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THE PURCHASE OF LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

AS will be seen from our report, in another column, of the adjourned Quarterly General Court of the Girls' School, the vote authorising the expenditure of £6,500 for the purchase of Lyncombe House and Ground was confirmed by a large majority. Thus the purchase may be considered as complete, notwithstanding the fact that so excessive a price has been paid for the property. It now remains for each to do his best to make good use of the additional space at the disposal of the committee. We hope all feeling will be sunk in the general desire for the welfare of the charity, and that although many unkind things have been said during the discussions which have taken place within the past few weeks, it will never be proved that the Institution suffered because the views of one section were opposed to those of another. Those who have lost, must naturally feel disappointed, but let us hope that the winners will exert themselves to show the minority that they were sincere in their desire to acquire the property. We regret that we are unable this week to refer more fully to the subject; we have already to hold over several important items, and must leave any further comments on this subject to a later issue.

THE ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

THE preliminary arrangements in connection with the formation of this Fund are being rapidly proceeded with, and day by day the founders are receiving additional support as the result of their labours. A meeting was held last week for the purpose of settling the business to be transacted at the first general meeting, which will now be called as soon as the date, &c., can be decided which will best suit the chairman and others interested. We shall duly announce the time and place of meeting, and hope that numerous brethren will assemble in order to arrange the necessary particulars previous to the actual starting of the Fund. It is unnecessary for us to again detail the support that has been given to the proposal, as our advertisement pages contain the full list of patrons up to the present time.

It is no doubt known to many of our readers that the subject has been brought before some of the Provincial Grand Lodges, with various results; either the question has been postponed or a grant made, while in but a few instances has any objection to the formation of the Fund been raised. While this latter may in a measure be said to be the case in the Province of Warwickshire, it must not be overlooked that in reality the brethren there approve of the scheme, and by their own resolution show the actual need of its foundation. The following copy of a resolution, sent out by the Provincial Grand Secretary, amply testifies this:—

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF WARWICKSHIRE.

ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

At a special meeting of the Officers, present and past, of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and the W.M.'s of the several Lodges of the Province of Warwickshire, convened by circular, and held at Warwick, 17th January 1880, the Right Hon and Right Worshipful Brother Lord Leigh P.G.M. in the chair. After fully discussing the desirability

of forming a Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, as recommended by Lord Rosslyn, it was resolved unanimously—"That whilst fully approving of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn, the Freemasons of this Province would be reluctant to see a Fourth Masonic Charity established for this purpose in England, believing that the machinery for carrying on such a Charity is unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. The brethren fear that should the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund be established it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and the brethren pledge themselves to continue and, if necessary, to increase their present contributions to those Charities upon the condition that the Managing Committees of those Schools shall undertake to provide temporary assistance, by Scholarships or otherwise, to those pupils who shall require such assistance upon their leaving the Schools, from the funds which shall be at their disposal."

The above is accompanied by an official request to the respective Masters in the Province that they will bring the question before their Lodges at the earliest convenience. We may, therefore, expect to hear further on the subject from this district.

It will be seen from the above that the actual objection of the brethren of Warwickshire arises from the fact that they consider the expense of management would be great and unnecessary. At the present time it is impossible for us to contradict the former, as no estimate can be formed of the amount of work that will arise, but we feel sure we are justified in saying that the founders do not contemplate any serious outlay under this head. So far as we understand the work will be participated in by very many of the subscribers, without any desire for payment. As we have pointed out from time to time, individual support will be sought for rather than large monetary contributions. We are not in favour of making heavy grants of money to either boys or girls, who, after the education they have received in our Schools, should be able to undertake any duty they may be called upon to fulfil, but we feel the necessity for some organised system for obtaining for them situations where their ability will be appreciated and their education prove of practical service. Of course it will be impossible to carry on this work without some outlay, but we cannot agree with our Warwickshire brethren in saying it is unnecessary. If the object for which the fund is proposed is good, and there is an actual need for its foundation, we maintain there are certain necessary expenses in connection with it without which it cannot be started or carried on. The brethren of Warwickshire fear that should the fund be established, it would be the cause of reducing the amount at present subscribed annually to the two Schools. This argument was brought forward at the time of the establishment of the Beuevolent Institution, and was strongly supported then by a section of the Craft who, as now, thought that the work of one Charity is distinct or in opposition to the others. On the contrary, we have no hesitation in saying that one really helps the other, and that a visit to a Lodge by either of the Secretaries as often leads to a Steward being appointed for the three as it does for the one more intimately connected with the brother who advocates the cause of our Institutions; we do not mean that the three Stewards are secured there and then, but it is seldom that a Lodge, when once it starts on the support of the Charities, leaves off after the first Stewardship, it is usually found that another brother undertakes to represent the Lodge the following year, and it is seldom that the same Institution is again selected. It will thus be seen that a certain amount of sympathy must exist between the Charities, and that it is merely a matter of time for each, in their turn, to receive the benefit of the other's exertions. This argument

would, of course, be wrong if the resources of the brethren were at present taxed to the uttermost; but who will say that the £40,000, now raised annually for the Charities, great though it may appear in the eyes of some, is anything like the amount the Craft can and ought to subscribe in support of those who, from causes of unforeseen calamity or distress, are obliged to make claims on their friends. It is too well known that this amount is subscribed by a small minority to warrant any brother stating that no new supporters can be found. Time alone can prove whether the establishment of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund will affect the Charities now existing. We feel sure that additional supporters will be secured for all alike in consequence of the advocacy of the cause of charity by the projectors of this Fund, and that it will prove a valuable adjunct, not only by reason of the aid it will give to the pupils, but also in making more widely known the actual requirement for donations from each and every Lodge. We are very pleased to see that the Warwickshire resolution contains a promise to give further support to the two Schools, and we hope it will be acted up to, but the condition on which it is offered renders it impossible under existing circumstances. It must be known to the brethren of Warwickshire that the Committees of our two Schools are fettered by the laws of their respective Institutions in the matter of the aid they can render to pupils when they complete their course of training. The desire of the Provincial Grand Master—Lord Leigh—is to establish scholarships, and it must be patent to everyone that these cannot be attempted in connection with the existing Institutions, unless great alterations are made in the rules. It would be asking too much to expect either of the existing Committees to take under their charge this branch of Masonic Charity, and as, therefore, it would be imperative to create a new committee, we think there should be no two opinions on the advisability of making the work entirely distinct from that at present carried out. While there are numerous brethren who support the project, it cannot be denied that there are some who strenuously oppose it, and were the necessary alterations to be made to enable a part of the funds of the two Schools being diverted from their present channels, it might be found that these would withdraw their support from the main head, and thus a direct injury could be proved. We would ask the brethren who passed the resolution at Warwick to fully consider this matter, and if later on they see that they have asked somewhat too much from the Schools they will take an early opportunity of remedying the error. We tender to our Warwickshire brethren our heartiest thanks for the trouble they have taken in connection with the Fund we have so intimately associated ourselves with, and hope ere long to have the gratification of seeing their names enrolled on the list of supporters. We are sure their views would receive full consideration at the hands of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and that each may help the other by immediate and hearty co-operation.

ADJOURNED QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which had been adjourned on the 10th inst., was held at the Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer.

The chairman said he thought it would be unnecessary for him to take up their time by again explaining the grounds why it had been proposed by the committee to purchase Lyncombe House and grounds. The principal reason, he might say was, that twenty-five additional children could be provided for. Since the last meeting, counsels' opinion had been taken on the subject, and he called upon the Secretary to read the opinion which had been given by Mr. H. Davey, Q.C., and Mr. Hollis.

The Secretary read the opinion, which is to the following effect:—

"1. We are of opinion that the Trustees of the General Fund (as representing this voluntary Institution) can hold land in trust for the Institution, but that all such land must be vested in their names for the general purposes thereof. (See Law VII.)

"2. Assuming that all the formalities prescribed by the Laws with reference to an expenditure exceeding £500 are duly complied with, we are of opinion that it is not *ultra vires* to apply the sum of £6,500 out of the General Fund for the purchase of the land and premises of Mr. Evill, for the purpose of converting and applying the same to the use of the Institution.

"3. We think that the Special Court of the 3rd January 1880 was duly convened, under Laws XXXI., and XXXIV., and that the

objects for which such a Court was held were valid accordingly. We see no reason for supposing that the meeting was otherwise than legally held. The minutes of the proceedings at such meeting can, in our opinion, be validly confirmed at the adjourned General Court to be held on the 24th inst.

"Signed HORACE DAVEY,
GEORGE HOLLIS.

Lincoln's Inn,
24th January 1880."

Col. Burdett moved that the minutes of the meeting of the 3rd of January be confirmed.

Bro. Edward Cox rose to order. He was not aware that proceedings of a former part of a meeting could be confirmed at an adjourned meeting.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was merely called to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd inst. The last Quarterly Court was adjourned for that purpose, and that counsels' opinion should be obtained, and his co-Trustees consulted.

Bro. E. Cox asked if it was possible to confirm the minutes of a meeting which was not yet concluded?

The Chairman pointed out this was part of the Quarterly Court, at which the minutes of the Special Court could be confirmed or otherwise.

Col. Burdett said he made the motion principally on the ground that it was of great importance that the land in question should be acquired by the Institution. Though £6,500 was a high price, he thought the possession of the property would be a fair equivalent to the Institution. It had been rumoured that Lyncombe House might be taken for a boys' school, and if so they would have to run up a high wall, and lose an entrance to the main road. The whole matter had been most carefully considered, and he thought there would be no doubt that the purchase would be perfectly legal. It appeared to him they would be placed in a very awkward predicament if they allowed this opportunity of acquiring so eligible a property to slip through their fingers.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion. He thought it was of the utmost importance to the Institution to obtain the land, and could see no reason against it, except the ground of expense. It appeared to him that it would be the wiser course to pay a little more than the land was really worth rather than run the risk of having their property spoiled. If they converted Lyncombe House into a preparatory school for the education of twenty-five additional children, they would be increasing the benefits of the Institution. In his opinion there could be no object in the opposition to the purchase, except envy and malice. (Oh, oh.)

Bro. James Mason asked if there were any vacancies in the School?

The Chairman said there were none at present, unless they decided to admit more. He might say, that if the minutes were confirmed he proposed to give notice of a motion to increase the number received into the School, at the next Quarterly Court. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. E. Cox, though having the interests of the School at heart, felt compelled to oppose the motion, and moved as an amendment:—"That it is not desirable, at the present time, to increase the grounds and premises of this Institution." He had no hostile feeling to any of the Committees of the Institution, but he did not believe it was necessary to increase the premises, and if they made the proposed purchase they would increase them at an exorbitant price. He did not agree with Bro. Thompson, that they should rush into the Chancery Division, because, if they did so, he thought they would find themselves in a position of serious difficulty. He thought that the Committee ought to have applied to the General Court for its sanction to purchase land, if it was necessary that more land should be acquired, and that the Building Committee had been guilty of an irregularity, in recommending the purchase, as that was a question to be decided by the subscribers. He had previously told them that the house was of much less value than the Committee imagined. Mr. Evill had himself stated that its actual value was the gross annual rental of £100.

The Chairman interrupting said—Mr. Evill write to Mr. Harrup to the effect that the value was £130.

