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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MASONIC LIGHT.

WE have perused with peculiar pleasure a little *brochure* containing a lecture on this subject, which was delivered in the Gladsmuir Lodge, No. 1385, High Barnet, recently, by Bro. the Rev. Charles W. Butler, F.R.H.S., Chaplain to the Robin Hood Lodge, 1493, and which has been published at the request of many brethren. The sentiments contained in this well-considered address are of so refining and elevating a character that it is only common justice that they should be as widely diffused as possible, for the benefit of the brethren at large; and in making copious extracts from the text before us we feel assured that our aim will be rightly understood and appreciated, namely, to prevent such gems of Masonic light from being hidden under the bushel of only a restricted circulation. After referring to the undoubted fact that Religion and Freemasonry were wedded from the first, having an identical aim, though differing in their nature and method, he points out that Freemasonry is content to take position as handmaid to Religion, commending to its members the practice of pure morality, the cultivation of every moral and social virtue, and enforcing the claims which religion and humanity make on their zeal and service. It is, perhaps, no marvel that the position of Freemasonry has been misunderstood; that it has been represented as assuming to be identical with religion; and still more preposterous, that it aims at superseding religion altogether! Refuting this absurdity, Bro. Butler pithily sets forth that:—"What it actually claims is, simply to be a system of morality inculcated on scientific principles, and embodied in a series of symbols, alike pleasing to the eye and impressive on the mind and memory. Its utility lies partly in its impressive rituals, partly in the broad principle of philanthropy and virtue on which it is based, partly in its catholicity and total freedom from political or ecclesiastical controversy, and partly in the 'Mystic tie' by which a bond of unity is established among brethren in all parts of the world." As the youngest tyro in the Masonic art well knows, Light takes the first and highest place amongst the symbols through which instruction is imparted to Freemasons. Up to a certain point in his earliest introduction to Freemasonry, the candidate might retire from the Lodge without the faintest conception of its form, its arrangement, its symbolic beauty. The moment comes when, having gone too far to recede, he confesses the predominant wish of his heart, and a blessing, of which he has suffered temporary deprivation, is restored to him. With the earliest flash of light that falls upon him he receives mental impressions that will be solemnly treasured through life. Henceforth he is a pilgrim in search of higher degrees of Light—a true and worthy Mason in proportion to the zeal and perseverance with which the search is pursued. In its objective signification the lecturer reminds us of the canopy which in a fully-furnished Lodge covers the seat of the W.M., and which is a symbolical representation of the open firmament, with its starry lights, under which the fathers of Masonry were wont to assemble; and of Heaven, the eternal seat of Deity. On the pedestal lies the open Bible, the great Light of Freemasonry, towards which the face of every brother in the Lodge is turned. From the great Light on the altar comes the whole mystery, every confidential fact and every symbolism of Masonry. The G.A.O.T.U. is the source of Light; and in all the personal communication of the divine will which He has been pleased

to make to man He has, in the language of King David, "clothed Himself with Light as with a garment." It was probably in the form of a bright cloud that God conversed with Adam in Paradise. After man's degradation, Light guarded the entrance of Eden, that the tree of life might not be invaded by profane hands. Freemasonry constantly reminds us of the weary and benighted Jacob, when he saw the vision of that wonderful Ladder, with seraphim ascending and descending, while the G.A.O.T.U. in a flood of Light communicated to him those assurances of prosperity which were so amply realised in his day and generation. Moses at the Burning Bush was favoured with the inspiration of Light, and received that Incommunicable Name which constitutes the secret of Speculative Masonry. The homes of the Israelites were filled with the Light of the Divine presence during the three days in which the plague of darkness afflicted the Egyptians; and the cloud of Light was a guide to the Hebrews in their flight, and a darkness and terror to their angry pursuers. It was in an awful display of Light shining in darkness that the Divine presence was revealed to our Grand Master Solomon at the dedication of the Temple. "The House," we read, "was filled with a cloud so that the priests could not stand to minister, by reason of the cloud. Then said Solomon: The Lord hath said that He would dwell in the thick darkness." And so for ages the solemn darkness of the inner Temple was enlightened by the Shekinah—the Light resting between the cherubim and the mercy seat, as a visible proof to mankind of the presence of Deity in their midst. Recognising the fundamental principle of the worship of the one true God as the very foundation of Masonic teaching, there is but little danger of this Grand Objective Light being slighted or covered with Atheistic darkness in this country; and we believe with the writer of the little work from which we are quoting when he says that this danger, which so long has loomed upon the Grand Orient of France, will be fatal to the interests and the very existence of the brotherhood in that country if not firmly and bravely overcome. To smother the Light on the altar, to shut out that Supreme Light which is the truest and highest object of a Mason's pursuit, would be to strike the death-blow upon our Order, and to destroy the deepest bond of union by which our world-wide brotherhood has from time immemorial been cemented. Then the author dilates at some length on the subjective aspect of this Light, which is rather the cultivation of an inner principle than an object to gaze upon. The symbolic darkness in which the candidate is introduced to Masonry is emblematical of the ignorance which precedes the reception of knowledge, and the various stages to which the brother is elevated in his progress in the science are all indications of the dawning of new Light, the result of his intelligent apprehension and earnest pursuit of the teachings of the Order. He is reminded in his progress of the darkness of death and the obscurity of the grave, together with "the never-fading Light which follows at the resurrection of the just." Rising to a scene of intellectual brightness, he is reminded that, being obedient to the precepts of Masonry and the dictates of Religion, he shall "rejoice on the resurrection morn, when the clouds of error and imperfection shall be separated from his mind, and shall behold with unveiled eye the glories which issue from the expanse of Heaven, the everlasting splendour of the throne of God." Passing from the floor of one degree to that of another, through the field of corn by the river-side, and the pillars of the Temple into the *sanctum sanctorum*, where the Eastern Light gleams through the "darkness visible," the lessons become

increasingly interesting and impressive. As the Mason's apprehension of these lessons deepens, he becomes more and more entitled to be numbered among "the sons of Light." Unless they are lost to him through carelessness or incapacity, all the steps in Masonry mark the degrees of his growing intelligence and earnestness; while at all times, standing perfectly erect, and his feet formed to the Masonic angle, his body is an emblem of his mind, and his feet of the rectitude of his life. But while the growth of intelligence is promoted by the study of these symbols each brother is left to the freest exercise of his own judgment, and the most unrestrained formation of his own convictions. The light that is in him is of a character which will blend freely and harmoniously with the light that is in others. There is nothing in Freemasonry which conflicts with the teachings of Christianity. Thus, the writer of this little work observes:—"Believing, as I do, that Christianity is the highest development of religious Light, Freemasonry seems to me to be in more complete harmony with it than with any other form of ancient or modern religion. No brother can fail to recognise the direct reference in all degrees of Freemasonry to the religion of Jesus Christ. Each succeeding degree increases the Light, and makes the reference more clear and definite." And yet, be it observed, the interpretation of our Masonic symbols is subject to no inflexible rule. Each brother may interpret them according to the Light that is in him. So far as possible everything is excluded from the Lodge which might offend or cast apparent reflection on the sincerity or intelligent convictions of a brother. The Jew, the Turk, and the Christian may mingle freely in the same Lodge, agreeing in the grand essential and universal principles of religion, recognising and worshipping the G.A.O.T.U., for His wisdom, goodness, and power, though differing in some convictions peculiar to each. To give a fixed interpretation to all the symbols which surround them would be to break up the system of union which brought the brethren together from so many points of the Compass. The Light that is in them seeks the one True, Supreme Light—makes them sensible of affinity which no intellectual diversity can destroy, and leaves them free, when they separate, to go each his way—the Jew to his synagogue, the Turk to his mosque, and the Christian to his church—each with an undisturbed confidence in the rectitude of his own particular faith. Summing up the great teachings of Masonic Light, our brother leads us back again to the starting-point of the Masonic faith—the three sustaining Pillars of a Mason's Lodge: Wisdom, Strength, and Beauty: Wisdom to recognise the Supreme Light, who dwells in the cloud of our Temple; Strength to pursue the path of knowledge and intelligence; and Beauty, to make our lives attractive and serviceable to our brethren. Or, more expressively still, these teachings are all embraced in the three moral virtues which composed the chief stairs of Jacob's Ladder—Faith, Hope, and Charity: Faith in the G.A.O.T.U.; Hope in salvation from darkness and sin; and Charity, the brightest gem that adorns the Masonic profession, to diffuse happiness on every hand. "The greatest of these is Charity." It is the light which is reflected from the life of the true Mason; the spirit of brotherly love which aims at spreading "goodwill amongst men." A Mason who does not as truly reflect the Light of divine Charity as the moon reflects the glory of the sun, is a Mason unfaithful to his profession. We have quoted largely from our brother's masterly and truly catholic exposition of a subject which cannot fail to be of vital interest to all Masons, but recommend those who are yearning after a greater halo of Masonic Light to procure for themselves this rich and recondite treatise, of which of course we are precluded, through want of space and other considerations, from giving more than the merest outline.

THE DISASTROUS FLOODS IN HUNGARY.

THE following pathetic appeal to the universal brotherhood has been issued by the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary, in aid of the unfortunate sufferers by the recent inundations at Szegedin. Details of this calamitous affair have so recently filled the newspapers that it would be superfluous to recapitulate here the enormous amount of misery and ruin which has suddenly overtaken the peaceful denizens of this once sequestered and pretty Hungarian

town. Let the heart be ever so stony and cold, it cannot fail to be touched by the recital of bereavements and dissolution of family ties which have been created by the ruthless overflowing of the waters of the River Theiss. And, although in our ordinary conversation we are acquainted with the well-worn aphorism that "Charity begins at home," yet we assert that the charity which lies at the foundation of our Masonic principles and profession is as boundless as the universe itself, and that, wherever the cry of the widow and the orphan is raised, there is the grand opportunity of practising that virtue which we have professed to admire and promised to support. That cry comes from poor desolated Szegedin, and it is in the power of the Fraternity of Great Britain to help, as we are assured they will do. We shall, therefore, watch with no little degree of interest the spirit in which the appeal issued by Bro. Francis Pulszky is answered by English Freemasons, who we know by experience need no spur or goad to direct their benevolence into proper and legitimate channels. We publish the letter *in extenso* as received from Bro. Pulszky:—

ST. JOHN'S GRAND LODGE OF HUNGARY.

Budapest, V. Josephsplatz 11, No. 41.

To the Glory of the G.A.O.T.U.

To all W. and W. Lodges and to all Brethren of the Globe.

Or. Budapest, 14th March 1879.

Worshipful and Beloved Brethren,—

Szegedin, one of the most prosperous Hungarian cities, was inundated on the 12th March by the floods of the Theiss river, and was almost completely destroyed.

Thousands of inhabitants of that unfortunate city found their deaths, parents lost their children, and children their protectors and supporters.

Seventy thousand persons are exposed to the greatest misery and privation, and are left to wander about without shelter. Even the hope of gaining a livelihood is taken away from those unfortunate sufferers by the fact of hundreds of thousands of acres of fertile ground around being completely flooded.

In that city, once so industrious and now crushed by misfortune for which it cannot be made responsible, exists one of our most active Lodges, the Lodge Arpad. Its members have always shown themselves very assiduous in the service of the Royal Art, and have often proved their Masonic spirit by acts of charity. To-day they are themselves in need of help, for their property is destroyed, and the results of years of toil have become a prey to elementary force.

The different Lodges working under the authority of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary have immediately been called upon to render all possible assistance, but in spite of their readiness to do so, their power to render efficient help to the numerous brethren in Szegedin must be pronounced totally inadequate to the magnitude of the calamity. In consideration of this sad fact the Grand Lodge of Hungary herewith addresses itself to all warranted and worshipful Lodges, as well as to all brethren of the globe, with the urgent request to remember the unfortunate sufferers of Szegedin, and to assist them in finding the means for a new existence.

We are convinced that you will take part in such an act of humanity, and ask you kindly to direct your contributions to the office of St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary in Budapest, Josephsplatz 11. The sums received shall be acknowledged in its official paper Orient, and the Grand Lodge shall cause their distribution to be conducted by the brethren of the Lodge Arpad, working under its authority in the Orient of Szegedin.

We greet you with brotherly love.

For the St. John's Grand Lodge of Hungary:

FRANCIS PULSZKY, Grand Master.

ALEX. UHL, Grand Secretary.

HINTS TO "Q." ABOUT ANCIENT LAND-MARKS AND MASONIC REFORM.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

FOR more than a century Masons believed that the following compact was made in 1721 between the Grand Lodge of England and the four original Lodges, viz.:—

"Every privilege which they (the four Lodges) collectively enjoyed by virtue of their immemorial rights, they should still continue to enjoy, and that no law, rule, or regulation to be hereafter made, should deprive them of such privileges."

This compact, as plain as language could make it, stipulated for perpetual independence of the four Lodges from all control of the Grand Lodge. Nay, more, it would have even empowered them to create other Grand Lodges in London. Any lawyer could easily so construe or misconstrue the said compact; and the Lodge of Antiquity probably construed it in the same way when it set up a Grand Lodge of its own under the nominal jurisdiction of the G. L. of York, led on by the same Bro. Preston, who was the first writer that brought to light the said compact.

Bro. Gould, whose industry and Masonic zeal no one appreciates more highly than I do, happened to discover that one of the original

Lodges was compelled in 1723 to accept a charter from the G. L., and whose rank in the Lodge List was lowered to No. 10 in 1729; believing, as all others believed, in the authenticity of the said compact very naturally accused the G. L. of England of injustice for breaking the compact. Fearing that the said Lodge might occasion trouble to the G. L. by claiming its independence and what not! I therefore took the liberty of pointing out my reasons for doubting the story about the compact. This was one reason for writing upon the subject. And secondly, the discovery of Bro. Gould would have fastened upon the founders of the Grand Lodge a double accusation; first, for agreeing to a very injudicious, and, I may even add, to a very absurd compact; and the second, the injustice of violating their own made compact. I have, therefore, endeavoured to rescue the reputation of Bros. Anderson, Desaguliers, Payne, and others, by showing that they were neither guilty of folly nor of injustice, because they never made the said compact, and, of course, never broke it; thereupon, our *hot-headed* Bro. "Q." took umbrage at my remarks, and accused me of want of veneration for the founders of the G. L. Bro. "Q." made no effort to dispel my doubts about the validity of the said compact, but because he likes to read the fables about Romulus, &c., therefore I am to be blamed, for doubting the validity and genuineness of the compact, and for exposing the nonsense of ancient landmarks. The late Bro. Charles Mackay, in one of his poems, furnished specimens of three sermons, preached by three distinct preachers. The first preacher's admiration was centered on the *past*, and he therefore exhorted his hearers to go *backward*. His philosophy was, that

"Man to misery is born,
Born to drudge, and sweat, and suffer,
Born to labour and to pray."

