscriptions he collected realised £282 9s, and last year he officiated in a similar capacity at the Benevolent Festival, and collected subscriptions amounting to £202. Thus he has distributed his attentions very impartially among the three Institutions, and the result of his labours at the three Festivals has been the collection of a fraction short of £724. Not bad even for a purple brother! One of the Junior Grand Deacons was a Steward at the last Boys' Festival, and his list amounted to £158 11s, and the other Junior Grand Deacon has served as Steward at five out of the last ten Festivals, as the following record will show. At the Benevolent in 1876, with a list of £222; at the Girls' School in 1877, with a list of £180 12s; and last year at all three Festivals, when he took up £150 for the Benevolent, £116 11s for the Girls' School, and £101 12s for the Boys' School, or a total for the year of £668 3s. His labours in these five Stewardships have resulted in the addition of £1,070 15s to the funds of our Institutions. These three brethren have raised among them just over £1,953. I may add that the latter Junior Grand Deacon, who resides in a somewhat distinct province, has served no less than twelve Stewardships. Under these circumstances I consider the three purple brethren alluded to may fairly be excused their non-attendance at the Festival of the 12th inst. Even Grand Officers, who are "prominent members of one Masonic organisation, which has recently come very much to the front," when they have so recently, and either just before appointment to, or during their tenure of, office, fulfilled this particular duty, may claim to be dealt with in a spirit of charity. I have shown they have not ignored the claims of Masonic charity, and, that being so, it would be absurd to suppose their absence was intended as a slight to "a brother Mason who does not happen to belong to their community."

That "the East Lancashire men have a right to feel proud of the result," will be heartily conceded by everybody; and if there is "any apparent neglect," of which they may justly take notice, it is not that "present and past Grand Officers, who reside in and about London, were not present in sufficient numbers to welcome Lt.-Col. Starkie, and the sixty Stewards who accompanied him," for most of the purple brethren present were London men. Rather do I think if East Lancashire has any cause for complaint, it must be because, with the exception of Sir Henry Edwards, the other Grand Masters of Provinces were "conspicuous by their absence." The majority of them must be now in London, attending to their Parliamentary duties, and we know the Lords do not sit on Wednesdays, while the Commons rise at 6 p.m. But, perhaps after all, it will be far better if the East Lancashire men, with true Masonic instinct, take it for granted that no purple brother's absence was intended as a slight to their chief. They have the satisfaction of knowing they have done what an American would probably describe as the "biggest" thing ever known even among Masonic deeds of Charity.

Fraternally yours,

A BLUE MASON ONLY.

London, 24th February 1879.

## FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

*HOW THEY ARE CONDUCTED, AND HOW THEY SHOULD BE.*

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With this presumptuous heading, I take the liberty of addressing the brethren generally. I suggest not an unchangeable law as of the Medes and Persians, but a groundwork upon which abler heads than mine can erect a superstructure detrimental to none and beneficial to all. What does Freemasonry profess to be? A well cemented universal Bridge of Benevolence, with Charity for its keystone, over which brethren, rich and poor, one with another, have equal claims to travel. How is this principle carried out? By those who have influence riding ruthlessly and with unnecessary severity over the heads of the friendless. Such a state of partiality is not the lesson taught you and me, Sir, years ago at our initiation, and ever since, unless there was no spirit, no meaning in those lessons, unless the keystone of Freemasonry is rotting away from within, the whole fabric soon to crumble away. Masonic Charity should be distributed, like impartial justice, blindfold; not one law for the poor and friendless,

and one for the rich in influence, and comparatively so in worldly means. Dear Sir and Brother, my suggestion and assertion is, that by judicious management of the votes (even before the present law was passed, which prohibits two brothers or two sisters in the respective schools at the same time, unless there are vacancies) not one of the candidates need ever have gone away in despair; not one need have been turned out to the cold Charity of the world, an additional burden and distress on the already over-taxed parent or guardian, who appeals in vain to our much vaunted Charities.

Now, you ask, can such a desirable end be obtained? Thus. In any one year there are from twenty to thirty vacancies, but there are never twenty—let alone thirty—last applications on the list of candidates. Let us take them, after they have been recommended by their Lodges, and afterwards passed the committee of investigation; let us take them for granted as all equally deserving of support. Let a committee be appointed (to be paid, I think, is preferable) by the Masonic Voice of the Metropolis and the Provinces; let all the cases be brought before it, let all the last applications be received, and as many of those last but one as there are vacancies for; then, continuing this system, all applicants will, in rotation, be successively elected, without one being cast out. Of course, extraordinary cases of first application presenting themselves the steady onward movement would be temporarily checked. The advantages to be derived are numerous;—the lessening of expense of those seeking votes for their special cases; the doing away with the trying anxiety and heart-breaking despair to be seen depicted on the faces of anxious mothers on the days of election, and substituting the contented look of certainty, sooner or later; the allaying of the jealousies already existing between some of the Provinces and the Metropolis, and to prevent the needless crushing the chance of one candidate for the mere sake of bravado in rushing another through on the first application. Finally, let all Lodges be particularly careful to send up no candidates but those for whom the Charities are really intended; let all be put forward and passed in by seniority, then by the aid of the new law a happier state of things will exist, and one more equitable and creditable to Freemasonry at large.

Trusting that the single heartedness I have tried to bring to bear on this vitally important subject will excuse any apparent presumption is the earnest desire of,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

CHARLES PERCEVAL, V.P.

## THE PRESTONIAN LECTURES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some weeks ago I drew, through your valuable journal, the attention of the Craft to an item in "The Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book," under the head of "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry," wherein it is set down as follows:—"Brother William Preston, of the Lodge of Antiquity, author of the 'Illustrations of Masonry,' bequeathed, amongst other Masonic gifts, £500 Consols to the Fund of Benevolence, and £300 Consols for the Prestonian Lecture." On that occasion I ventured to ask for information on the latter point, in reference to the Prestonian Lecture; trusting that I might receive some reply to my questions, but up to the present time, as far as I can learn, there has been no reply, and therefore it is that I ask your permission to repeat them. I was present some years ago when Bro. Henry George Warren delivered the Prestonian Lecture of the second degree, and then I certainly experienced a great Masonic treat, a feeling that I believe was fully shared in by all present, although this lecture very materially differs from the ritual as at present adopted by the disciples of Gilkes or Peter Thomson. Now this rendering of the Prestonian lecture, as I have said, took place many years ago, and I have never heard of that or any other Prestonian Lecture having since been delivered, therefore I took the liberty of enquiring in whose hands the matter rests, and who are responsible for the will of the eminent and talented donor being complied with. If it rests with the Lodge of Antiquity, of which Bro. Preston was a member, surely there is some member, of a Lodge which prides itself on its existence "from time immemorial," who would feel a natural interest in being the exponent of the works of a Mason, who, like our immortal bard, wrote not for a day, nor for an age, but for all time, and for all places wherever a Mason can be found. Years have rolled on since I last had the pleasure of listening to the sublime precepts of Bro. Preston, and therefore I again ask the reason why the Prestonian Lectures are not delivered? and an equally pertinent question, if no expense is incurred on account of their delivery, to what use is the interest of the "£300 Consols" applied. Trusting that my enquiries may elicit a reply,

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.M.

## DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have to thank "OLD FILE," for his greeting, and hope I shall have his assistance in the future as I have had in the past. I must, however, take exception to his remark about Secretarial duties being "not very onerous," my experience is, that with even a small Lodge, the post is no sinecure; and as to his managing a hundred, it would simply resolve itself into a labour, and no very light one either. The fact of the members of the Lodge, the balance sheet of which you inserted last, allowing their Secretary over twenty guineas for his trouble, is, I think going too far. Surely the customary "remittance of fees" is sufficient.



I now come to the consideration of what has been given to me as a "model" balance sheet, and in order that I may be convinced, or that I may be able to convince others, I should like the opinion of some of your readers;—I will give mine later on.

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BALANCE SHEET OF LODGE ——— ONE YEAR—1878:—

RECEIPTS.

Balanc forward: (Exclusive of about 300 0 0 invested monies):—			
General Fund	-	54	14 1
Benevolent Fund	-	54	7 0
		109	1 1

Receipts for the year:—

Subscriptions	-	230	7 0
Initiation and Joining Fees	-	74	19 6
Visitors and Wine Fees	-	46	9 0
Donation to Benevolent Fund	-	5	5 0
Charity Box Collections	-	7	19 0
Dividend on invested monies	-	15	17 1
		380	16 7

£489 17 8

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment	-	£233	1 8
Grand Lodge certificates and dues	-	23	13 6
Grant to Masonic Charity and individuals:—			
From Lodge Funds	-	18	18 0
„ Benevolent Fund	-	2	0 0
		20	18 0
P.M.'s jewel	-	5	5 0
Tyler	-	4	15 3
Printing, postages, &c.	-	14	10 6

Balances forward:—

General Fund	-	38	14 8
Benevolent Fund	-	45	2 10
Invested money increased by	-	103	16 3

187 13 9

£489 17 8

Now if this is a "model," I must admit that my idea of Freemasonry is founded on a wrong principle. When I was made a Mason I was taught that one of its characteristics was Charity, and since that time I have frequently heard the same "doctrine" preached—but nonsense I begin to consider it; and I suppose if I am present at an initiation to-morrow, I shall have to listen to it again. Now it seems to me that any man of sense who on his first insight into a Lodge gets hold of its balance sheet (if it be anything like the bulk of those I have seen), and cares to look at the matter rationally, must form an opinion of Freemasonry—such as it will take a very long time to disabuse him of, even if he is ever "converted." For a Lodge to spend £233 1s 8d out of £241 5s 3d—which represents the total amount of its receipts after deducting compulsory allowances to Benevolent Fund, Grand Lodge, and incidental expenses—in refreshment, and only £18 18s in Charity, is far from "charitable." The Lodge actually closes the year £15 19s 5d worse off than it started, and yet takes to itself the credit of being a great supporter of the Charities, simply because the older members paid enough to entitle the Lodge to rank as V. President or V. Patron of the various funds.

If brethren will go on this rate, surely it would be better to cut out the "charity" gag from our ceremony.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I seem to have trodden on Bro. Perceval's toes. I trust I have not seriously injured him, nor damaged the cause of the candidates whose interests he advocates. He is evidently angry, and wishes to enter upon an epistolary warfare with me. It takes two, at least, to indulge in the luxury of a quarrel; I decline to be one of the number.

Will any of your readers kindly state the custom, if any, as to wearing the rosettes supplied to Stewards at Anniversary Festivals of our Masonic Charities subsequently to the events. I have observed occasionally, when visiting Provincial Lodges, that members who have served as Stewards wear the rosettes in Lodge, on the ground that they are entitled to do so for twelve months after the Festival for which they acted. I do not find the custom prevailing in London Lodges, nor in those of the Provinces immediately adjoining the Metropolis.

Yours fraternally,

FORTE.

5th March 1879.

THE LATE BRO. BOTLY, OF READING.

"THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—You have my warmest thanks for dilating on the character, as well as recording the melancholy obsequies of our lamented worthy Bro. Botly. I had first the pleasure of meeting him in Scotland, in a philanthropic character among savans; and afterwards at Brighton, at the meeting of Social

Science at that sea-side resort; we afterwards dined together at the residence of the speaker of the House of Commons in that locality. Our acquaintance ripened into a mutual and lasting warm friendship, and recently I was his guest at Reading—so that I am qualified to attest his noble character.

Bro. Botly was not only a good and worthy Mason, but he was also a truly religious man—of sound doctrine and holy life. A gentleman of those liberal sentiments which are truly Conservative, of a high moral tone, and most exemplary in every action and relation of life. He was to me a most efficient and ready auxiliary in every benevolent enterprise. Such brother Masons as our lamented Brother Botly we cannot afford to lose, and whilst with pious resignation we shed tears of heartfelt sorrow, we pray that such as he may be abundantly multiplied. Oh! to what an apex of moral grandeur would Masonry rise in this country if all the brethren were dignified with the same attributes of character as our late lamented Brother Botly.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL ACE, D.D. (31°).

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough,  
5th March 1879.

FREEMASONRY AT THE EAST END.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased to hear that a new Lodge was about to be established at the Bow Vestry Hall, as I considered a Freemason's Lodge in the neighbourhood of Bow very much needed, but sorry indeed am I to find an "opposition shop" has been opened on the opposite side of the road. A house divided against itself cannot possibly stand; one Lodge would have done well; but why a second warrant should have been granted for the district, unless to meet the requirements of the "lower order," I cannot tell. I am sadly afraid that this No. 2 Lodge has been started for no other purpose than to add an extra jewel to some Past Master's breast. As I do not know who is the first W.M., of course I cannot say; but with regret I notice this is becoming quite the order of the day. A new Lodge is started; some ambitious Past Master takes the chair; serves for twelve months, receives a handsome jewel. Business then, or other matters, prevent him attending as he would wish, and so he either retires altogether, or becomes a country member. Oh! how cheap is popularity if you only know how to work it. Dear Bro. Editor, should any of your readers have decided to join Masonry let me caution them to be very careful what Lodges they join; they are not all Masons who bedeck themselves with the emblems of the Order; and to you, my young friends, I would recommend you to be cautious how you part with your initiation fees; you may a year or two hence be required to be ballotted for as joining member to some other Lodge.

Yours fraternally,

A GRUMBLER.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

ROYAL ATHELSTAN LODGE, No. 19.

THIS antient and flourishing Lodge held its installation meeting on Thursday, the 13th ult. There was a large attendance, and amongst those present we may mention the R.W. Col. Burdett P.G.M. for Middlesex, Bros. Burt, Sheriff of London and Middlesex, Under-Sheriff Godden, and several Grand and Provincial Grand Officers. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. J. Charles; W. J. Foster S.W., Barnes as J.W., Starling P.M. Treas., E. B. Grabham P.M. Sec., Archbold S.D., R. Archbold J.D., Pound as I.G. Past Masters Bros. A. T. Hollingsworth, Goldsmith, Nicholson, Bywater, Potter, Rice, Whitmore. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Sneath was raised to the third degree; the traditional history being beautifully delivered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. J. Foster S.W. was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by the acting W.M. The proceedings were conducted in a perfect and impressive manner that well warranted the encomiums passed on him at its conclusion. There were 28 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted according to antient custom, and he appointed and invested his Officers:—J. Charles I.P.M., Archbold S.W., Jepps J.W., Starling P.M. Treas. (for the twenty-second time), E. Collard S.D., Pollard J.D., Glen I.G., Bywater P.M. D.C., J. Pound W.S., Gilbert Tyler. Great applause followed the investiture of each Officer. The Installing Master, in handing over the warrant to the W.M., said he felt a great pleasure in so doing; the Lodge had been in existence over a hundred years; and he was sure the warrant would lose none of its prestige while in Bro. Foster's possession. Hearty good wishes having been given, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren, 98 in number, adjourned to the Pillar Room, where a sumptuous banquet and dessert was provided by Bro. E. H. Rand. Grace having been sung, the loving cup was handed round, and the W.M. proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft. Bro. G. Buckland sang the solo verses of the National Anthem. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was received with acclamation. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Grabham P.M. and Sec., in eloquent terms proposed the health of Col. Burdett Prov. G.M. Middlesex. All knew how popular the Colonel was, not only in Grand Lodge, but also in his Province. He

hoped the brethren would give the toast the reception it merited. The R.W.P.G.M. said he was taken by surprise; he had now visited the Lodge three or four times, and he felt it a great pleasure to be present. He thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, it was an honour to be present as a Visitor. The next toast was one that represented the authorities of the City of London—Bro. Sheriff Burt and Bro. Under-Sheriff Godden. It was the first time they had been present. The W.M. hoped it would not be the last. Bro. Sheriff Burt eloquently responded; he thanked the W.M. for the manner in which he had spoken of the office he had the honour to hold, and he most sincerely and heartily thanked the members for the manner the toast had been received. Bro. Under-Sheriff Godden thought that Bro. Sheriff Burt would have responded for both. He had most cordially to thank the W.M. for the invitation; he had rarely heard better working in any Lodge. The Sheriff had signified his intention to be present on a future occasion, he would echo those sentiments. The W.M. here said that Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., as a member of Grand Lodge of England, should have been called upon to reply previously. He had now great pleasure in calling upon him to say a few words. Bro. Hyde Pullen, in the course of his remarks, referred to the admirable way in which the evening's proceedings had been conducted. It had been to him a source of great gratification to be present. Bro. Dr. Whitmore P.M., by permission of the W.M., proposed the health of the Visitors. He would couple with the toast the name of Bro. C. W. Thompson W.M. 969, who, in responding, remarked he was surprised to see Grand Officers present, and that he was called on; he felt it an honour to be associated with the Royal Athelstan Lodge. There were two essential things in this Lodge—good feeling and good working. He regretted that Bro. G. Lambert had not been present earlier to say a few words. Bro. G. Lambert also addressed the brethren. On Bro. Charles I.P.M. devolved the duty of proposing the health of Bro. Foster. The brethren knew his worth; they met as a happy family, and he could predict that during the next year the brethren would spend a happy time, while under the auspices of the W.M. The W.M. had to thank Bro. Charles for the encomiums he had passed on him: he hoped to realise all that had been said in his praise. If he could only follow in the footsteps of the I.P.M. he should, indeed, be all he could wish. The W.M. then asked the brethren to drink the health of the I.P.M., who had done the duties of the chair so admirably. He would not say more than had already been said in his praise; praise which was well deserved. He had now to present him with a jewel, in the name of the Lodge, and with it the good wishes of every member. May his children's children look on it with pride, as having been presented to him on leaving the chair of this old and respected Lodge. Bro. J. Charles said he could hardly find words to thank the W.M. and the brethren for this mark of their approbation. The jewel he would look on with pride; he would never part with it; and he trusted it might be handed down as a heirloom, in remembrance of his connection with this ancient and flourishing Lodge. The next toast given was the health of the P.M.'s, to which Bro. Bywater replied. The Treasurer and Secretary were next honoured, and Bro. Starling acknowledged the compliment. For the Officers, the S.W. Bro. Archibald responded, and then the W.M. summoned the Tyler, who closed the meeting. Some capital singing enlivened the evening's proceedings, while Bro. Walter Pelham contributed some of his entertaining remembrances. Among the numerous Visitors were Bros. Col. Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex, Sheriff Burt P.P.G.S. Dorset, Under-Sheriff Godden P.G.S., Mason P.G.S.B., Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Rev. P. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex, G. Lambert P.G.P. Herts., Lilley P.M. 12, Heath 1196, G. Buckland W.M., L. F. Littell P.M. 860, Scarle 1168, C. W. Thompson W.M. 969 P.M. 1601, Conway, Piercy (Old Concord), Lambert 198, Jones 405, Cooper, Concanon, C. Atkins P.M. 27, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, B. Emanuel, Dr. Allworth P.M. 1261 W.M. 1622, Plimsaul 58, W. S. Plimsaul 1194, H. Lewis, R. T. Scott 1366, Gower 749, Tallock 142, J. W. Bennett P.M. 1261, Rosenthal 1268, Taunton 1673, G. Lambert P.M., H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

#### COPE LODGE, No. 1357.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Brooklands Hotel, Brooklands, on Friday, the 21st February. Present—Bros. E. J. Bradbury W.M., C. Murray I.P.M., T. A. Ryder S.W., T. D. Simcock as J.W., J. Ingram P.M. Treas., T. G. Miller Sec., J. E. Coates S.D., J. Ogden I.G., Jno. Worthington Tyler; Past Master J. Cavanagh P.G.A.D.C. Bros. Herbert Kidson, G. F. K. Heywood, A. Griffiths, T. Heighway, W. B. Irving, Wm. Baldwin, Edgar C. Poole, &c. Visitors—R. L. Spencer 204, J. Ledger J.W. 1030, S. M. Davies No. 22 G.R.C., &c. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. advanced the Lodge, and conferred the degree of Fellow Craft in a very able manner upon Bro. E. C. Poole. The W.T. were presented by Bro. Simcock, and the charge given by Bro. S.W. in his usual efficient and impressive manner. The Lodge was worked up to the third degree, and Bro. H. Kidson was raised, by Bro. Murray I.P.M. Bro. Murray performed this ceremony in a highly accomplished manner. Bro. S.W. in presenting the W.T., and rendering the charge, performed his task in a faultless manner. The working of this Lodge throughout is as near perfection as we can possibly imagine work to be performed, every officer knowing and doing his duty with evident pleasure, kindness, and ability. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when the business of the evening being finished, the Lodge was closed in ancient form with solemn prayer. By request of the W.M., the brethren adjourned to supper. After supper the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily honoured. With the health of the Prov. Grand Officers, to whom Bro. Bradbury referred very genially, he united the name of Bro. Cavanagh. In proposing that of the newly passed Brother, he said the Lodge was always pleased to do honour to brethren who,

