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## THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AS will be seen from our report, in another part of this issue, of the Committee Meeting of the Benevolent Institution, held last Wednesday, the services of Colonel John Allen Lloyd-Philipps have been secured as Chairman for the Festival of next year in connection with that Institution, and we take this early opportunity of wishing him and his Province of South Wales (Western Division) every success. We must also offer our congratulations to Bro. Terry and the Committee on the Brother they have secured to advocate the claims of the Institution. Looking to the past seven years, we find that the Province over which Colonel Lloyd-Philipps presides has not been niggardly in its support of the three Charities. At the last twenty-one Festivals held in connection with the three, we find them figuring at nine, their contributions totalling up to £608 14s for the Boys, £536 5s for the Girls, besides contributing in 1875 towards a total of £464 10s raised by the two divisions of South Wales and Monmouthshire conjointly; and £235 10s to the Benevolent, or a total of £1,380 9s, beyond the unknown contribution of 1875 already referred to. These figures show that South Wales (West) is not unmindful of the wants of the less fortunate members of the Craft, and leads us to hope for a successful gathering next year. We may add that, according to Grand Lodge Calendar of the current year, there are nine Lodges in the District presided over by Colonel Lloyd-Philipps.

## QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE October Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Tavern on Saturday last. Col. Creton, Grand Treasurer, presided. Bro. H. A. Dubois, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Joshua Nunn, Vice-President, moved—

"That in the opinion of the House Committee it is desirable to erect a swimming bath for the use of the girls, and that application be made to the Quarterly Court to sanction the expenditure of a sum not exceeding £2000 for the above purpose."

There was room, he said, in the grounds near the laundry for such a bath, and it would be desirable that the girls should be taught swimming. Bro. Thomas Ruddock (Huddersfield) seconded the motion, which was also supported by Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. No. 22. Bro. Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire read the following letter he had received on the subject:—

10 Birchln-lane, Manchester,  
6th Oct. 1881.

To the Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire.

Dear Bro. Chadwick,—I see that on the 8th the subscribers to the Girls' School are to be asked to sanction an expenditure of £2000 for a swimming bath for the girls. Now this, I presume will, if allowed, be taken from the funds of the Institution, and if so, I, as the duly appointed Charity Representative of Integrity Lodge, 163, most respectfully enter my protest. Swimming is not a necessary, although a desirable, part of a girl's education. The word charity may be applied in a very many ways, but I have yet to learn that swimming is one. When we send our donations and annual subscriptions to the Secretary we do so with the firm belief that it will be applied to-

wards the clothing, feeding, and educating the girls. If, however, the majority attending the Court think differently, I must bow to their opinion, but it certainly will influence my future action. If a few brethren thought fit to subscribe a sum of £2000 on the express condition that it should be devoted to the purpose of providing a swimming bath for the girls, then I should not have a fault to find; but to take it out of the money that was certainly never subscribed for such a purpose is wrong. As you are going up to London to-morrow, I trust I may not be troubling you too much by asking you to kindly convey my idea to the proper quarter, thereby obliging, yours fraternally,

(Signed), JOHN SALMON P.Z. 163,

P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire.''

The motion was carried by twenty-seven votes against fourteen. Brother E. Letchworth, for Brother Frank Richardson, Vice Patron, moved "that the rank of Honorary Vice Patron be conferred upon Bro. Charles Hammerton, in recognition of his valuable services to the Institution." Bro. Letchworth said that Bro. Hammerton, who was an eminent brewer in the south of London, had had the contract for supplying the Institution with beer, but, whenever a cheque was handed to him for the amount, which was usually £100 or £150, he always handed it back. When he became a member of the House Committee, of course he had to give up his contract, as no contractor for the supply of articles to the Institution could be on the Committee. Nevertheless, he had most generously presented the Institution with beer during the year. The motion, which was seconded by Bro. S. Rawson, was carried unanimously. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell moved, and Bro. Edmonston seconded, the following additional paragraph to Law XVI.:—"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with Lodges of Instruction) which has paid to the Institution a sum not less than one hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same; and further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than two hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right." Bro. John G. Stevens, P.M. 554, &c., opposed the motion. He was quite sure the brethren acted as Secretaries for the love of the thing, and did not require any recognition of their services. He had been President of one, and Secretary of another such Association, and he should be very sorry to have it imagined he looked for recognition. Bro. Wyllie, Manchester, thought the Associations should settle the matter among themselves, and if a brother had shown great energy as Secretary, they could say he should have some of the votes. He thought the Institution already gave sufficient votes for the money paid into its coffers. The motion was rejected by a large majority. Bro. Edmonston gave notice of a renewal of the motion on a subsequent occasion. The brethren then proceeded to elect fifteen girls, and at the declaration of the poll, the following was found to be the result:—

## SUCCESSFUL.

| No. on List | Name                             | Forward | To-day | Total |
|-------------|----------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 18          | Hare Gertrude May . . .          | —       | 2115   | 2115  |
| 9           | Walters Nellie Louise . . .      | 316     | 1576   | 1892  |
| 13          | Byers Ruth . . .                 | —       | 1778   | 1778  |
| 7           | Wyman Constance Faith . . .      | 1025    | 730    | 1755  |
| 10          | Orridge Edith Mary (last) . . .  | 1125    | 554    | 1679  |
| 19          | Ainsworth Dorothy Annie . . .    | —       | 1618   | 1618  |
| 6           | Cleaver Alice Gertrude . . .     | 173     | 1403   | 1576  |
| 22          | Taylor Jane Mildred (last) . . . | —       | 1545   | 1545  |
| 23          | Wooton Millicent Flora . . .     | —       | 1531   | 1531  |
| 1           | Brown Edith (last) . . .         | 110     | 1310   | 1420  |
| 20          | Inglis Hannah Margaret . . .     | —       | 1409   | 1409  |
| 17          | Mallet Eliza Jane . . .          | —       | 1403   | 1403  |
| 11          | Haigh Louisa Amelia . . .        | —       | 1351   | 1351  |
| 16          | Newman Florence Parsons . . .    | —       | 1283   | 1283  |
| 5           | Turner Annie Elizabeth . . .     | 45      | 1215   | 1260  |

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UNSUCCESSFUL.

| No on List | Name                           | Forward | To-day | Total |
|------------|--------------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 15         | Hill Maud Mary F . . .         | —       | 1245   | 1245  |
| 8          | Shrapnel Lillian Mary S . .    | 492     | 720    | 1212  |
| 21         | Sherrington Mary Louise . .    | —       | 1174   | 1174  |
| 24         | Banister Charlotte Elizabeth . | —       | 547    | 547   |
| 3          | Nicholls Augusta Helen . .     | 79      | 386    | 465   |
| 12         | Hopkins Mabel Elizabeth . .    | —       | 110    | 110   |
| 2          | McKinney Margaret (last) . .   | 19      | 54     | 73    |
| 14         | Lister Elsie . . .             | —       | 28     | 28    |
| 4          | Fry Martha Jane Chonles . .    | 6       | 13     | 19    |