The second preacher regarded the *present age* as the summit of perfection, and he preached,

"Stand still! ye restless nations,
Fate is law, and law is perfect,
If ye meddle, ye will mar,
Change is rash and over was so,
We are happy as we are."

But the third and youngest preacher believed in the *go-ahead* doctrine.

"Standing still (he says) is childish folly,
Going backward is a crime,
None should patiently endure
Any ill he can cure.
Onward then, while a wrong remains,
Onward, and all the earth shall aid us, &c."

Our good Bro. "Q." is evidently a disciple of the "stand still" preacher, with a certain sympathy also for the *backward* preacher, while my own sympathy is enlisted on behalf of the *go-ahead* preacher; and these are my reasons.

No one can deny that we enjoy in the 19th century a greater degree of civil and religious liberty than our ancestors enjoyed in the 17th century. These again enjoyed more liberty than their ancestors enjoyed in the 15th century, and so on, and so on. All previous centuries were darker and darker, until we come to what is called the dark age. It is of no consequence whether it was darkest in the 6th, 7th, or 9th century, or whether all these centuries were alike dark. There is no doubt that the world, or at least Christendom, had had very dark ages, from which it gradually emerged. It must be obvious even to Bro. "Q." that this progressive enlightenment is neither due to the influence of "backward" preachers, nor to the "stand still" preachers, but we are indebted altogether for the blessings we now enjoy to the succession of the *go-ahead* or "onward" preachers, who, in the long run, have step by step built up the present state of civilisation. There is no need here to demonstrate the absurdity of the doctrines of the backward preacher, for however much a Mason may gush about antiquity, he certainly would not consent to bring us back to the state of barbarism of antiquity. Our last backward Masonic preacher's notions, viz., Dr. Oliver's, are already generally discarded. I shall therefore confine my reasoning to the disciples of the *stand still* preacher.

I remember the arguments and predictions of the English *stand-still party* during the agitation for Catholic emancipation, the first Reform Bill, Jewish emancipation, &c. I remember how they used to attribute the prosperity and power of England to her religious intolerance, rotten boroughs, and other relics of barbarism which the Revolution of 1688 left upon the Statute-books. I remember, also, when the reform advocates were denominated "destructives," &c. I have, however, lived to witness many reforms pass in England. I am not aware that any one was hurt, while a large number of Englishmen were pacified and became more content. But, nevertheless, that was no reason for stopping all further efforts of reform, or to talk about *finality* of reform. For first, every reformer is opposed by the *backward* and *stand-still* preachers. And secondly, Caution, prudence, or timidity of the reformer himself generally makes him halt half way. In short, all the English reforms within my own recollection were more compromises, something like settling with creditors at the rate of sixpence in the pound, or a few pence, more or less. The Americans, after their separation from England, effected more extensive reforms, but even there the *standstill* party were too powerful, and the slave institution was left untouched, the abolition of slavery was left to the reformers of the present generation. Besides which, when a government gets to be fifty years old, or even less, a new crop of corruptions sprout out, which, if not nipped in the bud, will grow up, and, if not looked after, they will accumulate; these corruptions are, of course, profitable to certain parties, and an effort to abolish those corruptions will surely be opposed by the *standstill* preachers. We see, then, that, as long as selfishness, bigotry, and corruption exists, there will always be work for the *onward* preacher.

The founders of the G. L. of England were *onward preachers*, and are therefore entitled to our gratitude. They observed that every

religionist was apt to puff up his own religion, and to treat with contempt all other sects but his own. Each religionist pretended that his sacred books taught better doctrines than all other sacred books, and all pretended that their respective books taught the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, charity, justice, mercy, &c. If the pretension of either of these had been true, the votaries of these sects ought to have been as good as angels; instead of which, they acted more like devils. Every sect, when it obtained power, invariably persecuted all other sects. Had Dr. Anderson lived in Scotland one hundred years earlier, he might have been as bigoted a presbyterian as the majority of the members of his church were, but he happened to live in England at a time when his church was despised by the dominant church. He might also have remembered the persecution of his brethren in the days of Charles II. or James II. Desaguliers was a French exile for conscience sake. Payne may also have been a dissenter. Hence, to emancipate themselves from the disagreeable intolerance, they reasoned themselves into the belief that religious intolerance was wrong (though it was a very ancient landmark) and this conviction of theirs gave rise to our Freemasonry, viz.—to unite the good and true, irrespective of religious differences, into a brotherhood, providing they believed in a Supreme Being. It is evident that such a union would have been impossible if each religionist had been allowed in the Lodge, either to insult the religions of the other brethren, or even to continue the old practice of puffing up his own religion; religious discussion was, therefore, prohibited in the Lodge. But that was not all. The pre 1717 Masons used to pray in Lodges to the Trinity; the said prayer would have been offensive to the Anti-trinitarian, while the orthodox would have been offended if their sectarian notion had been omitted from the prayer. Hence (so it seems to me), prayers were discontinued altogether. Bro. E. T. Corson, of Cincinnati, sent me three extracts from distinct works; the last was printed in 1766, each of these confirming the above statement; that the *moderns* used no prayers in their Lodges. The *ancients*, who were instigated by *backward preachers*, continued to use Christian prayers, which the *moderns* afterwards imitated. But I firmly believe, and so does Dr. Albert G. Mackay, that for about fifty years after the establishment of the G. L. of England no prayers were used in her Lodges. The Bible was used among the pre 1717 Masons to obligate candidates on; in the earliest ritual of the G. Lodge it was used for no other purpose; its being made into a "great light," was a subsequent innovation. Even as late as 1730 the G. L. of England was opened in *due form* without the Bible on the pedestal. It is rather curious that in 1730 the G. Lodge was opened with the Book of the Constitution and the sword lying on the pedestal instead of the Bible, just the same as the French Masons do now. But whatever credit and gratitude may be due to the founders of the G. Lodge, we should not forget the fact that they were liable to err; and it is as much my duty to expose their shortcoming, as it is to praise for the good they have done.

The faults of Bro. Anderson were, first, his writing a very absurd history of Freemasonry, and, second, his retention in the ritual of saint patronage, and the observance of saints' days, enjoined by him in the Constitution. These blunders were the parents of Templar degrees, Christian degrees, &c., which uprooted the fundamental Masonic aim on the European Continent, and which afterwards reacted upon English Masonry itself. The *Ancients* were the first to adopt the new humbuggies. Dunckerley made them popular among the *Moderns*. Hutchinson persuaded everybody that the third degree is Christian, and what not. In short, all the Masonic preachers after Anderson, during the last century, either preached the *backward* doctrine or the *stand still* doctrine; but, upon the whole, even English Masonry was pushed backward. Preston stopped the practice of using sectarian prayers in Lodges. In 1814, Dr. Hemming revised the ritual, and made an onward movement, by discarding saint patronage and the observance of saints' days; and that was the first, and is still the first, onward movement in England.

In America, not only no onward movement was made at all, but the ritual has been interlarded with additional rant and cant, unknown in any European Masonic ritual; and to the repeated remonstrances made in New York and Boston against the American Masonic mongrel, their reply amounted to no more and no less than, "We have so received it, and we must so impart it;" or, in other words, *ancient landmarks*. And yet, some points which they call *ancient landmarks* were introduced in 1819, and even later. There is a great deal of rubbish even in the English ritual which requires pruning. A very eminent English Officer of the Grand Lodge said once in my presence, "Our ritual will have to be overhauled, and a great deal of accumulated rubbish will have to be thrown out." And even Bro. Q. confessed that "Masonry had its share of humbug attached to it." Such being the case, I ask Bro. Q. whether humbug ought to be tolerated in any respectable society? and more especially so, whether it ought to be tolerated in a society which boasts that hypocrisy and deceit is unknown amongst them, and sincerity and plain dealing are their distinguishing characteristics? Surely, Bro. Q. will not answer these questions in the affirmative! and if my supposition is right, then he ought not to find fault with me for attacking the nonsense of irrepealable laws and ancient landmarks, which may be called the citadel, behind which all bigots and Jesuits, all the backward and all the stand still preachers, inside and outside of Masonry, have invariably entrenched themselves. When once that fortification is demolished, we shall have a chance of reasoning rationally about Masonic reform.

The annual meeting of the John Hervey Lodge, No. 1260, took place on Wednesday, when Bro. E. Jones Goodacre was installed as W. M. for the ensuing year. A report will appear in our next.

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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—I am very glad to observe, from your report of one of the Masonic gatherings last week, that attention has at length been called to the "rough and tumble" manner in which instruction is not unfrequently imparted in some of our Lodges. It is a great privilege, as well as pleasure, to attend these meetings for rudimentary enlightenment, which in reality must be regarded as the nursery from which our experts of the future are to be transplanted; but are there not occasions when one has retired from such an assembly and been forced to acknowledge that the whole evening has been wasted, and that from sheer laxity the time has been expended in a manner that has been simply "flat, stale and unprofitable?" And why is this the case? Simply because those who have undertaken to carry out the duties of the evening are not brought back to complete—as they would be in any ordinary school—and to perfect themselves in what they had already nearly accomplished, thus to make themselves masters, as they go along, of the various portions of the ritual. I have attended on recurrent evenings and found the same weakness apparent, the same laxity winked at, and the time has slipped away so unprofitably that we have turned to each other at the close of the meeting and asked in vain, "What progress have we made to-night?" Another error should be guarded against, if Preceptors will allow me to refer momentarily to this fact. Often when a student blunders at a word or sentence he is immediately tripped, and the sudden arrest invariably causes him to lose the thread of his observation and to cover himself with confusion. Preceptors will I am sure excuse my reference to this fault on their part. Rather allow the young aspirant to complete his laudable effort, so far as his talent has developed, and then in kindly terms correct any flaws that may have been detected during the recital; and then, if necessary, allow the passages to be repeated. The Preceptor should carry a mental note-book always with him, and he would ever find that a "word in season" is enough to the wise. Free but courteous criticism should be tolerated on all occasions, as by this means defects are corrected without offending the most fastidious tastes or susceptibilities. I was once a constant attendant at Lodges of Instruction, but must say that the loose and slovenly way in which many of them are conducted is sufficient to disgust even a less thin-skinned individual (if such were possible) than

Yours fraternally,

VIGIL.

EDUCATIONAL CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—In your last issue I was very pleased to see you given notice of the progress of that most deserving institution the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, the results of which must be a source of unqualified satisfaction to its many subscribers and friends. Fully bearing in mind the old adage that "comparisons are odious," I note that the cost of management, including payment on mortgage (in lieu of rent), food, clothing, education, &c., amounts to £19 17s 1d per head. Of course I do not wish to place our Masonic Schools on the same level as this Charity, though the object of each is kindred in its nature; but I have frequently heard it remarked—and I suppose it will continue to be a subject of discussion—that it would be as well to see whether or not some greater economy could not be practised in the case of our Boys and Girls. I am quite prepared to admit that every Mason desires to see the children of our deceased brethren educated and brought up in a manner befitting their station in life—like little ladies and gentlemen. But with due deference to this praiseworthy sentiment, there seems to be a very wide difference between the cost of maintenance in our Schools—some £36 for the Girls—and those who are cared for by the Charity I have named. I have not had the opportunity of inquiring into the matter very closely, but I have often heard persons connected with other institutions, such as the Commercial Travellers' School at Pinner, where I believe the boys are well cared for, though perhaps they do not get so thorough an education as in the Masonic Schools, but where the cost of management is far below our own. I do not for a moment listen to the arguments so often heard as to our desire to turn out our boys and girls with an artificial pride, and with high-flown ideas, because every man would like his children brought up certainly in as good a sphere, if not better, than that in which he has himself moved. Therefore I am not disposed to grumble at the superiority of the education which is imparted to our children. Still, with the distressing cases that we have before us continually, and which we are utterly unable to meet, it may be worth while to see if something cannot be done by the exercise of a more strict economy to spread the advantages of our Masonic Institutions over a somewhat larger and wider area. Perhaps you, or some of your intelligent correspondents who are conversant with the interior working of our own and other Charities might be able to throw a little light upon a subject which is deeply exercising the minds of not a few of the brethren in various parts of the country. It is congratulatory in the extreme to see the efficiency of the boys, as evidenced in the recent Cambridge Local Examination, of which you gave a detailed list last week. I know that Bro. Morris of Wood Green, is most anxious to bring his happy

family well to the fore in the educational department; and he must be complimented on the very successful results he has this year achieved. Still, as the father of a family, and seeing the numbers who are to be provided for, and the still increasing list of those who are claiming a just participation in the benefits of our Institutions, there can be no harm in ventilating the question as to whether, by a little economy in some of the departments, room cannot be made for a few more of the deserving applicants, so that on the succeeding election days there may be more hearts made glad and grateful, and a few less sent empty away. Trusting to hear from some or other of your more intelligent correspondents on this subject, which I have raised mainly for the sake of eliciting information,

I remain, Dear Sir and Bro,

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

"FIRST IMPRESSIONS."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BRO.,—No doubt many brethren have shared with me the pleasure I experienced from a perusal of your sound and practical article last week on "First Impressions." For a very long time I have observed a laxity of manner—a levity almost—in the administration of the first principles of Masonry to the novitiate on his admission. Of course at that moment when he is "all eyes and ears," so to speak, when he strains every faculty to grasp as much of the hidden mystery that is permitted to be revealed to him, he takes note of even the most trivial circumstance, and marks the demeanour of the brethren in such a way as leaves its "impression" long after the ceremony has concluded. It must be the experience of every Mason that the initiate is invariably in that malleable frame of mind during his first passage through a Lodge to receive good impressions or the reverse, in accordance precisely as the rite is performed. Thus the interchange of amused glances, whisperings, and any other movements calculated to disturb the candidate's composure, or to divert his attention, should be carefully avoided. Such interludes only tend to strip the ceremony of its solemnity, and produce in the observant mind of the initiate a greater or less feeling of disappointment, if not of surprise, that sentences of such grave import which, though familiar to older members, now fall upon his ear for the first time, can be marked with such frivolity. Yet such is by no means an uncommon occurrence. Again, I was pleased to observe that you pointed a mild rebuke to those Masters who, probably having a great deal of work crowded into one evening, are disposed to hurry over the initiation ceremony. A greater mistake could not be committed, for this not unfrequently mars the initiate's whole conception of the system. How often do we find that there is "no time" to explain the tracing-board—the W.M. deferring that, and much other valuable instruction, to some "more convenient season?" Unless a man is determined to make himself competent in all respects to discharge the high responsibilities of the chair, he should never accept the position; and when there he should be rigid in his determination to see that those duties which are required of him and his supporters are carried out, not only in the spirit but to the letter. I have penned these few thoughts as the outcome of my perusal of your very apposite article last week. I only wish that it could be reprinted in the form of a pamphlet for distribution amongst Entered Apprentices. At that period, as I have said, their minds are receptive and easily moulded, and the inhalation of such wise counsel as you administer would be most beneficial, when they are eagerly on the search after further light. Taking a great interest, as I do, in your excellent journal, I shall feel pleased if you will forward me fifty copies for distribution amongst those whom I think may derive benefit from its perusal, but who may not as yet be familiar with its contents.