when once admitted among its members, evinced such interest in its working, and made themselves as efficient in its teachings as Bros. Poole and Kidson had done. He was very delighted to bear testimony to their zeal as far as they had gone. Bro. Poole replied; he was very much gratified with the kindness of the brethren, and pleased with the ceremonies through which he had passed. Bro. Miller kindly favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Simcock rose to propose the health of Bro. Kidson, whom he was delighted to see attain the sublime degree, conferred on him that evening. He sometimes felt that this very impressive degree had not the influence it should have on some brethren who had the privilege of receiving it, but in Bro. Kidson he felt that the Lodge ought to be congratulated on acquiring another Master Mason among its members who would advance the interests of the Order by every means in his power. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Kidson, in reply for the honour done him, said he was greatly impressed with his progress in the Craft. His previous conception of the Order was not equal to its realising influences, and he trusted the grand principles inculcated would so progressively educate his mind as to render that aid to the Craft which Freemasonry deserved. Bro. Ingram proposed the health of the Visitors, in that kind-hearted manner which always characterises its proposing in the Cope Lodge. He felt very pleased to welcome Visitors. Their presence stimulated the Officers of the Lodge, and Visiting Brethren received beneficial instruction by comparing working. Then there was the mutual exchange of fraternal greetings, which should ever be cultivated by the brethren. He assured the Visitors that the Cope Lodge did all it could to promote the interests of Freemasonry, and, in according a hearty welcome to one and all, he called upon the brethren to honour the toast in their usual cordial manner. The toast was drunk with full honours, and Bros. Lodgard, Spencer, and Davies returned thanks, and expressed themselves as highly edified and delighted with their visit. Bro. Cavanagh said there was a toast which was never passed over in the Cope Lodge; one which every member of the Lodge delighted to honour. It was the health of the Worshipful Master. There was no toast which ought to be more enthusiastically received in any Lodge, especially when the Worshipful Master of it discharged his duties with such efficiency, zeal and cheerfulness as Bro. Bradbury. This toast was drunk with enthusiasm and Masonic honours. The W.M., in returning thanks, said, as one of the visiting brethren had remarked, it is a matter to be proud of to be a member of this Lodge; he felt it a great honour and a pleasure to enjoy the confidence and the esteem of the members of such a Lodge. The harmony and efficiency of this Lodge is greatly owing to the attention and interest the Past Masters always show in the affairs of the Lodge, and to them he was greatly indebted. It was a great pleasure, as well as his duty, to ask the brethren to drink to the very good health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was done with Masonic honours. Bro. Griffiths kindly favoured the brethren with a song, after which Bros. Cavanagh, Simcock and Murray returned thanks for the kindness shown them in proposing and receiving the last toast. Bro. Ogden obliged with the next song. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Officers, and in doing so said it was with deep regret—and he knew that feeling was experienced by the members of the Lodge—that he was called upon to allude to the bereavement which afflicted some of the Officers of the Lodge. As Masons, they ought to extend their heartfelt sympathy with a brother in his troubles. The attention of the Officers to the duties of the Lodge was highly commendable, and nothing but the claims of their family circles would have prevented their attendance that evening. The toast was received with every mark of regard, and was replied to by Bros. Ogden, Coates and Miller. The Tyler's toast was asked for and given, after which the brethren separated.

#### ROYAL OAK LODGE, No. 871.

THE nineteenth installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 27th February, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford. Punctually at half-past four the Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. G. T. Limu. The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read, received, unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. It shewed a good balance in the hands of the Treasurer. Brother Henry Clarke, being a candidate for passing, was interrogated, entrusted, and withdrew. On his re-admission, he was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The all-important event of the evening was the installation of the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Robert Harman—a local and highly-respected celebrity, who has done good suit and service in the Lodge and the parish where he and his sires have resided for upwards of a century. A large number of Installed Masters were present. Bro. J. J. Pakes I.P.M. took the chair, and installed Bro. Harman, who appointed as his Officers:—Bros. J. G. Vohrmann S.W., G. Harvey J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treas., F. Walters P.P.D. Midd. P.M. Sec., W. A. R. Harris S.D., E. Good J.D., G. Porter I.G., G. Andrews P.M. D.C., H. J. Tuson W.S., J. Reavin P.M. 147 Tyler, G. T. Limu I.P.M. Bro. G. Andrews gave the addresses. Cordial votes of thanks were given to Bros. J. J. Pakes and G. Andrews for their excellent working. We were pleased to see this ceremony so well rendered, and it reminded us of the predecessors who had worked it in this Lodge—a list of eminent worthies, commencing with Bro. H. Muggeridge, who consecrated it and installed the first W.M.—Bro. Dr. Dixon. The next important event was the presentation of a Past Master's jewel to Bro. George Thomas Limu (there being a strong feeling to give honour where it was due), which had been unanimously voted to him from the Lodge Funds, as a slight recognition of the admirable manner in which he had conducted the affairs and business of the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. G. T. Limu, in a graceful speech, acknowledged this present. A petition to the Lodge of Benevolence, from a brother who was overtaken by unforeseen misfortunes, was unanimously

supported and signed by nearly all who were present, supplemented by votes from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge amounting to a little over £10. The name of one gentleman was given in for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. The successful result of the hard work of Bro. James George Thomas, who had represented this Lodge as its Steward at the Festival of the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons was announced. His list was a long way above the average. He was warmly congratulated at his success. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to meet on Thursday, 24th April. There were present, besides those mentioned:—Bros. H. A. Collington P.M., J. Truelove P.M., J. Woollett, R. J. Harvey, J. Rennie, R. T. Stringer, H. W. Fellows, J. W. Cadington, C. F. Buhler, W. Simmons, W. Abbott, G. Wildersmith, J. Buchale, J. Sanders, G. C. Whibley, E. G. G. Barr, G. Hill, &c. Amongst a large number of Visitors we noticed Bros. C. Bredan W.M. 781, J. Lightfoot P.M. 147, J. Mott 147, J. Dawkins J.D. 79, J. Warcup 143, R. W. Robinson 879, J. M. Hunt I.G. 1662, A. Cunningham 1625, &c., &c. A splendid banquet, which reflected the greatest credit on Bro. Morgan, the host, was served under his personal superintendence. All were pleased with it. The usual Loyal toasts were given and responded to. Songs, recitations, &c., were indulged in, and brought to a close a pleasant evening, when the brethren separated to enjoy "Tired Nature's sweet repose—balmy sleep."

#### GOOCH LODGE, No. 1238.

THIS prosperous young Lodge held its installation meeting on Monday, the 17th ult., at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Townsend W.M., who was supported by his Officers; P.M.'s A. W. G. Weeks, F. Honeyman, R. Lonsdale, W. F. Laxton, and a good attendance of the members; there was also present a large array of Visitors, amongst whom we may enumerate Bros. E. Collins P.M. 733, John Williams J.W. 1791, Wm. Stephens P.M. 1489, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, S. H. Parkhouse W.M. 1642, Henry Cox 144, J. M. Stedwell G.S. 23, George Penn P.M. 1642, J. Flood 201, W. Coombes P.G.S.B. Midd., W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, J. R. Ward 382. The preliminary business having been disposed of, Bro. C. E. Woodward P.M. 382, 1637, &c., was presented to Bro. Townsend, who had undertaken the duties of Installing Master, and in due course was placed in the chair as W.M. of the Gooch Lodge for the ensuing twelve months. Bro. Woodward appointed his Officers, and Bro. Townsend completed his labours by most effectively delivering the addresses. Routine business was then proceeded with, and, after hearty good wishes had been expressed by the Visitors, Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was now served by the proprietor of the Albany, and to it the guests did ample justice. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Woodward, who throughout the proceedings displayed his wonted energy and large-heartedness, introduced the several toasts; the Loyal ones were most heartily received, and due honour was done to the Pro Grand Master, and the Grand Officers. To this latter toast Bro. Stedwell replied. He could see around the table many who were as well acquainted with the special qualifications of those referred to as he was himself. Lord Carnarvon, notwithstanding the multifarious duties that devolved on him, never missed an opportunity to support and sustain the best interests of Freemasonry. He (Bro. Stedwell) considered it a great honour to have his name associated with this toast. The next toast Bro. Woodward brought under the notice of the brethren came nearer home to them; it was the health of their esteemed and popular Provincial Grand Master, Col. Burdett. All knew how the Colonel looked after Masonry in his province. With the toast he would couple the rest of the Prov. Grand Officers, and he would call on Bros. Laxton and Coombes to reply. Bro. Laxton thanked the W.M. for his kindness in associating his name with the toast. He, with many of those assembled, regretted the absence of Bro. Levander, who could more ably have responded. On behalf of the Prov. Grand Lodge he thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast. Bro. Coombes remarked that it afforded him infinite pleasure to be present. He regretted the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, and trusted the Lodge under Bro. Woodward's rule would meet with great prosperity. After a few words from Bro. Stedwell, Bro. Townsend rose to propose the health of the Worshipful Master. He referred to Brother Woodward's many qualities; to the liberal way in which he supported the Charities, and to his uniform zeal and activity in all matters Masonic. Bro. Woodward, on rising to reply, said he was pleased to see around him so many of his old and tried friends. Our worthy brother took a retrospective glance, and spoke of his early associates in the Craft. He then forcibly urged the claims of the Charities on all true-hearted Masons, and spoke with great satisfaction of the way the Craft had sustained the claims of the Benevolent Institution at the late Festival. Bro. Woodward concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The remaining toasts comprised the Installing Master, the Initiate of the evening, the Past Masters, and the several Officers of the Lodge; to all of these replies were briefly made, and a hurried summons for the Tyler, to meet the exigencies of train service, closed the proceedings.

#### ROYAL STANDARD LODGE, No. 1298.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington, on Tuesday, 4th instant. In consequence of the absence through illness of W.M. Bro. W. H. Cohen, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Peter Dickinson, Past Master of the Lodge, whose first duty on this occasion was to put the minutes to the Lodge for confirmation. Having received the assent of the brethren these were duly signed, and then the report of the auditors and balance sheet for the past year were submitted.