The proceedings closed, with votes of thanks to the scrutineers and chairman.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., V.P., moved, on behalf of the House Committee—"That a special account in the names of the Trustees of the 'General Fund' be opened with the London and Westminster Bank, Limited, Bloomsbury Branch, to be called 'The Royal Masonic Institution for Boys Preparatory School Building Fund;' That such Fund shall be left to accumulate by donations and interest thereon, as may accrue from time to time, until it shall amount to the sum of £8000, when the 'House and Building Committee' shall be authorised to commence the erection of the Building on plans approved and adopted after due consideration; That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life Governor of the Institution, shall receive two votes instead of one vote, for every Five Guineas contributed (Ladies and Lewises receiving four votes) to the 'Special Building Fund;' That in the event of the Building Fund not reaching the required sum, the amount contributed, with the accumulated interest thereon, may be transferred to the General Fund of the Institution, in accordance with Resolution of a General Court on notice of motion duly given. He said the subject had been fully considered by the committee, and it was felt that the time had come when a Preparatory School should be established. It had been referred to the Committee to make a selection of a site for a new building, or of premises which would be suitable for the purpose of such an Institution, and they had come to the conclusion that the most eligible would be their own ground opposite the School-house at Wood Green. It was the intention to put in the building the junior boys on the list, as they were elected, as it frequently happened that though the greatest precautions were taken the candidates could read before they were placed on the list, when they were elected they little more than knew their A B C. Some £7,000, or £8,000, was not laid out on their Institution for children like these. It was thought they might have a building capable of accommodating 150 such boys, though at first they would only make it for 50. If they could not get as much as £8000, he proposed that at the end of two years, on notice duly given, the sum collected should be transferred to the General Fund. He thought one good way of subscribing the money would be for Lodges and Chapters to cut off one banquet a-year, and send the amount such banquet, if had, would cost to the Preparatory School Building Fund. But he felt sure he should not appeal in vain to the Craft for the necessary funds. The motion was seconded by Bro. J. Constable. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, while agreeing with the mover of the resolution, thought that £8,000 was a large amount to require for a Preparatory School. Such a School was necessary, as although precautions were taken against placing children on the list who were unable to read, children of that class did get elected. There were great difficulties in the way of guarding against this, because people who gave certificates that a child could read tolerably well, fairly well, or well for his age, were afraid of injuring the child's interest. While advocating a Preparatory School, he would have it done at the least possible expense, while done well. Bro. A. J. Duff-Filer, P.G.S.B., would recommend that there should be a banquet in aid of the Fund. Bro. E. F. Storr, P.M. No. 22, did not see why outsiders should be privileged to two votes for the same money as the contributors to the General Fund paid. He himself paid eleven guineas the other day, and got only the usual votes, but if he had given it to the Building Fund, he would receive double the number of votes. He thought the funds of the Institution would suffer by the additional privileges being given for subscriptions to the Building Fund. Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, was in favour of a Preparatory School, but Bro. Stewart's motion proposed to increase the number of boys in the Institution from 230 to 380. They had no funds to fall back upon to support such an increase in their numbers. The least sum they ought to have funded before they did such a thing was £50,000; indeed they should have £100,000. Although Bro. Binckes had been very successful in former years, they might have a bad year, and having no permanent income they might have to reduce their numbers. He must point out also that the sums of money paid by different Provinces for Perpetual Presentations could not be touched, and whatever happened, the boys in the School under those Presentations must be kept. He was afraid that the privilege of extra votes would, while bringing the necessary funds for the new building, deprive the Festival of next June of subscriptions. Bro. Binckes (Secretary) in reply to Bro. Storr, said before the extra votes could be given for a five guinea subscription to the Building Fund the donor must be a Life Governor of the General Fund. The motion would be altered to render that clear by inserting after the words, "That any donor, on completion of his or her qualification as a Life Governor," the words "of the General Fund." The motion, as altered, was then carried unanimously. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell, W.M.

No. 172, moved, and Bro. George King, P.M. No. 172, seconded the following addition to law 16:—"The Secretary for the time being of a Masonic Charitable Association (such as those usually associated with Lodges of Instruction), which has paid to the Institution a sum of not less than one hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, be entitled to the honorary rank of a Life Governor, and to all the privileges of the same; and, further, the Secretary of an Association which has paid to the Institution during his Secretaryship a sum of not less than two hundred guineas, shall, upon proof thereof, on his retiring from such office, or on the Association ceasing to exist, be entitled to all the privileges of a Life Governor in his own right." Bro. F. Binckes supported the motion, having long thought there should be some recognition of the arduous exertions made by the brethren referred to in the motion. Bro. Hopekirk, P.M. and Treasurer No. 179, also approved of the motion. Bro. Godtschalk thought it would be unfair to Stewards for Provinces who bore all the expense of travelling in their Provinces to collect subscriptions. They did not ask for any of it back again. They had also to pay two guineas for a Steward's fee. The merits of the two cases would not bear the slightest examination. The Secretary of one of these Associations just received the money that was brought to him. Each of the Stewardships he (Bro. Godtschalk) had served had cost him £35 or £40, and he did not want any bonus vote. It was a thing he much objected to; Stewards did what they did for the cause of suffering humanity. The motion was lost by a large majority. Bro. Cumberland suggested that when there were important notices of motion like the above on the paper, which required careful consideration, they should be sent to Life Governors, and not merely advertised. The election for twelve boys was then taken, the list consisting of 62 candidates. The following is the result:—

SUCCESSFUL.

| No. no List | Names                      | Forward | To-day | Total |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| 48          | Bottomley Albert Wm. . .   | —       | 2227   | 2227  |
| 8           | Watson William Renwick . . | 631     | 1542   | 2173  |
| 40          | Mott Pierce Henry . . .    | 1113    | 1045   | 2158  |
| 53          | Motion William Gideon . .  | —       | 2146   | 2146  |
| 27          | Thompson Clement Wm. . .   | 113     | 1976   | 2089  |
| 59          | Leviok Christopher . . .   | —       | 2035   | 2035  |
| 25          | Booth Frederic . . .       | 326     | 1676   | 2002  |
| 37          | Kirkby Alfred . . .        | 821     | 1163   | 1984  |
| 15          | Langdon James . . .        | 526     | 1450   | 1976  |
| 22          | Wortley George . . .       | 1253    | 723    | 1976  |
| 1           | Fellows Arthur . . .       | 1311    | 641    | 1952  |
| 51          | Wilson George . . .        | —       | 1948   | 1948  |

UNSUCCESSFUL.