I remain, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

LEO.

7th April, 1879.

HOLIDAY TIMES AND BUSINESS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A friend of mine has just mentioned the fact, and it is one that may be well borne in mind, for the convenience of brethren in the future, that the Quarterly Court for the election of Girls falls on Saturday next, and that for the Boys on Easter Monday. Now, as during the holiday season many persons may be desirous of spending their few days' respite in the country, whilst most of us will be glad of the retirement afforded between Good Friday and Easter Monday, it would have been a source of no inconsiderable convenience had these Courts been postponed until a more convenient season. Perhaps when such an event occurs again in the future some arrangements may be made so as to meet the convenience of the brethren who wish to attend these Courts, and not to break in upon their holiday keeping, to which no doubt many of them have been looking forward with the most agreeable anticipations.

Yours fraternally,

S.W.

ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.—THE FAIRY DELL. THE ELECTRIC LIGHT. GAS, what it does and can do. THE STEAM ENGINE, &c. THE ZULU WAR. VOYAGES IN THE AIR, and THE WONDERS OF MODERN SCIENCE. THE ZOOPHILIC TROUPE of Living Marionettes. STOKES ON MEMORY. LEOTARD the Automaton, and the AUTOMATIC HEAD. Diver, Diving Bells, &c.—Admission, 1s; Open at 12 and 7. Carriages at 5 and 10.

REVIEWS.

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Our Red Coats and Blue Jackets. By Henry Stewart. London: John Hogg, Paternoster Row.

Books on battles have always a peculiar charm for boys. And here we have a volume which for beauty of style and finish is sufficient to dazzle the eye and to whet the keenest admiration of the English youth. It is essentially one such as we can imagine the successful pupil receiving at the hands of his school examiner with a gleeful twinkle in his eye as he turns over its gilded covers and peers inside at its richly coloured embellishments. And as he meanders through its pages, rich with stories of "adventure by flood and field," we can realise with what pride and avidity he will peruse the accounts of brilliant exploits which are emblazoned on the flag of that empire upon whose might the sun never sets. In panoramic style are recorded the principal achievements of the British arms, both by land and sea, from the time of the opening of the great war with France, in 1793, down to the signing of the peace treaty with King Coffee, of Ashantee. There can be no greater help to the juvenile mind, whilst mastering the history of his own as well as of other countries, than to be on familiar terms with the names of great men who have led our armies across far-off battle-fields, and our sturdy cruisers abreast every sea. And the object of the compiler of this most acceptable volume seems to be to enumerate in pleasant conversational manner the salient features of both naval and military engagements in which the British services have taken so prominent and victorious a part—giving vividness and variety to the narrative by the introduction of anecdotes and short accounts of personal valour. Considerately eschewing lengthy details as to the political complications which induced the wars recorded—and through which young readers cannot be expected to wade—Mr. Stewart tells a round unvarnished tale of the several conflicts which have left their mark upon the naval and military annals of the past century, increasing the usefulness of his work to the general reader by adding a chronological list of engagements, which renders the whole a handy book of reference. Fully half the volume is occupied in relation of the most prominent incidents of the French and Peninsular wars; and although military operations were not then on such a scale of magnitude as in the present day, nor the weapons of warfare so deadly, yet from that fact alone there are afforded more personal instances of British pluck and obstinacy such as lend a spiciness to tales of war. The account of the battle of Waterloo is written in heroic and stirring language, a graphic description being given of the arena of that glorious triumph, the mere mention of which even yet causes a "flush to glow from cheek to brow" whenever the tale is told amongst Englishmen. Considerable attention is also paid to the leading features in the Crimean campaign, most of which are within the recollection of comparatively young men; and the details of the storming of the Alma, the Balaklava Charge, the Battle of Inkermann, and the capture of Sebastopol are admirably told, interspersed with stirring incidents and records of personal valour. Taken altogether, this book is just such an one as the ordinary English youth will covet, whether for beauty of exterior, which makes it an ornament to the drawing-room table, or for the exciting and interesting character of its contents. It is a most judicious compilation of historical facts, and it bristles throughout with the most telling passages of incident and adventure.

The Secret of Success; or, How to Get on in the World. By W. H. DAVENPORT ADAMS. London: John Hogg, Paternoster Row.

THE object of this bulky and handsomely got-up volume is not exactly that which its title at first blush might suggest to many minds. It points out no royal road to a Monte Christo's hoard of wealth, or to a philosopher's stone that shall turn everything it touches into gold. Legions of quack nostrums have been issued from time to time, professing in their varied departments to show how "good luck" may be attained, and giving "straight tips" as to how a speedy ascent may be gained to the pinnacles of fame and fortune. These, however, have invariably been emanations from men who have painfully found life to be a delusion and a snare, who have either missed or wilfully deserted the paths of moral rectitude, and whose counsel, therefore, has only served as the Will-o'-the-wisp to allure others into the fens and morasses of disappointment. Mr. Adams candidly asserts at the outset that he has discovered no shorter or easier pathway to worldly success than before existed; and that if any reader takes up his book in the hope of learning some new way of money-making, some fresh exposition of the gospel of getting-on, he may find himself disappointed. Plain, homely, and eminently practical expositions of the principles which should guide our every-day life are embodied in this comprehensive treatise; and though most of them are well-worn, and almost universally acknowledged, we find them, alas! too little practised in the common dealings of this competitive age. To start with, of course, the writer points out that, in order to ensure success in any grade of life, the *mens sana* and *corpore sano* must be indissolubly blended, and thus he directs attention to the complete culture of the physical, moral, and intellectual faculties of the individual. Very often materialistic success proves nothing more than deplorable failure; and the great secret of success, he argues, lies in the cultivation of the habits of diligent application, temperate living, and high thinking. It is perfectly true that these doctrines and precepts have been preached exhaustively enough by moralists and philanthropists for years, but such truths cannot be too frequently set before readers of every class and age. To the young they serve as a healthy stimulus to high aims and lofty ambitions; to "children of large growth" they

supply the brake-power against recklessness and haste, as well as incentives to wisdom. We are not of that class who would cram all manner of "goody" and impossible maxims into the mental capacity of our rising generation. But inasmuch as an occasional tonic, administered even in homœopathic doses, is essential to physical health, so are words of wisdom and wholesome counsel of priceless worth in the moral training of those who are about to set out upon the stormy sea of life. Referring to the objection which may be made to his volume, that it traverses much of the same ground as that already covered by Smiles, in his "Self Help," and others, Mr. Adams points out that his work, on the other hand, devotes a considerable space to illustrations from the departments of business and commerce—departments which have hitherto, at least for such purposes, been comparatively overlooked; and it pursues more than one course of inquiry which previous writers have scarcely glanced at. He anticipates another obvious objection by setting forth that, although the volume before us says nothing absolutely new—that it repeats truths which have become commonplace—yet truths of such importance cannot be too frequently repeated. He says:—"This repetition may impress minds which have not been impressed, and they may be accompanied with fresh examples, or presented in newer forms, so as to arrest the attention of the careless, or suggest to the thoughtful new lines of reflection." After a careful perusal of the work in hand, we have no hesitation in expressing our opinion that it is one we should like to see in the hands of every young man as he sets forth on the threshold of active business life. There is a robust manliness in the style of the writer's diction which is simply contagious, and a mere occasional glance at its pages cannot fail to give elasticity and moral tone to the thoughts and actions of the reader. It must not be supposed that the book is a mere homily of moral precept and instruction, for throughout the whole of its pages there runs a silver thread of interesting narrative, such as admirably sustains the reader's attention; whilst the examples given of the achievements of eminent men in all conditions of life are most entertaining as well as instructive. There are also illustrations and anecdotes without number, setting forth how essential it is to economise time, and make good use of it when thus saved—the choosing of right starting-points in life, and the cultivation of worthy friendships—the value of resolution, moral accuracy and uprightness in our business habits—and a host of other directions, pointing like finger-posts along the road to success. We feel perfectly assured that the more extensively this admirable book is read the greater will be its influence for good, and we heartily commend it to the attention of our readers of every class. The work presents us with a compilation of a vast amount of valuable information, evidently the result of the reading and observation of many years; and no one can peruse its pages without deriving intellectual benefit. But, unlike many works of similar aim that we have seen in the past, and which we have had to struggle through with serious visage, this volume is spangled throughout with cheery incidents and sketches of humour which render palatable truths that may perhaps have lost their attractiveness by frequent repetition. The work is commendable in every respect, and forms a very acceptable present, especially to young men of thought and good sense.

Obituary.

WE regret to announce the demise of our late respected Brother John Johnson, which melancholy event occurred on the 29th ult. in his fifty-first year, after a short illness. The funeral took place at Abney Park Cemetery on the 2nd inst., where many marks of respect testified to the great esteem in which Bro. Johnson was held. The funeral cortege was followed by a numerous assemblage of the employees of the Gas Light and Coke Company, of which our esteemed brother was engineer. There was also a large attendance of brethren of the Lodges and Chapters to which he belonged. Among the many floral wreaths borne upon the coffin was one of acacia, which was respectfully placed there by Bro. T. W. Adams I.P.M. of 1623, of which the deceased Brother was a Founder and J.W. Our Brother was initiated in the Era Lodge 1423 in 1875, and his active interest in the Order may be judged from the fact of his being a Founder of West Smithfield Lodge 1623, Evening Star Lodge 1719, Hammer-smith Mark 211, West Smithfield Mark 223, and the Era Chapter 1423. He was a Life Governor of all our Masonic Charities, already a past Steward, and had only recently represented the West Smithfield Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when he was able to take up on his list about seventy guineas. The Craft has sustained a great loss in consequence of our late Brother's career of usefulness being thus cut short. We sympathise most deeply with his widow and three children in their bereavement.

CRYPTIC DEGREES.

A meeting of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, was held at the Masonic Rooms, 2 Red Lion-square, on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. T. C. Walls Rt. Ill. Dep. Master, Thos. Poore as Conductor of Works, H. R. Cooper Smith as Captain of the Guard, D. M. Dewar Recorder, F. Davison G. Treasurer, R. Berridge, E. Latchworth, R. H. Thrupp, Robert Roy, &c. Bros. W. J. Hickman, W. Klingenstein, George Kenning, Alfred Williams, Fentham Hedges were severally admitted to the Degrees of Most Excellent, Royal, Select, and Super Excellent Master, the ceremonies being impressively rendered by the Right Ill. Dep. Master Bro. Walls, assisted by Bros. Poore and Cooper Smith. The next meeting was fixed for Thursday the 8th May, on which day, after the reception of candidates, the Annual Festival will be held.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

STRONG MAN LODGE, No. 45.