The latter shows that the Lodge has a larger balance in hand than was the case at the beginning of the financial year, and records the payment of what appears to be three old accounts, so that the brethren may be congratulated on the way their funds have been dispensed during the past twelve months. It is impossible to form any opinion of the financial state of the Lodge, as no account is given of its assets and liabilities. In this respect the Royal Standard stands very much in the same condition as most other Lodges whose members, unless they are present when the finances are explained, or take the trouble to investigate them personally, are frequently totally ignorant of the state of the funds. We would suggest that the good wholesome rule—"no friendship in business, especially financial"—should be more generally adopted; if auditors looked upon their task more in the shape of a duty than a bore, this might be remedied, and fewer Lodges would have to face a deficiency; which, however, we trust the members of this Lodge have not now before them. These matters completing the minor business of the meeting, the Lodge was advanced, Bro. H. W. Gladwell the W.M. elect introduced, and formally obligated by Bro. Dickinson, who, later on, with the assistance of a Board of Installed Masters, regularly placed Brother Gladwell in the chair of the Lodge. During this portion of the work the Senior and Junior Warden chairs were occupied by Bros. Poynter and Wright respectively. Bro. Farthing acted efficiently as D.C. The ceremony being completed, and the usual proclamations, &c. made, Bro. Gladwell appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers, viz.:—George H. Hunter S.W., Louis Badéras J.W., George Allison Treas., George S. Bigley Sec., Augustus J. Stevens S.D., Baldwin J.D., Wilson I.G., Ernest Edward Street D.C., John Blay and Godfrey Wakefield Stewards, and Marsh Tyler. Bro. Marshall now presented to the Lodge a chair for the Senior Warden, and we are pleased to announce that the other members between them have done a like service for the Junior Warden. A vote of thanks was passed by the members to Bro. Marshall for his gift, the same to be recorded on the minutes. The resignation of one member was announced, the visiting brethren tendered their good wishes, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet which followed was supplied by Bro. Mitchell, of Camden-road, and we must accord a word of praise for the manner in which it was placed on the table. At its conclusion the W.M. gave the usual toasts, referring in a few well-chosen words to the efficiency displayed by our rulers—National as well as Masonic—and calling on the brethren to heartily drink the toasts proposed in their honour. Bro. P.M. Dickinson proposed the health of the W.M. He had great pleasure in being entrusted with the emblem of authority for such a purpose. He was sure their W.M. had the good wishes of all his brethren; his efforts had ever been directed for the welfare of the Lodge now under his rule, and Bro. Dickinson felt convinced that he would strive to make its success certain during the coming year, and thereby keep up the prestige of the Royal Standard Lodge. The toast having met with a hearty response, Bro. Wright favoured the company with a very humorous Irish song, and then Bro. Gladwell acknowledged the kind sentiments which had been expressed. He trusted that Bro. Dickinson might prove a true prophet, and that the Lodge would prosper under his rule, thus ensuring him a pleasant year of office. Bro. Wigginton P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Worcestershire had the authority of the W.M. to give the next toast. He considered it a great privilege to have the opportunity of referring to the ability of his Brother Dickinson, who had that evening so efficiently performed the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Wigginton felt that he could boast some experience, and assured the members that he had never seen the ceremony carried out with greater ability. He thought the members had seen and heard enough that evening to show their opinion of Brother Dickinson without further remarks; so he would call on them to drink his good health. Bro. Dickinson hardly considered his services as Installing Master were of sufficient merit to warrant his name being separated from the toast of the Past Masters; still, as the brethren had so far honoured him, he must acknowledge that he felt the compliment the more. The ceremony he had undertaken that evening was at all times a beautiful and impressive one, and if he were able to add anything to it by his rendering, he was only too pleased to be able to do so. He concluded by thanking the brethren for their attention in the Lodge and their marks of appreciation afterwards. The toast of the Visitors was next given, the W.M. expressing the pride he and the members of his Lodge felt in welcoming and entertaining any who might from time to time pay them a visit. Bro. Dickinson having given "The Holy Friar," Bros. Poynter and Farthing responded on behalf of the guests of the evening, each doing so in most eloquent terms. After another song, the health of the Past Masters was proposed, and the toast was acknowledged by Bros. Dickinson and Wright. To the Treasurer and Secretary the W.M. paid high compliments; he hoped he should have their assistance during the term of his Mastership. Several of the members did their utmost to aid in the enjoyment of those assembled by giving songs, &c., between the toasts, which were fully appreciated. The brethren separated after the usual closing toast, having spent a most enjoyable evening. Among the visitors present were Bros. R. Bonfellow 25, W. T. Farthing P.M. 55, H. Shanley 205, W. W. Morgan 211, F. G. Bailey 231, J. Eldridge P.M. 167, S. Poynter 902, F. Eckstein J.W. 1196, A. W. Duret W.M. 1223, F. Sabel 1491, W. Mc Butt 1623, C. G. Sparrow P.M. 1743, J. F. Van Raalte, &c.

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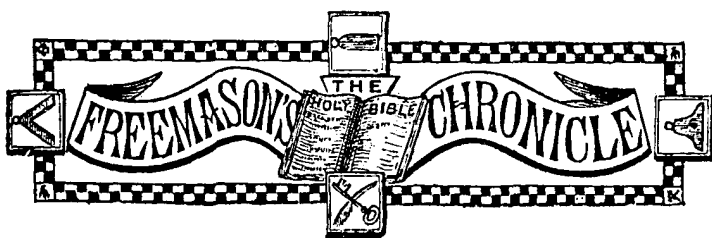
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## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. S. Rosenthal (in the chair), Raynham W. Stewart, George J. Row, J. G. Chancellor, Donald M. Dewar, J. H. Cox, John S. Cakebread, Rev. Richard Morris LL.D. (Head Master of the Institution), J. N. Frost, Joseph Richard Smith, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Murray, Richard Tyrrell, H. Massey, W. Maple, W. F. C. Moutrie, F. Adlard, W. Paas, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The committee placed two candidates on the list for election, and voted £20 to a former pupil who was desirous of pursuing military studies at Sandhurst, the sum to be in addition to that which the friends of the youth will provide. Two outfits of £5 each were granted to two other former pupils of the Institution. A letter was read from Bro. Jermyn Boyd, acknowledging, on behalf of his mother and the other members of the late Bro. John Boyd's family, the vote of sympathy of the Committee at the loss of the boy. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart informed the Committee of the death of Bro. Henry Browne, on the 27th ult., and Bro. Binckes was directed to write to that late Brother's family a letter conveying the sympathy of the Committee, and their regret at the loss of a Brother so highly and deservedly respected. Bro. Browne was member of the House Committee for thirteen years.

## BOMBAY.

CHRISTMAS DAY, 1878, will be long borne in mind, with sad and painful recollection, by the numerous members of the Masonic Fraternity in Western India, from the death of one of our beloved Brethren, who was in every sense of the word a "Master in Israel" amongst us. On that Christian day of rejoicing, ever productive of heartfelt expressions of reciprocal goodwill, peace and prosperity, passed away from out of our midst, let us hope to a "better and brighter land," where care and sorrow never come, Right Worshipful Past Master George Brotherston Thomson, one of the partners in the well-known and popular firm of Messrs. Thomson and Taylor, chemists and merchants of our City. He was, "par excellence," one amongst many of the truest, most worthy, and noble hearted Sons o' Light, ever privileged to enter within the tyled adytum of a Masonic Lodge, and who, after his admission within its portals, had wielded the "Hiram" with a skill, energy, perseverance and ability never eclipsed, and rarely equalled, even by the most brilliant and talented members of the "Antient Craft,"—of whom we can boast a host amongst us,—inspired by the noble example of the heads of the Fraternity here, who are devoted and unflinching in the earnest promulgation of the legends, lore and learning of our time-honored universal Guild of Brotherhood. In all the relations of life, in business, as in private society, our deceased Brother displayed, unostentatiously, all those genuine qualities which portray the humility of true nobility. He was ever courteous, kind and trusty; condescending to the lowliest with whom he was, in the busy turmoil of this world, brought into contact; and, no needy, deserving wayfarer ever passed his hospitable door unrelieved. In fact:—

"He did good by stealth  
And blushed to find it fame."

R. W. Bro. Thomson was, what we say with envy sometimes in Scotland, a Glasgow Mason, although that expression in days of yore was not regarded by the more enlightened, even by those of "Modern Athens" itself, as a complimentary one; yet, in this far-off land, it signified a great deal; for here, devoid of local prejudices, those who hail "Frae Laurence Kirk to John o' Groats," are ever anxious to divest themselves of all such Provincial absurdities and prejudices, and shew in word and in deed, that Masonry recognizes no clannish feelings, but that our sympathies extend from "Pole to Pole." Consequently, there is a reciprocity of genuine Masonic feeling permeating the craftsmen belonging to the Scottish and English Constitutions alike, which is as conscientious as it is honorable, and who carry out the highest behests of the Order in all their purity and intensity, irrespective of clime, colour or country. Apart from this it was natural, indeed it would be otherwise surprising, that our late W. Bro. Thomson, imbued with all the enthusiastic and patriotic feelings and aspirations of a Scotchman, proud of his lineage and kindred, and coming to this country as the scion of a Scottish Lodge,—for he was initiated in Lodge "Athole," Glasgow, No. 413, in 1863,—it was naturally to be expected that he should wish to see implanted, and firmly rooted on the soil of his land of adoption, another Scottish Lodge, fertile with the intellectual culture and elevating products of such noble predecessors as that most erudite, accomplished, and chivalric of Freemasons, the late Chevalier Dr. James Barnes, K.H., formerly Physician General of Bombay, our first Provincial Grand Master of Western India, and whose memory is ever green in the bosoms of those who were honoured with his friendship, and who have listened, as the present writer has been privileged to do, to his soul-glowing perorations of all that he deemed beautiful, elevating and ennobling in everything appertaining to Freemasonry in its various degrees. But these took place upwards of thirty years ago. Hence, it is not surprising that, in a short time, having mastered the previous History of the Rise and Progress of Scottish Freemasonry, both in the Presidency and Provincial cities, of what had been, at one time, so successfully achieved under happier auspices, our departed Brother should gradually have witnessed, with pleasure unalloyed, his ideas permeating and becoming encrusted in the hearts of those possessed of congenial feelings, and that he longed for the resuscitation of Scottish Freemasonry void of all conflicting elements, that, in time, would fairly represent the principles and interests of his mother Grand Lodge. Consequently, he became one of the noble founders of Lodge Caledonia in this city, and at first, so much was he animated with a pure Masonic spirit, he worked his way through the subordinate offices, until, by the unanimous suffrages of his brethren, he was placed in its Orient chair, the members thereby paying a worthy compliment to a deserving Craftsman. In this instance, it may justly be said, in the language of our talented Brother Charles Mackay:—

"For ever the right comes uppermost,  
And ever is justice done."

Aye, indeed, the echo of that noble sentiment still rings in the hearts of the brethren of Caledonia, convinced as they are of the unflinching zeal, earnestness of purpose, of the unsullied integrity and masterly ability which characterised R. W. Bro. Thomson's career during his tenure of office, which seemed as it were an eclipse of Faith, and an embodiment of Hope and Charity, if the expression may be excused.

Heart-hearted Scotchman as he was, he never failed to recognize and to support the claims of the Bombay Scottish Orphanage, whilst, at the same time, acknowledging and contributing to other local charities whose directors have, in no ordinary language, recorded their sense of gratitude for his timely and effective assistance.

It may be remarked, *en passant*, that his noble and disinterested exertions were in a Masonic measure rewarded, by the presentation to him in open Lodge, with all the *clat* that the presence of Provincial and District Grand Officers could enhance by their presence



and commendation, with a testimonial which will ever be regarded and held in respect, as a candid acknowledgment of what he had worked for and won earnestly without anticipation of any future reward. This token of the brethren's gratitude is now held as a sacred heirloom by his highly esteemed and a niable widow, to be handed down to posterity as an enduring proof of the deceased Worshipful Brother's eminent position in the Craft in India.

But, *nous revenons*—R. W. Bro. Thomson, inspired with all those beautiful ideas which, when once having taken root, spring and sprout, became Mark and Excellent Master in Royal Arch Chapter Perseverance, No. 71, on 18th March 1867. On visiting his mother country he was elected an honorary member of Lodge Edinburgh and also of Lodge Celtic, No. 291, on 2nd February 1872. It is believed, however, that he considered his crowning success to his Masonic career to have been achieved—after receiving the high honours conferred upon him at home, and which he ever alluded to in terms of the highest eulogy, grateful to his dear Edinburgh friends to the last—when he was unanimously elected First Principal of R.A. Chapter Caledonia, No. 154, on 18th November 1874.

In our Provincial Grand Chapter he held the appointment of Grand Scribe E. He was likewise a leading member of Ararat Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners, working under Chapter Caledonia. Knight of the Sword, Knight of the East, a Prince of Jerusalem, Knight of the East and West of the Babylonish Pass, Provincial Grand Jeweller, Excellent P. Prince Rose Croix, 4th January 1872, Honorary Member of Chapter Chudder Ghaut at that place in the Deccan, whither he went to consecrate it, and which he accomplished in a truly Masonic and enthusiastic manner.