|    |                               |      |      |      |
|----|-------------------------------|------|------|------|
| 5  | Lee Sidney Edward . . .       | 1134 | 732  | 1866 |
| 23 | Jordison Hugh Lloyd . . .     | 950  | 880  | 1830 |
| 18 | Burgess Harold Thomas . .     | 274  | 1509 | 1783 |
| 14 | Gurney Charles Aubrey . .     | 1225 | 483  | 1708 |
| 41 | Ashdown Arthur Durham . .     | 352  | 1310 | 1662 |
| 10 | Clark Frederick Arthur . .    | 667  | 903  | 1570 |
| 62 | Roe Frederick Swyer . . .     | —    | 1472 | 1472 |
| 12 | Ecclestone Henry A . . .      | 1087 | 290  | 1377 |
| 26 | Stanford William Bryant . .   | 765  | 573  | 1338 |
| 32 | Fowke Alexander W . . .       | 122  | 1030 | 1152 |
| 21 | Jones Cleophas C B . . .      | 321  | 745  | 1066 |
| 63 | Truman Hugh Beckett . .       | —    | 1058 | 1058 |
| 19 | Hill George Wm King . . .     | 887  | 163  | 1050 |
| 44 | Crow Charlie John . . .       | 249  | 736  | 985  |
| 38 | Taylor George William . .     | 442  | 521  | 963  |
| 3  | Neville Fredk. John . . .     | 528  | 222  | 750  |
| 36 | Stewart Charles Edward . .    | 293  | 418  | 711  |
| 11 | Jones Wm. Vincent B . . .     | 169  | 456  | 625  |
| 43 | Willet George Cross . . .     | 100  | 387  | 487  |
| 24 | Liversidge Charles Percy . .  | 147  | 334  | 481  |
| 42 | Skelton Fred. Francis . . .   | 243  | 232  | 475  |
| 60 | Botting Alfred Henry . . .    | —    | 447  | 447  |
| 2  | Goldsbrough Jno. Tom . . .    | 350  | 2    | 352  |
| 34 | Sanderson Charles Jesse . .   | 2    | 244  | 246  |
| 46 | Jones Geoffrey Stuart . . .   | 32   | 188  | 220  |
| 65 | O'Doherty Chas. Patrick . .   | —    | 205  | 205  |
| 28 | Crabb Tom Walcot . . .        | 49   | 120  | 169  |
| 6  | *Ball Edward Thomas . . .     | 163  | 3    | 166  |
| 29 | Long Joseph William . . .     | 144  | 10   | 154  |
| 49 | Hewett John Herbert . . .     | —    | 144  | 144  |
| 61 | Tettenborn Arthur J . . .     | —    | 112  | 112  |
| 17 | Farrar Ethelbert . . .        | 1    | 104  | 105  |
| 54 | Simpson Edward Henry . . .    | —    | 102  | 102  |
| 13 | Escott Charles Leopold . .    | 94   | —    | 94   |
| 45 | Cummings Charles Brown . .    | 35   | 44   | 79   |
| 33 | Padney Frederick . . .        | 61   | 15   | 76   |
| 16 | Collinson James . . .         | 27   | 18   | 45   |
| 31 | Humphrey John . . .           | 21   | 20   | 41   |
| 47 | Cook Frederick John . . .     | 1    | 37   | 38   |
| 39 | Windross John Benjamin . .    | 2    | 36   | 38   |
| 35 | Sowdon Sidney . . .           | 26   | 4    | 30   |
| 52 | Potter George . . .           | —    | 27   | 27   |
| 56 | Templeman James P G . . .     | —    | 20   | 20   |
| 58 | Hurden John Henry . . .       | —    | 14   | 14   |
| 55 | Wyatt Augustine Wm. . . .     | —    | 10   | 10   |
| 50 | Nicholson Thomas M . . .      | —    | 7    | 7    |
| 57 | Pringle William James . . .   | —    | 6    | 6    |
| 4  | Pratt Robert Williamson . .   | 2    | 3    | 5    |
| 30 | Hill Reginald Ang. L . . .    | 3    | —    | 3    |
| 7  | Lning Herber L. (withdrawn) . | 22   | —    | 22   |
| 9  | Gunnell Wm. P (withdrawn) .   | 371  | 3    | 374  |
| 20 | Sisley Walter J (withdrawn) . | 188  | —    | 188  |
| 64 | Jackson Charles Ernest . . .  | —    | —    | —    |

\* Will be removed from List, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful under Law 52.

## COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, Colonel Creton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. The others present were Brothers Joseph Henry Leggett, C. A. Cottebrune, G. Bolton, John Bulmer, J. Newton, C. G. Diller, John G. Stevens, James Brett, Dr. Jabez Hogg, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, Thomas W. C. Bush, S. Rawson, Henry Smith, William Hale, Charles John Perceval, Raynham W. Stewart, William Stephens, A. H. Tattershall, Edgar Bowyer, Thomas Cubitt, James Willing jun., Frederick Adlard, Richard Hervé Girard, William Hilton, James Terry (Secretary). The Secretary reported the death of three annuitants; he also informed the Committee that Bro. Colonel John Allen Lloyd-Philipps, Provincial Grand Master for the Western Division of South Wales, had kindly consented to preside at the next Festival of the Institution, to be held in February 1882. The Finance Committee's report, showing a balance of £1,340 8s 4d, was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Two candidates were placed on the list for election in May. Bros. R. W. Stewart, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, W. Hilton, W. Stephens, C. J. Perceval, Charles Lacey, and George Bolton were appointed a Committee to revise the Bye-Laws, and a special general meeting to consider any alterations was appointed for 9th November, at a quarter to four p.m. The Committee then adjourned.

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

**Eboracum Conclave, No. 137.**—The regular meeting of this body was held at York, on Wednesday, 5th October, when Bro. C. G. Padel the M.P.S. presided. There were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.G. unattached, G. Simpson V.E., M. Millington S.G., A. T. B. Turner J.G., W. B. Dyson Rec., T. Humphries S.B., &c. Bro. J. C. Thompson was duly received and installed as a member of the Order by the M.P.S., Bro. Whytehead acting as Prefect. The St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were subsequently opened, and these degrees were conferred upon Bro. Thompson, Bro. Whytehead acting as Commander, and Bro. Millington as Conductor.