Bro. E. Cox then read the following letter which he had received from Mr. Harrup on the 27th December last:—"Dear Sir and Brother,—I must ask you to forgive my apparent negligence and discourtesy in not replying to your letter asking for information respecting Lyncombe House. That property belongs to one who is a very valued friend of mine, and as I gathered from the tone of your letter that you were inclined to endeavour to upset an arrangement I knew had been entered into for the purchase of his property, I felt that in common fairness I ought to know how far his interests might be affected. Having seen him, and knowing now the exact state of the case, and having also his permission, I freely give you the information you wish. Lyncombe House is rated Gross 120, Rateable £100. This is of course only the residential value. If the house and grounds were laid for building, as I have good reason to believe they are, they would realise a great deal more, and if the price that has been offered is correct, I should think that the Court have been able to get the property at a cheaper rate than they acquired other land in the rear. Although only a subscriber to the Schools of a small amount, I, like you, take a great interest in their welfare, and should be sorry to see the Funds at all wasted; but if all is to be done that I hear, I think that the Executive has acted wisely. I can only further add that the assessment is of five years standing, and would in all probability have been increased at the next revision." Now, assuming on a fair increase that the annual value of the property for the next five years would be £140, what would be the annual value of property rented at £140 a-year? It had been stated that Mr. Evill had recently spent £720 in structural decorations of the house, and this did not look as though he intended pulling down or altering it. Any new buildings must be erected at the back, and they could not be of a greater value than £40 per annum. It had been suggested that the house might be turned into a public-house, or into a boys' school,

but these he regarded as remote and improbable contingencies. He protested against giving £6,500 for property the outside value of which was £1,500, and warned them of the consequences which would result from their giving "fancy prices" whenever the owners of adjoining property threatened that they would convert their properties into public-houses or boys' schools, &c.

Bro. James Stevens seconded the amendment, though at the risk of being charged with "obtuse stupidity and vulgar personality." He had known the neighbourhood for thirty years, and believed that £1,500 was an outside price for Lyncombe House and grounds.

Bro. J. M. Klenck also supported the amendment. There was a fatal objection to the whole building scheme, and that was that if they had a forty feet road there must be an outlet at the other end, as the Board would not sanction a blind road. Taking the lease of the property at £150 a-year, and putting it at thirty-eight years' purchase to make it a fancy price, they would not come near the price which the Institution had agreed to pay for it.

Bro. Walker Hopekirk said the addition to the School of twenty-five girls would be very satisfactory to the Craft. He gave credit to Bros. Cox and Stevens for an earnest desire to promote the good of the Institution, but thought they had put their knowledge of pounds, shillings and pence in the wrong place. The land was of more value than some of them seemed to think, and if it could be obtained for the Institution he believed it would prove most beneficial.

Bro. J. L. Stothert, as a Provincial brother, took a great interest in the Charities. He was informed that half an acre of ground was purchased by the Institution not long ago for £2,000, but they had now to deal with three-fourths of an acre. He did not think that £1,500 for the land was a high price, and £2,000 for the house—which was admirably adapted for the purpose intended—was a small sum; and he considered the Committee had acted very wisely in endeavouring to secure the property. He felt certain that a large number of the Provincial brethren would agree with him when he said they were willing to entrust the interests of the Institution in the purchase of this property to a Committee who had so thoroughly inquired into and considered the matter.

Bro. James Mason believed that the Committee, who stood in the position of trustees for the Charity, had carefully considered the subject, and that no imputation could be cast upon them, as they had acted honestly and *bonâ fide* in the interests of the Institution. They could well afford the money, and for the benefit of the Institution land should be considered before price. He deprecated Chancery proceedings as being un-Masonic, and the result might be that those who indulged in them would burn their own fingers. He thought the Committee was entitled to support.

Bro. H. J. Thompson said the ten days notice prescribed by the laws of the Institution of the meeting of the 3rd inst. had not been given, as the notice was not published until the 27th ult. The meeting had also not been called upon the recommendation of the General Committee as the Book of Rules laid down. He submitted that the Chairman, having had notice of Bro. Locock Webb's opinion, ought to have informed the Special Court. He did not think the Provincial brethren were in favour of the purchase, but, on the contrary, were averse to it.

Bro. A. F. A. Woodford was anxious to keep before the meeting the *bonâ fides* of the Chairman, who could not under the circumstances make use of the information he had received with regard to the opinion of Mr. Locock Webb. Bro. Thompson had stated that the Provinces were against the proposed outlay, but he (Bro. Woodford) could state from personal knowledge that the Province of West Yorkshire was heartily in favour of it.

After a few observations from the Chairman, the amendment of Bro. E. Cox was put, when the votes were—

For the amendment	...	...	...	...	8
Against	...	...	...	...	61

Majority against the amendment ... 53

The motion to confirm the minutes of the Special Court of the 3rd January was then formally put and carried. The Chairman then gave the following notice of motion:—"It being desirable to enlarge the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls by maintaining, clothing, and educating twenty-five girls, in addition to those already in the Institution, the House Committee be directed to make the necessary arrangements to accommodate such twenty-five girls, and that such twenty-five girls be elected at the next election, after the House Committee shall have reported the completion of the arrangements for the reception and accommodation for such twenty-five girls."

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of this Institution was held on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. Col. Creton (in the chair), Griffiths Smith, E. Letchworth, H. A. Dubois, James Peters, E. Spooner, A. H. Tattershall, H. Massey, Thomas Massa, J. A. Rucker, Thomas Francis Peacock, W. F. C. Montrie, Joshua Nunn, and F. R. W. Hodges Secretary. The minutes of the December meeting having been read and confirmed, the minutes of the Special, Quarterly, and adjourned Courts, and of the House and Audit Committees were read for information. The establishment of the "Wentworth Little" prize of three guineas, to be competed for annually by the girls of this Institution, of which Bro. Joshua Nunn gave notice at the meeting of 24th December, was carried; after which two petitioners' children were placed on the list for the October election, and the Committee adjourned, with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The Installation meeting of the Kilburn Lodge took place on Monday last; Bro. Samuel Brooks is the new W.M. Report of the proceedings shall appear next week.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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LYNCOMBE HOUSE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Let us hope, now that the question of the purchase of the above place has been a second time so unmistakably sanctioned by the voice of the brethren (that out of a Committee of 85 or 86, 61 were for, 15 against, and the remainder neutral), that the apparently malicious vindictiveness which seems to have followed our gallant and distinguished Chairman, Lieut.-Col. Creton, for some supposed or fancied slight on one of the prominent members of the opposition, will cease. I had thought that our Grand Treasurer's name was somewhat like Cæsar's wife was, or ought to have been, above suspicion, or he would not have obtained that spontaneous burst of approval, which placed him in his present position, but it appears not, for there still remain some who would fain filch from him that deservedly good name which they themselves should only be too proud to achieve. It is to be hoped that the opposition will take the advice of that Brother, a Chancery lawyer, who, in that truly honest and fraternally Masonic manner which *should* guide all of us, warned them against the unknown and endless litigation and expense they would be plunged in if they persisted in placing the matter in Chancery, with a more than doubtful issue in their favour; but, perhaps, like this same Brother's excellent advice,—that Masons should be more courteous, more gentlemanly, and less un-Masonic, when discussing subjects on which they are at issue,—it will be soon forgotten, for a subsequent speaker could not let the opportunity slip of airing one out of his repertoire of elegant and choice expressions, "bottled moonshine." Of course, coming from one who repudiates personalities, there is nothing personal in it. To return to my subject. There are one or two questions, I think, would be *à propos* :—

1st. Is the purchase of this house and ground for the benefit of, and increased accommodation for, girls of the Masonic Institution? if so,

2nd. Was the money subscribed and given in their behalf, or for any other Institution?

3rd. Where did the money come from to build the new wing, or the laundry?

4th. Did it not come from the same source as will be used for the present purchase?

5th. Was not that money legitimately spent then on behalf of the children for whom it was given?

If it was legal then,—and I maintain it was,—it is legal now. Our Lodges increase, our members increase, and our dependent children will increase; and if we have not the requisite accommodation, we shall not be able to admit them. The only legitimate opposition was that of Bro. Cox, viz: The price given (undoubtedly the price was high); but as it was not to be had for less, I contend that it was well worth that to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and more, if it had been necessary; the very great increase of the value to the present property, the obtaining a frontage to the main street, the Wandsworth, as well as one at the back, looking towards the Common seems to be entirely lost sight of.

Yours fraternally,
HERSCHEL.

NEW ZEALAND.

Masonic Ceremony at Wellington.—On the 1st Dec. 1879, the foundation stone of the new Courts of Justice was laid down by the Hon. F. Whitaker, Provincial Grand Master of the North Island of New Zealand, S.C., assisted by District Grand Master Toxward E.C., and a large number of distinguished brethren. The weather was lovely, and the whole proceedings passed off without a hitch of any kind. Between 9,000 and 10,000 spectators were present, the assemblage of bodies in reserved seats numbering at least 800. The procession of Maoris numbered upwards of 500. Eloquent addresses were delivered by Brothers Whitaker and Rolleston. The ball in the evening was attended by His Excellency and Lady Robinson.

Funeral of Bro. J. Dickey.—The respect in which the late Mr. John Dickey was held was evidenced by the large number of townsmen and country settlers who attended his funeral at Auckland on 29th Nov. to pay the last sad tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. Dickey was a member of the Waitemata Lodge of the Order of Freemasons E.C., and although the funeral was not, strictly speaking, a Masonic one, it was largely attended by brethren of the Order, who appeared in mourning costume, but not in regalia. Every Lodge in the City was represented. The brethren marched in front of the hearse, the brother of deceased and personal relatives and friends following as chief mourners immediately after it, and a long line of carriages and vehicles brought up the rear. Upon reaching the entrance to the Presbyterian Cemetery, the Masonic brethren opened out right and left, allowing the coffin and the mourners to pass through, after which they closed in and followed the remains to the grave. The funeral service was read in an impressive manner by the Rev. R. F. Macnicol, Pastor of St. James's Church, Wellington-street.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF PRUDENT BRETHREN, No. 145.