After a recapitulation of a few, as enumerated above, of the eminent and valuable services rendered by our deceased brother in support of all the genuine grades of our Ancient Craft, it would be superfluous to add a line, engraved or embossed, to the Corinthian capital which crowns a pillar so earnestly, nobly and honourably raised by one who was ever averse to praise, but who in death is deplored as in life he was ever respected.

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## JAMAICA.

**Provincial Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.**—The Board of General Purposes met at the Friendly Rooms on 14th January, when business matters were prepared to be submitted to a meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

**District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica.**—At a half-yearly communication, held at the Friendly Rooms, on 23rd January, presided over by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, District Grand Master. The following Officers were installed for the present year:—The Right Wor. A. De Cordova, Friendly, Deputy District Grand Master, J. J. G. Lewis, Friendly, District Grand S.W., Hon. J. McGlashan, Hamilton, District Grand J.W.; Very Worshipful Bros. Rev. Kittenberg, Friendly, Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Crockery, Sussex, Chaplain, J. L. Ashenheim, Friendly, Treas., W. R. Lee, Sussex, Registrar, G. C. H. Lewis, Friendly, Sec., C. W. Tait, Sussex, S.D., W. P. Dadson, Jamaica, J.D., Dr. T. Aileu, Jamaica, Superintendent of Works, W. Andrews jun., Royal, D. of C., Dr. Tompsett, Hamilton, Assistant Director of Ceremonies, O. Delgado sen., Phoenix, Sword Bearer, A. H. Jones, Sussex, Organist, G. Sargeant, Royal, Pursuivant, J. Reid, Hamilton, Asst. Pursuivant, C. H. Davis, Royal, Asst. Sec., O. Delgado jun., Phoenix, Steward, L. C. Hollen, Phoenix, Steward, S. Magnus, Friendly, Royal, Sussex, Jamaica, Tyler. Officers Selected:—Royal 3, Sussex 4, Friendly 5, Phoenix 3, Hamilton 3, Jamaican 2—20.

**Jamaica Lodge, No. 1771.**—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th January, at six p.m., at the Friendly Lodge Rooms, in Hanover-street, Kingston. Worshipful Bros. Thos. Allen, M.D., W.M., John McLean as S.W., Capt. Portlock Dadson D.G.J.D. as J.W., J. W. Whitbourne P.D.D.G.M. as S.D., A. H. Jones D.G. Organist as J.D., G. Magnus Tyler. Visitors—The Right Worshipful Robert Hamilton, M.D., District Grand Master, V. W. Altamont de Cordova Deputy District G.M., W. Bros. G. C. H. Lewis District G.S., Rev. Hugh Crockery, M.D., District G.C., G. J. Sargeant W.M. of the Royal Lodge, &c. Mr. Arthur Harvey Alexander, Agent-General of Immigration, and Izett William Anderson, M.D., were balloted for and initiated. Captain Cartwright, late of the Cape Mounted Rifles, Stipendiary Magistrate of St. Mary, was proposed as a candidate for initiation. The lecture on the tracing board was most ably given by the R.W. Robert Hamilton, M.D., District Grand Master of East Jamaica.

**Jamaica Chapter Rose Croix.**—The regular meeting was held on Thursday, the 30th January, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, Hanover-street, Kingston, at 7 p.m. Ill. Bro. Captain Portlock Dadson 32° M.W.S. The following members were present:—E. Bros. Peynado H. Prelate, W. R. Lee 1st General, E. Garsia 2nd General, C. H. Davis Treas., W. L. Mulon Raphael, John Harris Captain of Guard, A. H. Jones Herald, Albert Da Costa Secretary, R. S. Haughton P.M. W.S.; E. Bros. B. Mortimer Dias, Jose A. Figueroa, Thomas Allen, M.D., Walter S. Magnus, Charles W. Tait, A. G. French, S. H. Watson, William Andrews; and, as Visitor, Lieut. W. C. H. Hastings, R.N., of the Rose of Sharon Chapter, Malta. Bro. Ellis Bolivar Wolfe was duly perfected as a Sovereign Prince Rose Croix; Bro. the Rev. Hugh Crockery, M.D., Dist. G. Chap. in was proposed as a candidate for perfection, and E. Bro. Thomas Nicholson, 1st West India Regiment, late of the Talbot Chapter, Sheffield, for joining. E. Bro. W. Rastrick Lee, District Grand Registrar, was elected as M.W.S., and E. Bro. C. H. Davis as Treasurer, for the ensuing

twelve months. The Installation and Annual Banquet will take place at the Sussex Masonic Hall on Wednesday, 23rd April. The Chapter has had twelve new members added to its number by taking the 18° in the current year.

**Sussex Lodge.**—At an ordinary meeting, held at their Hall, on 15th January 1879, Wor. Dr. Tompsett W.M. presiding. The following Officers were installed for the present year:—Wor. W. T. Inndon Master, Bros. J. Harris S.W., W. A. Paine J.W., A. H. Jones Sec., C. W. Tait Treas., T. S. Cullon S.D., H. Priest J.D., A. C. B. Espest I.G., Magnus Tyler.

**Royal Lodge, Kingston.**—The Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. R. Hamilton, District Grand Master for East Jamaica, accompanied by some of his Grand Officers, visited this Lodge officially at the ordinary meeting held on 3rd February 1879, and was highly pleased by the manner in which the Lodge business was conducted. Dr. Hamilton complimented Worshipful Bro. Sargeant, the presiding Master.

**Phoenix Royal Arch Chapter, Port Royal.**—At a quarterly convocation held on 9th January, present—M. Excellent D. Bamed Z., O. Delgado sen. as H., L. C. Hollar J., &c. The H. was absent, having left for America for a few months, for the benefit of his health. Two candidates were elected, but were not present to be exalted. According to bye-laws, the election of Officers took place, and resulted as follows:—M.E. Comps. O. Delgado jun. Z., L. H. Hollar H., G. P. Myers J., J. Tyndall P.S., J. L. Rutherford (re-elected) S.E., J. Hall S.N., Thompson (re-elected) Treasurer, F. W. Hollar (re-elected) Janitor. Some other business matters were disposed of.

**Friendly Lodge, Kingston.**—At an ordinary meeting held at the Lodge rooms on 13th January, Wor. J. J. G. Lewis District G.J.W. W.M., and other Officers. The confirmation of the election of Master took place, when the Presiding Master handed over the gavel to the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, Provincial Grand Master of East Jamaica, who installed the Wor. Moses Delgado as W.M. Dr. Hamilton was assisted by several Past Masters of this and sister Lodges. The Worshipful Master then invested the following Officers for the present year:—Bros. George De Mercado S.W., S.E. Alexander J.W., Solomon Morris Sec., M. Alexander Treas., John Lyons S.D., A. Jupe J.D., F. Myers I.G., G. Magnus Tyler. After some other business had been completed the brethren retired to supper, where the usual Masonic and Loyal toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

We have to record the death of the Worshipful Joseph Francis, which took place at his residence, Kingston, Jamaica, on 12th January 1879. He was Past Master and Past Z of the Sussex Lodge and Chapter, and Past Grand Senior Warden of the Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, Grand Treasurer of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter, and Life Member of the Phoenix Holy Royal Arch Chapter, Port Royal. For many years he was one of the leading merchants of that city, but had lately retired from business. He was greatly beloved by all classes; his charity was not confined to his brethren, but to all deserving classes he was a liberal giver. His remains were followed to their last resting-place at the family vault, Halfway Tree, St. Andrews, by a large number of brethren of his own Lodge, sister Lodges, and other friends. The funeral was attended by the Right Worshipful Hon. Dr. Hamilton, the Right Worshipful J. W. Whitbourne, Past Deputy Grand Master for East Jamaica, and the Right Worshipful Hon. S. C. Burke, Provincial Grand Master of Scotland, for Jamaica and Greytown. Bro. Francis has left a widow and six children to mourn his death.

The annual supper of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, will be held on Thursday, 13th March, at Bro. Yetton's "Rising Sun," Globe-road, Bethnal-green, E., at 7.30 p.m. precisely. Pro. I. P. Cohen, P.M. of the Israel Lodge, No. 205, will preside on the occasion. Tickets (4s each) may be had of Bro. G. H. Stephens W.S. 1623, Hon. Sec., 17 Walden-street, New-road, Stepney, E., or of any member of the Lodge of Instruction.

An Amateur performance will be given on behalf of the funds of the Asylum for Idiots, Earlswood, by the employes of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co., Friday-street, at St. George's Hall, Langham-place, on Thursday next, 13th inst., at 7 p.m. The programme includes "Our Bitterest Foe," by G. C. Herbert, "Old Soldiers," by H. J. Byron, and a variety of negro selections, in character. Bro. T. W. Ockenden is Secretary to the Committee. We hope that the exertions of himself and friends will result in a large addition being made to the funds of this excellent charity. If we judge from the past we may congratulate the Committee of the Institution on having enrolled the sympathy of Messrs. Boyd's employes. The results of six previous entertainments given by them on behalf of various charities being £485 13s 7d, or an average of over £80. This shows what may be done by a few if combination and management exist.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE March Communication of the Grand Lodge of England was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London. Grand Lodge was well attended, there being upwards of five hundred members present. The Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, occupied the throne, being supported by the Deputy Grand Master, Lord Skelmersdale, the two Grand Wardens of the year, Lord Henniker and Sir Harcourt Johnstone, Bart., and several Provincial Grand Masters and Past Grand Officers, &c. The first two items of business on the agenda paper having been disposed of, the Earl of Carnarvon stated that he considered the notice of motion given by Bro. Clabon as to the regret Grand Lodge felt at the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, was one which should emanate from the chair; he hoped Bro. Clabon would pardon him taking it out of his hands; his excuse was that by so doing he was consulting the wish of many present, who he was sure wished to let this vote take precedence of the other work of the day. Brother Clabon, in seconding the motion, gave his personal experience of the charity of Her Royal Highness; while staying at Eastbourne she had interested herself in the poorer inhabitants of that town, and generally endeavoured to alleviate their distress. The vote on being put was carried unanimously. The next matter was the election of Grand Master, and in accordance with nomination, Bro. F. Richardson proposed, and Bro. E. Bayliss seconded, the re-election of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which, on being put to Grand Lodge, was carried unanimously. On the question of election of a Grand Treasurer arising, Bro. Ferdinand de Rothschild was proposed and seconded, the main argument used in his favour being that his name was well known both in the city of London and the various commercial centres of the world. We are pleased to find that this nomination, although of a most worthy Brother, was not allowed to go to Grand Lodge unchallenged. Bro. Frederick Binckes P.G.S. rose, and explained that although it was not his wish to oppose the privilege of the Grand Master, who might place any Brother he chose in the respective offices of Grand Lodge,—save that of Treasurer,—without any regard to his past history in Freemasonry, yet he thought the brethren should show that they were grateful for services rendered to the Craft and the Charities established in connection therewith. He proposed that Lieut.-Col. Creton be elected to the office, and hoped the brethren would evince their appreciation of that brother's services by according him support. Bro. James Terry Prov. G.J.W. Herts. seconded this nomination, and after some remarks from Bro. J. B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, Bro. A.E. McIntyre, Grand Registrar, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, and others, Bro. Clabon's name was mentioned for the office, and the nomination was duly seconded. Bro. Clabon rose and explained that it was not his wish to go to the poll in opposition to his dear friend Bro. Creton, whom he would be pleased to see elected to the office; he did not really withdraw, but left it to the members, who now knew his wish, to decide the matter. After a show of hands, overwhelmingly in favour of Bro. Creton, the Earl of Carnarvon formally announced that the election was in favour of that brother by a great majority. Bro. Lt.-Col. Creton briefly acknowledged the confidence Grand Lodge had reposed in him, and hoped he should carry out the duties with honour and integrity. The grants recommended in the report of the Lodge of Benevolence were then confirmed, and, on the proposition of Bro. Monckton, the report of the Board of General Purposes was adopted. The appeal and protest of Bro. George John Ryan was then brought forward by Bro. McIntyre, who recommended that as the appeal could not be sustained, it be dismissed, which in due course received the confirmation of Grand Lodge. This finishing the business of the day, Grand Lodge was closed in form.