**SACRED HARMONIC SOCIETY.**—This great Musical Institution commences its Fiftieth Season on Friday, 11th November, at James's Hall, with a performance of Handel's "Judas Maccabæus," Sir Michael Costa still fulfilling the position of Conductor, which he has, with so much honour to himself and the Society, held for thirty-four years. As the Society is now entering upon its Jubilee Year, it may perhaps be not inappropriate to refer to the object for which the Society was established, viz., to give the best performances of the best Sacred works of the greatest Composers, and to recall to memory the manner in which that object has been carried out. The Society restored and fully established the practice of giving complete Oratorios, instead of selections made up of fragments detached from the several works to which they belonged; and in so doing revived Handel's "Judas Maccabæus," "Israel in Egypt," "Samson," "Solomon," "Joshua," "Saul," "Jephthah," "Deborah," "Athaliah," and "Belshazzar." It gave the first performance in London of Mendelssohn's "St. Paul," "Elijah," and "Christus;" Costa's "Eli" and "Naaman;" Benedict's "Legend of St. Cecilia;" Neukomm's "David;" Macfarren's "St. John the Baptist;" Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch;" Elvey's "Resurrection and Ascension;" Griesbach's "Daniel," and Psalms by Spohr and Dr. Crotch; and the only performance in London of Bach's "St. Matthew Passion" in its entirety. It has exhibited the wealth of our English Cathedral music, as well as the finest Latin Church music, and has brought forward Rossini's "Moses in Egypt" in an English form, and restored it to its original position as an oratorio. It has, by its numerous performances, familiarised the public with the great works of Handel, Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Mendelssohn, Spohr, Rossini, Cherubini, Dr. Crotch, and many others; and has also had the sole direction of the musical arrangements of the nine Handel Festivals given at the Crystal Palace, besides being entrusted with the control of the musical ceremonies in connection with all our great International Exhibitions. The following works are to be produced during the season.—Handel's "Solomon" and "Messiah;" Macfarren's "St. John the Baptist;" Gounod's "Messe Solennelle;" Beethoven's "Mount of Olives;" Sullivan's "Martyr of Antioch;" Haydn's "Creation;" Mendelssohn's "Elijah" and "42nd Psalm;" Costa's "Eli," and a new Te Deum by W. G. Cousins. The vocalists engaged are Mesdames Marie Roze, Anna Williams, Robertson, Annie Marriot, Mary Davies, Avigliana, and Jessie Jones (soprano); Mesdames Patey, Enriquez, and M. Hancock (contraltos). Messrs. Vernon Rigby, Edward Lloyd, Joseph Maas, Henry Gny, and G. T. Carter (tenors); Messrs. Santley, Lewis Thomas, Bridson, F. King, Burgon, Chaplin Henry (basses). It is intended by the Committee to use every exertion to make the approaching fiftieth season among the most memorable ever given by the Society. The band, as heretofore, will comprise the most eminent members of the musical profession, and Mr. Willing continues his post as Organist.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Good Spirits.—Every one has frequently experienced sudden personal changes from gaiety to gloom. The wind and weather oftentimes receive the blame when a faulty digestion is alone the cause of the depression. Holloway's Pills can be honestly recommended for harmoniously attuning circulation and respiration; disturbance of the balance of which produces a sense of fulness and oppression after eating. They clear the furred tongue, and wholesomely stimulate the liver, and act as a gentle aperient to the bowels. They healthfully rouse both body and mind. Holloway's Pills are the best known antidotes for want of appetite, nausea, flatulency, heartburn, languor, depression, and that apathy so characteristic of chronic derangement of the digestion.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—This eminent Chapter of Improvement commenced its meetings for the season on Tuesday, the 4th instant, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. As it is well-known to be one of the best schools in which Royal Arch Masons can receive instruction, all its meetings are well attended. It has the services of a Preceptor, who while strictly adhering to the ritual of Royal Arch Masonry, corrects any little fault with a kindness and urbanity that makes his instruction a pleasure to all who receive it. At the opening meeting Comp. F. Brown occupied the chair of Z., Briggs H., Maidwell J., Webb N., Gillard P.S., and the following Companions were present:—Thones, Walker, Pocock, Lawrence, Greenwood, Phillips, King, Edmonds and Swain. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Phillips being the candidate. When it is known that Comp. F. Brown was the First Principal, it is needless to say that the ceremony was performed in a most efficient manner. At the conclusion, Comp. Phillips, of the West Smithfield Chapter, 1623, was elected a member, and the Chapter was adjourned. Another meeting of the Chapter was held at the Jamaica Tavern, on Tuesday evening, the 11th of October, when Comp. Brown was again placed in the chair of Z., Payne H., Rowe J., Webb N., Gillard P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, Comp. Nottley being the candidate. The following Companions were present:—Lardner, Maidwell, Webb, H. D'Arcy, H. Thompson (M.E.Z. 1619), Pocock, Greenwood, Lawrence, Carter 171. Visitors: W. Palmer Thones 429, Storr, J. S. Fraser, Walker, Land and H. T. Thompson. Comp. W. Land, No. 25, was admitted a member of this Chapter. The following were elected Officers for the ensuing fortnight:—Lardner Z., Edmonds H., Rowe J., Webb N., and Nottley P.S. The Chapter was then closed in due form, and adjourned until Tuesday, 18th Oct., at seven o'clock.

**North Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.**—The Companions held their weekly meeting at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Thursday, 6th instant. Present—Comps. W. J. Crutch M.E.Z., J. Osborn H., T. Cull J., J. E. Sheffield Acting S.E., J. P. Parkes S.N., R. Percy P.S., G. R. Hunter Acting Preceptor; also Comps. G. H. Gillham, J. Laurence, H. P. Isaac, S. E. Moss, J. Gibbs, T. Hyland, G. Gregory, and others. The Chapter having been declared open, the minutes of the previous Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gregory acting as candidate. Votes of thanks were recorded on the minutes to Comps. Crutch and Cull, for the very able, efficient, and impressive manner in which they had discharged the duties of Z. and J. respectively, for the first time in this Chapter. Comps. W. J. Crutch, Gladsmuir Chapter, G. Gregory, St. Martin's-le-Grand 1538, J. Lawrence, Domatic 177, T. Cull, Clapton, 1365 were unanimously elected members. There being no other business, the Chapter was closed and adjourned to the following Thursday evening.

The Fitzroy Chapter, No. 569, will be consecrated at the Armoury, Honourable Artillery Company, Finsbury, on Friday, 21st inst., at 4 p.m. The ceremony of Consecration and Installation of Principals will be performed by the Grand Scribe E. of England, the Most Excellent Companion Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.Z. P.P.G.S., assisted by Excellent Companions Sir John Monckton P.G.D. as H., Rev. R. G. Simpson P.G.C. as J., P. de Lande Long as D.C. Companions H. J. Adams P.M. 569, P.Z. 11, 1237, is the M.E.Z. designate, A. Durrant P.M. and P.Z. 1185 H. designate, F. J. Stohwasser W.M. 569 J. designate, and William H. Bateman W.M. 171, P.M. 12, Scribe E. The musical arrangements will be under the direction of Comp. Fountain Meen.

The party to accompany the Prince and Princess of Wales on the occasion of their visit to Swansea, on Monday next, will consist of the Duke of Beaufort, K.G., Earl and Countess Spencer, Earl Northbrook and Lady Emma Baring, Lord Kensington, M.P., General Sir Dighton Probyn, and Colonel Clarke, Equerry to the Prince of Wales. Their Royal Highnesses have expressed a desire that their arrival on Monday evening shall not give rise to any demonstration. They have also stated that they will not be able to attend the Freemasons' ball that evening. The arrival in Swansea will be as near 5.30 as possible. The batteries of the Royal Naval Artillery Volunteers, which have been raised in the town during the last few weeks, will precede the other Volunteers in the march past before the Prince.

The ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of the new buildings of the Princess Helena College, at Ealing, by his Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, accompanied by their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess Christian, has been unavoidably postponed for the present.



## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 167.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead. Bro. George Davis the W.M. of the past year opened the Lodge, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Edmund A. Dutton S.W. W.M. elect, S. Dowling J.W., J. R. Thompson P.M. Secretary, J. G. Humphreys S.D., W. Wilkinson J.D., H. Hollis P.M. D.C., E. Storr I.G., J. Yeomans, J. Warre, and J. Eldridge P.M.'s; F. Adlard P.M. No. 7 Hon. Member. The following Visitors were also present:—E. E. Barratt-Kidder S.W. 12, S. Elborn P.M. 511, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, R. Davis P.M. 1288, W. Gorwill 1366, John Osborn W.M. 1602, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732, &c. The usual preliminaries having been observed, Lodge was advanced, and the W.M. elect having been presented, was obligated, and then regularly installed. He appointed the following as his Officers:—Dowling S.W., Humphreys J.W., Rowe P.M. Treasurer (in his absence Bro. Eldridge was invested with the collar on his behalf), Thompson Secretary, Wilkinson S.D., Storr J.D., J. Potter I.G., Hollis D.C., Walsall Steward. Three brethren were elected to act as Trustees of the Benevolent Fund, and Lodge was closed. Bro. P.M. Adlard desired to express on this, his first visit to the Lodge since the members had so kindly elected him as an honorary member, his sense of the compliment conferred on him. He was gratified to say, that during the fifty years he had been a Mason he had had several honours conferred on him, but he felt that the action of the members of the St. John's Lodge, in which he had spent so many happy hours, was the one he should most prize for the remainder of his lifetime. The brethren, at the conclusion of the business, sat down to banquet, under the presidency of Bro. Dutton, and the usual toasts followed. Bro. Davis I.P.M. gave that of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. The brethren would require to look back many years to find so young a Worshipful Master as the one who now presided over them; still he felt and hoped that he would prove himself as efficient as most of those who had preceded him. Bro. Davis hoped he might, during his year of office, have plenty of work, in order that he could show his ability, and that at the termination of his Mastership the brethren would be able to say he had performed all the work required of him creditably. The W.M. thanked the brethren. If there was anything distasteful to him on such occasions it was to reply when his health was proposed; he could only say he thanked them all from the bottom of his heart, and although he felt Bro. Davis had said more than he really deserved, he should endeavour to show that such was not the case. He hoped he should have the assistance of the Past Masters, as he considered the Lodge was greatly indebted to them for what they had done in the past. He could but feel that he laboured under one very great disadvantage, following as he did so able a worker as Brother Davis; and while he (Bro. Dutton) felt it would be useless trying to eclipse that brother, he should still try his best, though he was aware it would prove to be far short of what Bro. Davis had accomplished. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. He was sure all who had heard the ceremony of installation could but feel gratified at the way in which it had been worked. Bro. Davis was well known as a Masonic Preceptor, and naturally they expected something good from him; but he thought he had that evening really excelled himself. As regarded his working during the past year, it could be said that he had carried out the duties of the chair most satisfactorily. At the last meeting it had been decided to present him with a jewel, and that jewel he had now the pleasure of placing on the breast of Bro. Davis, and in the name of the St. John's Lodge to wish him long life and health to wear it. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"Presented by the St. John's Lodge, No. 167,  
to Bro. Geo. Davis,

in acknowledgment of his services as W.M. during the year 1881."

Bro. Davis tendered his thanks. He little thought a few years since when, at the time of his initiation, Bro. Adlard had said that he then knew but little of what Freemasonry really was, that he should so soon be called upon to reply as a Past Master of the Lodge. He could look back upon the past few years with great pleasure. He hoped his labours in Freemasonry had not been entirely in vain; they had certainly been labours of love. He trusted he might be spared for many years to be present in the St. John's Lodge, and hoped he might always be looked upon with the same amount of consideration as had been the case that night. He could but refer with pride to the handsome present the members had thought fit to make him, and he trusted they would never have cause to regret the action they had taken as regarded him. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, to whom he tendered a most fraternal greeting. He hoped the work they had witnessed that night had not seemed detrimental to them; on the contrary, that they had been interested in it. Bro. Osborn replied, specially referring to the ability shown by the I.P.M. in the ceremony he had performed. The Master, in giving the toast of the P.M.'s, Treasurer, and Secretary, again hoped he might have their co-operation during his term of office. He felt the members one and all wished them long life, and looked forward to seeing them on many future occasions. Each of the P.M.'s having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Officers, which also was acknowledged by each of those present. The Tyler then gave the concluding toast, and the brethren separated.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE members of this Lodge held their annual meeting on Saturday, the 10th inst., at the Cannon Street Hotel, City. Bro. Thomas Hamer was the outgoing W.M., and he presided at the opening of the