THE installation Meeting was held on Tuesday, the 27th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended. Bro. W. H. Leggott W.M. occupied the chair, W. R. Lister S.W., Wilkinson J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, G. States P.G.S. Secretary, J. Woods S.D., J. Chinnery J.D., A. Kerrell I.G., Curtis and Reid Stewards; P.M.'s Haslett, E. H. Thiellay. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. May was raised to the third degree, very perfectly by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. W. R. Lister S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given, and the W.M., in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his officers:—Bros. W. H. Leggott I.P.M., Dr. Wilkinson S.W., Woods J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary, J. Chinnery S.D., Kerrell J.D., Curtis I.G., Reid D.C., Brock W.S., Grant Tyler. The W.M. had now a pleasing duty to perform—that was, to present the retiring W.M. Bro. Leggott with a jewel, which had been provided by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. In placing it on his breast he felt proud; no Brother better deserved it. Bro. Leggott, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and also the members for their valuable gift. He hoped to wear it in this and many other Lodges; it would create a lasting impression on him. He also had to thank them for their support while acting as Steward for the various Charities. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed that, as the retiring W.M. had paid for his centenary jewel, that the Lodge present him with a P.M.'s square, with suitable inscription. This proposition was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Crown Room, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. Grace was sung by Madame Alice Barth, Miss L. Angarde, Bros. G. T. Carter and Theodore Distin. After the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung, Madame Alice Barth sustaining the solo verses. The toasts of H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., the Pro G.M. and the Deputy G.M. were given. Bro. W. H. Leggott I.P.M. then rose; he, for the first time, had the privilege of proposing the toast of the W.M., who was one they all respected, and he was sure they had made a capital choice; their W.M. at the end of his year would have fully gained their esteem; he was sure they would rally round their W.M. Personally he (Bro. Leggott) wished him a prosperous year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Leggott for the kind manner he had spoken of him; that night was a great event with him, he had worked for it for many years; his labour was now consummated; it would be his especial duty to see that the welfare of the Lodge should be fully sustained. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. After a song by Miss Louise Angarde, Bros. Finch P.M. 173 and H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks. They paid deserved compliments to the Installing Master, and hoped the W.M. would retain his health to conduct the duties of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., whom they all respected; they had seen his working during his year of office, while his performance of the ceremony of installation left nothing to be desired; his energy in the cause of the Charities was known to every member of the Craft. Bro. Leggott was pleased that he had given them satisfaction; the jewel presented him he hoped to live long to wear among them. Their remarks as to his zeal in the cause of the Institutions was most gratifying. Before concluding he would state he was a Steward for the R.M.B.I. and had on his list the sum of £271. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, who were always ready to do all required of them; no abler brethren could be. Bro. T. Bull P.M. and Treasurer said every Officer for many years had been thoroughly proficient in his duties, so that the several occupants of the chair did not require the aid of the Past Masters. The W.M. had now a special toast to give, and that was the health of their respected Bro. George States, who had occupied the post of Secretary for nearly twenty years; however, he had resigned it, but no better Secretary could have been found, or one whose knowledge of Masonic duties could be excelled. While regretting his retirement from office, the members hoped to have Bro. States among them for many years. Bro. G. States P.M. felt it a great pleasure in having his health proposed, and to be so singled out. The W.M. had said that it was a labour of love to him to work. He would always assist Bro. Thiellay, the newly-appointed Secretary. He was a Mason whose heart and soul was in the cause. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, Bro. T. Bull P.M., and the newly-appointed Secretary, Bro. E. H. Thiellay, whose knowledge of Freemasonry in general, with his well-known energy, would—in combination with the exertions of Bro. Bull—ensure continued success to the Lodge. Bro. Carter here, by particular desire, sang the "Pilgrim of Love"; he was accompanied by Bro. Theodore Distin. Bro. Bull then said that his services were always at their command. Bro. E. H. Thiellay P.M. and Secretary followed; it was for the first time he responded in his present capacity; he fully estimated the position the W.M. had placed him in; it was a very onerous one. He undertook the work on the resignation of his predecessor Bro. Geo. States, and he hoped to discharge his duties to their satisfaction. The toast of the Officers followed; they were in every respect qualified to fulfil every duty required of them. Among the Visitors were—Bros. Wing P.M. 45, Sudlow 180, Woodward 1728, Byrne 201, Hughes 1553, Briggs P.M. 157, Warren 657, Godden W.M. 862, W. H. Rudderforth W.M. 1668, Green P.M. 27, Jardine P.M. 56, Burns 61, C. Matthews S.D. 263, Yates 78, W. Dawson 917, Tiddeman 813, T. Distin 173, Carter 173, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

PERSEVERANCE LODGE, No. 213.

THE installation of Bro. J. E. H. Watson as W.M. of Lodge Perseverance, on Tuesday, 20th instant, was performed in a most masterly style by P.M. Bro. James Dunsford P.Z. (of course assisted with a complete galaxy of P.M.'s), Bro. Geo. Baxter being D.C. Among the members present were—W. T. Bloomfield, Captain H. Blako, J. B. Bugg, W. J. Butler, W. C. Bexfield, R. Colby, E. Coleman, G. Daniels, C. Fendick, J. Harvey (North Walsham), G. Kersey, T. C. R. King, S. Matthews, S. N. Berry, Dr. J. S. Offord, C. E. Sexton, J. Stanley P.M., E. C. Thompson, P. Soman, E. Skipper (Roughton), W. B. Wilkin, H. Youngman, R. J. Silburn, A. E. Le Good, &c. The Visitors included Bros. G. Green, J. Hunt, J. H. Brockbank, H. J. Minns, A. Berry, Gunn, F. Linging, F. Mills, J. Franklin (Yarmouth), T. Muskett, T. Isley, Bridgman, A. H. Santy, H. F. Barwell P.G.S., B. Quinton, W. M. Suffield, D. Mannings, Willing, M. Bailey, Roslin, Baldwin P.Z., W. Cooper, and others. The Officers appointed were—Bros. G. Kersey S.W., R. Silburn J.W., C. Sexton S.D., W. Bloomfield J.D., A. E. Le Good I.G., H. Youngman Secretary, S. N. Berry Organist. In addition to these Bros. T. C. R. King and E. C. Thompson were appointed Stewards, and Bro. George Baxter Treasurer, whilst Bro. Dunsford P.M. was made M.C. and Bro. Stanley Director of Masonic Hall Company on behalf of No. 213—Bro. O. D. Ray to serve on the Charities Committee. The banquet was served in the building lately erected in the garden at the back of No. 23 St. Giles' for Grand Lodge, &c.—much too large, of course, for those dining on Tuesday, though the brethren were inconveniently crowded when another table might have been rigged up. Everything was cold and cheerless, notwithstanding a huge stove in the centre of the room, and as to the catering—well, the Club Steward is new to his work, and no doubt will improve, and it must be said further that brethren should give in their names earlier if they are desirous of attending these banquets, so that proper provision be made, and thus prevent all from sharing in the general discomfort. The "social" part of the business was well carried out, till 12.30, by Bro. Watson, who is bound to prove a good W.M., and keep up the prestige of 213. He loses Bro. G. Daniels as Secretary, but all must rejoice at the vast growth of this useful Officer's business, which compels him to retire. During the evening the W.M. presented the I.P.M. Bro. J. Stanley, with a jewel, subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, in recognition of the way in which he has carried out his duties.—*Norwich Argus.*

FIDELITY LODGE, No. 230.

THE annual banquet of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd, at the Royal Hotel, Devonport. It had a peculiar significance, and was of more than ordinary importance, as it celebrated, first, the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; second, the commemoration of the removal of the Lodge to their own recently purchased Ebrington Masonic Hall; and, thirdly, because it was the first occasion that ladies had been invited to a Lodge banquet in Devonport. The order of the evening after the banquet was, short speeches and long songs and solos. The performances of Miss Haggarty, a young lady of ten summers, who plays and accompanies with a correctness and confidence hardly equalled by professors, and of Miss Kate Burt, who rendered some exquisite music, were much appreciated, whilst the songs of Bros. Ridland, Debnam, Haggarty, Pile, and the reading by Bro. Kinton Bond, of Lodge 1247, afforded much enjoyment. Bro. Curteis returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Master and Officers, Past and Present, of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The W. Master (Bro. Harris) proposed the toast of the "Immediate Past Master," and after speaking highly of his energy and successful work, presented him with a very handsome gold jewel, engraved as follows:—"Presented by Lodge Fidelity, No. 230, to W. Bro. Richard Cawsey in recognition of his zeal and ability as Master, A.L. 5879." Bro. Cawsey warmly thanked the brethren, and hoped that the success of the year during which he had had the pleasure of presiding over the Lodge was an augury of future years of prosperity. The Lodge had done him an especial honour, inasmuch as they had not been in the habit of making presentations. He therefore esteemed their kindness more than he could then express, and would at all times be ready to assist the Lodge, either as P.M. or Secretary. Bro. Lyne reported the finances of the Lodge to be in a satisfactory condition. They had been able to support the Masonic and the Local Charities, and notwithstanding their recent large outlay for building and altering their rooms, were in a good position. Responding to the Freemasons' Wives, Bro. Gover said that he was sure the ladies after what they had heard would appreciate the excellencies of Freemasonry, and that if husbands would endeavour to return from Lodge just a little earlier, that they would like the Order still better, and he asked the ladies most especially to use their influence in the endeavour to promote the Masonic Charities. They had done much in the past, and their power to do good was irresistible. After a short interval the Assembly-room was cleared, and an impromptu ball finished one of the most enjoyable evenings the visitors and members have spent.

ROYAL SUSSEX LODGE, No. 342.

THE Installation of Bro. Robert Barnes as the W.M. for the present year took place at the Freemasons' Hall, Portsea, on Wednesday, 21st inst. There was a large attendance of members of the Craft, including Bros. Arthur Cudlipp P.M. (Mayor of Portsmouth), M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treas., J. L. Rastrick P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Ogburn P.M. P.P.G.W., J. Wallingford P.M. P.P.G.W., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. P.G.S., A. R. Holbrook W.M. 309, Liddell Worshipful Master 804, E. S. Main Past Master P.P.G.D.C., R. W. Mitchell W.M. 908, H. J. Guy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., S. R. Ellis P.M. P.P.G.D.C., J. T. Craven sen. P.M. P.P., Grant W.M. 1705, J. W. Willmott the

retiring W.M., R. J. Turney P.M., J. Cole P.M., A. P. Creedon W.M. 928, W. C. Redward P.M. P.P.G. Sup. Wks., Dr. C. Knott, T. Good, G. Sherman, J. Brickwood, G. F. Brown, G. Banning, W. Gannell, &c. The ceremony of installation was very ably performed by Bro. J. W. Willmott, the outgoing W.M., to whom a special vote of thanks was accorded by the Lodge for the manner in which he carried out the duties. The new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Willmott I.P.M., C. Knott S.W., J. T. Craven jun. J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, J. Brickwood S.D., J. E. Buck J.D., J. S. Dyer Dir. of Cer., J. S. Bechervaise I.G., W. Welch Steward. The brethren afterwards adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by Bro. G. F. Sherman. The W.M. presided, and was supported by about fifty members of the Craft.

SAMARITAN LODGE, No. 368, SANDBACH, CHESHIRE.

THE annual meeting of this good old Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st January. There was a good muster of members and several visitors. The W.M., the Rev. T. Lunt, took the chair at four o'clock, and was supported by his Officers, brethren and visitors. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Tomlinson sen. said he had a very pleasing duty to perform in presenting to Bro. Gilbert P.M. P.P.G.P., on behalf of the Lodge, a Treasurer's jewel. Bro. Gilbert had been in charge of their finances for well nigh thirty years, and during that long period his efforts had been unceasing in promoting the general well-being of the Lodge. Indeed, if it had not been for Bro. Gilbert's unselfish efforts it was questionable whether the Samaritan Lodge would have existed on that day. He then asked the worthy brother to accept the jewel, which was a splendid specimen of the goldsmith's art. Bro. Gilbert made a most feeling reply, and was frequently cheered during its delivery. The Auditors then presented their report of the Treasurer's accounts, by which it appeared that although the year commenced with a balance against the Lodge, there is now a respectable balance in favour. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. then presented Bro. Furnival S.W. W.M. elect for the benefit of installation. The first portion of the ceremony being completed, Bros. J. R. Tomlinson and L. Makin P.M.'s were invited to preside over the West and South respectively. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all below the rank of W.M. retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened in ample form, when Bro. Furnival was re-admitted and installed according to ancient custom, and received the usual salutations restricted to this high degree. The Board was then called off, and on resuming labour was closed, and the Lodge declared in the third degree. The brethren were now re-admitted according to rank, and the new Master solemnly proclaimed, saluted and greeted in each degree. In handing the Warrant to the new Master, Bro. Bowes pointedly alluded to the long and anxious care Bro. Gilbert had taken of the precious document. The W.M. now appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, the Installing Master fully explaining the duties, the situation, and the emblems borne by each, and concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens and brethren. Bro. Tomlinson P.M. P.P.G.D.C. said that before they adjourned to the banquetting room he begged to propose a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Bowes for his kindness in coming to Sandbach to perform the ceremony they had listened to with much pleasure. He had heard Bro. Bowes work the ceremony before, but he considered he had excelled himself on the present occasion. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt I.P.M. rose to second the proposition, and in doing so acknowledged his great obligations to Bro. Bowes for relieving him of so difficult a duty. Bro. Bowes had set them a high standard to aim at. The clear enunciation and quiet impressiveness which marked the ceremony throughout set them an example which they would do well to emulate. For his own part he should often claim Bro. Bowes's counsel and assistance. The vote was carried by acclamation, and Bro. Bowes suitably acknowledged the compliment. After the transaction of some routine business the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The dinner was a good one, and well served. On the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bro. Rev. T. Lunt proposed the health of the Installing Master in complimentary terms. Bro. Bowes in reply said that his services were always at the command of any brother who was desirous of the help he was able to afford. The other toasts followed, and a thoroughly enjoyable evening was brought to a close soon after nine. Among the visitors were Bro. D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D.C. West Lancashire.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 496.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting at the Masonic Rooms, St. Austell, on Tuesday, 13th inst., when Bro. Job the W.M. elect was installed according to ancient established ritual, by W. Bro. Dr. Mason, the ceremony throughout being conducted in an impressive manner. The new W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Stephens S.W., A. Luke J.W., White I.P.M., Guy Treasurer, Kitt A.S. (*pro* Brewer, unavoidably absent) Secretary, Tozer S.D., Higman J.D., Houseley I.G., Blight D.C., and Real Tyler. Bro. Guy was appointed Steward for the Cornwall Masonic Annuit Fund. The brethren adjourned to Bro. Luke's, White Hart Hotel, where they partook of a good dinner, served by Mrs. Luke. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Several visitors were present.

YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 554.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., on the 1st inst. The occasion had attracted a large assemblage of members and visitors, among whom were the following brethren:—J. Hansen Thorn W.M., J. S. Taylor S.W. and W.M. elect, E. W. Walter J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. Ward Verry P.M. Secretary; Past Masters T. J. Barnes, J. Hood, J. J. Berry; also Bros. W. T. Tait S.D., J. Taylor D.C., G. T. H. Seddon Organist, J. R. Shingfield Steward, C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler; C. Warman, S. Allen, F. Bayliss, W. March, A. Symes, A. Gilby, H. Horner, W. Pain, W. Hawes, G. Clarke, C. G. Fardell, T. Russell, P. Heitmann, H. Wilson, O. W. Peacock, C. Allen, J. L. Anderson, W. C. Livermore, H. E. Swaffer, E. W. Thomas, C. J. Braithwaite, J. Fordham, A. Walter, G. Etheredge, H. W. Reed, W. Hunt, W. Kent, A. Wood, A. Britton, W. H. Mackenrot, G. J. Jennings, R. Lynes, H. Forss, &c. The Visitors included Bros. R. T. Sly 1625, H. Speedy W.M. 142, A. Russell 1776, A. Wade P.M. 1449, F. Binckes Secretary Boys' School, Rev. D. Shaboo P.P.G.C. Middlesex and Suffolk, J. T. K. Job J.W. 1076, G. Hollington P.M. 1421, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, E. W. Barnard P.M. 206, G. Levick P.M. 1227, S. Watkins P.M. 212, R. B. Greenwood 1623, J. Boulton S.D. 1056, T. G. Walter 89, P. McCarthy W.M. 1076, J. Hunt I.G. 1421, H. N. Taylor S.W. 1421, J. Fowler 1158, C. J. Harmsworth P.M. 956, J. S. Fraser S.D. 174, G. H. Stephens I.G. 1623, J. Knight 1185, R. Jennings W.M. 907, W. Allen 1178, J. Terry Sec. R.M.B.I. P.P.G.J.W. Herts, H. J. Walter 890, J. Scalos 1630, &c. Lodge was called for 3 o'clock, and punctually to that hour it was opened, the business before the Lodge being to receive Auditors' report, pass four brethren, and instal the W.M. elect, the appointment and investiture of the Officers, &c. Bros. F. S. Allen and J. W. Dobbins, candidates for passing, were in attendance, and were tested as to their proficiency, and afterwards passed to the second degree. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and Bro. J. S. Taylor was duly installed into the chair of K.S. by Bro. G. Ward Verry P.M., in the manner usual in this well-worked Lodge. The special dispensation from the Pro Grand Master was read to the brethren, permitting Bro. Taylor to be installed, although not quite out of his year of office in another Lodge. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. E. Walter S.W., W. T. Tait J.W., J. G. Stevens P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Verry P.M. Secretary, J. H. Thorn I.P.M., W. Cross S.D., J. Lineker J.D., J. Taylor I.G., G. J. Jennings D.C. Bros. J. R. Shingfield W.S. and G. T. H. Seddon Orgst. continue their respective services to the Lodge. The report of the Auditors was then received, and the accounts rendered were most satisfactory, and arranged in capital form. True to their traditions as supporters of the Charities, 30 guineas was voted to the Masonic Institutions, viz., 10 guineas to each. A Steward from the Lodge is going up for the Boys and the Girls, and Bro. J. J. Berry is also taking up a list in aid of the Old People. Business being at an end the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the large banquetting hall, in numbers which taxed its capacity to the utmost. Here a capital banquet was served by Bro. Walter, about eighty brethren partaking of the same. On the removal of the cloth, grace having been said by Bro. the Rev. D. Shaboo, the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were given and responded to, the W.M. stated that, the evening being advanced, he would be brief in proposing the toasts, so that the brethren who were there to entertain them might have a better opportunity. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and Grand Officers past and present was heartily received, and replied to at length by Bro. Frederick Binckes, who disclaimed his right to reply for so august a body to such an influential meeting of the Craft; no doubt the W.M. thought that, as they had not got the substance, at least they had the shadow. Speaking for the Pro Grand Master, who had been graciously pleased to grant a dispensation in favour of the W.M. being installed, he would, as this was New Year's Night, wish him a prosperous year of office. He took the opportunity of saying he was grateful for the hearty welcome he had experienced; for several years past he had been invited, and Bro. Stevens had hit him rather hard in consequence of his peregrinations not bringing him to the East End. He had, however, always given the East End brethren a hearty welcome when they came to see him, and he could assure the brethren that he fully appreciated the strenuous support they had afforded him. Bro. Thorn I.P.M. said it was the first time he had assumed the gavel to propose the toast of the W.M., which was sure to be heartily received. Bro. Taylor, in returning thanks, said the brethren might rest assured he would do all he could to maintain and uphold the dignity of the W.M.'s office. Whilst upon his legs, he would propose the toast of the I.P.M., of whom, they would agree with him, he need not say much, his successful year of office being the best test of how he had occupied the chair. Bro. Thorn, in reply to a hearty reception of his name, said his faded light might just as well be dimmed for all he knew; the pleasure of presiding over such a Lodge as this was departed and over; he thanked every one for the kind manner in which they had then, and always, drank his health, and never more so than on the present occasion. He hardly knew how to return thanks for, and express his appreciation of, the jewel they had presented to him. The Past Masters were next toasted; of them the W.M. said they were the finest in any Lodge, as, upon looking round, all would agree with him. Bros. Stevens and Barnes,—who are better workers for charity? Then there is Bro. Berry, who means to beat them; and Bro. Hood, and Bro. G. W. Verry, who had so ably installed him that day, initiated him into Masonry in this Lodge; he was proud to be installed by him; but they were all good fellows; he asked them to drink their health, and wish them a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Bro. Stevens P.M. said he was deputed by the Past Masters to thank the brethren, on their behalf, for the manner in which they received the toast of their health. Before going further, he would allude, with sorrow, to the absence of several Past Masters, who ranked before him in age; particularly Bros. Past Masters J. Wynn and J. Kindred, who were absent for the first time. He was sure the

brethren of the Yarborough Lodge would regret the absence of those brethren, than whom none better had taken the oath of Freemasons. For himself, he had, as Treasurer, borne the burden of the Lodge for eleven years, during which time he did not think the brethren had any occasion to be sorry on his account. The Masonic Charities were next toasted. At this festive period of the year, when we have enjoyed plenty, it is right, Bro. Taylor said, that we think of others less fortunate. The toast was, therefore, one which should meet with great respect. Bro. Terry, whose name was coupled with the toast, wished the brethren to accept his sincere thanks for the reception it had received at their hands. In the Yarborough Lodge there was no occasion to recapitulate the claims of the Masonic Charities, although there might be members who had entered since the last installation meeting; to them he would say that the three brethren who were serving as Stewards would be sure to see them, and inform them what their duties as Freemasons to the Charities were. Bro. Terry concluded with a powerful appeal on behalf of the three Masonic Institutions, asking that a response should be made in keeping with the results of the Yarborough Lodge in the past. Bro. Binckes also spoke to the toast, advocating the special claims of the Boys' School, it having no funded property like the other two Institutions, and therefore being in need of constant support. The Visitors were next honoured, and in reply Bro. the Rev. D. Shaboo said that, as a very old Past Master of the Lodge, he thanked them cordially as a Visitor for their reception of the toast. The song just sung, "We love old friends," was most appropriate. He loved old friends, and having been twenty-four years a member of the Lodge, had been present at twenty-three installations to visit old friends. Bro. C. J. Harmsworth expressed his great pleasure at visiting amongst the wise men of the East. During a period of thirteen years in Freemasonry he had travelled a great deal in the South-eastern part of Africa, and had had ample opportunities of seeing Masonry practised there. There there is the same earnestness for the Craft, but often without the comfort attainable in England, where a first-class ride of five miles takes a brother from his home to the Lodge in comfort; there it is thought nothing to travel a distance of thirty miles over rough country to visit a Lodge or Chapter. He had, twelve months ago, the pleasure of visiting the Yarborough Lodge installation meeting, and since then had returned to Cape Town, and had been invited to a Lodge meeting at Simons Bay, where he met those gallant brethren of the 24th Regiment who had so nobly shed their lives. The toast of the Officers was next given, and heartily received. The Tyler's toast closed a meeting of a most successful and enjoyable character. Bro. Shingfield as Steward attended in good style to the creature comforts, whilst Bro. Seddon ministered to the intellectual pleasures of the post prandial proceedings in his usual able manner, the brethren who assisted him being Bros. Thorn, Berry, Stephens, Britton, Brown, R. Greenwood, &c.

DUNHEVED LODGE, No. 789.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, was held in the Masonic Hall, Launceston, when Bro. E. Trood the W.M. elect, was duly installed as Worshipful Master for the year ensuing, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring W.M. Bro. C. Parsons, assisted by the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. D. Pearce P.P.G.S.W., C. G. Archer P.P.G.J.W., J. Hawkins P.P.G.J.D., W. T. Parsons P.P.G. Std., P. F. Simcoe P.P.G. Std. 789, W. M. Jackson P.M. 373, P.P.G. Regr. Hunts, F. Couch P.M., D. Thompson P.M., and T. P. Trood P.M. 789. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—J. Kittow S.W., H. M. Harvey J.W., W. S. Johns Chaplain, H. M. Harvey Treasurer, R. Sampson Secretary, W. Andrew S.D., T. C. Langdon J.D., R. Kittow D.C., W. Sloane-Evans O., R. Reed I.G., T. Sherston and J. Palmer Stewards, J. Fiddler Tyler. Bro. P. F. Simcoe was appointed Steward for the Masonic Charities. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the dining-room of the Lodge, where the annual banquet was provided.

CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No 901.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual installation at the Guildhall Tavern, on the 19th inst. The Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities by the W.M. Bro. Rubardt, he duly installed the W.M. elect Bro. Ginger, who was presented by Bro. Lawrence. The ceremony was most efficiently performed, and, for the first time in this Lodge, with musical accompaniments, the passages being most impressively rendered by Bro. Stacey P.P.G.S. 289, who kindly volunteered to preside at the harmonium. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—C. Beaumont S.W., E. V. Cundy J.W., H. D'Arcy P.M. Treas., W. Rubardt I.P.M., S. W. Harbord Assist. Sec., Parker S.D., J. Hughes J.D., D. Hughes I.G., E. Salisbury P.M. Stwd., W. Alder D.C., E. C. T. Hand O. The brethren were conducted by Bro. Baker P.M. 753, who kindly officiated as D.C., to their respective chairs. Messrs. K. Stubbs, G. T. McLachan, J. Vears, C. S. Pinn and E. Venner were then initiated into our ancient Order. Bro. Salisbury P.M. proposed that a jewel be presented to the late Secretary Bro. Wm. Alder (who he regretted to say had been compelled to relinquish his duties owing to ill health) in recognition of his services. The proposition having been seconded by Bro. Henry D'Arcy P.M., was carried unanimously. Owing to the heavy business of the Lodge the presentation of the harmonium, which had been subscribed for by the Officers, was postponed until the next meeting. The names of several candidates for initiation at the next meeting were handed in, and the Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a most sumptuous banquet, the attendance being much larger than on any previous occasion. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and heartily received. The W.M.

in honouring the Visitors said that with so many distinguished brethren present it would be invidious to particularize, but he could not omit thanking Bro. Stacey P.P.G.S. 289 for so kindly inaugurating the musical ceremony, and also Bro. Baker P.M. 753 for his valuable services and assistance in the ritual; last but not least he was pleased to see present Bro. C. Lacop 1326, the Deputy Preceptor of the City of London Lodge of Instruction, and who so ably seconded Bro. Hy. D'Arcy, the efficient Preceptor of that successful Lodge of Instruction. The initiates' toast was given and responded to. The W.M. in proposing the health of the the I.P.M. expressed a hope that he (the W.M.) would have as successful and eventful a year as Bro. Rubardt, who had so efficiently discharged his duties. In proposing the toast of the P.M.'s the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing again his old friend the veteran Mason Bro. Osmond, who eighteen years ago filled the chair he had now the honour to occupy. The proceedings were enlivened by the vocal abilities of Bros. Harris, Hand, Morris and others. The usual concluding toasts having been given, the brethren separated, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

GOSPORT LODGE, No. 903.

THE installation of Bro. Robert Wake Mitchell as W.M. of this Lodge took place at the Star Assembly Rooms, Gosport, on Tuesday evening, 13th inst., when there was a large muster of the brethren, amongst those present being Bros. A. Cadlipp P.M. 487 (Mayor of Portsmouth), T. R. Williams W.M. 257, A. R. Ifolbrook W.M. 309, J. W. Willmott W.M. 432, James Johns W.M. 1423, G. Grant W.M. 1705, H. J. Gay P.M. 487, Wallingford P.M. 903 P.P.G.W., V. Brown the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, Dyson P.M. 394 P.P.G. Supt. of Works, G. F. Lancaster P.M. 903 P.P.G.D., C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1705 P.G.S., Wilson P.M., Hellier P.M., &c. The ceremony of installation was most ably performed by Bro. Valentine Brown, the retiring W.M., who also gave the addresses to the Officers. The W.M. appointed his Officers as follows:—Bros. V. Brown I.P.M. and Treasurer, G. E. Downing S.W., Francis Powell J.W., Rev. E. B. C. Churchill P.M. Chaplain, Brunwin Sec., Walter Smith S.D., E. Wood J.D., and A. J. Wright I.G. The W.M. then presented Bro. Brown with a P.M.'s jewel, subscribed for by the Lodge, in recognition of the manner in which he had conducted the proceedings of the Lodge during the past year, and referred in high terms to the great efficiency which had been shown by Bro. Brown in all his duties. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the India Arms Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Miss Eastlands.—*Portsmouth Times*.

The Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677.—The monthly meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. Bro. Thomas Goode W.M. presided, supported by Bros. Simmonds S.W., Rothschild J.W., Maples Treasurer, Hunter P.M. W.S., Defriez Secretary, Millward S.D., Calderwood J.D., Piggott I.G., Rushton Organist and Very Tyler, together with the following Visitors:—Bros. Carpenter P.M. Urban, H. Thompson The Great City P.M. 177 and 1158, Churchyard 376, Lansdowne New Concord, Thomans P.M. Faith, &c. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, Bro. Augustus Thomas Buckingham was reported as a candidate for being raised to the sublime degree. He was questioned as to those degrees through which he had already passed, and most readily did he answer every question that was put to him, clearly showing that since his introduction he had been no drone in the hive of Freemasonry. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the candidate was impressively raised by the W.M. to the degree of M.M. The Lodge was then resumed to the first, and a gentleman who had been balloted for, the vote being unanimous in his favour, was initiated into the privileges and mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. Nothing could exceed the perfect manner in which the W.M. discharged that duty; whilst adhering to the ritual of the Order, he wisely discarded a few tautological expressions which showed the pains he had bestowed in qualifying himself for his duties, without once deviating from what has been considered the established mode of working. Some old Masons who were present expressed the gratification they had experienced in seeing so able a Mason preside over the Lodge as its W.M. Some other business having been disposed of the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall for refreshment, the Worshipful Master presiding. This having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master in rapid succession gave the usual formal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of their brother initiate, who he stated was well known in Clerkenwell, he was sure he was one whose admission amongst them would do credit to the Lodge. The newly initiated brother, in responding to the toast of his health, said he was very pleased at his admission amongst them; he could not find words to express his thanks for the honour they had conferred upon him; it was an honour he had long wished to obtain, and while thanking them for the way in which the toast had been received, hoped that he should prove himself to be a worthy member of their noble Order. Dr. Hunter P.M., in proposing the health of the W. Master, said he knew him to be a most zealous Mason, and although that night he was not recovered from his illness, still he was better than he had been; he was delighted that they had such a man to preside over them, and to see the excellent manner in which he had gone through the ceremonies that night, which showed the indomitable courage he had displayed in coming amongst them to perform his duties as Master of the Lodge. It was therefore with great pleasure he called upon the brethren to drink the health of the W. Master, a request which was enthusiastically responded to. The W.M., in reply, said he felt proud of the manner in which the toast had been received; he believed that he had only done his duty, and

he hoped to do in the future what had received their approbation in the past. Bro. Rushton, the Organist of the Lodge, was called upon for a song, and he at once complied with the request, producing an original one, of his own writing, set to a proper nautical tune, which elicited unbounded applause, the principal members of the Lodge being individually referred to. As the song is of considerable merit, a copy is subjoined:—

O have you not heard of the noble Crusaders,
Who in King Richard's time formed a true band,
To fight the bold Saracen down in the Holy Land,
And there for the Cross to make a brave stand.
Forth from the Priory gate, they went speedily,
Blest by the abbot and monks, who so readily
Urged them, with courage, to do and to dare,
And helped them in absence by many a prayer.

I sing not of them, but of other Crusaders,
Whose deeds as brightly will shine, we believe;
Who would wage a great war against hatred and envy,
And poverty, sickness, and suffering relieve,
'Tis a Lodge of Freemasons, which was consecrated,
And from the old Priory its charter is dated.
The shades of the abbot and monks hover there,
To bless all who sit in the Crusaders' chair.

I sing yet aloud of the most noble founders,
With Maples, and Hunter, and Goodo to the fore,
Of Simmons and Catherwood, Gay, and of Piggott,
And dear old friend Davis, alas! now no more.
Of Millward, Defriez, of Knight, and of Rothschild,
Who large the jewels of Masonry share,
Who've proved themselves able, with zeal and devotion,
To environ with beauty the Crusaders' chair.

O join then in sympathy, all worthy Masons,
And pray the Great Architect grace may impart,
To make each Crusader a good and true Mason,
At last, as at first, in the depths of his heart;
That so we in Masonry, true knowledge learning,
The Grand Lodge above may be ever discerning,
And the Most High, for ever, His blessing shed there,
Where the brethren surround the new Crusaders' chair.

The W.M. next gave the "Past Masters of the Lodge," coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Maples and Dr. Hunter, stating that Dr. Hunter looked after their wants, and Bro. Maples looked after their funds. Bro. the Rev. J. Caseley, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Herts, and principal Curate of St. James's, Clerkenwell, sang a comical and very amusing song. Bro. Hunter P.M. said he felt gratified at the manner in which the brethren had received the toast; he was highly pleased at the manner in which it was always received. As that was the last opportunity he should have of addressing them before the Festival, most sincerely did he thank the brethren for the response they had made to his appeal as representing them at the Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Although they were a young Lodge, at present he held a sum of £113 towards that Festival, an amount which was highly gratifying to him as their Steward, and especially considering that they had hardly come into existence when they appointed a Steward, and sent him up with a sum of £70. When he entered upon the duty of Steward, he did not think he should get anything like the amount that had come into his hands, but lately he had met with many old friends, who had shaken hands with him, and said, "Well done, Bro. Hunter, I did not think you would get £50." Bro. Maples P.M. and Treasurer also returned thanks. The W. Master said the next toast he had the honour to propose was that of "The Visitors," and that night they were favoured with a good sprinkling of them; most happy should they be to see them again. In proposing the toast he mentioned the names of Bros. Carpenter P.M. of the Urban Lodge, Thompson of The Great City Lodge, Lansdowne of the New Concord, and Themans of the Faith Lodge, most happy was he to see them. Bro. Carpenter jocosely returned thanks for the toast, and Bro. Thompson remarked that the Lodge bore the name of the Crusaders, who were the pioneers of great and virtuous acts in early ages, carrying out the great principles of Christianity. From what they had heard that night from Bro. Dr. Hunter, they seemed determined by their bounty to follow the noble example of those whose name they bore, and appeared to be foremost in a Second Crusade in carrying out in the future those principles which had so well distinguished the acts of the noble Crusaders in the past. Some other toasts were given, including that of "The Officers of the Lodge." A very pleasant evening was passed. The Annual United Ball of this Lodge and the Finsbury Park Lodge will take place on the 4th February, at the Freemasons' Tavern, and, by special dispensation from the Grand Master, brethren will be permitted to wear Masonic clothing and jewels on that occasion. Brethren wishing to attend are advised to make early application for tickets, as the number is limited.

The place of meeting of the Earl of Zetland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1364, having been changed from the Old Town Hall, Hackney, to Bro. Bristo's, the Nag's Head, Mare Street, Hackney, the first meeting took place in the new premises on Saturday evening last, Bro. W. C. Maddever in the chair, when the ceremony of Installation was rehearsed. The future meetings will take place at the above address, every Saturday, except the third Saturday in each month, between the hours of 7 and 9, during the months of October to April inclusive. Bro. W. Fieldwick Preceptor.

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CONSECRATION OF THE FERRUM LODGE.

A new Lodge of Freemasons was consecrated in Middlesbrough on Wednesday, 21st January. The North York Lodge, the only one in the iron town, was established in 1852, and since that time the members of the Craft have grown very numerous. For a considerable period it has been thought desirable that there should be a second Lodge. In September last active steps were taken with the view of opening a new Lodge, and a charter was granted by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the following brethren to form the Ferrum Lodge, No. 1848:—Andrew Farmer, John Thomas Belk, S. A. Sadler, W. H. Cowper, Wright Petchell, S. Walker, and W. J. Watson. At the ceremony of Consecration there was a large attendance. The ceremony was performed by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, the Earl of Zetland, assisted by Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., D.P.G.M. The ceremony of Consecration having been completed, the installation of the W.M. was proceeded with, and the Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. A. Farmer P.P.G.D.C. W.M., J. T. Belk S.W., S. A. Sadler J.W., W. H. Cowper P.M. Sec., S. Walker S.D., W. Petchell P.M. J.D., and R. Davison P.M. I.G. An address on the history and privileges of Masonry was then delivered by the Prov. Grand Chaplain, the Rev. R. Mitford Taylor P.M. 643, after which the Lodge was closed. Amongst the Visitors present were—Bros. the Hon. W. T. Orde Powlott P.M. 123 P.P.G.S.W., J. M. Meek P.M. Prov. G. Reg. (Durham), J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611, and numerous brethren from the Provinces of North and East Yorkshire, Durham, and Northumberland. About 75 of the brethren afterwards dined at the Queen Hotel, and spent a most enjoyable afternoon.—*Yorkshire Gazette*.