## CONSECRATION OF THE BROMLEY ST. LEONARD'S LODGE.

ON Tuesday afternoon, Bro. James Terry P. Prov. G.J.W. Herts, assisted by Bro. W. Clarke P.G.D.C. Suffolk, as Director of Ceremonies, acting by virtue of a warrant under the hand of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. of England, consecrated the Bromley St. Leonard's Lodge, 1805, at the Black Swan Tavern, High-street, Bromley, when the beautiful ceremony was witnessed by a large number of visiting brethren, amongst whom were J. Allison 1349, W. H. Butlert 1625, H. Calton P.M. 554, J. Smith 49, J. T. Cook 174, B. Cundick P.M. 1421, S. Neville 781, W. T. Scott P.M. 9, J. Yeoman W.M. 167, C. Lacey P.G.S. Herts W.M. 198, M. Ayres 95, H. J. Dean 45, W. Boorman 65, J. K. Coleman 1716, W. Clark P.M. 114, R. Logan 1804, W. A. Hills 1804, J. Stenforth 554, C. J. Nevitt 1425, J. Sheffield 65, J. Perkins 1672, J. Baker 1672, T. West 700, C. B. Payne P.M. 27, T. Chivers 65, H. Marfleet P.M. 217, S. Moss 212, W. A. Back 1076, L. Hirsch 816, L. G. Reinhardt, T. Trenore 1309, J. Kift 749, W. Wells 1319, E. W. Collins 25, and S. U. Thompson 9. The following brethren were the founders of the Lodge:—W. R. Marsh W.M. designate P.M. 9, 933 and 1672, G. Robey 9, W. Bramham 1672, J. M. Knight 95, W. J. Rawley 174, R. T. Fennell 1567, A. Peterken 1349, and M. Leill 217. The brethren having walked in procession to the Lodge room, the Consecrating Officer took the chair and appointed Bro. C. Lacey to act as S.W. pro tem, Bro. B. Cundick as J.W. and Bro. T. Mortlock as I.G. The Lodge was then opened in the three degrees, and the ceremony of Consecration performed. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the W.M. was installed, and the Officers of the Lodge appointed as follow:—Bros. G. Robey S.W., W. Bramham J.W., J. M. Knight Treasurer, W. J. Rawley Secretary, R. T. Fennell S.D., A. Peterken J.D. and M. Leill I.G. Votes of thanks to Bros. Terry and Clarke for so efficiently carrying out the ceremony, closed the proceedings. The brethren afterwards dined together.

## COLOURED MASONRY?

COMPANION Samuel Lawrence, P.G.H.P. of Georgia, in his report on Foreign Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Georgia at its last communication, comments as follows on the report of the committee on the Grand High Priest's address to Grand Chapter of Iowa 1877, on the subject of "Coloured Masonry." We object to the phrase "Coloured Masonry." Masons there are, and may be, and will be as there have been, of all complexions, as of all creeds, religions, and politics, but "coloured Masonry," the phrase is on its face an absurdity. Once colour it, and Masonry ceases to be Masonry. Call it coloured anything, if you please, but Masonry it will be no longer. As white is held by some to be no colour, because of its purity, so Masonry, by reason of its purity and whiteness, stands out by itself, *sui generis*, without colour, spotless and indefinable! Not that there are not Masons, so called, spotted and defiled enough, God knows, but these spotted subjects do not colour or even soil Masonry itself—what the fathers denominated "the body of Masonry"—any more than evil and false professors soil the purity and whiteness of "the body of Christ," the true and living Church. Some will still cry "Coloured Masonry," but that does not affect the truth, as the poet pithily and pointedly puts it:—

When Bishop Berkeley said there is no matter,  
It was no matter what he said.

In spite of what he said, and all he said, the fact of existing matter, distinguished from the immaterial remains ever patent to all. And so the cry of "Coloured Masonry" does not, *cannot*, affect Masonry, which remains clear as crystal through all the chances and changes of the changeable and ever changing fashions of this mutable world. Like the bounding river, in the noble figure of Horace (the diminuted brook of Tennyson will not serve the comparison), while men may come and go, and shift and change, procrastinate and wait for change, it will majestically sweep on in its predestined course to the end of time.

But the Grand Lodge of Minnesota has happily put a quietus to the possible evils of the phrase, by adopting in Grand Communication, 11th January 1877, by the decided vote of 127 to 7, after refusing recognition of the Prince Hall Body, of Boston, "for the reason of its irregular formation," the following resolution:—

"Resolved—That colour is neither a bar to, or a recommendation for the reception of the Masonic degrees in this jurisdiction; and that it is perfectly competent for any Lodge to make Masons of any parties possessing the requisite qualifications, viz.: By being a man, free born, of lawful age, of good report and well recommended."

These resolutions embody the true Masonic doctrine, and all Grand Lodges must soon adopt the same or similar resolutions.—*Masonic Newspaper.*

THE USES OF FERNS.—"Those who have been fairly inoculated with the love of ferns will be interested to learn that many species of these beautiful plants are used not only for food and medicine, but for economic purposes. As food, they are chiefly useful to the aboriginal inhabitants of some foreign countries. In the larger of the exotic ferns—the tree-like species—the inner part of the stem, stipes or rhizoma—corresponding to what would be the pith in other plants—and sometimes the whole of the tuberous rhizome, is eaten generally after being boiled. In India, some of the natives boil the tops of one species of Fern, and eat it with shrimp-curry. Amongst ourselves, two of the most beautiful species—the Bracken and the Male Fern—are said to have been sometimes used as ingredients in the manufacture of beer; whilst one foreign species (*Aspidium fragrans*) is actually stated to have been used for making tea. Our native Maidenhair used at one time to furnish a principal ingredient for a syrup called 'capillaire.' . . . The rootstock of the Royal Fern (*Osmunda regalis*), was in time gone by reputed to possess the quality of healing wounds, whether applied to them externally, or taken inwardly in the form of a decoction. Its outward application was considered a specific against bruises or sprains, and good for bones broken or out of joint; and, taken inwardly, it was also believed to be good for cholera and splenic disorders. In some parts of Europe its rootstock is said to be used, after being boiled in water, for the purpose of starching linen. . . . A pleasant and familiar inhabitant of our lanes and woods—the Common Polypody—(*Polypodium vulgare*) has had ascribed to it, by ancient herbalists, various medicinal qualities, amongst them being the power of curing coughs and asthmatic affections, the dried rhizomas being powdered for the purpose and mixed with honey."—*The Fern World.* By Francis George Heath.

The brethren of the Burdett Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, with the view of assisting the funds of the Masonic Charities, have made arrangements for a ball, which will take place on Wednesday next, at the New Manor Rooms, Mare-street, Hackney. The list of Stewards contains the names of several well known "workers" of the East End, and we hope their efforts will prove successful, both as regards a pleasant evening to those who may attend, and as a means of adding a large surplus to the Charities whose claims are so urgently advocated. The tickets are:—Single 5s, double 7s 6d. Supper is to be provided at 3s 6d each. Dancing will commence at 9 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.

## SATURDAY, 8th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1126—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
- 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
- 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
- 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon.
- K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

## MONDAY, 10th MARCH.

- 45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 174—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. (Instruction.)
- 514—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1366—Highgate, Gato House Hotel, Highgate.
- 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—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.

- 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
- 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
- 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
- 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 297—Witiam, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
- 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
- 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
- 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
- 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
- 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
- 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
- 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyne Regis.
- 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
- 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
- 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
- 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
- 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
- 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
- 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
- 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
- 1350—Fermor Hes-keth, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
- 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
- 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
- 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
- 1618—Haudyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
- 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.
- R. A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington.
- R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
- M. M. 165—Kegerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.
- M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
- K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- R. C.—Walton, St elmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.

## TUESDAY, 11th MARCH.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.
- 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
- 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1159—Southern Star, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E.
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermy-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
- 1694—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1611—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
- 1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
- K. T.—Mount Calvary, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.

- 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
- 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
- 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
- 134—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Room, Old Brompton, Kent.
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
- 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
- 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
- 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
- 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Ewton-Tyne. (Instr.)
- 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
- 503—Belvidero, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
- 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
- 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
- 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
- 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
- 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.

- 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
- 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
- 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
- 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
- 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley.
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
- 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
- 1509—Maidoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
- 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
- 1545—Baldon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baldon.
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Chesham.
- 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
- 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
- R. A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
- R. A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
- R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
- R. A. 337—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
- R. A. 759—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
- R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
- M. M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
- M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.

## WEDNESDAY, 12th MARCH.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
- 9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
- 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
- 539—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
- 463—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1278—Burdett Contts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1288—Pinsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1553—Duke of Connaught, Fauce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
- 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
- R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemason's Hall, W.C.

- 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
- 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
- 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
- 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
- 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
- 274—Tranquillity, Bear's Head Inn, Nowchurch, near Manchester.
- 281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
- 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
- 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
- 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
- 453—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
- 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
- 626—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
- 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
- 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
- 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
- 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
- 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
- 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salom-street, Bradford.
- 1331—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1960—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
- 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
- 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
- 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
- 1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 14 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
- 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
- 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
- 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
- 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
- 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
- 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
- R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
- R. A. 337—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
- R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
- M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
- M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 13th MARCH.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon street
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1321—Emblematic, Tulso-hill Hotel, Tulso-hill.
- 1349—Frores, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
- 1426—The Great City, Masonic Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
- 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.)
- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
- 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)



333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 432—Abbey, Nowdegate Arms, Nuneaton.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 915—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Acerington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1204—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.  
 1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.  
 R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.  
 R. A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
 R. A. 613—Fidson, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
 R. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 M. M.—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
 K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

### FRIDAY, 14th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 892—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6.  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
 36—Glynorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
 459—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter, Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.  
 1087—Beaudebert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.  
 1209—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street Birmingham, at 7.  
 R. A. 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.  
 K. T.—Faith, Leaders-buildings, King-street, Wigan.  
 K. T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.