THE members of this Lodge met at Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, on Thursday, the 3rd inst., in full force to do honour to the incoming of Bro. Symons as W.M. The meeting was called for four o'clock. Bro. A. A. Wing presided, assisted by Bros. Symons S.W., Hallé J.W., Follitt P.M. Treas., G. H. T. Dyer P.M. Sec., Cordingly S.D., Horne J.D., Deane I.G., Steed Tyler. The following P.M.'s were also present:—H. Moss, J. Vass, C. Driver, E. J. Read, A. Pilbeam and J. G. Defriez. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. N. Symons; it proved unanimous, and that gentleman being in attendance was regularly initiated into Freemasonry. Bro. Sharp, a candidate for passing, gave proofs of his proficiency, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened up, and Bro. Sharp was duly passed. Bro. H. Moss now presented Bro. Symons the W.M. elect to receive the benefit of installation, and Bro. Wing performed the ceremony in a manner which reflected great credit for the attention he must have paid to the study of this beautiful ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Hallé S.W., Follitt P.M. Treas., A. A. Wing P.M. Sec., Horne S.D., Deane J.D., W. A. S. Humphries I.G., Steed Tyler, Smith and Bigg Stewards, Nell D.C. The brethren adjourned to banquet, where justice was done to the good cheer provided by mine hosts, Bros. Wood and Romain. When the cloth had been removed, the W.M. gave the Loyal and Patriotic toasts in a condensed form. Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft was greeted with full honours. "God Save the Queen" was sung by the brethren. Bro. Wing I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. It was the first time he had held the gavel for this purpose, and he felt his task a difficult one; he felt as if he ought to say a great deal, both in praise of the Worshipful Master and of the P.M.'s; however, he felt assured that every member would appreciate his feelings. He had experienced great pleasure in receiving support from the P.M.'s, and he hoped the W.M. would receive the same assistance he had; from what he knew of Bro. Symons he felt confident the Lodge would gain considerably by having placed him in his honourable position. He called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast, and the call was heartily responded to. The W.M. replied, observing it was a most difficult task to return thanks for the kind manner this toast had been received. The song Bro. Vass had favoured them with that evening—The Jelly Young Waterman—he had heard some six years since, and this brought him to the period of his initiation. From that time he determined he would do everything to uphold the Lodge, and now he was W.M. he would endeavour to meet the wishes of the brethren, and still further sustain its prestige. He felt proud of the unanimity which prevailed in the Lodge, and hoped at the end of his year of office he would be enabled to instal his successor in as able a manner as Bro. Wing had performed the like task this evening. He would endeavour to please all, and he thanked them for the high position they had placed him in. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Initiate; the toast to him was a peculiar one, as the Initiate was his own brother. He would, therefore, simply ask the brethren to drink to his welfare. Bro. Initiate thanked the brethren for having received him so cordially, and for admitting him into this ancient Lodge; he trusted he would prove himself worthy of their confidence. The W.M. now proposed the health of the I.P.M.; they all knew Bro. Wing well, the toast needed but few remarks from him. It was, however, one of the most pleasing incidents of his life to invest Bro. Wing with a P.M.'s jewel—a jewel he had well earned. He presented it in the name of the Strong Man Lodge, and in placing it on Bro. Wing's breast, he trusted that he would live for many years to wear it. Bro. P.M. Wing returned his sincere thanks. It had been the summit of his wishes to preside over this Lodge, and it gave him a vast amount of pleasure during his year of office, inasmuch as he believed his efforts had been crowned with success. He had received such courtesy and good feeling from the brethren of the Lodge that he felt justified in thinking his endeavours to please had met with their approbation. Every W.M. should study the wishes of the brethren, and they would be more than repaid by kindness of feeling; he felt doubly proud at being presented with a P.M.'s jewel, and hoped the Strong Man Lodge would prosper, and would unite in being happy and promote happiness. The health of the P.M.'s was the next toast on the list. The W.M. remarked that he looked to them to assist him in his duties; they had carried the Strong Man Lodge through many difficulties. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. H. Moss, the father of the Lodge. Bro. Moss returned thanks for his name being coupled with the toast. He had been forty years a member of the Lodge; he assured the brethren that he never heard the beautiful ceremony of installation more effectively rendered than it was this evening by Bro. P.M. Wing. Nothing was more pleasing to him than to assist the W.M. for the time being, and to see the duties of the chair conducted properly. He hoped the present W.M. would go through his year of office with honour, as his predecessors had done. The Visitors' toast was next proposed. The W.M. remarked they were always glad to see visitors; they had two P.M.'s, and several other members who held important offices in Lodges; he gave them hearty welcome. Bro. Tolmie acted as spokesman for the Visitors. However, he felt physically unequal to the task. He thanked the brethren for the cordial manner all had been received, and the pleasure enjoyed from the excellent working of the Lodge, particularly referring to the manner in which the installation ceremony had been conducted by Bro. Wing. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Officers, said it was a toast he offered with some anxiety, as he wished it clearly to be understood that the brethren were not chosen for office by rotation, but from their capabilities. He hoped they would assist him, and help

to sustain the reputation of the Strong Man Lodge, and he assured the brethren that by attending Lodges of Instruction they would gain that knowledge which was so essential to the honour and credit of Mother Lodges. To this the Treasurer responded. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening, and the brethren separated at rather a late hour, after having spent a very comfortable evening. The following were the Visitors:—H. Higgins P.M. 1381, R. G. Tolmie W.M. 861, D. F. Gillien W.M. 1425, John Hill S.W. 140, A. W. Fenner S.D. 1227, Thos. Harnson 1045, W. Craig S.D. 1425, James Starkey 1489, Thomas Richardson 1599, H. A. Watson 1707, H. Ampfield 364. The W.M. (Bro. Symons). Bros. Hallé and Voss contributed to the harmony of the evening by some excellent songs and recitations.

MERCHANT NAVY LODGE, No. 781.

THE installation of Bro. J. J. Gavin as the W.M. of this popular East-end Lodge took place on Wednesday evening at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, under the most gratifying and brilliant auspices. Not only was there a full attendance of the members of the Lodge but a fair sprinkling of the purple gave additional zest to the proceedings. Soon after four o'clock the Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Breden occupying the chair. He was supported by Bros. Gavin S.W., A. Scheerboom J.W., J. W. Wright P.M. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., B. C. Rowe S.D., R. F. Ould J.D., W. Steedman P.M. Tyler, &c. Amongst the Past Masters present we observed Bros. J. W. Reeves, T. Nevillo, E. Killick, W. J. Helps, J. Kinfred, W. J. Medland; and there were also present—Bros. J. Lax, T. D. Salter, R. H. Bennett, F. Robinson, G. Walker, A. G. Williams, S. Chapman, T. Hitchman, W. Lukes, J. W. Chapman, T. Gaisford, T. Huet, J. E. Ives, W. H. Crowley, H. J. Dickson, J. Bloy, G. C. Cannon, H. D. Gibbs, J. Bernhardt, J. T. Moore, G. W. Jones, G. Simmonds, T. Hallett, Thos. Hudson, and with the visitors were—Bros. C. R. Bennett P.M. 1382, W. C. Barlow 174, W. J. Cowper 1668, Thos. Cull 1446, H. J. Amphlett 1511, M. Rosenheim 27, James Emer 1259, J. A. Keeble 174, W. Watkins 1076, &c. The usual formalities having been observed and some preliminary business transacted, the Lodge was temporarily closed during the sitting of the Board of Installed Masters, and on the re-admission of the brethren the ceremony of installation was performed in masterly style by Bro. J. Terry P.G.J.W. of Hertfordshire, the well-known and highly esteemed Secretary of our Masonic Institution for Aged Masons. It was not merely a recital of an ancient rite, impressive under any circumstances, but a splendid elocutionary banquet, which held and riveted the attention of the brethren, and elicited a glow of pride that the Merchant Navy Lodge should possess an honorary member of such calibre as our Bro. Terry. The Charges were given in a manner that was simply faultless, and the whole of the working was such as redounded to the utmost credit on the Officers who assisted in their respective spheres. Due honours were accorded to the newly installed W.M., whose demeanour in the chair gave excellent promise of his wisdom to discern and power to execute his important duties, and the salutations having ended, he proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, Bro. Terry disposing of the collars with a few happily-chosen sentences to each. We can hardly forbear quoting, from memory, one of these. In "collaring" the Steward, Bro. Terry gave him a brief exordium on the virtues of self-denial which would be the lot of Bro. Robinson to practice, adding that if he should succeed in pleasing everybody, see that each brother had precisely and all that he required at the table, and was assailed with no fault finding whatever, he would be able to congratulate himself upon being a model Steward, and the most fortunate man in the world—to whom the brethren would say with one voice "Well done, good and faithful servant." The Officers on whom the collars were bestowed are—Bros. A. Scheerboom S.W., B. C. Rowe J.W., J. W. Wright P.M. Treas., E. T. Read P.M. Sec., R. F. Ould S.D., Everett J.D., J. E. Ives I.G., J. Lax D.C., F. Robinson Steward, Palmer Organist, and W. Steedman P.M. Tyler. Bro. Wright, with characteristic humour, acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to him by his re-election to the office of Treasurer, and assured the brethren who were in arrears—if, indeed, there were any—that the funds would bear the additional pressure to which they would be subjected by their polite attention. The remark, of course, evoked spontaneous merriment, and following immediately after Bro. Read thanked the Lodge for the renewal of its confidence by re-electing him Secretary, and said he would take this opportunity of publicly acknowledging the kind assistance he had received from Bro. Terry at the recent election to the R.M. Benevolent Institution, when they succeeded in getting in Bro. Shoring. He was vastly indebted to Bro. Terry, and he sincerely trusted the members of this Lodge would assist him to the utmost of their power in repaying the votes which had been so generously lent him, and which had resulted in such a gratifying success to their Lodge. Several applications for relief were considered, and the deserving found true personification of Masonic Charity at the hands of the Merchant Navy Lodge. There were one or two striking instances of necessity, and it was a gratifying feature of this meeting to notice the sturdy and robust manner in which these claims were met. Equally commendable, in our opinion, was the refusal of one demand, which should never have been permitted to come before the Lodge. After the transaction of some other routine business, the Lodge was closed, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was provided in excellent style by Bro. Gregory. Admirable arrangements were made for the comfort and convenience of the numerous company, and elicited deserved expressions of satisfaction from the brethren present. At the conclusion of the repast the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given briefly and pithily from the chair, and received with enthusiasm, Bro. Palmer rendering efficient assistance as accompanist on the pianoforte. Bro. Wright responded in felicitous terms to the toast of our Prov. rulers, after which Bro. C.

Breden I.P.M. gave the health of the newly-installed Master, the toast being received with ringing cheers. In giving the toast, Bro. Breden referred at some length to the assiduity and attention which Bro. Gavin had paid to his duties, and the satisfaction the brethren all experienced at seeing him elevated to the supreme rule of the Lodge. He trusted and believed that all the Officers whom their W.M. had to-day invested would rally around him, and support him in the arduous duties he had undertaken. If they all worked unanimously together, they could surmount any difficulty, and he trusted that in the coming year the Merchant Navy Lodge would well sustain the prestige it had won for its united strength. The Worshipful Master, in response, expressed his deep sense of the honour which had been that day conferred upon him, and promised that it should be his constant aim to support the dignity and rightly to discharge the trust which had been committed to him. He was confident that in this endeavour he should be readily supported by those who had preceded him in office, as well as by the brethren whom he had been pleased to appoint as his coadjutors to-day. Before sitting down, the W.M. gave the health of the Visitors, of whom he was proud to see so goodly an array, and he assured them that the Merchant Navy Lodge was always pleased to extend a cordial welcome to all brethren who honoured it with their countenance. The toast was received with musical honours, and P.M.'s Bros. C. R. Bennett 1382, and W. C. Barlow 174, severally acknowledged the compliment, referring generally to the charities which were the pride and boast of the Fraternity. Then followed the toast of the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Terry, who responded in a lengthy and eloquent appeal on behalf of the invaluable institutions of which he is the representative. He acknowledged the valuable aid which had been rendered to the charities by the Merchant Navy Lodge, under whose banner he was very pleased to be enrolled. This Lodge had experienced many vicissitudes, and it could not be said of it that it had no history; and he trusted it would now go on in an increasingly flourishing degree, and sustain the reputation it had gained in way of supporting the deserving institutions which were the pride of the Fraternity. He expatiated on the great spirit and enterprise of the mercantile marine, which had aided so materially in building up the commercial greatness of this empire, and said it was a pleasure to come into the East-end and to meet the representatives of the merchant navy of England assembled under the banner of this Lodge. He then alluded in an interesting manner to the changes which had taken place in the Boys' and Girls' Schools, with the view of giving increased facilities; and quoted statistical returns to illustrate the vast amount of good which was being done in these invaluable institutions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Merchant Navy Lodge, whom he described as the back-bone of his support, and from whom he trusted he should receive such assistance in the coming year as would enable him to discharge his duties with credit to himself and satisfaction to the general body of the brethren. The toast was cordially received and acknowledged by Bro. Breden, I.P.M. Several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and, amidst an abundance of good singing, mirth, and harmony, the brethren continued to pass a very harmonious time until the "drowsy god" bade them reluctantly to separate.

AMHURST LODGE, No. 1223.

THE installation of Bro. C. Banks as W.M. of this Lodge took place on Saturday last, at the King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, in the presence of a goodly attendance of members and visitors, amongst whom were many Officers of rank. The brethren assembled at the Cannon-street Station of the South Eastern Railway, and on their arrival at Sevenoaks they were met by a number of conveyances in which they proceeded to the place of meeting, enjoying in the course of a six miles drive some of the most beautiful scenery for which the "Garden of England" is famed. At half past two o'clock the Lodge was opened in due form by the retiring W.M. Bro. A. W. Duret, who was supported by Bros. C. Banks S.W., C. Dodd J.W., R. Dartnell Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Miller J.D., F. J. Baker I.G., Newsom P.M., T. Mortlock P.M. (honorary members), C. J. Dodd I.P.M., Newsom P.P.G.S.B. Kent. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Banks the W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and subsequently installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Duret, Bros. Newsom and Mortlock temporarily occupying the Wardens' chairs. The ceremony was perfectly and impressively rendered, and at its conclusion Bro. Duret was warmly congratulated by the brethren and visitors. The W.M. having been saluted, he invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—A. W. Duret I.P.M., C. Dodd S.W., J. Webb J.W., R. Dartnell P.M. Treasurer, J. H. Jewell P.G.O. Secretary, S. Smith S.D., F. J. Baker J.D., Owen I.G., S. Lava D.C. and Allison Tyler. In accordance with the Bye-laws of the P.G. Lodge, Bro. E. J. Dodd P.M. was elected a member of the Charity Committee. Letters expressing their regret at being unavoidably prevented from attending the meeting were read from Viscount Holmesdale Prov. G. Master, and several other Grand Officers. Pursuant to notice of motion, Bro. Dodd P.M. proposed, and Bro. Dartnell seconded, that a P.M. jewel be presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the valuable services he had rendered to the Lodge during his year of office. This resolution, after some complimentary remarks from Bro. Mortlock P.M., was carried amidst acclamation. The W.M. then, in appropriate terms, presented to Bro. Duret I.P.M. the handsome and massive jewel which had been subscribed for by the brethren, expressing the hope that he might live long to wear it, and adding that he only echoed the sentiments of one and all by whom he was surrounded when he said that such a jewel could not have been more worthily bestowed. The recipient of the gift acknowledged the kindness and brotherly feeling which had

prompted it, and testified to his entire confidence in his successor in office. At the conclusion of business the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet provided by Bro. P.M. Hadley, whose arrangements for the comfort and convenience of his guests elicited unbounded expressions of approbation. The customary loyal and Masonic toasts were then disposed of, Bros. Jewell and Newsom responding to the toast of our Provincial rulers. The health of the newly-installed W.M. was next proposed in felicitous terms by Bro. Duret, the toast being received with the utmost cordiality by the brethren. Bro. Banks, in acknowledging the compliment, hoped that during his tenure of office he might be able to discharge his onerous duties satisfactorily, and that he might merit the praise which they had so justly accorded to him who had this day vacated the chair. Before sitting down he proposed the health of the visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Levy and Dawson, who, in the course of their replies, expressed the pleasure it had afforded them to see how well every detail of the work had been carried out. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, alluding to the valuable assistance they at all times rendered to the brethren. Bro. Duret I.P.M. returned thanks, in doing which he said he was deeply sensible of the complimentary observations which the brethren had been pleased to pass upon his mode of working; but all he did was for the benefit of the Lodge, and he hoped every officer and brother would do his utmost to assist the W.M. in carrying out the duties that were expected of them. Bro. Newsom followed on behalf of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Dodd added a few words in reply, intimating that he was a Steward for the next anniversary Festival of the Girls' School, and he was sure such a Charity needed and deserved their every support, whilst Bro. Dodd, as Steward for the Boys' School, spoke equally in favour of that excellent institution, and hoped the brethren would divide their favours. The W.M. then proposed the health of their highly esteemed and respected Bro. Mortlock P.M., whose excellent working was proverbial; and Bro. Mortlock expressed his desire to acquit himself on all occasions in such a manner as to reflect credit on the Lodge. The health of the Officers, and several other complimentary toasts were honoured, and after spending a very joyous meeting, the brethren returned to their vehicles, and drove to the station for home.

Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780.—The first meeting of the season 1879 was held on Friday, the 28th ult., at the Star and Garden, Kew Bridge, when there was a strong attendance of the members, though we missed several of the well known faces we are accustomed to greet at this popular Lodge. Bro. Charles May opened his Lodge at two o'clock, when he was supported by Bros. W. Gomm S.W., B. Blasby J.W., Walter Goss I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wm. Hilton P.M. Sec., Costelow S.D., Franckel J.D., Ganner I.G., Tarling W.S., Gilbert Tyler. At this Lodge a cordial welcome is always extended to Visitors, and on this occasion there were present in that capacity Bros. H. Murray P.D.G.M. China, W. Maxwell Gow Good Hope, R. White 101, E. Matthews 173, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, A. Rutten 249, George C. Sayer 315, C. Misselbrook 781, F. Skinner 813, W. F. Tindall 1351, G. Lewis Laker 1441, G. Phillips 1512, H. E. Tucker Treas. 1612, A. Botley 1612, George L. Fenner 1636. The agenda paper—always a full one here—gave the names of seven candidates for the third degree, and there were three candidates who presented themselves to pass the ordeal of the ballot. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Lodge was opened up, and Brothers John Snook, Edwin Eydmann, John Henry Jarvis, Richard Wood, and Robert Gifford underwent and passed a satisfactory examination. In due course the ceremony of raising was performed. Mr. George Cumbers and Mr. Robert Charles Owen Emmerson sustained their appeal for admission into our mysteries, and the former gentleman, who was present, was introduced, and duly initiated. The W.M. performed both ceremonies most perfectly, and the way he was supported by his Officers reflected great credit, not only on them individually, but upon Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M., who so ably fulfils the duties of Preceptor at the Lodge of Instruction associated with the Royal Alfred. Several matters of interest were then discussed by the members, and Lodge was closed. Brother Stanbury's new banquet hall now became the centre of attraction for the guests assembled. The worthy host had provided a most inviting banquet, and the viands seemed to the taste of one and all. On the removal of the cloth, the toast list was considered. With the toast of the Grand Officers was associated the name of Bro. Henry Murray Past Deputy District Grand Master for China, who expressed his gratification at the cordial greeting he had met with, and offered some amusing details as to what was being done by Freemasons in China. This distinguished brother gave particulars as to the cosmopolitan character of our Institution, but declared that in the course of his experience he had never met with a Chinese Freemason; in fact, there was an insuperable barrier to this section of the community joining our ranks, as there was no means by which they could be made to undertake the necessary obligation. Bro. Murray closed his remarks, which were listened to with great attention, by again thanking the W.M. and brethren for the reception they had given him. To Bro. Walter Goss was entrusted the gavel to propose the health of the W.M.; this he did in most felicitous terms. Bro. May thanked the brethren for the kindness they had shown him both in the Lodge and at the banquet table. It was to the brethren of this Lodge he was indebted for what little Masonic knowledge he possessed, and he would exercise his knowledge to further the interests of Freemasonry. The remaining toasts received further recognition, and when the assemblage dispersed, each brother felt that the proceedings throughout were of a most enjoyable character. Bro. Tarling, the D. of C., was most assiduous in looking after the comfort of the several Visitors, who seemed thoroughly to appreciate his kindness.

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ERRATA IN VOTING PAPER.

- 1.—Cole Alfred Thomas, will remain on the List for Election in October next if unsuccessful at this Election.
- Jones Ernest Handel, for No. "21" read "22."
- Bowman George Frederick, for No. "27" read "25."
- 51.—Salter Arthur Edward, will be removed from the List if unsuccessful at this Election.

FREDERICK BINCKES,
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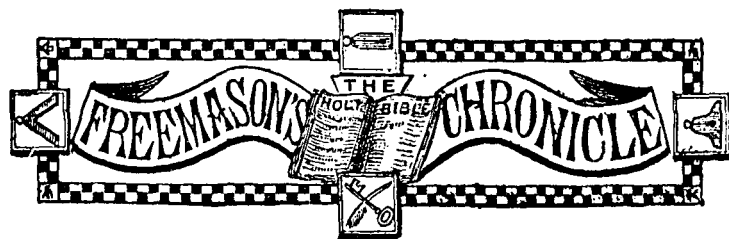
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WEST YORKSHIRE.

IN our report of the above Provincial Grand Lodge annual meeting in our last issue, we were unable to give the list of brethren appointed to office for the ensuing year. Our correspondent has favoured us with the list as follows:—Bros. R. I. Critchley 208 Dewsbury, Prov. S.G.W., B. Broughton 302 Bradford, J.W., Revs. B. Towns, Halifax, and J. Room, Keighley, Chaplains, Bros. C. L. Mason 304 Leeds, Treas., D. Allison Shaw 827 Dewsbury, Reg., H. Smith 387 Wakefield, Sec., John Fawcett 904 Rotherham, S.D., G. F. Crowe 1211 Leeds, J.D., Pratt 1034 Ecclehill, S. of W., J. Beedie 1042 Leeds, and J. Edwards 296 Sheffield, D. of C., W. W. Mackay 154 Castleford S.B., S. Suckley, Sheffield, Org., P. Parker 264 Batley, Purs., Thos. Knowles 308 Assist Purs., Dr. Paley 837 Ripon, S. Slack 910 Pontefract, J. Menzies 61 Halifax, J. Sykes 1514 Lindley, C. R. Freeman 275 Huddersfield, and W. Harrop 290 Huddersfield, Stewards, J. Leo 290 Huddersfield, Tyler, J. Sheard 208 Dewsbury, Asst. Tyler. Bro. C. L. Mason P.M. 304 Leeds was unanimously elected Treasurer, in the place of Bro. Critchley, who has been appointed Prov. S.G. Warden.

PROV. G. CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS, EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE annual meeting of the above Prov. G. Chapter was held in the Town Hall, Blackburn, on the 3rd inst., a numerous assemblage of Companions from all parts of the Province testifying to the interest taken in Royal Arch Masonry in this district. Amongst those present were Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent, Comps. R. H. Hutchinson as Prov. G.H., Dr. Royle as Prov. G.J., J. B. Carr P. Prov. G. Scribe N., W. O. Walker P. Prov. G. Scribe N., Wm. Roberts P. Prov. G.P.S., Chas. Davis, Ralph Landless, Thos. Hargreaves P. Prov. G. 2nd Assistant Sojourners, G. P. Brockbank, T. J. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treasurers, T. S. Ainsworth Prov. G. Registrar, E. Heywood Prov. G. Grand Sword Bearer, Ellis Jones, Benjamin Taylor P. Prov. G. Grand Sword Bearers, E. Sleigh P. Prov. G. Standard Bearer, J. H. Sillitoe Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, R. Whittaker P. Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Jas. Varley Prov. G. Organist, T. R. Peel, J. W. P. Salmon, W. Nicholl Prov. G. Stewards; Thos. Mitchell Prov. G. Janitor, and representatives from all the Chapters in the Province, with only one exception. The Prov. G. Chapter was opened at 1.45 p.m., and after the roll of Chapters had been called over and letters of apology from absent Prov. G. Officers had been read, the M.E. Prov. G. Supt. called attention to the fact that the absence of the 2nd Prov. G. Principal Comp. J. L. Hine was occasioned by a painful bereavement, namely, the loss of his beloved wife. The Prov. G. Supt. in befitting terms then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to Comp. Hine. The motion was duly seconded, and carried with universal expressions of sympathy with Comp. Hine in his deep affliction. The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, as were also the accounts of Prov. G. Chapter for the past year. Comp. Edmund Heywood was unani-

mously elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The M.E. Prov. G. Superintendent appointed the following Companions as Prov. G. Officers for the ensuing year, and they were severally invested with their jewels of office, and saluted accordingly, viz.:—Comps. C. R. M. Beswicke-Royds H., Franklin Thomas J., John Tunnah Scribe E., James Newton Scribe N., George Higgins P.S., Denis Towers 1st Assist. S., Richard Timperley 2nd Asst. S., Edmund Heywood Treas., John E. Anderton Reg., John Smethurst S.B., Julius Arensberg Standard B., John W. P. Salmon Director of Ceremonies, Edwin Halliwell Org.; Samuel Haworth, Nathaniel Jones and Richard Gornall, Stewards; Thomas Mitchell Janitor. Comps. John E. Lees and Thomas Grime were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Chapter accounts. A committee was appointed for the purpose of framing a code of bye-laws for the government of the Prov. G. Chapter. It was determined that the Scribe E. of each Chapter in the Province be desired to send a copy of the circular-convening meetings of Chapters to each of the three Prov. G. Principals. A grant of £10 was made to the East Lancashire Systematic Educational and Benevolent Institution. All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Chapter was closed at 2.45 p.m., and the Companions adjourned to banquet at the Old Bull Hotel.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF MIDDLESEX AND SURREY.

A SPECIAL meeting was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Monday, the 24th ult. At 4.30 p.m. the Mallet and Chisel Mark Lodge, No. 5, was opened by P.M. Bro. C. H. Rogers Harrison, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M.; after which the Chair was taken by Bro. W. G. Brighten P.M., Grand Superintendent of Works and Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex and Surrey, who proceeded to the installation of Bro. A. W. Hume as W.M. for the ensuing year; after which the W.M. advanced Bro. Turner to the degree of M.M.M. The Mallet and Chisel Lodge was closed at 6 p.m., when the P.G. Lodge was opened, there being present:—The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Colonel Francis Burdett, the Very Worshipful F. Davison Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Major C. H. Harding P.G.J.W., the Rev. Ambrose Hall Provincial Grand Chaplain, C. Hammerton Prov. G. Treasurer, R. Davies Prov. G. Registrar, W. G. Brighten P.G. Secretary, F. Draoge P.G.J.O., R. P. Spice P.G.S.D., S. W. Lambert P.G.J.D., J. B. Shackleton P.G.D. of Ceremonies, J. B. Balten Sword Bearer, A. W. Hume Standard Bearer, H. Court jun. Organist, E. Passawer Inner Guard, Charles Palmer, W. L. Nicholls and R. W. Brown Stewards, W. Taylor P.P.S.W., D. M. Dewar P.G.O., R. H. Thrupp G.J.O., E. G. Bakie P.M.O., J. Stevens P.P.M.O., and J. K. Pitt W.M. There were likewise present the following Visitors—Bros. Henry Lovegrove J. No. 234, H. J. Stark 5, H. J. Sparks, J. Horton W.M. 176, E. J. Hoare Organist, H. C. Jepps, E. W. Lote, B. Haynes S.O. 211, M. Ramsey P.M. 13, W.M. 7; E. Hopwood S.O. 181, and C. H. Rogers Harrison P.M.M. The first business of the evening was to confirm the minutes of the previous Provincial Grand Lodge Meeting, held at the Greyhound, Croydon, on 29th June last, and these having been duly confirmed, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. W. G. Brighten, proceeded to call over the roll of Lodges, 21 in number, and reported on the great progress made by the Province during the past year. The following Mark Lodges were represented:—Keystone, No. 3, Mallet and Chisel, No. 5, Carnarvon, No. 7, Hiram, No. 13, MacDonald, No. 104, Percy, No. 114, Panmure, No. 139, Grosvenor, No. 144, Era, No. 176, Francis Burdett, No. 181, Croydon, No. 198, Duke of Connaught, No. 199, Hammersmith, No. 211, West Smithfield, No. 223, Monatschim, No. 224, Brixton, No. 234. The following were unrepresented:—Studholme, No. 187, Clapton, 236. The P.G. Secretary further reported that warrants had already been granted for three new Lodges in the Province, and that they would be consecrated during the ensuing month, namely, Prince Leopold, No. 238, Royal Naval, 239, and Trinity College, 244. The proposed new Bye-laws were then read, and it was moved by the Very Worshipful Bro. Davidson that such Bye-laws be adopted by this Province, and that the Provincial Grand Secretary do forthwith have a proof-sheet thereof prepared, and submitted to Grand Mark Lodge for the purpose of taking its opinion thereon, and if possible obtain such opinion and consent of Grand Mark Lodge prior to the annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge in June next, when these minutes would come on for confirmation. This motion was seconded by Brother James Stevens P.G.J.O., and carried unanimously. Several letters of regret for enforced absence were read, and Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned to a banquet, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

The Installation Meeting of the Thoracum Conclave No. 137 was held at York on Thursday the 3rd inst., when the following Officers were installed for the ensuing year—E. Sir Knts. the Earl of Zetland (G.V. England) M.P.S., J. S. Cumberland V.E., Sir Knts. C. G. Padel Senior Genl., G. Simpson Junior Genl., Laurence Murphy (4th Dragoon Guards) I.L.P., A. T. B. Turner Recorder, M. Millington Prefect, T. Humphries Standard Bearer, W. P. Husband Herald, and H. Jackson Sentinel. A Committee was appointed to draw up a code of Bye-laws. The Report of the Auditors was received and regarded as very satisfactory. The ceremonies were performed by Ill. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.S., in the absence of the M.P.S. Sir Knt. T. Cooper, who was confined to his bed through illness.