Bro. G. T. H. Seddon, the I.P.M. of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, writes us that our representative made an error in the report of the Installation meeting which appeared in our last issue. Replying to the kind remarks of the W.M., when he presented the P.M.'s jewel voted by the Lodge, Bro. Seddon is reported to have said, "he accepted their gift, not as a testimonial for doing his duties, but for getting through them." Our brother tells us that he said just the opposite, for he accepted the testimonial, not for *getting through* his duties, but for *doing* them. We regret the error; but really the instances where an I.P.M. can and does openly declare in the face of his Lodge that he has done his duty are unfortunately so rare that we think we are justified in craving a little indulgence for the mistake of our reporter.

In our notice of the New Finsbury Park Lodge Ball, we stated that Bro. Parkiss was the W.M. of the Lodge; in this, it appears, we were wrong. The present W.M. is Bro. Thomas Press; Bro. Parkiss is the I.P.M.

The *Portsmouth Times* says that Bro. W. W. Beach, M.P., Prov. G.M. for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight has postponed his audit for the Michaelmas rents until the middle of March, in order that the corn may get in better condition for the market, and then he will order an abatement of £10 per cent.

The adjourned meeting of the proposed Fifteen Sections Club will be held at the Metropolitan Hotel, South-place, Finsbury, E.C. on Monday next, 2nd February, at seven o'clock p.m. Brethren willing to co-operate in the above movement are kindly requested to attend on this occasion. Communications to be addressed to John B. King, Hon. Sec., 89 Cannon-street, E.C.

THE ROYAL STANDARD BENEFIT SOCIETY.—This Society was founded in 1828 by the late Mr. Hunter, for the purpose of assisting members in time of sickness and death. It was the first Society of the kind under the Registration Act of Bro. Tidd Pratt. A gathering was held on Tuesday, the 20th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, in aid of the funds. Dancing was kept up with great spirit under the direction of Mr. James Cox. The amusements were varied. A child, nine years old, Miss Price, delighted the company by her talented singing; Bro. C. Solomons presided at the piano. Mr. Leech, in the Crown Room, President of the Society, occupied the chair, and here songs, given by the Visitors, were fully appreciated. On former occasions the services of professional singers have been engaged. A supper followed, and then the usual enjoyments were resumed. Among the Stewards were Bros. Croft 1351, Perryman P.M. No. 3, Handley 475, &c.

Part VI. of "Greenhouse Favourites," published by Messrs. Groombridge and Sons, treats more particularly of the Erica, Azalea and Pelargoniums. This work is now fairly established, and when complete will form a handsome volume for the table, as well as a most useful one for reference.

Doubtless many of our readers have seen or heard of the "Boys' Own Paper," which has now been published weekly by the proprietors of the "Leisure Hour," for about twelve months. The success that has attended the publication of that serial has induced the promoters to launch forth the "Girls' Own Paper" which, based on the same lines as that issued for the Boys, will we hope prove as successful. The movement to provide pure and interesting periodicals for the young has thus received valuable assistance.

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The Right Hon. the EARL OF ZETLAND,

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Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren desirous of accepting the Office of Steward upon this occasion will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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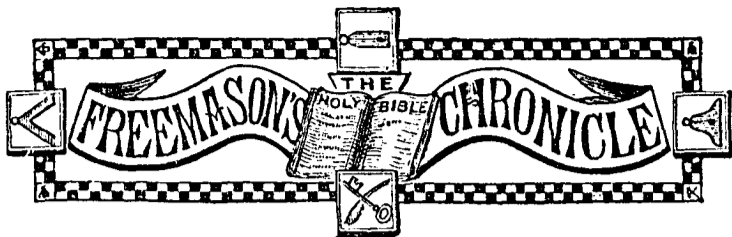
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. on Wednesday, the 4th day of February, at 7 o'clock in the evening, *punctually*.

Business:—The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for confirmation.

After which the following report of the Committee of General Purposes will be submitted.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the Accounts from the 15th October 1879, to the 20th January 1880, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance G. Chapter	1231	4	6	Disbursements during			
„ Unappropriated				the Quarter	251	4	6
Account -	170	10	1	Balance	1323	6	11
Subsequent Receipts	341	16	11	„ in Unappropriated Account	164	0	1
	£1743	11	6		£1743	11	6

Which Balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Companions Edward Rosenbusch as Z, Charles Edward Coffey as H, Harry Gardner as J, and twelve others for a Chapter to be attached to the Union Lodge, No. 407, Malta, to be called The "William Kingston Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Valetta, Malta.

2nd. From Companions Edward Pitt Yonell as Z, William Dods as H, Joseph Tomlinson as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 1631, Gorleston, to be called "The St. Andrews Chapter," and to meet at St. Andrew's Hall, Gorleston, Suffolk.

3rd. From Companions James Henry Gratton as Z, Thomas Braithwaite as H, John Bustard as J, and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Friendly Lodge, No. 1513, Barnsley, to be called "The Friendly Chapter," and to meet at the King's Head Hotel, Barnsley, Yorkshire.

4th. From Companions William George Lemon as Z, The Rev. William Taylor Jones as H, Charles William Thompson as J, and eleven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ravensbourne Lodge, No. 1601, Catford Bridge, to be called "The Ravensbourne Chapter," and to meet at the Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham.

5th. From Companions James Terry as Z, John Howroyd Sadler as H, John Edwin Cussans as J, and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, Highgate, to be called the "Highgate Chapter," and to meet at the Gatehouse Tavern, Highgate, Middlesex.

The foregoing petitions being in all respects regular, The Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

With reference to the Petition for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldershot Camp Lodge, No. 1331 Aldershot, the consideration of which was deferred at the last Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter, the Committee have to report that the Grand Superintendent for the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight, having since withdrawn his recommendation to the Petition, they do not now feel themselves justified in recommending that the prayer of the Petition be granted, but leave the matter in the hands of the Grand Chapter.

The Committee have also to report that a complaint was preferred by a Companion of the Ebury Chapter, No. 1348, London, against another Companion of the Chapter, for having on two occasions (on the latter while presiding as the Acting M.E.Z.) used his influence to prevent his election to office in the Chapter. The Committee having summoned the parties before them, and having fully investigated the case, are of opinion that the first charge is not proved, but that, on the second occasion, a statement was made to the Chapter, which was calculated to influence the votes of the Companions, and which was not justified.

The Committee have further to report that by a mistake in taking the date of initiation for that of raising the Hwlfordd Chapter, No. 464, Haverfordwest, exalted a brother, after only eleven months service as a Master Mason, contrary to Art. 67, page 22, of the Royal Arch Regulations. The Committee have therefore admonished the Chapter to be more careful in future, and have directed that the Candidate be re-obligated before his Grand Chapter Certificate be issued.

The following Notice of Motion has been received for the next Quarterly Convocation;—

By Companion William Smallpeice, P.Z. No. 21:—

"That Clause five (5) page five (5) of the Book of Regulations of

the Royal Arch be repealed, in order that all Companions may be present at the opening of private Chapters."

(Signed)

JOHN CREATON, G. Treasurer,

President

Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C.

21st January 1880.

Robert Burns Chapter, No. 25.—Met on Monday, 26th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Comps. G. R. Shorvill M.E.Z., Chas. Martin H., Kerby P.Z. Treas. as J., W. Land J. (being absent through illness), W. Platt P.Z. Scribe E., Allsopp P.Z. as N., Elsey P.S., J. E. Shand Asst. Scribe, Smith W.S.; also Comps. Thomas P.Z., Deaton and others. After ballot, Bros. J. Linden W.M. Robert Burns Lodge No. 25, and G. Simonds Globe Lodge No. 23, were exalted. The names of Bros. T. J. Robins P.M. Robert Burns Lodge, and Courtney Wymil J.D. 25 were on the summons as candidates for exaltation, but they were unavoidably prevented from attending. An audit Committee was appointed. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to Comp. Shervill for his able and courteous discharge of the duties of Z. during the year. Comp. Kerby P.Z. Treas. proposed that in consideration of the long connection of Comp. Bennett P.Z. with the Chapter, and whose resignation was accepted with great regret at the last meeting, Comp. Bennett be elected an hon. member of the Robert Burns Chapter, which was carried. Chapter was then closed until fourth Thursday in March. The Companions afterwards dined; the usual toasts were duly honoured, accompanied with some excellent singing by the Comps. The meeting was appropriate, as the Scottish Corporation were holding, in the Tavern, a Festival to commemorate the anniversary of the birth of the poet Robert Burns.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular convocation was held on Monday, the 26th, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H., W. H. Gulliford J., N. Baum S.E., Buderns S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, M. J. Emanuel, W. Littaur; and Comps. W. G. Jennings, Grove Ellis, L. Jacobs, S. Botibol, A. Botibol, Quincey, Mann. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. Rev. S. H. Harris, Swinbourn Chapter, No. 24, was unanimously elected a joining member. A ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. J. H. Hawkins S.W. 1693 and Lodge 65; it was unanimous in his favour, and he was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z. in a very perfect manner. This was the first meeting since the installation; the working of the principals and Officers reflected great credit on them all. A notice of motion was proposed and carried, that in consequence of the next convocation falling on a Bank Holiday, it be held at a later date. The resignation of Comp. S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas. was accepted with regret, after some feeling remarks from Comp. W. H. Gulliford. Comp. E. P. Albert P.Z. was appointed Treasurer, a result that received the cordial approval of the Companions. The Chapter was closed till 22nd March, and the Companions sat down to a banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. Littaur P.Z., as I.P.Z., had great pleasure, and the great privilege, to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., who possessed the attributes of a gentleman. The mantle of Z. could not have fallen on a better man; Comp. Dickinson's whole study was for their welfare; his working was perfection, and he was sure he would leave the chair with the regret of the members, yet with éclat to himself. The M.E.Z. thanked the I.P.Z. for his kind remarks; while occupying the chair it would be his duty to perform the ceremonial part; he hoped to preserve harmony among them. It was his first night in the chair, and he trusted he had given them satisfaction; his aim, in every respect, was for their comfort and welfare. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly exalted Companion; in feeling terms he spoke of the duties incumbent on those entering the Order, which was the climax of Freemasonry. Comp. Hawkins responded to the toast; he hoped in future to be a useful member. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the visiting Companions—Eckstein P.S. 1196, J. Chinnery 145, W. Russell 913—whom they were all pleased to see. They were all well known and equally respected. These Companions severally returned thanks; the working of the M.E.Z. was beyond all praise. The Past Principals were next honoured, and Comps. Littaur and Albert replied. The Z. next proposed the health of the H. and J., whose working in that capacity was such that merited the approbation of all. The S.E., the S.N., and also the P.S., were in due course complimented, then the Janitor's toast was given. Companions Hawkins, Eckaus, Baum, and Davis favoured, during the evening, with some excellent singing and recitations.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement. — Notwithstanding the very unfavourable state of the weather, and in the presence of one of those dense fogs peculiar to the Metropolis, this noted Chapter for the Improvement of Royal Arch Masons was well attended on Tuesday evening last, 27th January, at the usual quarters, the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. There was a rather serious drawback to the proceedings in the absence of Comp. Brown, the talented and highly esteemed Preceptor of the Chapter. The Chapter, however, was opened as usual, and the following were the Officers for the evening:—Comps. Leo Z., H. Thompson H., Catterson J., Lardner P.S., Walter N., and J. L. Payne candidate. The following Comps. were also present:—Payne, Catterson jun., Moore, Lilley, Sayer, and Edmunds. The ceremony of exaltation was ably rehearsed, all the Officers being well up to their work, but the working especially of the M.E.Z. was worthy of the highest commendation, for the very perfect manner in which it was performed. There are but few places in London in which instruction in Arch Masonry can be obtained, but to any one seeking advancement in this superior degree, there can be no doubt that the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement is one of the best of those few places where such instruction is to be obtained. The Chapter was closed and adjourned to Tuesday evening, 3rd February, at half-past six o'clock.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter Lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Caven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R. A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 35—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
 151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Snailey's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.
 492—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooner-street, Manchester.
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester.
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks.
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstey Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acerington.
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 3rd FEBRUARY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 66—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 860—Ballhouse, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
 1293—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, Islington.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1663—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R. C.—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 117—Wynnstey, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham.
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness.
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire

- 731—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
 1002—Skidlaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Elth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 R. A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 R. A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 M. M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 7
 United Masonic Ball, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Inst.)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1274—Burdett Courts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd., S.W.
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch (Installation)
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Masonic Hall, Erith.
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1431—St. Alphego, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Two Brook, Liverpool
 R. A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R. A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 R. A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.
 R. A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M. M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 5th FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 M. M. 197—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrials, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Napthall, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Farnham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomfret, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pellam Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentolpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland.
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire.