### SATURDAY, 15th MARCH.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1381—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Finsbury, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—A meeting was held on 27th February, at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. P. Recknell W.M., Besley S.W., W. Phillips (Treas.) J.W., R. T. Cook Sec., J. W. Smith S.D., Smith I.G.; R. C. Davies, Lorne 1397. P.M. Koester Preceptor. After preliminaries the first section was worked. Bro. Davies offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed. The third and fourth sections were then worked. Bro. Davies was elected a member. Bro. Besley was appointed W.M. for ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.**—The monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Church Institute, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present—Bros. Samuel Crowther W.M., James Brown I.P.M., Rooke Pennington J.W., G. M. Garstang S.D., J. Robinson I.G., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, H. W. Pacey Organist, J. W. Roiley Tyler, P.M.s Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., James Walker, R. K. Freeman, W. H. Horrocks; Visitor Bro. Ralph Betley, No. 86, Proscot. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the report of the Committee on the subject of Lodge accommodation was deferred for further consideration. It was resolved,—That the W.M., with two other members of the Lodge, be appointed to confer with three Representatives from each Lodge in the town, to take into consideration the propriety of renting, erecting, or purchasing premises in which all the Masonic bodies in the town can be accommodated. Heartly good wishes were expressed from Lodge of Loyalty, Lindsay Lodge at Wigan, and St. George's Lodge, Bolton. After reading a portion of the Ancient Charges, the Lodge was closed at eight o'clock, in good harmony.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At Bro. Spurgin's, The Sportsman, City-road, on Monday, the 3rd inst., at 8 p.m. Present—Bros. Willison W.M., J. Millington S.W., Gush J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., Pearcey J.D., Wilson I.G.; also Bros. Hallam sen., Stock, Hallam jun., Fox, and Powell. Lodge being opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Fox acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Gush the second, Bro. Pearcey the fourth, Bro. Hallam jun. the fifth sections of the lecture. Bro. J. Millington was elected to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for the excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—On Tuesday, 25th February, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Abell W.M., Low S.W., Gruggen J.W., Dickens Secretary, Hallam S.D., May J.D., Soper I.G.; Past Master Bro. Bingomann Preceptor; Bro. Cornu. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. T. B. Dodson being the candidate. The second Section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Hallam, the third and fourth by Bro. Dickens. Bro. Rogers was elected a member, and Bro. Low W.M. for ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, on Tuesday, 11th March, by the following brethren:—Bros. W. G. Dickens W.M., R. P. Tate S.W., J. S. Brown J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. T. Gates, J. Soper, A. Sanders, E. Abell, J. H. Watts, H. C. Soper, J. G. Thompson. SECOND LECTURE—Bros. S. Pownceby, W. H. Marston, R. P. Tate, J. Bingemann, A. G. Panter. THIRD LECTURE—Bros. J. H. Dodson, J. S. Brown, H. R. Hallam.

On Tuesday, 4th March, Bros. Hallam W.M., Soper S.W., May J.W., T. B. Dodson S.D., Pownceby J.D., Dickens Sec.; Bros. Brown, J. H. Dodson, Abell, &c. Bro. Panter offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh sections of the lectures were worked by Bro. Dickens. Bros. Gower, Martin and Hooke were elected members. Bro. Soper was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 18th March, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 3rd, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. The W.M. Bro. M. Spiegel occupied the chair. Bro. H. Hyams S.W., Campion J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., R. Baker S.D.; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, L. Lazarus, Hickman, H. M. Levy. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. S. Alexander, Gardiner, James, and W. Dormar 1567, by the courtesy of the W.M., were passed to the second degree; and Bros. B. and M. Hart and Robinson were raised. The working of the Officers deserves especial praise. A letter was read from the Treasurer, regretting his absence through indisposition; also letters from several brethren who were unable to attend. Two members were proposed on the list of country members, and the resignation of a Brother was accepted. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshment. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. returned thanks very eloquently for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., acknowledging that of the Benevolent Fund, regretted the absence of the I.P.M., but he felt it a pleasure to have the opportunity of proposing the health of the W.M. He hoped the brethren would do that honour to the toast so well deserved. The W.M. in reply, said he would do all he could to conduct the Lodge as it should be. He thanked Bro. Alexander for the flattering way in which he had proposed the toast. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Visitors. He regretted not having a banquet. He, as well as every Brother, was pleased to see Visitors. Among them was Bro. Keeping, who for many years had looked after their creature comforts. He had now left them to occupy a better position, and the brethren had delegated him (the W.M.) to present him a diamond locket, with suitable inscription, as a token of respect. He hoped he would live for many years to wear it. Bro. Chandler briefly and appropriately responded. Bro. Keeping followed, and thanked the Lodge for the token of their goodwill; it would be a source of pleasure to look on it with the knowledge that for fourteen years he had been associated with them, and to remember he had met with their approbation. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, Bro. L. Alexander responding. The toast of the Wardens was given and responded to; also that of the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Junior Officers. The Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable evening. Some excellent harmony emanated from Bros. Benjamin, Campion, Hart, and Phillips. The Visitors were—Bros. W. Dorner 1567, C. J. Groon 1667, Allington 174, H. Chandler 1017, W. P. Hart 1348, H. J. Phillips S.W. 205, E. J. Keeping 765, S. Jewell 1559, G. J. Earney 511.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Held its usual meeting on Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, for the working of the Fifteen Sections, which, after the usual preliminaries, was carried out by the following brethren:—Bros. Webb W.M., Musto S.W., Sayer J.W., Darell S.D., Slaiter J.D., Smith I.G., Christopher Tyler, Gotthel P.M., Pitt Sec. The first Lecture was worked by Bros. Hunt, Walker, Medcalf, Moss, Darell, Williams, Stephens; second Lecture by Bros. Sayer, Williams, Job, Musto, Stephens; and the third Lecture by Bros. Cohen, Job and Musto. The working of the Sections drew forth hearty expressions of pleasure from the brethren. Bro. G. H. Stephens proposed a vote of thanks to the chairman, for his readiness to assist in the emergency occasioned by Bro. Barnes's inability to attend, and for



his excellent working of the Sections. This was seconded and unanimously agreed to. Bro. Webb replied, and expressed his regret that Bro. Barnes had that evening sustained the loss of a member of his family, which prevented his attendance; at the same time, it showed how necessary it was that brethren should be ready to fill the place of absentees. On the present occasion it gave him and the Lodge much pleasure that they had such excellent substitutes; he should therefore propose that a vote of thanks be recorded to the brethren for their assistance. Bro. Musto was elected W.M. for Wednesday next, when, no doubt, a great number of brethren will assemble. Among the Visitors were Bros. Bernard Levy, R. Darell 1349, H. J. Whalley 1670, W. Giller 1607, E. H. Gruggon 1670, E. Watkins 65; these were elected members.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—On Saturday, 1st inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present Bros. J. Millington W.M., Lewis S.W., Mulford J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Brasted S.D., Cuthbertson J.D., J. Lorkin I.G.; also Bros. Brand, Gibbs, C. Lorkin, Hallam sen., Ross, Byatt, Spencer, Woolf, Fysh, Gyor, P. Nixon. Lodge was duly opened, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Byatt acting as candidate. Several sections of the lecture were worked. Bros. Cuthbertson, of the Egyptian Lodge, 27, P. Nixon of the Marine Lodge, 232, Calcutta, were elected members. Bro. Lewis was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A well-earned vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M. for his excellent working, after which Lodge was closed. A testimonial, in appreciation of the services of Bro. C. K. Killick as Secretary, will be presented to him on Saturday, the 8th inst., when it is hoped a numerous attendance of the members of the Lodge will assemble to do honour to Bro. C. K. Killick.

**La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—At the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on 26th February. Bros. J. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts W.M., C. Davis P.M. 382 S.W., D. Belfrage W.M. 179 J.W., T. Cooper S.D., C. Burmeister J.D., S. Cooper I.G., F. Baker P.M., J. Hurdell Sec., G. Stacey P.P.G. Org. Berks and Bucks Org., C. A. Cottobrunne P.G.P. D.C. Upwards of sixty brethren attended, to hear Bro. Terry rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation; both ceremonies were ably performed. Bro. Cottobrunne rendered valuable assistance as D.C. Bro. G. Stacey was Organist, and Bro. Cantle lead the singing; at the close of the business the brethren were unanimously elected honorary members. This, Bro. Terry humbly observed, would have the effect of preventing them taking any further part in the business of the Lodge. Several brethren were elected members, and a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Terry closed the proceedings.

**High Cross Lodge, No. 754.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 26th February, at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham. Bro. H. Stephens W.M., who was supported by his Officers. Several P.M.'s, amongst whom were Bros. W. Dance I.P.M., Wells, Maller, Roberts, Treas., Cunningham, Sec., &c., and a good muster of the brethren. The Visitors included Bros. J. Driscoll P.M. 30 and P.G.P. Middlesex, Thompson 1580, Seard (Domestic Lodge), Young 820, Barber, &c. The preliminary business being disposed of, the Lodge was opened up to the third degree, and the W.M. then raised Bro. Theakstone to the degree of M.M., also giving the traditional history and explanation on the tracing board. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, and after partaking of the good fare provided by the host, Bro. Oddy, and removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Thompson, on behalf of the Visitors, expressed the great pleasure he had experienced in being present that night, the cordiality that existed amongst the brethren in the reception of visitors, and that absence of formality which was so congenial to his tastes could not fail to render it one of the most agreeable meetings he had ever attended. Bro. Driscoll, also as a visitor, hoped he might be pardoned, but he could not let the evening pass without commenting on the admirable manner in which the W.M. had discharged his duties that night; the ceremony from beginning to end was rendered in a most effective style, and as a very old friend he felt proud of him. Several songs and recitations, concluding with the Tyler's toast, produced an unexceptionally pleasant evening.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday evening, 28th February. Present—Bros. May (W.M. 780) W.M., Blasby S.W., Skinner J.W., Gow S.D., Gunner J.D., Costelow I.G., Roe P.M. Precep., Goss P.M., Kyezor, &c. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting read, confirmed and signed. Bro. Goss kindly offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The brethren were then called to refreshment. Upon labour being resumed, Lodge was regularly advanced. Bro. Goss again volunteered as candidate, and the W.M. carefully and ably rehearsed the ceremony of raising. Lodge was closed down, and the dues were collected. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—On Wednesday, 26th February, at Jolly Farmers, Islington. Present:—Bros. R. R. Harper W.M., Trewinnard S.W., Humphreys J.W., W. H. Main Treas. and Sec., Hobbs S.D., Percy J.D., F. W. Swales I.G., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, Wallace, Halford, Allardice, Fysh. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed,

Bro. Cusworth candidate. Bro. Halford answered the questions leading to the second, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Percy, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first and third sections of the third lecture. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Wallace was admitted a member of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. R. R. Hooper, W.M. elect of the mother Lodge, for his able working. Bro. Trewinnard was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers. All business being ended, Lodge was closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. M. Christian W.M., Wardell S.W., Polak J.W., Smyth S.D., Lovelock J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor. Bros. Carr, Fors, Wyman, Collins, Macklin, French, Allon, Bigg, C. Lorkin, Giller, Weige, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Clark as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its duties. Bro. Dallas worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to first. Bro. Wardell was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening. The annual supper of the above Lodge will take place on the 25th instant, at eight o'clock precisely.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—This Lodge met on Wednesday evening, 26th February, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Brown, of the Mother Lodge, as W.M., Pate S.W., Hallam J.W., Abell S.D., Knill Abell J.D., Hallam jun. I.G., Long Preceptor, and others. After the minutes were confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was impressively rehearsed, Bro. Hammerson being the candidate. The lecture was then worked, the questions in the sections being put by Bros. Bingenmann, Tate and Hallam jun. Bro. Pate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and the Lodge was closed.