SHANGHAI.—TUSCAN LODGE, No. 1,027.

THE sixteenth installation meeting of the Tuscan Lodge took place on Monday, the 30th December 1878, on which occasion the officers were invested. W. Bro. J. C. Hughes, the W.M. for 1878 being unfortunately absent from Shanghai, the Lodge was opened at nine o'clock p.m. by W. Bro. Lewis Moore I.P.M., the Hall being well thronged with brethren, among the more distinguished of whom were the following:—W. Bro. Weiller D.G. Sup. of Works, and W. Bro. Drummond Hay D.G. Treasurer of the D.G. Lodge of Japan, W. Bro. Thos. Pemberton W.M. Lodge Cosmopolitan No. 428 S.C., W. Bro. M. H. Cook P.M. and W. Bro. D. C. Jansen W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge Mass. Constitution, W. Bro. W. L. Koch jun. W.M. Lodge Germania, and many others. Shortly afterwards, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master Bro. C. Thorne entered the Lodge, accompanied by the following District Grand Officers:—W. Bros. T. W. Kingsmill President Board of General Purposes, P. Orme D.G. Secretary, H. Evans D.G.J.D., H. S. Morris D.G. Director of Ceremonies, G. B. Fentum D.G. Organist, who presided at the Organ, J. Brown D.G. Pursuivant, W. Bro. W. H. Anderson and Bro. B. Palamontain D.G. Stewards, &c., &c., and they were received with the customary honours. W. Bro. Moore thanked the R.W.D.G.M. and his Officers for the honour of their company, to which the R.W.D.G.M. replied, that from the time of its foundation he had always taken the greatest interest in the Tuscan Lodge, and as an honorary member of it he felt an additional pleasure in the exercise of his right as D.G.M. to assist at these ceremonies. W. Bro. Moore then requested W. Bro. Thos. W. Kingsmill, to conduct the installation, and W. Bro. Kingsmill having accepted the gavel, took the chair, and proceeded to instal the W.M. elect. W. Bro. W. H. Short, who, after the observance of the ancient customs, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Miller S.W., Bro. H. J. Fisher J.W., Bro. C. H. King Treasurer, Bro. John Morris Secretary, Bro. Cecil W. Holliday S.D., Bro. J. W. L. M. Williamson J.D., Bro. R. Markwick D.C., Bro. G. E. York Steward, Bro. J. A. Sullivan I.G., Bro. T. Hore Tyler. The W.M. thanked W. Bro. Kingsmill for his kindness in undertaking the installation, and expressed his admiration of the able manner in which it had been conducted at his hands. W. Bro. Kingsmill in reply paid some very high compliments to the working of the Tuscan Lodge, which he had enjoyed many opportunities of witnessing, and concluded by wishing the Lodge continued prosperity. The W.M. thanked the numerous visitors for their presence, and invited them to partake of a supper which had been provided. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the Banquet room, which had given Bro. Hore, the Tyler, an opportunity of displaying the decorative art in a very effective manner, seasonable evergreens being happily blended with Masonic devices. After the refreshments, the W.M. rose to propose the first toast, viz. "The Queen and the Craft." He said—Our Queen shows her interest in Masonry by the generous support she gives to the Charities, and although the ladies are not represented at our Masonic meetings, Her Majesty has ever shewn her kindly feeling towards the Craft. The present time, however, is one of sorrow to the Queen, and I am sure I express the sentiments of the Craft at large, when I say how heartily we sympathise with her in her bereavement by the lamented death of the beloved Princess Alice. The feelings of love and loyalty to Her Majesty extend indeed to the very ends of the earth, and I need therefore do no more than call upon you to honour the toast "The Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem having been sung, the W.M. said—The next toast it is customary to divide, but as time is short I am sure it will not be considered disrespectful if I unite with our most worshipful Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, his Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales looks personally into all details connected with his office, and causes much enthusiasm amongst the Grand Officers by his own example. Indeed, no matter what duties he undertakes, he throws so much goodwill and work into them, as to gain the affections of those around him. The Pro Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master also are ever to the front when needed in any Masonic capacity, while the Grand Officers well support their endeavours to promote the welfare of Freemasonry. I now ask you to drink to the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Song—God bless the Prince of Wales. W. Bro. Orme P.M. then rose to propose a toast which he felt would meet with cordial acceptance from the brethren. Much of the success which had attended Freemasonry in China was owing, he said, to the mutual understanding and general good fellowship which had at all times existed between Sister Lodges working under various Constitutions. In a place so distant from our homes, and where the community was so purely cosmopolitan as in China, such friendly feelings could not be too warmly appreciated, and it gave him great pleasure, as he was sure it did to all the members of the Tuscan Lodge, to see so many illustrious brethren hailing from Sister Lodges among them to-night. This was not the first time it had been the privilege of the Tuscan Lodge to meet brethren from Sister Lodges at the festive board, and he hoped it would not be the last. The example set by the Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, and so successfully followed by other Lodges in Shanghai, was a good one. He believed that such meetings did a great deal towards cementing the union among Masons of different nationalities; it enabled them to become acquainted with each other, and assisted in finding out the amiable qualities of each. He greeted with pleasure the representatives of the Lodge Germania working under the three Globes, Berlin; many of whose members were initiated in a Freemasonry in the Tuscan Lodge, and he should always feel a warm interest in their welfare and prosperity. There were also members present from the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, under the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of the Ancient Landmark Lodge, under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, all of whom he heartily welcomed. Much had already been said on Masonic subjects during the evening, and as there were several speakers to follow him, he would, without further preface, ask the brethren to drink the

health of the Grand Master and Officers of Sister Grand Lodges. W. Bro. M. H. Cook, P.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, responded on behalf of the Lodge of Massachusetts. Masonry, he was proud to say, had established a firm footing in America, and the Grand Lodge which he represented was one of the oldest offshoots of the Craft in the New Continent. He was happy to meet on common ground with brethren hailing from other Constitutions, and the Ancient Landmark Lodge felt itself honoured by the kind hospitality which had that evening been extended to its members. (Cheers.) Song by Bro. Bishop. The W.M. then said—The toast he had now the pleasure to propose was the District Grand Master and Officers of the D.G.L. of Northern China. All Masons working under the English Constitution must feel very proud of the rare abilities of R.W. Bro. Thorne. W. Bro. Kingsmill, too, had that evening conducted the installation ceremony in a most highly efficient manner, while W. Bro. Moore had had the bulk of the Lodge work to direct during the past year, owing to the unexpected departure of W. Bro. Hughes, who held the chair. The W.M. concluded by proposing the toast of which he had given notice. The toast was acknowledged by W. Bro. Thorne, R.W.D.G.M., who said, W.M., Bros. Wardens and Brethren,—In returning you thanks on behalf of the Officers of the D.G. Lodge for the kind response you have made to the toast proposed in such eloquent terms by the W.M., I can assure you it is a pleasure at all times for us to take part in your ceremonies. The admirable manner in which the Installation has been performed by our W. Bro. Kingsmill will, I hope, make its proper impression upon you, so that you may carry out the principles inculcated thereby. Masonry is doing good service in Shanghai, and I am sure if we all strive to promulgate its true principles, we shall find much benefit accrue to others who are not within our pale. The D.G. Officers are ever ready to lend their aid in assisting the working of the various Lodges, and I trust the junior members of the Craft will emulate their example. To shew what may be achieved in this way, I may instance the career of our W. Bro. Henry Æneas Sidford, who was largely instrumental in establishing the Tuscan Lodge, in connection wherewith he overcame a multitude of difficulties. We all know his services to the Doric Lodge at Chinkiang, and we now hear of his visiting Amoy to instal the W.M. of the new Ionic Lodge there, the D.G.M. of Hongkong having recognised Bro. Sidford's long and able services by appointing him his District Grand Senior Warden. Before I resume my seat I have to ask you to join me in drinking the health of the W.M. our W. Bro. Short, who by the manner in which he handles the gavel gives promise of proving himself a worthy successor of former incumbents of the Tuscan chair, and may our best wishes help him on the way. The W.M. said he had already addressed the brethren on several occasions, and need scarcely say there was no more gratifying one than the present, but as he had no wish to monopolise the conversation, he would simply ask their acceptance of his heartfelt thanks and wish prosperity to every one present. Song by Bro. Tweedie. Bro. Wm. Miller S.W. said the next toast was one which would be received with much satisfaction. Unlike the one they had last honoured, this was not a personal but a collective toast, yet it gave him (Bro. Miller) an opportunity of mentioning by name several of their senior brethren, who not only had benefitted Freemasonry generally, but had given himself great assistance, and allowed him to profit by their more extended experience. He alluded more particularly to W. Bros. J. C. Hughes, Lewis Moore, J. I. Miller, P. Orme, R. S. Gundry, and last but not least, to W. Bro. W. C. Thorne, our present R.W.D.G.M., who had been associated with the Tuscan Lodge from its very foundation, and although he had never filled the chair of that particular Lodge, had always favoured us with his attendance on all possible occasions. Bro. Miller concluded by proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Tuscan Lodge coupled, with the name of W. Bro. Orme. Song by Bro. Primrose. In replying to the toast W. Past Master Orme P.D.G.J.W. for China alluded to the pleasure it always afforded P.M.'s in the Craft to view the progress and improvement of Freemasonry. It was of course very gratifying to the P.M.'s of the Tuscan Lodge particularly to mark the strides it had made during the past few years. One of its founders was present here to-night, R.W. Bro. C. Thorne, and to him many thanks were due, not only for work formerly done in the Lodge, but for the instruction and guidance afforded to its rulers, since he had been appointed by the Prince of Wales to the high office he at present occupied; and it must be very gratifying to him to see the very creditable institution that had been erected on the foundation of the Tuscan Lodge. Bro. Miller had made very flattering allusion to the work of W. Bros. Gundry, J. I. Miller, L. Moore and himself (W. Bro. Orme), and doubtless all the P.M.'s would agree with him in feeling that their labours were rewarded by the high position the Tuscan Lodge now held. He noticed the improved working in Shanghai Lodges generally, and recommended the junior brethren to attend regularly the Lodge of Assiduity which had so largely led to this result, and with a tribute of praise to the W.M. and officers lately elected, he closed his remarks by thanking the brethren for their cordial reception of the toast of the P.M.'s. W. Bro. Kingsmill said a pleasing duty devolved on him in the toast he now had to propose. They had heard of the present officers of the Tuscan Lodge, and they had seen how worthy they were of the promotion which had fallen to their lot, but what of those of the past? without whose exertions the Lodge could never have attained its present position. He had for many years noted the zealous discharge of their duties by the Masters who year after year had been elected to fill the chair, and under whose bountiful care the Lodge had always been conducted in a manner which reflected credit on Masonry in Shanghai. He was sorry to miss from amongst them W. Bro. Hughes their I.P.M., who had been summoned from Shanghai during his year of office, but all, or nearly all, the past Officers of the year were then around him, and in proposing their health, he would couple it with the name of one of the most distinguished of their number, a well-known and honoured Mason, W. Bro. Lewis Moore. W. Bro. Moore in reply, said—W.M. and Brethren, I regret W. Bro. Hughes the I.P.M. is not present here this evening, as he could have

replied to the toast in a far more able manner than I can. However, on his behalf, I beg to thank you. I am sure you all regret that he was obliged to leave before his term of office had expired, as he had the working of the Lodge at heart. On behalf of the Officers I also beg to return their sincere thanks. They have all done their best to enable the working of the Lodge to go on smoothly, and I am glad their endeavours have been so much appreciated. The praise poured on me by the W.M. I am afraid I am not entitled to, because I have only done my duty as a Mason ought to do, and further I shall at all times be ready to assist the Lodge as far as lies in my power, when called upon. I trust the Tuscan Lodge will continue to work as heretofore, and that it will shortly be, if it is not already, second to none in Shanghai. After a song by W. Bro. Jansen, W. Bro. Moore again rose and said, W.M. and Brethren, I am glad that the proposal of the next toast has been entrusted to me. You have heard W. Bro. Orme dilate upon the Sister Grand Lodges, and incidentally refer to the Lodges in Shanghai working under their rule. It is prosperity to these Lodges and health to their members that I ask you to respond to, and I am certain it requires no commendation from me to ensure an enthusiastic reception for this toast. We have present with us to-night members of the Lodges Ancient Landmark, Cosmopolitan and Germania. Lately, many of us assisted at the installation ceremonies of the two former, and afterwards enjoyed the hospitality of their members. I regret to say that through the ignorance of many of our own members of the German language, we are not enabled to join in the ceremonies of the latter Lodge as we would like to do, but we can at all times bear testimony to the fraternal feeling that exists between the members and ourselves, which is fully borne out by the ready and kind manner in which they attend our meetings, and cheer us by their genial cordiality. They also unite with us in aiding the relief of suffering amongst the brethren, when unfortunately it is necessary to enlist their sympathies. Brethren, I was going to say a great deal more, but I have just been reminded time is short. I will not, therefore, detain you further, but at once ask you to unite in wishing prosperity to our Sister Lodges, and continued health and strength to their members. W. Bro. Jansen W.M. Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Constitution, in a humorous speech acknowledged the toast on behalf of his own and the other Lodges, and favourably contrasted the warmth of his reception with the severity of the weather, the thermometer being at the time somewhere in the neighbourhood of zero. He was glad, however, to see that Bro. W. Kingsmill kept up a generous flow from the capacious punch-bowl before him, and which he fancied the coldness of the night would render more attractive than his speaking. W. Bro. Moore had claimed for the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge that they had done their best in Masonry. He (Bro. Jansen) did not doubt they had also done their best to warm the room, and he could have wished that greater success had rewarded their labours in that direction. For his own part, however, he had been very glad to partake of their hospitable entertainment, and would conclude by asking the brethren to drink to the health of the Officers of the Tuscan Lodge. (Cheers.) Bro. H. J. Fisher J.W. acknowledged the compliment on behalf of himself and his brother Officers. W. Bro. Orme, in a few appropriate words, then proposed the health of the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bro. W. Weiller of the D.G. Lodge of Japan. The Tyler's Toast brought the formal part of the programme to an end.