1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padliham, near Burnley
 1515—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bullth, Breconshire
 R. A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Ruacorn, Cheshire.
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1238—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R. A. 70—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Tadmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.
 998—Welsh Pool, Railway Station, Welsh Pool
 1096—Lord Warden, Lord Warden Hotel, Lower Walmer, Kent
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30
 K. T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly.

SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction).
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction).
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge, No. 65.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, London, E.C., on Thursday, the 22nd inst. The W.M. Bro. Charles Daniel was supported by the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. Ferry S.W., Chicken J.W., Roberts S.D., Schadler J.D., George T. Brown P.M. Secretary, Leins P.M. D.C., and amongst the brethren present were Bros. Caton, Kearney, Rudd, Edwards, Braine, Barber, Scritter, Plater, &c. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 1426, Foulsham P.M. 1790, Steward 525 Hong Kong, Hughes and King 27, Bristow 1637, Sargent 1790, Ray 220, Martin 188, Hunt 1641, and Gardner 1563. By request of the W.M. of the Lodge of Unity 1637, Bro. Robert Bristow was raised to the third degree. Mr. William Walker and Mr. James Stafford were then ballotted for, approved, and initiated. The sum of fifteen guineas was voted to a worthy Past Master of the Lodge, whose circumstances had recently been greatly impaired by unforeseen losses. Two guineas were voted to an applicant, whose claims were thoroughly investigated and certified; and one guinea was given on account of the entertainment of the inmates of the Masonic Benevolent Institution. Support was also accorded to the W.M. Bro. Daniel, in aid of his forthcoming Stewardship for that Institution. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren subsequently spent a genial hour in the social and informal intercourse of an "off night." Over a "grog and cigar" proceedings connected with Masonry in general, and the Prosperity Lodge in particular, were freely and pleasantly discussed; and all present, members and visitors alike, were gratified by the information afforded, and, above all, by the proof which had been given that the sacred cause of Charity had been so freely supported, through non-expenditure, on this and former occasions, on the pleasures of the table. The Prosperity Lodge is following a good example now advocated by other Lodges; and it is agreeable to notice that it does not require the announcement of a banquet to draw visitors in goodly numbers to take part in Masonic work. May such self-sacrifice long continue here and elsewhere, and then the second of our grand principles will be so developed as to bring on those who practise it the testimony of a good conscience, and its accompanying blessing—Prosperity!

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, the 20th inst., when the W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. Wm. Henry Bart, was duly

installed into the chair of K.S. by the retiring W.M., Bro. T. H. Chandler P.P.J.G.W. Wilts. The Officers for the coming year were installed and invested as follows:—Bros. T. H. Chandler I.P.M., H. Howse S.W., J. A. Randell J.W., D. A. Gibbs Treas., William Nott P.P.J.G.W. and P.G. Reg. Wilts Sec., G. S. A. Waylon S.D., S. M. Badham J.D., Henry Barrass I.G., W. H. Bush and Jas. Neato Stewards, and John Hayter Tyler. The customary addresses to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. Bro. the Rev. T. F. T. Ravonshaw P.G. Chaplain England, and a P.M. of this Lodge, having resigned his membership, on account of leaving the neighbourhood, presented to the Lodge a handsomely framed copy of the Albert Installation Engraving. Such present was acknowledged by a cordial vote of thanks. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren dined together at the Crown Hotel, Bro. S. Watson Taylor, of Erlstoke Park, contributing to the banquet a liberal supply of venison and game. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. Among the Visitors present were—Bros. S. Gauntlett P.M. 632 P.J.G.D. Wilts, T. R. Lavington W.M. elect 632, F. D. Norris S.D. 632, H. Simpson S.W. 1271, &c.

Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.—A meeting was held on Friday, 16th inst., at the Lord Warden Hotel, Walmer. Present—Bros. John Laggett W.M., H. R. L. Botting S.W., J. E. Carpenter J.W., E. Kirby P.M. Treas., T. J. Usher P.M. Sec., W. Carterfield S.D., F. R. England J.D., H. Abram Organist, G. G. Thomson Steward, W. Ryder I.G., S. Holgate Tyler; Past Master Bro. T. Ayling. Visitors—Bros. Jas. Pardon 1205, and Metham. Lodge was duly opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The lecture in the first degree having been delivered, the Lodge was opened in the second, when Bro. Harding, a candidate, was duly examined, and passed to the degree of F.C. The charge having been delivered by the J.W., the lecture was given by the S.W., and the Fellow Craft Lodge was closed. The W.M. then put the motion for the removal of the Lodge to the St. George's Hall, Deal,—which was made at the last meeting, and duly inserted in the summons for this, according to the Book of Constitutions,—to the members present, and the motion was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren spent a pleasant hour together.

Grey Friars' Lodge, No. 1101.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 14th. Present—Bros. J. E. Danks W.M., W. Ferguson S.W., T. J. Pulley acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, R. Dowsett S.D., C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., T. Newman I.G., W. W. Ridley S.St., R. C. Prickett J.St., W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. Flanagan I.P.M., Hurley, Margrett, Welch, Brown. Members—Bros. Wheatley, Browne, Ravenscroft, Brigham, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 S.D. 414, C. G. Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed—they were as follows:—Grey Friars' Lodge 1101, Regular Lodge, Wednesday, 10th December 1879. Present—Officers, Bros. Danks W.M., Flanagan I.P.M., Ferguson S.W., Blackwell J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., R. Dowsett S.D., Honey J.D., Hawkes D.C., Hickie Organist, Newman I.G., W. Ridley S.St., Prickett J.St., Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s—Bros. Hurley, Brown, Margrett, Welch. Members—Bros. Pulley, Cordrey, Rhind, Ravenscroft, Browne, Wheatley, Bailey. Visitors—Bros. Fernes 1612, Pocock P.M. 414, Hawkes 414. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Henry Ferguson 1714, who was elected a joining member. Messrs. W. Collins, Geo. Wort and W. G. Titcombe were elected as initiates. Mr. W. A. Weatherhead was initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. resigned his gavel into the hands of Bro. Flanagan I.P.M., who had expressed his wish to raise his brother-in-law, Bro. Wheatley, to the third degree. Bro. Wheatley replied most satisfactorily to the questions, when he was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Wheatley was admitted and duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the I.P.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner. The I.P.M. returned the gavel to the W.M., who resumed the Lodge to the second and first degree. The non-official brethren appointed on the Permanent Committee were Bros. Bailey, Browne and Rhind. Previously to the closing of the Lodge the Secretary was challenged by the S.St. Bro. W. Ridley to retire, in order to adjust some difficulties, which being soon happily effected, they re-entered the Lodge and took their proper stations. The W.M. announced to the Secretary that during his absence a most pleasing duty had been entrusted to him by the members of the Lodge, that of offering for his acceptance a handsome Testimonial, consisting of the sum of £50, which had been voluntarily subscribed by them in recognition of his valuable services in the arduous duties of Secretary of the Lodge; and as a mark of respect for his courtesy of manner and geniality of disposition during the many years he had held that office; the Treasurer would hand him a cheque for the amount, and he (the W.M.) trusted that the Secretary would accept it, in the same brotherly feeling as he assured him it was offered; he also had the pleasure of stating that not one penny had been taken out of the Lodge funds, which he felt assured would enhance its value. The Secretary, in thanking the W.M. and members for this unexpected, and he might say unprecedented appreciation of his services, gave an outline of the formation of the Lodge in 1866, and its occasion; he also stated what a Secretary of a Lodge should be, whose difficulties sometimes are rather difficult, but he should be one

Who would not willingly offend,
 Nor easily be offended;
 What's amiss he will try to mend,
 And endure what can't be ended.

This reminded him of a couplet he intended to give to the W.M. on his being placed in the chair of K.S.

Every Master you will find
Must oft be deaf, and oft be blind.

This splendid Testimonial more than repaid him for all his anxieties of office, not so much for its intrinsic value, as for the spirit of sincere brotherly love manifested by the members in this acknowledgment of his services. Messrs. Collins, Wort and Titcombe were duly initiated. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren retired for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, Ship Hotel, where a very pleasant conversational evening was spent.

Dundas Lodge, No. 1255.—A meeting took place on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Plymouth. The brethren, upon the conclusion of the regular and formal business, adjourned to Bro. Watts', Globe Hotel, to partake of their half-yearly supper. Among those present were—Bros. H. Dawe W.M., Barratt S.W., Adml. Glasse, C.B., J.W., W. Bros. W. Bell P.M. Treas., S. B. Harvey P.M. Sec., S. H. Hearle P.M., W. B. Triplett P.M., I. Watts P.M. P.P.G.Tr., J. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Wks., — Holmes J.D., Jago I.G. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given and responded to, the W.M. proposed the P.G.M. Viscount Ebrington, the D.P.G.M. and the P.G.L. of Devon. To this Bro. Chas. Godtschalk P.M. 1255 P.P.G.D. replied. He referred to the services rendered to the Order by their late P.G.M. The toast of the P.M.'s Treasurer, and Secretary of 1255 was proposed by Bro. Davis P.P.G.S.W., and was followed by that of the Senior and Junior Wardens and other Officers of the Lodge, both of which were replied to. The next toast was "Success to our Masonic Charities," responded to by Bros. J. B. Gover and Charles Godtschalk. Bro. Gover referred to the published facts that their great London Charities had secured, by voluntary means alone, in 1879, the large income of over £4,000. His attention had been called to it from the fact that the amount has recently been brought forward as a proof of the great benevolence of the Craft at large. But this bright picture had a dark shadow—the immense increase in applicants to all the Charities. At the next election of boys, in April 1880, recognised candidates would compete for twenty vacancies, and no more could be taken for want of funds. Between fifty and sixty girls would appeal for help, and fifteen or sixteen only would be elected. Many aged Masons and widows could not be assisted for want of funds. He concluded from this that the indiscriminate multiplication of Lodges during the past few years had produced a large amount of distress. In future, restrictions would have to be placed on the indiscriminate granting of warrants for new Lodges. The toast of "Our Visitors," and "Our Poor and Distressed Brethren" not forgotten, terminated the proceedings.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

Friars Lodge of Instruction No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 27th inst.—Bros. Cundick P.M. W.M., Myers P.M. S.W., Spencer J.W., Power I.G., Pavitt Acting Sec.; also Bros. Lewis, Richardson, Fyfe, Cope, Watkins, Roddam, Clark, Waterer, Dinsmore, Barker, White, Roberts, Sadler, &c. This being the fourth Tuesday, the following sections were worked:—First by Bros. Spencer, second Watkins, third Pavitt, fourth Myers, fifth McDonald, sixth Pavitt, seventh McDonald; second degree, first Bro. Watkins, second, third, fourth and fifth Bro. Pavitt. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bros. Jno. Lewis Victoria Park Lodge 812, and Jno. Clark Prince Leopold Lodge 1445, were unanimously elected members. After spending a pleasant hour on the closing of the Lodge, the brethren departed, very pleased with the entire working.