Lodge. He was supported by the following Officers:—Bro. C. Taylor S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Kibble J.W., R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Sec., F. J. C. Keeble S.D., W. Baber J.D., F. W. Potter D.C., G. Jenkins Organist, R. Fendick I.G., J. T. Skinner Steward, and a fair attendance of members and visitors. Having opened the Lodge and confirmed the minutes the ballot was brought into requisition and proved favourable for Messrs. John William Benn and J. Kebell Gwyn, who were initiated into the Order. The Lodge was then advanced, and the W.M. elect being presented, was obligated, and in due course installed into the chair. Having been saluted he appointed his Officers, the following brethren being invested with the respective collars:—Bros. Kibble S.W., Keeble J.W., Simpson Chaplain, Headon Treas., Blackie Sec., Baber S.D., Fendick J.D., Potter I.G., Jenkins Organist, Bower D.C., Skinner and Durrant Stewards, Potter Tyler. The latter brother was elected in place of the late Bro. W. Steedman, the voice of the Lodge being unanimous in his favour. Bro. Hamer having given the addresses, and the ceremony of installation being completed, the auditors presented their report, which was adopted. The sum of one guinea was voted to a brother who appealed to the Lodge, and a proposition for an initiate was handed in. Letters of condolence with the family of a late member, and also with that of Bro. Steedman, were ordered to be sent, the latter to contain an expression of the approval of the brethren of the way in which Brother Steedman had performed his duties during the time he had acted as Tyler of the Lodge. After the transaction of some other items of business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the large Hall, where banquet was served. At its conclusion, and after grace, the W.M. gave the usual toasts—those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and the Grand Officers, each in turn receiving attention. Bro. Rev. R. J. Simpson, replying to the latter, thanked the brethren for their hearty reception at all times of the toast. He trusted one of the earliest works Grand Lodge would be called upon to perform would be to pass a vote of condolence with the family of the late Brother President Garfield. As far as he was personally concerned, he might say that, however much he appreciated the honours of Grand Lodge, he more appreciated the compliments paid him in The Great City Lodge, of which he might say, without fear of contradiction, that it occupied the most prominent position among the Lodges in the Metropolis. Bro. Hamer proposed the next toast; it was one always well received in The Great City Lodge, but more particularly so on nights of installation, being that of the Worshipful Master. They had now in the chair a very worthy brother, one who was initiated in the Lodge, and who had worked up from the lowest office to the proud position he now filled, which was the highest honour the brethren had it in their power to bestow on any member. Bro. Hamer hoped he might enjoy health to carry out the duties of his office, and concluded by wishing Bro. Taylor, in the name of the brethren of the Lodge, health, happiness, prosperity, and success during his year of office. The W.M. said he scarcely knew how to thank the brethren sufficiently for the way in which the toast just drank had been proposed and received, and for the new office they had so kindly bestowed on him. It had always been his endeavour to fulfil the duties of every office he might find himself called upon to take to the satisfaction of all concerned, and as he felt, from the promotion he had received, that he had satisfied them in the past, he could only say that he would continue on the same lines in the future; he trusted, with as gratifying a result. A very important toast now devolved on him to propose; still he felt the brethren would receive it with that cordiality which should always be manifested in connection with the initiates. They had but one of the two brethren whom they had admitted that night among them, one (Bro. Benn) having been obliged to leave early; he hoped this would make no difference in the reception accorded to the toast, but that the members of The Great City Lodge would welcome the one remaining in the heartiest possible way. The toast was well received, and was followed by the Entered Apprentice Song, given by Bro. James Stevens P.M. The initiate having replied, the Master gave the toast of the Visitors. The Great City Lodge was always pleased to see Visitors, as he hoped Visitors were always glad to see members of the Great City. He judged by the reception given to him that The Great City Lodge was looked upon favourably by other Lodges. Bros. Paddle, Cumberland, and Duchet responded. Bro. Cumberland considered that in replying to the toast of the Visitors there were two things to be avoided—not to say much and thereby weary the brethren; or too little, for fear of omitting most of those good sentiments which should be in the breast of every Mason attending such a Lodge as The Great City. He was particularly pleased to visit a Lodge in the Metropolis, and felt there was more Masonry to be learned from frequent intercourse with each other than was possible in their own Lodges. The more brethren mixed the one with the other, the better fitted they became to knock off any little knobs or excrescences which might obtrude themselves. He then referred to the recent Masonic reception of the British Association at York, and urged on the brethren to devote their attention to the acquiring of Masonic mementoes; he thought a grand history of Freemasonry would some day be visibly based on the information to be gathered in this way, as it was continually being found that old minute books and other relics were in existence which were invaluable to the Masonic historian. The W.M. next gave the toast of the I.P.M., whom he characterised as a thorough good man and Mason. The way he had that night installed his successor into the chair was a credit not only to him, but also to the Lodge in which he had been initiated, and with which he had since been associated. The W.M. hoped he might live, and be able to perform the ceremony as well, and merit as much applause from the brethren, as Bro. Hamer had deserved and received. With regard to the other Past Masters he might truly say, they had done good and faithful service at all times, and he hoped the day was far distant when the Lodge would lose either of them. He trusted each succeeding Master might be able to maintain the good reputation and continue the good management with which they had established the Lodge on its

present basis. He had the pleasing duty of presenting to the I.P.M. the jewel which had been voted by the Lodge, which he hoped Bro. Hamer would ever consider not only as a jewel, but a testimonial placed on his breast by the members of The Great City Lodge as a token of their regard and esteem. Bro. Hamer replied. Language failed him to express the feelings of his heart. He regretted he had not been able to fulfil the duties required of him better than he had. As the first initiate of the Lodge, he wished to instal his successor, and that he had accomplished; he was sorry however, he had not been able to do it better, still he had done it to the best of his ability, and hoped the brethren would look on his efforts in that light. He was particularly obliged to Bro. Blackie for the help he had given him; his last and most pleasing duty was to thank the Lodge for the jewel they had given him; he hoped to wear it for many years, and trusted he might never bring discredit on the Lodge wherein he had gained it. The toasts of the Treasurer and Secretary, and of the Officers, were each given, heartily received, and acknowledged; after which the proceedings were brought to a conclusion by the Tyler. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. E. Blake 507, W. E. Joyce 1601, F. Page 1414, J. J. Davison P.M. 299, W. J. Upton J.W. 276, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, W. Paddle W.M. 1851, T. Poore P.M. 720, Thomas Perrin J.W. 1297, G. Barsdorf W.M. elect 1329, G. W. Downie J.D. 1815, J. Laurence 1326, J. B. Crump 1297, J. Russell 173, N. Tenet P.M. 179, W. Medwin J.W. 1613, C. J. Fox 1743, C. Fountain P.M. 1216, A. S. Harris 1728, A. S. Harrison S.W. 1269, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1611 P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorks, C. Seawill 219, F. T. Ridpath 1790, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, W. Mole 1687, F. Le Rosignol 1216, W. East 1695, J. Duchet 1867, W. Deveaux 1216, J. Huckvale 1635, C. Lorraine 1804, &c.