GODERICH LODGE, No. 1211.

MONDAY April 7th, was the day for the regular meeting of the Goderich Lodge, and the occasion of the installation of Bro. James Broughton S.W. as W.M. There was a large muster of brethren, including representatives of all the other six Lodges in Leeds. The usual routine business having been got through, Bro. P. M. Cox presented Bro. Broughton for the benefits of installation, a ceremony which was most ably gone through by the retiring W.M., Bro. Winn. After the customary salutations, Bro. Broughton proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bro. Townsend S.W., Eddison J.W., Fleming P.M. Treasurer, Fourners Secretary, Bradford S.D., Calverley J.D., Higgins I.G., Smithson P.M. D.C., Skelton and Pickard, Steward, and Oates P.M. Tyler. Later in the evening it was resolved to devote the sum of £10 10s to endow the chair of the Charity Steward of the Lodge for the benefit of the Girls' School, after which the W.M., on behalf of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Winn I.P.M. a handsome P.M.'s jewel, as some acknowledgment of the high esteem and appreciation in which Bro. Winn is held by the members. In doing so, Bro. Broughton paid a high compliment to the ready manner in which Bro. Winn accepted the office of W.M., somewhat out of the ordinary course, in consequence of the decease of the then S.W., and also of the able manner in which he had discharged his duties, and particularly his last effort as Installing Master. Bro. Winn feelingly expressed his gratification to the brethren at receiving so permanent a mark of their favour, and said he would ever treasure the jewel as a thing most sacred, as also he was sure would his family when it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to call him to his rest. A sumptuous banquet followed, after which the customary Loyal, Masonic and complimentary toasts were given.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by members of the St. James's Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 180, at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 25th of April, commencing at six o'clock precisely. Bros. Farwig W.M. 180 W.M., Parsons P.M. 180 S.W., Cameron P.M. 180 J.W. FIRST LECTURE:—Bros. Paul, Irieth, Hancock, Cameron, Belfrage, Waugh, Watts. SECOND LECTURE:—Bros. Wade, Lowrie, Woods, Docker, Dairy. THIRD LECTURE:—Bros. Richardson, Parsons, Hemming. Bro. W. W. Snelling, 180, Hon. Sec.

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, 12th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
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.
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

MONDAY, 14th APRIL.

Quarterly Meeting, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12.

TUESDAY, 15th APRIL.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
191—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
551—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. (Instruction.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-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.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.0.
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction.)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.
418—Mentira, Mechanics Institute, Hareley.
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrion, Cornwall.
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni.
1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6.0. (Instruction.)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
R. A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
R. A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
R. A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

General Committee, Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.
Grand Stewards' Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jortian, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Foppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1186—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Countts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havlock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
1553—Duke of Connaught, Faurio Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.
325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Norwich, Cheshire.
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem.
537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openhaw.
592—Cottleswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
823—Lyverton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells.
933—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
1040—Syke, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks.
1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
1129—St. Chad's, Rochuck Hotel, Rochdale.
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester.
1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich.
1216—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston.
1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse.
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.

1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon.
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom.
R. A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
M. M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick.

THURSDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Jhequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
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.)
M. M. Duke of Connaught, Havlock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)
42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lanc.
56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne.
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn.
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge.
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
605—Combermore, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe.
663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford.
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton, E.
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool.
1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Wulham New Town.
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
R. A. 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

FRIDAY, 18th APRIL.

House Committee, Boys' School, at 4.
Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
923—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1243—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—E. Canaryon, 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's-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
R. C.—Ivica, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme.
1096—Lord Varden, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
1393—Hame, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
R. A. 521—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
R. A.—Gene al Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30.
M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

SATURDAY, 19th APRIL.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
R. A. 303—A. Fidelity, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at Bro. Spurgin's the Sportsman, City-road, on Monday the 7th inst. Present—Bres. Gyer W.M., Sillis S.W., Willison J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner sec., Hallam sen. S.D., Gibbs J.D., Edmonds I.G.; also Bros. Pearcey, Owens, Weeden, Fox, Bartle, Wing, G. Cook, Spurgin, W. Williams, McMillan and Murray. Bro. Hallam rehearsed the ceremony of Initiation, Bro. Weeden being the candidate. Bro. Pearcey worked the 4th and 5th, Bro. Hallam the 6th, and Bro. Tolmie the 7th sections assisted by the brethren. Bros. Owens of Metropolitan Lodge 1507, W. Williams of Kingsland Lodge 1693, and Murray of Finsbury Lodge 861 were elected members. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M., also to Bro. Willison for his very useful gift to the Lodge of a dais for the W.M.'s chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned for a fortnight.

Lodge of Lights, No. 148.—The regular monthly communication of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington, on Monday, the 31st ult. Bros. J. R. Young W.M., C. E. Hindley S.W., A. H. Young J.W., J. Bowes P.M. P.P.G.W. Sec. and Treasurer, Jas. Paterson S.D., T. Grime J.D., A. Peake I.G., T. Domville Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. Sharp, J. Harding; and Bros. J. Bayley, F. Walter, H. Crawford, Wm. Burn, G. F. Curzon, J. Pierpoint. Visitors—J. Tomlinson P.M. 368, E. C. Cooper P.M. 484, J. Armistead, J. H. Galloway Treas. 1250, F. Derry P.M. 482 P.P.J.G.W. Staffordshire, &c. The Lodge being opened with solemn preliminaries, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and ratified. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and eventually to that of Master Mason, in which Bro. Bowes very ably raised Bro. Crawford to the sublime degree. The Lodge was resumed to the first, and closed in peace and harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held its meeting on Saturday the 5th inst. at Bro. Fysk's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present:—Bros. Gibbs W.M., J. A. Powell S.W., J. Millington J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Ross S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Hunt I.G., also Bros. Brasted, Garrod, Hallam sen., C. Lorkin, Phillips, Mullord, Peach, Taverner, Giller, Burtle, Casworth, H. Hall, Stock, Trewinnard, Abraham, Carnaby, and Gyer. After preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Brasted as candidate. Bro. Hallam worked the first, Bro. Percy the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Percy worked the third, assisted by Bro. Taverner; the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallam the seventh, assisted by Bro. Peach. Bro. Abrahams of Perfect Ashlar 1178, Peach and Taverner of Enfield 1237, and Carnaby of Crusaders 1677, were elected members. Bro. Powell was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge votes for the "Old People" were awarded to Bro. Pearcey, and those for the "Boys" to Bro. Casworth.

Salopian Chapter, No. 262.—A Convocation was held on the 7th inst. at the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury, present—Comp. J. R. Boucher M.E.Z., E. C. Peele P.Z., E. M. Wakeman H., E. Andrew P.Z. (acting) J., T. Warren Thompson E., H. Newman N., V.C.L. Crump Treas. (acting) P.S., P. H. Evans Asst. S. and other Companions. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been duly ratified, Bro. R. Forrest was exalted to the Supreme Deg. of a R.A. Mason, in a very impressive manner. The historical lecture was delivered by Comp. Andrew, the symbolical by Comp. E. M. Wakeman H., and the mystical by Comp. Boucher M.E.Z., all of which were rendered in first-rate style. The fact that Comp. Boucher and Comp. Newman are "good and true Masons" was proved by the former journeying from London, and the latter from Cardiff, to discharge the duties of the Offices they hold in the Chapter.

Silurian Lodge, No. 471.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon. Present—Bros. Charles H. Oliver jun. W.M., A. McMahon S.W., C. Evans J.W., R. B. Evans Sec., H. E. Head S.D., Rev. E. Davies J.D., H. J. Groves P.M. Org., Stephens Steward, G. Llewellyn I.G., Fletcher Tyler, Hopton Assistant Tyler. Past Masters Bros. J. Campbell, C. H. Oliver, J. Horner, Sheppard, Watkins, Rowe, Orders, Lawrence, and about 40 members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. S. G. Homfray P.G.A.D.C. and D.P.G.M. Mon., H. Richards W.M. Albert Edward Lodge 1428. Business—The Lodge was opened to the second degree, when Bro. E. A. Lansdowne passed a most satisfactory examination previous to being raised to the sublime degree of M.M., and retired. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. E. A. Lansdowne was raised and invested with the badge of a M.M., the ceremony being most ably conducted by Bro. Charles H. Oliver jun. W.M. The Lodge was then reduced to the first degree, when it was proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. J. Campbell I.P.M., that a cordial vote of thanks be given to the D.P.G.M. Capt. Homfray A.G.D., for his attendance on the occasion. The vote was carried with acclamation, and Bro. Homfray suitably returned thanks. The accounts for the past year were then passed, and the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 9.30 p.m.

Yarborough Lodge, No. 554.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 3rd ult. Present—Bros. J. Hansen Thorn W.M., T. S. Taylor S.W., E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary, T. W. Tait S.D., W. Cross J.D., J. Taylor D.C. as I.G., G. T. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield W.S., C. T. Speight Tyler; also Bros. Hugh Cotter I.P.M., J. J. Middleton P.M., J. J. Berry P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M., J. Hood P.M., &c., and Bros. W. March, A. Symes, A. Wood, F. Russell, O. W. Peacock, P. Gulle, A. Walter, W. Kent, E. W. Thomas, G. Wood, &c. The business before the Lodge was the raising of Bros. W. March, F. Russell, and A. E. Wood, and the initiation of Messrs. W. Hawes and W. N. Sparks into the mysteries of the Order. Lodge was opened in due form with prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bros. W. March and F. Russell were raised to the degree of M.M., after which Bro. A. E. Wood was also raised, deaconed by P.M. Hood. The ballot proving unanimously in favour of the candidates, they were admitted into the Order in due form, all the ceremonies being very ably and impressively rendered. The Lodge next voted ten guineas to the Institutions for Boys and Girls, on the lists of Bros. P.M.'s Barnes and G. W. Verry. Propositions for initiation having been made, Lodge was closed and adjourned. There was no banquet, but many of the brethren stayed to honour the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and the Initiates. Some songs and recitations enlivened the proceedings, and the Tyler's toast separated the brethren at a reasonable hour.

Crystal Palace Lodge, No. 742.—After seven years' want of this Lodge resumed its meetings in the old quarters at the Crystal Palace, on Thursday, the 3rd instant, when the chair was filled by Bro. Charles D. D. Ilume Prov. G.D. Berks and Bucks, P.M. 209, &c. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Henry Speedy S.W., Dick Radclyffe J.W., Thomas Foxall P.M. Treasurer, William Land P.M. Secretary, Blundell S.D., Fred. Orme J.D., Eyre I.G., John Lassam W.S., Cole D.C.; P.M.'s Bros. S. P. Acton, W. W. Baxter, H. Cox, R. Roberts, H. T. Thompson, and George Weeks. Amongst the members present were Bros. Hagolmann, F. Speedy, Blunsum, Ayres, Pullen, Blott, Graddon, &c. The Visitors included Bros. R. B. Newsom P.P.G.S.B. Kent P.M. 1692, C. Eaton 1692, H. W. Chappell (Light of the South Lodge, Rosario de Santa Fé, Argentine Republic), C. W. Fox P.M. 1326, J. B. Walter, &c. The Lodge business comprised the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, balloting for a joining member, Bro. Edward J. Whall; the annual reading of the bye laws, the election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing year; the appointment of an audit committee, and the nomination of four brethren to act as a Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Henry Speedy was unanimously selected as W.M., Bro. Thomas Foxall re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Woodstock Tyler. Several propositions for initiation and joining were ordered to be inserted in the next summons, and the Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Saloon Dining Room, where an excellent banquet was served in that perfect style for which Bros. Bertram and Roberts are so justly famed. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M., in brief but well chosen sentences, proposed the usual Masonic toasts, which were received with the customary cordiality. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. R. B. Newsom congratulated the Lodge upon its return to the beautiful building in which they were then assembled, where they had for so many years been accustomed to meet, and which was the birthplace and proper home of the Crystal Palace Lodge. With the toast of the Masonic Charities, the W.M. associated the name of Bro. Henry Cox P.H., whom he thanked in the name of the Lodge for his arduous exertions in securing the election to the Masonic Schools of two orphan children of a late member. It was announced that Bro. Cox would represent the Lodge at the ensuing Festival of the Girls' School, and that the J.W., Bro. Dick Radclyffe, was undertaking a similar duty for the Boys' School in connection with his mother Lodge, the Etonian St. John, No. 209. The meeting terminated at an early hour, after a cordial expression of good wishes to their esteemed hosts, to which Bro. William Bertram responded. Some excellent songs and recitations contributed to the enjoyment of a most pleasant evening.