St. Peter and St. Paul Lodge, No. 1410.—On Tuesday, 13th inst., the members of this Lodge held their usual meeting at the Swan Hotel, Newport Pagnell. After the business had been transacted they adjourned to an adjoining room, where, thanks to the improved catering of host Cannon, an excellent spread was prepared and well served up, giving great satisfaction to all present. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, the W.M. proposed the health of the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, and in eulogistic terms alluded to the important services he had rendered in respect to Freemasonry, and particularly to the Lodge of SS. Peter and Paul, where, through his instrumentality, such excellent harmony always prevailed. He then presented him with a Past Master's jewel, and hoped he would be spared long to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the Brethren of SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, No. 1410, to V.W. Bro. the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., First W.M., in token of their appreciation of his invaluable services." The Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg, in acknowledging the present, said:—"W.M., Bro. Wardens, and Brethren,—It is most difficult for me to acknowledge as I would wish the very beautiful jewel you have given me. I have the privilege to wear a large number of Masonic jewels, but it has always been my habit to wear few, because I believe that jewels unless fairly earned are not worth much. It is a very common thing to see a brother covered with decorations which mean nothing. Some jewels I do value. I have one that reminds me of the days when as an undergraduate at Cambridge I was the first Principal Sojourner of the Euclid, the new University Chapter. By another jewel I call to mind my dear old Province of Cambridge, which at the close of my university career gave me the highest honour of the year, the Provincial Senior Grand Wardenship. Here is a jewel which I never deserved, that of the Past Grand Officer of England, and this one I deserved still less, the garter of English Freemasonry, the jewel of the Royal Alpha Lodge. You, brethren, have added to-night one that I shall value second to none. I value it because it is a testimony both of your good feeling to me, and also of the efficient state of this Lodge. It would be affectation for

me to say I have not worked at this Lodge. For the seven years of its existence I have never missed a Lodge. I have installed every Master. I have often occupied the chair. Most of you are my Masonic children. You will understand that as Secretary I *might* have had many troubles. The W.M. and Wardens change every year. The Secretary is a matter of fact, handed on from Master to Master, though of course he receives his appointment annually afresh. This is, I believe, a necessary state of things for the well-being of a Lodge, but it may have disadvantages both for the Master and for the Secretary. It is most disagreeable to a new W.M. to find himself obliged to take on a crusty old Secretary, who never consults him about anything, and who resents any proposal which he does not himself originate. I hope my dear friends, Bros. West, Childs, Fitch, Donald Frazer, Heigham, Wilmer, and you, W.M., have not found me such. And, on the other hand, it is equally disagreeable to a Secretary to find that every new W.M. wishes to change every detail of Lodge management simply for the sake of change. I certainly, W.M., from yourself and your predecessors, have had nothing but the utmost consideration in all matters. I conceive it is the duty of a Secretary ever to remember that he is subordinate to the W.M. All that he does is by command of the W.M. He must manage details without interfering with the Master's prerogative. A Secretary who manages everything without consulting the Worshipful Master is unfit for his office. The Secretary who worries his chief about every comma in the circular is equally unfit. No one but those who have tried it know how hard it is to steer between these two extremes. I am conscious of many failures, to which you are most kindly blind to-night, but I have tried to preserve a due medium between a too great independence and a shirking of the proper responsibility of my office. So far as I have succeeded it has been through the good tone which has ever existed in this Lodge, not by my own merit. We have had a few difficulties to meet. We have had animated discussions. We have all had and held our opinions, but we have never for one minute lost sight of this truth that the liberty of opinion which we claim for ourselves we must ourselves allow to others. It is this fact which has made my work, whether as Secretary or Master of this Lodge, not a labour, but a pleasure. I shall wear this jewel, I hope for many years, as Secretary of this Lodge, in commemoration of the brotherly feeling of the past, as an assurance that we pledged, one and all, to preserve for the future those principles by which you have enabled me, I will not say to deserve, but to receive it as no empty compliment. The toast of the W.M. was given and heartily received, and a very pleasant and convivial evening was enjoyed.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—With much pleasure we report the revival of this Lodge of Instruction, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Wm. H. Myers P.M. of the mother Lodge, and P.M. and P.Z. 820. It is now held at the Mitford Tavern, corner of the Amhurst and Sandringham-roads, Dalston, within five minutes walk of the Hackney Downs Station on the Great Eastern Railway, and the Hackney and Dalston Stations of the North London Railway. The following is the programme of procedure throughout the year:—On the first, second and third Mondays in each month, the corresponding degrees and sections are worked, with personal instruction to members requiring it. On the fourth Monday, as many of the Fifteen Sections as can be worked in the two hours appointed for instruction. On the fifth Monday, which occurs in every three months, the Installation ceremony is worked, and preference is given to any Brother who is about to instal his successor in his own Lodge. At the meeting held on Monday, 26th January, Bro. Wm. McDonald W.M., Wm. H. Myers S.W., R. Durell J.W., B. Cundick I.P.M., T. E. Goddard S.D., W. Musto J.D., J. A. Robson I.G., H. S. Clarke Sec., S. L. Green W.M. 1445, and other brethren, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and being resumed in the second, the five sections of that lecture were worked by Bros. R. Durell J.W. 1349, W. Musto P.M. 1349, W. H. Myers P.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421, and R. Durell. The Lodge was then resumed in the third degree, and the sections were worked by the following Past Masters:—Bros. W. Musto, W. H. Myers, and B. Cundick. The Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and Bro. T. Brereton No. 72, was elected a member, and Bro. T. E. Goddard S.W. 1445, was elected W.M. for Monday next, 2nd February. Bro. Myers proposed a vote of thanks to Bros. Cundick, Musto, Durell, and the presiding W.M. Bro. McDonald, for the excellent manner in which they had worked the sections. Bro. Myers then gave notice of motion to the following effect:—"That the members' subscriptions be allowed to accumulate, and when there is an amount of five guineas in the hands of the Treasurer, a ballot be taken for a Life Subscriber-ship in either of the Masonic Institutions, by members who have attended this Lodge of Instruction not less than six nights of meeting in the previous three months, dating from the first of a month to the first of the then current month."

Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable.—Quite a red letter day in the annals of this flourishing Lodge was observed by the installation into the Master's chair of the much-esteemed Bro. John Wood (also of 180), whose unanimous and enthusiastic election preluded to the great *eclel* which attended the day's proceedings. The Installing Master was Bro. P.M. J. R. Stacey of 180 and 1741, whose rendering of the ceremony was received by the brethren with great acclamation. The newly-installed Master having invested his Officers—Bros. McLean S.W., Crew J.W., Howell P.M. Treasurer, Russell P.M. Secretary—then initiated into the Order Mr. W. Shaw, of Clapham, and Mr. H. Harden, of Twickenham, performing the work in a most able manner. Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to partake of one of the most elegant banquets that could possibly grace a table, Bro. Saunders, mine host of the Sagar Loaf, Dunstable, sparing neither time, trouble, nor expenditure in producing such happy results. The musical arrangements were under the direction

of Bro. E. E. Cooper, and the many personal friends of the W.M. were most solicitous in their endeavours to enhance the pleasures of the day by their excellent singing and recitations. Amongst these brethren we may especially mention Bros. E. E. Cooper, Walter Pelham, Wallis Mackay, Theodore Drew, E. Farley, A. C. Hunter, F. Howell, &c. Many visiting brethren journeyed from London to do honour at the installation of our worthy Bro. Wood, and amongst these were the Rev. Dr. Morris, Dr. Malcolm, J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, W. S. Daniel S.W. 1541, W. Higgins, T. Coleman, W. Mackay, W. F. Taunton, J. D. Langton, T. Drew, E. Farley, D. J. Chester, T. Denne, E. E. Cooper, J. Hillier, Mark Rest, A. C. Hunter, &c.

St. James's Lodge, No. 1579.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, the 24th inst., at the George Inn, Enfield, Bro. Cusworth W.M. presiding. Among the Visitors present was Bro. Levander Prov. Grand Sec. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. Roach was passed to the second degree. This being the Installation Meeting, Bro. George Henry Jaffa, of Edmonton House, Edmonton, the W.M. elect, was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Cusworth, in a way that elicited unqualified approbation. The W.M. then appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Hobbs S.W., Iron J.W., Everdell S.D., Rudd J.D., Tegg I.G., Greenwood D.C., and Weld Steward. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren were entertained at a banquet, when the usual toasts were proposed, Bro. Levander returned thanks for the Provincial Grand Officers.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 22nd inst., there were present—Bros. A. Jones W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., E. C. Porter J.W., J. Wells S.D., Gasson J.D., Bellerby I.G., F. Millsom, J. J. Clarke, Tink Brown. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bros. F. Millsom and Clarke candidates. Bro. Tucker delivered the lecture on the Tracing Board, in a very able manner. Bros. Bellerby and Millsom answered the questions leading to third degree. Bro. Preceptor Tucker was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and the Lodge was closed in due form with solemn prayer.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—A meeting was held on Monday, 19th January, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Pringle W.M., Forss S.W., Scherbohm J.W., Allison Sec., Robinson S.D., Hubbert J.D., Kendall I.G., Hogg P.M. Preceptor; also Anning W.M. 1625, Tyler, Robertson, Emery, Hamley, C. Kendall, Allison jun., and Stephens. The Lodge was opened, and after minutes of previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Pringle took the obligation as Master elect, and was duly installed as W.M. by Bro. Anning. Bro. Pringle after being installed invested the Officers in a very creditable manner. The third degree was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Pringle, in a very able manner, a vote of thanks being unanimously accorded for the same. The sum of five guineas was voted to the "Aged Freemasons," and ordered to be placed on Bro. G. H. Stephens' list.

Obituary.

DIED, on the 15th proximo, after a lingering illness, Bro. David Pullen P.M. St. Luko's Lodge, No. 144, aged 58 years, regretted by all who knew him. Bro. Pullen was for over thirty years in the service of Sir Brandreth Gibbs, corner of Half Moon-street, Piccadilly, Secretary of the Smithfield Club. Bro. Pullen was Assistant Secretary. For his urbanity and courtesy in that office the exhibitors just before his illness, gave him a dinner at St. James's Hall, at which about fifty subscribers sat down, presided over by Mr. Gordon, M.P. He was then presented with a testimonial, consisting of a silver tea and coffee service, and a purse containing 500 sovereigns. The deceased was buried at Brompton Cemetery, and followed by his two sons, Mr. David and Mr. Charles Pullen, his two sons-in-law, Mr. Owen and Mr. Collins, brother-in-law, Mr. Tod, Sir Brandreth Gibbs, Bros. Dr. Regan, Ayshford, and Wm. Mann P.M. 180, &c. We noticed around the grave Bros. Unite P.M., Maples P.M., Warland P.M., Allen P.M., Ardin P.M., Wood, Markland, Holland; and Messrs. Scholefield, Curtis, &c.

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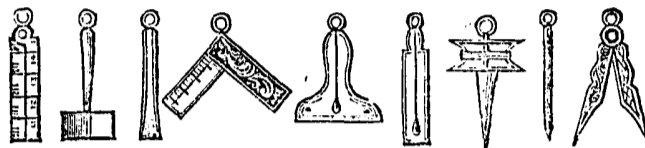
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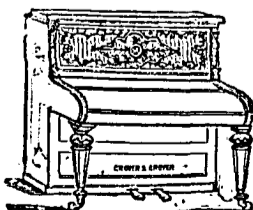
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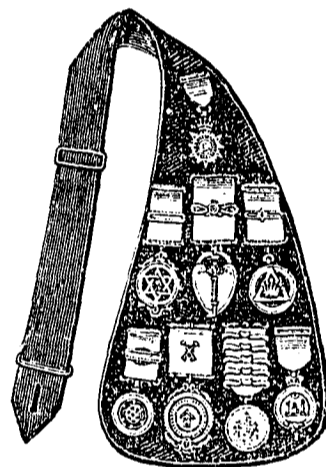
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