#### ST. MARTIN'S-LE-GRAND LODGE, No. 1538.

THE annual installation meeting of this young but increasingly popular Lodge, which is largely composed of gentlemen engaged in the General Post Office and the Civil Service, was held on Wednesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the most satisfactory auspices. There was a goodly attendance at the opening of the Lodge, which took place shortly before five o'clock, the chair being occupied by the retiring W.M., Bro. Alexander C. Moffatt, who was supported by Bros. William Gibbs S.W. and W.M. elect, William Smith, Ph.D., F.S.Sc., J.W., Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treas., J. Hookey Sec., T. J. Robertson S.D., J. P. Parkes J.D., H. F. Dickson I.G., R. J. Liversedge Steward, G. Gregory P.M., A. C. Woodward P.M., F. B. Williams P.M., Thomas T. Powell, M. J. Mumford, James M. West, Alfred Gribbell, Thomas Bates, W. Lyttel, H. Cooper, John Mutter, W. H. Archer, W. Tyrrell, Philip J. Le Gros, George Hatch, W. H. Johnson, John Garland, C. W. Brooks, Arthur Dennis, F. J. Larking, Dr. G. R. Purefoy Collis (hon. member), A. G. Flack, W. F. Knight Tyler, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. E. P. Albert P.G.P., P.M.'s C. Woolmer Williams 1275, Alfred Williams 14, T. Musgrave 1509, G. Corble 453 P.P.J.G.W. Essex, R. Robins 25, H. Faben, George Thurgood 1539; Bros. J. T. Castance 975, Thomas Horace Wilson (Calcutta), T. Snowden 90, James G. Piton 32, T. Evans 1257, and C. Warwick Jordan 1314. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, the report of the Audit Committee, which showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory financial position, was submitted and approved. The W.M. elect was then presented by Bro. Major Williams, and having answered satisfactorily the interrogatories, signified his readiness to accept the responsible position which the brethren sought to confer upon him. A Board of Installed Masters was thereupon constituted, and Bro. Gibbs was duly installed into the chair of K.S. with the customary solemnities. On the readmission of the brethren the newly-installed Worshipful Master was proclaimed, and greeted with the usual salutations. We may add the ceremony throughout was most admirably performed by the Immediate Past Master, Brother A. C. Moffatt, who delivered the charges with great elocutionary effect. At the close of the ceremony, the W.M. invested his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. Alexander C. Moffatt I.P.M., Dr. Wm. Smith S.W., T. J. Robertson J.W., Major W. E. Williams P.M. Treasurer, J. Hookey P.M. Secretary, J. P. Parkes S.D., H. F. Dixon J.D., T. Bates D.C., G. Hatch Steward, R. C. Liversedge I.G., W. F. Knight Tyler. A handsome gold Past Master's jewel was then presented to Bro. A. C. Moffatt, in token of the esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition of the admirable manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office during the preceding year. The presentation was accompanied by a congratulatory speech by the Worshipful Master, who alluded, in felicitous terms, to the substantial services which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Moffatt during the past year. The gift was suitably acknowledged by the Immediate Past Master, who promised to continue whatever aid he could towards advancing the prosperity and upholding the prestige of the Lodge. Some formal business was then transacted, after which the brethren adjourned to the Throne Room of the Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet had been prepared by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford, whose arrangements, under the personal superintendence of Bro. Henry Mills, elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. At the conclusion of the well-served repast, the Worshipful Master gave the customary Loyal toasts, in doing which he alluded, in felicitous terms, to the rapid increase of Freemasonry, under the rule of the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales. The toast was received with due honours. Then came the Grand Officers, present and past, on whose behalf Bro. E. P. Albert responded, concluding by expressing the gratification it afforded him to see the excellent manner in which the Immediate Past Master had installed his successor into the chair that day. This proved to him that the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge was following an excellent example, and that the Officers took a deep interest in the welfare of its members. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the toast of the evening,

congratulated Bro. Gibbs upon having succeeded to the chair of the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge. It was through his bashfulness that he (the speaker) occupied the exalted position that he filled last year, and he should be at Bro. Gibbs' side in the future to assist him through his year, as his predecessors had kindly and ably assisted him (Bro. Moffatt) during his tenure of office. He was sure Bro. Gibbs rightly appreciated the responsibilities of the position to which he had been elected, and that he would do his utmost to advance the best interests of the Lodge. He concluded by wishing for their new W. Master a happy and prosperous year. The toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm; and the Worshipful Master in acknowledging the compliment paid him remarked that what his worthy brother on the left had said was true—that assistance was very necessary from the Past Masters to the incoming Master in his duties; and from the able way in which Bro. Moffatt had performed the ceremony of to-day, as well as his functions as ruler of the Lodge during the year, he felt he should receive every assistance during his term should he be deficient in the fulfilment of the duties which he should try to discharge to their satisfaction. He felt by no means equal to the task, but he hoped soon to get over his little feeling of nervousness, and would endeavour to emulate the example of those who had preceded him, and to cast no discredit on the office to which, by their kindness, he had been elevated. In turn he gave the Immediate Past Master, who all must admit had acquitted himself most meritoriously during his year of office, and had given entire satisfaction to the brethren generally. The way in which he had performed the installation ceremony to-day had afforded a considerable amount of pleasure and edification to all present. The Immediate Past Master felt proud that the toast of his health had been received so cordially, although he did not know he had done more to deserve that compliment than his predecessors had done. Certainly, when he attempted the installation ceremony he had many misgivings, and he had hoped to acquit himself better than he had done. He had now attained that position which it had been his ambition to reach ever since he had been a Mason. When he was initiated in this Lodge, five years ago, he little expected to be so soon in that position, and it was entirely due to the assistance and kindness of those who had gone before him, and to the valuable support he had received from his Officers. It must please them all, both members and visitors, to see how the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge was expanding. He did not say this out of any self-pride, because he was only a unit in the Lodge; still it was a pleasure to him as a Past Master to feel that the Lodge had not gone back during his year of office. He could assure their W. Master that in the coming year he would assist him in every way in his power. He thanked the brethren most heartily for the handsome jewel which they had placed on his breast, which he accepted as a token of their esteem, and of recognition of the manner in which he had discharged the duties of his office. It was something to possess such a jewel, and he should prize it as long as he had health and strength to enable him to attend the meetings of the Lodge. It demonstrated to others that he must have done a certain amount of duty in Masonry, because, as the Worshipful Master had said, this honour could not be bought with money. A man must have gone through a certain amount of Masonic work, and therefore it was most pleasing to a Past Master to feel that the honour would not have been conferred upon him except he had to a certain extent done his duty in the high office to which he had been elected by the brethren. He had done the best he could to discharge those functions which they had a right to expect from him. He hoped his shortcomings would be forgotten, and before he sat down he begged to thank the Officers who had rendered him such valuable assistance during his year of office, and who, by his retirement, had now taken a step in advance. The Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Initiates, who had been admitted at a Lodge of emergency, when there was no opportunity for paying them the compliment he now asked them to extend to the new brethren. Bros. Gribbell and Le Gros suitably responded, expressing the pleasure it afforded them to be admitted into so distinguished and popular a Lodge. Next came the health of the Past Masters, on whose behalf Bro. Woodward P.M. replied. He regarded this Lodge as second to none in the Metropolis. It was a good way of ascertaining how a Lodge was going on, and the good feeling which pervaded its members, to see what balance they had in hand. He was proud to say the St. Martin's-le-Grand Lodge had a good balance, which showed there was unity among the members, for unless such were the case they might depend upon it the Lodge would not be in the prosperous position in which they now found it. He assured them the Past Masters were only too ready and anxious to render all the assistance in their power to the new Master, and they looked with confidence to those Officers who were coming forward to fill posts of honour in the future, and who, he hoped, would study to uphold the prestige which the Lodge had attained, by emulating the example which the Past Masters had endeavoured to set them. The toast of the Visitors was received with enthusiasm, and in responding, Bro. Alfred Williams expressed the gratification it afforded him to witness such working in so young a Lodge, and which was as satisfactory as any one could wish it to be. It was a proof to him that they were all united in purpose, and were bound together with one desire to advance the best interests of the Lodge. Bro. Musgrave also responded, in a few happily-chosen sentences. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he said he could not find words adequately to acknowledge the valuable services they had rendered to the Lodge. The satisfactory condition of the finances, to which Bro. Past Master Woodward had referred, was due in a great measure, if not entirely, to the exertions of those officers, and the admirable manner they had carried out the duties of their respective offices was deserving of all praise. Bro. Major Williams, who was received with prolonged applause, said, having had the pleasure of responding to this toast six or seven times, he could scarcely find anything fresh to tell them. He had a few remarks to make, which he thought would have been new, but Bro. Woodward