High Cross Lodge, No. 754.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Seven Sisters' Hotel, Tottenham, on Wednesday 26th March. Present—Bro. H. Stephens W.M., who was supported by his Officers, P.M.'s Bros. Dance, Wells, Roberts, Barham, Linzell, and Jones, and several brethren. The first business was to ballot for Mr. A. G. Fidler, who was that evening a candidate for Freemasonry, the ballot having proved unanimously in his favour, Mr. Fidler was duly initiated by the W.M., in his usual impressive manner. The W.M. then announced to the brethren he had a proposition to make which he trusted would be received with that spirit which the nature of the proposition so justly merited. After making a few remarks on the good it would do, he moved that the sum of fifty guineas be granted out of the Lodge funds for the Masonic Charities, by which means certain of the Officers of the Lodge would become Life Governors to the various Masonic institutions. The proposition was seconded by Bro. David Roberts P.M., Treasurer, who in a lengthy and able speech pleaded the cause of charity, concluding his remarks by saying the Lodge would not suffer by taking this step, and felt sure no member present would ever regret assisting in this great and good action. Having been duly discussed, the proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment, to which ample justice was done. On the cloth being removed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. Roberts P.M. gave the health of the W.M., referring to the zeal with which he at all times undertook to carry out any object for the good of the Lodge, and especially to the great act of charity he had taken part in that evening. This would add to the popularity and esteem in which he was already regarded by the brethren, and would set an example to young members to follow in his footsteps. He was pleased to see a gentleman amongst them that evening for the first time (the Initiate), whose father he had known and respected for many years, and trusted that he had witnessed would make a good impression on his mind. The W.M., in replying, said nothing could give him greater gratification, and more unalloyed pleasure than to find that he had gained the esteem of the brethren. Their kindly expressions he knew were real and earnest. The W.M. now gave the health of the Initiate. Coming into the Lodge so well recommended, and judging from what he had seen of him that evening, he felt sure he would be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Fidler, in replying, thanked the W.M. and the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received him. He felt certain he should never regret joining Freemasonry. The toast of the P.M.'s was responded to by Bro. Wells, who regretted he was unable to be present earlier in the evening. It was always his great desire to support the W.M., and render any assistance that laid in his power. The health of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Young (St. Leonards Lodge). The proceedings concluded with the Tyler's toast.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—On Thursday, 27th March, at Bro. Matto's, Coach and Horses, Tottenham. Bros. Young W.M., Driscoll S.W., Oxley J.W., Peach S.D., Everdell I.G., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec., and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Peach candidate. Bro. Taverner having answered the usual questions preliminary to passing, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the

ceremony of passing rehearsed. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Secretary was pleased to inform the brethren the list was completed for the working of the Fifteen Sections on Thursday, the 10th April. A hearty vote of thanks to the W.M. was recorded on the minutes for his able working, this being the first time he had taken the chair in any Lodge. Bro. Driscoll was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting on Friday 4th April, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, there were present:—Bros. Blasby W.M., Tucker Treasurer S.W., Goss I.P.M. J.W., Costelow S.D., Gomm J.D., Skinner I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Kyezor, Acworth, Talbot, &c.; and as a Visitor, Bro. R. Compton P.M. 68, 1755, P.P.G.S.D. Bristol. Lodge was regularly opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. On Lodge being advanced, Bro. Gunner volunteered as candidate, and the ceremony of the third degree was rehearsed. Lodge was closed down, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Kyezor candidate. Bro. Tucker was elected W.M. for the meeting on 18th April, when we are informed several visitors will attend. Bro. Compton drew attention to some slight points of variation between the York Ritual upon which some of the English Lodges work and our own, and he gave illustrations. The brethren heartily thanked Bro. Compton for his short dissertation, and hoped the time would shortly arrive when differences of detail would be expunged by order promulgated by Grand Lodge, so important is it that all English Lodges should follow strictly the same observances. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned to 18th April, at half-past seven.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Weekly meeting on Tuesday, 8th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Lovelock W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Clark J.W., Wardell S.D., Forsas J.D., Christian I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; McMillan, Smyth, Carr, C. Lorkin, Webb, Weige, Bigg and others. The Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Bigg answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, he being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. The Preceptor worked the installation ceremony, Bro. Weige as W.M. elect, who went through the formal investiture of his Officers. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Newall Lodge, No. 1134.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Islington-square, Salford, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Hansbrow W.M., James Farmer P.M. as S.W., P. J. Eddleston P.M. as J.W., E. H. Hodgkins as Sec., H. Mainwaring P.M. Treas., J. W. Nicholls as S.D., Wm. Pollitt I.G., C. F. Wormald Org., Jas. Sly Tyler; and Bros. J. B. Hansfield, Z. Poirrette, C. Weber, J. S. Pinder, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the customary preliminaries observed, after which the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and finally opened in the third, when Bro. J. S. Pinder was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M. Bro. Mainwaring gave the symbolic lecture, and Bro. Eddleston explained the W.T., and gave the traditional history very ably, taking his position in the East for that purpose. By his command the Lodge resumed in the first degree, and after business of a private nature was despatched, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by Bro. Hansbrow, and duly honoured. In proposing the health of the newly raised Brother, the W.M. observed that sufficient had been seen of Bro. Pinder to satisfy him that the sublime degree had been conferred meritoriously. He felt that Bro. Pinder fully realised that a Master Mason enjoyed the privilege of attaining office, and although he may begin at the lowest step there was nothing to prevent a deserving Mason attaining distinction and honour in the Craft. The toast was drunk with full honours. Bro. Pinder returned thanks in suitable terms. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. Weber, who had but very recently returned from Mexico and the United States. Bro. Hansbrow knew he uttered the sentiments of each and all when he said that he was delighted to welcome him among them again after his long absence. The toast was received with musical honours. Bro. Weber in reply said it was not so very long ago since he visited his Lodge last, and yet in the interim he had seen a new world, and had met with many strange adventures. On quitting the shores of old England his foremost thought was home and its endearing ties; next his Lodge. He never forgot the night of meeting, and was with them in thought and spirit, and knew that with a certain toast his name and absence would be associated. Bro. Weber entertained the brethren with a few interesting Masonic episodes of his travels, and promised a more lengthy account next Lodge night. For his safe return he was grateful, and for the honour done him by the W.M. and company he expressed his warmest thanks. Bro. Hodgkins proposed the health of the Past Masters, to whom the Lodge was greatly indebted, and especially to Past Master Eddleston, who at great inconvenience came to aid and instruct the brethren. The toast was most heartily received. Bro. Mainwaring, in acknowledging the honour done him, expressed his best wishes for the welfare and prosperity of the Lodge. Bro. Eddleston assured the brethren that all he could do for the Lodge was done heartily. He was pleased to see the third degree given that evening so well. Bro. Farmer was very much pleased with the honour shown the last toast. He felt pleased to be associated with a toast which brought Bro. Eddleston's name up. That worthy brother was ever ready to aid them, and was a credit to this or any other Lodge. The Lodge ought to be very proud of him as a Past Master, considering he had to come and go such a long dis-

tance. As Past Masters they were all ready to assist the W.M. and promote the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Eddleston proposed the health of the W.M. amidst very kindly expressions, and called upon the brethren to drink heartily to the same, which was done with musical honours, and the W.M. replied in a brief but suitable address. The Tyler's toast terminated a pleasant evening.

Friars' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on the 8th inst., present—Bros. Pavitt W.M., Worsley S.W., Smith J.W., Johnson S.D., Pullen J.D., Roberts I.G., Foxall W.M. of 1349, Barker, Spencer, Dunsmore, Watkins, Musto Preceptor, and Andrews acting Sec. Bro. Pullen having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was worked in his favour by the W.M. The 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Barker, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the 2nd degree. Bros. Barker and Roberts were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. The Secretary then read the Bye-laws as revised by the Committee appointed at the previous Lodge meeting. The discussion in reference to the same was adjourned to next week. It was proposed by Bro. Preceptor, and seconded by Bro. J.W., that Bro. S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned until the 15th inst.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1,471.—Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road (near the Angel, Islington). The regular weekly Convocation was held on Friday the 4th of April. Comps. J. W. Hobbs M.E.Z., J. Cusworth H., G. Soper J., Sparrow S.N., Killick S.E., Lake P.S., Halford Treasurer, Percy, Stock, Gibbs, and others. The ceremony of exaltation was performed by the M.E.Z. with marked ability, Comp. Percy being the candidate, the other Officers, especially H. and J., rendering very efficient service.

Henley Lodge, No. 1472.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at The Tree Crowns, North Woolwich, on the 21st inst. Bro. W. J. Turner W.M. After the confirmation of the minutes the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Biggs and Feast were entrusted. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and Bro. Biggs and Feast were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. Manning I.M.P., who was most courteously allowed by the W.M. to give Bros. Biggs and Feast their third, which he performed in a very impressive manner. The Lodge having resumed to the first, the W.M. stated he had a pleasing duty to perform, it being no other than the presentation of a testimonial to the I.M.P. Bro. Manning, consisting of an illuminated engrossed vellum, as a slight recognition of past services. In very feeling terms P.M. Manning acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a cold collation was served, and at its conclusion the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Some excellent songs were sung by Bro. P.M. West and Bro. J. Lloyd S.W. Bro. Sherwin Organist also sang, and presided at the pianoforte.

Abercorn Lodge, No. 1549.—The first meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, N.W. Present—Bros. George Sidcombe W.M., R. Helsdon P.M. P.G.P. Middlesex acting S.W., W. S. Marshall J.W., Chas. Veal P.G.S.D. Surrey Sec., R. Roy S.D., Chas. Long J.D., G. H. Hall W. Steward acting I.G., John Middleton Tyler, and many other brethren. Bros. Osman Vincent I.P.M., J. W. Garrod P.M. Visitors—Bros. Holak G.M. No. 1, W. Denison 1541, W. G. Greenwood 100, Cecil Austin 811. The Lodge was opened at 3.40 p.m., when the usual preliminaries having been satisfactorily disposed of, the minutes of last regular meeting, in October 1878, were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Robert B. Paton passed a most successful examination preparatory to his raising. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. Paton was raised to the sublime privileges of M.M. by the W.M., who performed the ceremony in a highly creditable manner. Having lowered the Lodge to the first degree, the W.M. read a letter from Bro. John Clark, who tendered his resignation. This was ultimately accepted, amidst expressions of regret. Four candidates were proposed for initiation at the next meeting, and the ballot proved unanimous in favour of Bro. John Welford as a joining member. The W.M. briefly intimated that he intended to represent the Lodge at the Annual Festival of the Girls' School, and the proceedings being closed in peace and harmony, the brethren sat down to their usual banquet, and enjoyed a very agreeable evening.

Rothsay Lodge, No. 1687.—The regular meeting of this lately consecrated Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of the second W.M., Bro. F. Kirk, assisted by Bros. J. Hancock S.W., J. Docker J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., L. Beck P.M. P.G.O. Middlesex, Cropland S.D., Forscutt I.G., Berrow Organist, B. Swallow P.P.G.J.D. Middlesex, Wake, Newell, Green, Valeriani, Lintold, Macgillivray, Wallace, Farr, Mickells, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of the last meeting, Bros. Gaze, Butlin, Leigh, and Fucigna were passed to the second degree. Mr. Blewitt was then balloted for, and having been unanimously accepted, was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. Both ceremonies were performed by the W.M. in such a manner as to elicit genuine expressions of admiration from the brethren. At the conclusion of the routine business the nomination of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the election of

Treasurer, Auditors, and Tyler was proceeded with. The votes of the brethren were unanimous in favour of Bro. J. Hancock as the succeeding W.M., the result being hailed with loud applause; Bro. L. Beck P.M. was appointed Treasurer; Bro. Potter P.M. Tyler, and Bros. Macgillivray, Green sen., and Lintoff Auditors. Bro. L. Beck I.P.M. then expressed the pleasure it afforded him to propose that a P.M.'s jewel should be presented to the retiring W.M., in recognition of the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the past year. He also suggested that in addition to this gift the collar and jewel should be presented with it; and he concluded by expressing the hope that Bro. Kirk might live long to wear them. Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., in seconding the proposition, endorsed all that had fallen from the lips of the previous speaker as to the efficient manner in which the duties of the chair had been performed during the year which had just closed. The motion was then agreed to with acclamation. It was announced that the W.M. was a Steward for the Boys' Institution, the merits of which were eloquently expatiated on by the worthy Secretary, with the hope that more extended support would be accorded to it by the brethren. The W.M. observed that a suggestion had been made to him to the effect that they should present to Bro. L. Beck his Prov. Grand clothing. At the conclusion of the business, the Lodge was closed until October next, and subsequently the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Bro. Gosden, whose arrangements gave every satisfaction. Dessert having been placed before the guests, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the W.M. briefly alluding to the satisfactory progress which Masonry had made under the Prince of Wales's presidency, and to the special gratitude which this Lodge owed to his Royal Highness for having allowed them to adopt one of his titles. Bro. L. Beck, in proposing the health of the W. Master, said the task afforded him a considerable amount of pleasure, for it must have been a source of unmixed satisfaction to the brethren to have witnessed the excellent manner in which the duties of the Lodge had been discharged during the past year. Not only had the working of the Lodge been all that could be desired, but the proceedings had been rendered the more agreeable in consequence of the genial way in which Bro. Kirk had presided over them. They all hoped to see him, not only ranking as a P.M., but associated with the Lodge for many years to come. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment which had been paid to him, expressed his thanks for the kind and hearty co-operation which had been given him by the brethren of the Lodge, and he could assure his successor, whom he was pleased had been unanimously elected to the chair for next year, that he should be only too glad on his part to render him any assistance or advice that he might need. The healths of the Newly Initiated and the Visitors were then given and heartily received; after which the W.M. submitted the health of Bro. J. Hancock, the Worshipful Master-elect, referring to him a brother whom every one respected. They had all seen the excellent manner in which he had acquitted himself in the various offices he had filled in the Lodge, and he felt certain they would be proud to hail him as their new W.M. Bro. Hancock said he felt extremely gratified by the unanimous choice which had fallen upon him to-day, and he assured them he should not readily forget their great kindness to him. He hoped, after the manner in which the W.M. had spoken of him, to be able to carry out the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction, and with credit to himself. The W.M. then proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Louis Beck, who might be designated the Father of the Lodge, having been its first W.M. He had to thank Bro. Beck for very much of the success which had attended his own year of office, and he took this opportunity of doing so. Bro. Beck, in reply, said it was a source of pride to him to have been the first Master of this flourishing young Lodge. He had the privilege of having to attend many Scotch gatherings where H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was known as the Duke of Rothesay, and he could assure them the name of the Lodge was always well received. They had permission to use those arms on their jewels and banner. He had experienced great pleasure in having had to instal the W.M. into the chair, and he thanked Bro. Kirk for the kindly way in which he had spoken of him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, with eulogistic allusions to the excellence of their services, and the toast was suitably responded to by Bros. Beck and Parsons. After doing honour to the Wardens and Junior Officers, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated.

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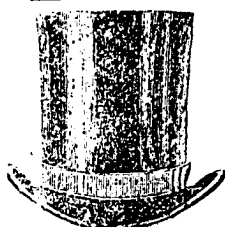
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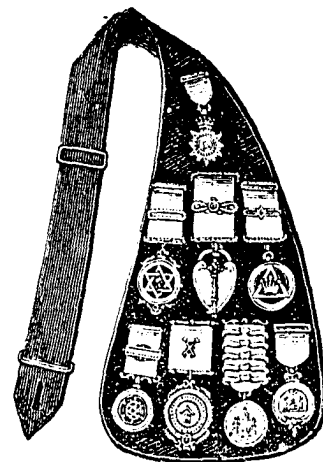


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