**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.**—A meeting was held on 5th March, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. Rossiter W.M., W. Price S.W., J. Seera J.W., T. Cramp Treas., S. F. Pringner Sec., Ewell S.D., S. Hyde J.D., H. Pringner I.G. After preliminaries, Bro. Rossiter worked the fourth and fifth sections of the second lecture, and it was announced that Bro. Pringner would complete the series by giving the three sections of the third lecture. The sections were commenced 8th January, when Bro. H. Miskin worked the first; and at the following meetings Bro. P.M. Welsh worked the second, third, fourth and fifth, and Bro. Rossiter the sixth and seventh. Bro. S. F. Pringner worked the first, second and third sections of second lecture, and thus many pleasant and profitable evenings have been spent.

**Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.**—The first meeting since the alteration in the evenings for meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth. The following were amongst the brethren present:—Bros. W. A. Blackmore W.M., J. Frost S.W., W. F. Wardroper J.W., J. G. Carter Prec., A. N. Newens S.D., J. J. Holland J.D., P. V. Denham I.G., H. J. Newens, and A. A. Denham Sec. The ceremonies of the second and third degrees were worked, Bro. Blackmore working the second, with Bro. C. E. Golding as candidate, and Bro. J. G. Carter the third, when Bro. A. N. Newens went through the ceremony of being raised. The question of providing proper Masonic clothing was discussed, but the question was deferred until after the meeting of the regular Lodge (1044). The brethren warmly appreciated the kindness of Bro. Carter as Preceptor. Bro. Charles E. Golding (of 1216) was unanimously elected a member.

**John Hervey Lodge of Instruction.**—Private Hall, Albion Hall, London-wall.—The first meeting in its new quarters was a most satisfactory beginning; there being a much larger attendance than formerly, while those present expressed their satisfaction at the labour being disassociated with refreshment. The Lodge passed certain bye-laws for its government, and the following brethren were elected unanimously to fill their respective posts for the next year:—Bro. Saul Preceptor, Bro. Baber Secretary, Bro. Southwood Treasurer. While the Committee of this Lodge of Instruction most fraternally invite their brethren, who can make it convenient to co-operate with them, they wish it to be distinctly understood that no smoking or refreshment is allowed in Lodge Room, or in the building. They meet for work, from 7.30 to 9.30 every Monday evening.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—A meeting was held on Thursday evening, 27th February, at the Mason's Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. T. B. Walker W.M., Hamer S.W., Staley J.W., Hamer Treasurer, Blackie Sec., Harper S.D., Moss I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Paddle as candidate. The questions for passing were answered; Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. G. Taylor acting as candidate. The questions for raising were answered, the Lodge was opened, and the ceremony of raising was duly rehearsed. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously given to the W.M. for his efficient working in the chair.

**Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449, Canterbury.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd March 1879, at the Masonic Rooms, 38 St. Peters-street, Canterbury. Present:—Bros. Alfred W. Cattelle W.M., J. F. Howarth S.W., J. Vautier J.W., E. Rew Treas. and acting Sec., H. Miskin S.D., W. Price J.D., Lagdon Steward, T. Blamiers I.G., J. Pull Tyler, Past Master Bro. Naylor. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The working tools of the second degree were explained by Bro. Howarth; and those of the third degree by Bro. Blamiers. The Lodge was then closed in the third, and the ceremony of calling off and on was rehearsed. The ceremony of initiation was next rehearsed, Bro. Tyler acting as candidate. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till the 17th inst.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—The weekly meeting was held at Ealing, on Thursday, the 27th ult. Bros. Tucker W.M., Jones S.W., Gunner J.W., Fisher S.D., Wells J.D., Gasson I.G., and Bros. Day, Porter, Clark, Seward, Stephens, &c. After preliminaries, the Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the first. Bro. Clark kindly volunteered as candidate, and was duly initiated. The Lodge was resumed to the third degree, and regularly closed down to the first. A letter was read from the brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge, thanking the Lodge for the assistance recently rendered to a distressed Brother, whose case was brought forward at a previous meeting. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and Lodge was closed in due form.

**Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 4th March, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, under the able presidency of Bro. A. Trawinnard, assisted by Bros. Isaac S.W., Crosbie J.W. *pro tem*, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., W. Burtle I.G., Steedman Tyler, Killick jun. I.P.M., Weston D.C., Thompson A.D.C.; also Bros. Stanbrook, Pammell, J. Kentish, W. Garson, White, and Fysh. Visitor:—Bro. Mulford of Finsbury Park 1288. Lodge was opened in ancient form. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge being advanced a degree, Bro. John Kentish gave proofs of his proficiency, was entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree; the traditional history being given. Bros. Stephen Stanbrook and G. S. Pammell were passed. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the first Tuesday next month, when the election of Officers will take place. A cold collation was provided by Bro. Fysh. This was done ample justice to, and a pleasant evening was spent by the brethren.

**Eleanor Lodge, No. 1707.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Angel Hotel, Edmonton. Present:—Bros. J. H. Thompson W.M., C. Lovebond S.W., C. R. Garnett J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., W. J. Byers Treas., J. Ramsey S.D., R. J. Leaman J.D., G. S. Symmons D.C., C. Oliver I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler, F. Meen Organist. Members—Bros. Wright, Watson, Pinder, Gunningham, Mason. Visitor:—Bro. J. Garrod 754. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read. The candidates for the third degree were entrusted, the Lodge was opened up, and Bros. Wright and Mason were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, the ceremony being performed by the W.M. in a very efficient manner. The members, after Lodge was closed, sat down to a supper, and the family party, as this Lodge is called from the good feeling existing amongst its members, spent the remainder of the evening pleasantly together.

**St. George's Lodge, No. 1723, Bolton.**—The monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 26th February, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Present:—Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh W.M., N. Nicholson S.W., H. Stead as J.W., J. M., Rutter P.M. Secretary, John Barratt Steward, James Heywood S.D. Wm. Court J.D., J. W. Taylor Past Prov. G.O. Master of Ceremonies, Robert Latham I.G., Peter Staton Organist, J. W. Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., and Thos. Entwisle P. Prov. G. S. of W., Charles Stanley, James Richardson, and Thomas Morris; and Bros. James Smith, W. Blair, S. Brierly, T. Hargreaves, R. Ramwell, E. G. Harwood, T. T. Holt, and John Priestley. Visitors:—Bro. Peter Bradburn, and Bro. A. Cosgrave. The minutes of the proceedings of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. James Hall, late of Lodge 221, was ballotted for and elected a joining member. Mr. William Daniel Hughes, of Bolton, paper merchant, was ballotted for and approved as a candidate for initiation. Bros. R. Ramwell, Harwood, Holt and Priestley, having passed a satisfactory examination as to their proficiency, retired. Brothers Ramwell, Harwood, Holts and Priestley were passed to the degree of F. C. by Bro. Thos. Entwisle, and the working tools of the degree were explained by the Senior Warden. Bro. Hargreaves having been examined and entrusted, he, with the other candidates retired, and the Lodge was opened up, when Bro. Hargreaves was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Charles Stanley,

who also instructed him in the working tools of the degree. Mr. William Daniel Hughes was duly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. G. P. Brockbank. The working tools were explained by the Junior Warden, and the charge delivered from the chair. The Secretary reported that seven of the brethren of the Lodge had officiated as Stewards at the late Festival for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons; viz.: Bros. Brockbank, Entwisle, Taylor, Ferguson, Rutter; Bro. Nicholson S.W., and Bro. Court J.D. Bro. Cosgrave, M.D., of Bradshaw, was proposed as a joining member of the Lodge. A portion of the ancient rules and charges were read by the Senior Warden, and the Lodge closed at 9 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and honoured.

**Southdown Lodge, No. 1797.**—The first regular meeting of this new Lodge (consecrated on the 25th February) was held on Wednesday last, at the Sussex Hotel, Hurstpierpoint. Propositions for two joining members and seven initiates were, it will be remembered, made after the installation of the first W.M., Bro. Kelly King, and the investment of his Officers on the day of the consecration, and after the confirmation of the minutes at the especial meeting, and the disposal of some routine business on Wednesday, a ballot was taken, which resulted in the unanimous election of Bros. Saltmarsh and Serinock as joining members, and of Messrs. Dayson, Smith, Pratt, Hawken, Rawlinson, Rayward, and Pollard, as the first "batch of initiates." The full number of candidates allowed by the Book of Constitutions were then separately obligated, entrusted, and invested, in the order named by the W.M. in a very impressive manner, the musical portion of the ceremony being rendered by Bro. E. Broadbridge. Subsequently, the R. Wor. Prov. G.M. Bros. Sir Walter Burrell, Bart., M.P., V. W. Deputy Prov. G.M. Bro. John Scott, and the V.W. Bro. V. P. Freeman Prov. G.S., were elected honorary members of the Southdown Lodge. Votes of thanks to the Prov. G. Organist, Bro. Alfred King, and the musical brethren, who rendered such valuable aid at the consecration, and to the Rev. W. S. Andrews for the gratuitous use of the Music Room, for the performance of the ceremony, were carried by acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Upon the W.M. rising for the "third time," he was inundated with propositions for admission, and the names of three brethren as joining members, and five for initiation, besides that of a serving brother, were handed in to the Secretary. The Lodge was then closed in the usual form, and the brethren subsequently partook of a very unpretentious repast, and spent the remainder of the evening in social harmony and mutual esteem, the usual Masonic toasts being responded to with great gusto. The W.M. suggested that in accordance with the name of the Lodge, a prime joint of Southdown should be a standing dish before the W.M. of 1797, a proposition which met with the hearty approval of all the brethren, and will be henceforth adopted. As will be gathered from the above, the prospects of this new Lodge are unusually favourable, and a bright future may be safely predicted for the Southdown.

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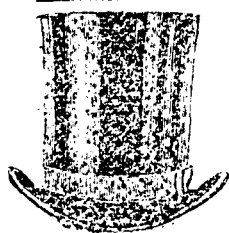
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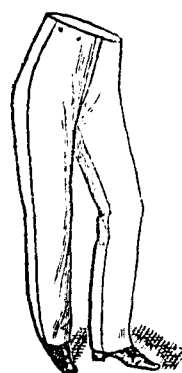
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