had entirely cut the ground from under him; still, as Treasurer of the Lodge, he might not be out of order in going over some little of that ground again. Bro. Woodward commented on the very prosperous position in which the Lodge now found itself. That was very gratifying for a young Lodge. The last year had been somewhat of an exceptional character, because they had made no less than nine initiates, and he was afraid they could not look forward, in these depressed times, to a similar amount of progress in the coming year. At any rate, they had a very good balance in hand, and he did not want to remain long in possession of that money, in fact, at their next meeting he thought it would be proposed that a portion of it should be given away to the various Charities. The Lodge hitherto had not sent up many members to the different Charities as Stewards, but he did hope this year at least the three Charities would be represented. He thought that would be a very good beginning, and a good way of getting rid of some of the money in hand. There was no doubt they would have a few initiates, and their finances would be well kept up. With the valuable assistance he had received from their excellent Secretary, his duties had been comparatively light, and he could assure them they had been most agreeable. He hoped so long as the G.A.O.T.U. spared him, which he trusted might be for many years, he should continue to hold the office of Treasurer of the St. Martin's-le Grand Lodge, and that he might continue to enjoy, as he believed he did at present, the confidence of the brethren. Bro. J. Hookey, as Secretary, thanked the brethren for the great kindness he had at all times received at their hands. It was a great pleasure and honour to occupy the post he now filled, and to find the Lodge in such a prosperous condition as his worthy friend and coadjutor, Bro. Major Williams, had stated. They could not expect to make such progress next year as they had done in the past, and he did not think they wished to do so, as the Lodge now numbered fifty members, which was a good working number. He could only repeat his thanks for the kindness he had invariably received at their hands. The W.M. proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, for whom, in the absence of Dr. Smith, the Junior Warden, suitably responded, and the official list was closed with the Tyler's toast. The proceedings were diversified with some capital songs and recitations. Bro. C. Warwick Jordan (Organist of St. Stephen's, Lewisham) lending most valuable and efficient assistance as accompanist on the piano-forte. A noticeable feature of the entertainment was a humorous recitation by Bro. Hatch, entitled "Melancholy Mad," which provoked roars of laughter. Altogether a most harmonious and agreeable evening was spent.

#### WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

**A**MONGST the Lodges that have been consecrated since the doings of the Craft have been recorded in the pages of this journal, few have been more successful than the one now under notice. The West Middlesex Lodge was inaugurated on the 15th July 1876, the late Bro. John Hervey officiating as consecrating officer; he had the assistance of Bro. Fenn P.G.D., and Bro. Weaver, who respectively filled the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs, while for the nonce Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, with wonted ability, acted as Director of Ceremonies. The day was in all respects an auspicious one; Bro. Hervey most enthusiastically directed attention to the brilliant future it was his opinion was before the Lodge. W. Bro. A. Beasley, P.M. of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, was installed the first W.M., and so ably did he conduct the business of the Lodge, that, at the conclusion of his year of office, he was unanimously re-appointed Master. In due course he was succeeded by Bro. Thomas Kingston, who filled the chair in 1878, this brother made way for Bro. H. L. Kasner; while Bro. A. J. Burr, who has ruled during the past year gave place on Saturday to Bro. J. Green. Throughout its career the Lodge has been recognised as a pattern one; every regard has been paid to the ceremonies being conducted with dignity, and strict attention has been given by its Officers to make themselves proficient for their duties. As a consequence, the Lodge is popular, and its roll of members long. Lodge was opened on the 8th instant at 3.30, by Bro. Burr, who was supported by the Officers and members of his Lodge, with the following Visitors:—Bros. G. Lambert Grand Sword Bearer, J. Owson 671, Walter Goss P.M. 780, H. C. Lambert P.M. 198, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, S. Smout jun. J.W. 1642, W. Gardiner W.M. 780, C. Andrews P.M. 77, Robinson 1589, Leper 376, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Joseph William Guy, who was proposed by Bro. Beasley P.M., seconded by Bro. A. J. Burr W.M.; and for Mr. John Fryers, proposed by Bro. J. Green W.M. elect, seconded by Bro. H. Kasner P.M. The result in each case was unanimous, and Mr. Guy was introduced, and Bro. Burr performed the ceremony of initiation. It is the rule in this Lodge never to take more than one candidate; therefore, as the ceremony of initiation had to be gone through for the second candidate, the chair was taken by Bro. Past Master Beasley, the Father of the Lodge, and he performed the ceremony for Mr. Fryers, much to the edification of these present. The Lodge, which previously had been opened to the third, was resumed to the second degree, and Bro. Burr introduced the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. Joseph Green. Bro. Beasley then proceeded with the ceremony of installation; a Board of Past Masters was opened, in due course the lay members saluted their new Master, and he appointed his Officers:—Bros. H. E. Tacker S.W., S. Dyer J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, W. Seward S.D., Fisher J.D., Nye I.G., Delevante Organist, Meadows Assist. Organist, Wright D.C., Foster A.D.C., Hamilton W.S., Jones A.W.S., Harrison Tylor. The addresses were given by the worthy Secretary Bro. J. Chambers Roe. Bro. Roe deservedly holds a position in the Craft as a Master of Ritual; he will, however, excuse us saying that we have heard him to greater advantage than on this occasion. The case of a distressed brother, who though not belonging to the Lodge,

was well known to its members, was now brought under notice. Bro. Kasner earnestly pointed out the painfully distressing condition in which he found the applicant. He was followed by Bro. Burr, who warmly supported the proposition that £5 should be voted from the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. This was unanimously agreed to, and after greetings Lodge was closed. The banquet was served at the Lyric Hall, which thanks to the enterprise of Bro. Delevante and others in the neighbourhood, will doubtless be a great acquisition to the residents of Ealing. The alterations are not completed, but sufficient has already been done to enable us to judge of the advantages we may look forward for. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts were duly honoured. The proceedings throughout were of a very harmonious character. Bro. Delevante, as usual, had provided a host of talent; and special thanks are due to him, his daughter, his son, and to Bro. Hambleton, for the successful efforts they made to entertain the company. Bro. Jones gave a capital reading, which was justly appreciated by the brethren.

#### SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

**T**HE Lodge of Instruction in connection with the above Lodge was inaugurated on Thursday, 6th October, at Bro. Guernsey's, the East Dulwich Hotel. Present—Bros. Brooke P.M. 1839 W.M., E. B. Grabham P.P.G.S Wks. S.W., Capt. J. Balls P.M. 333 J.W.; also Bros. Hook W.M. 1901 P.M. 189, Forge, Bells, Linscot, Nicoll, Anderson, C. Acock, G. T. Acock, Sweeting, Bright, E. Eagle, Musared, Barnett, Bullimore, Guernsey, Powell, Hicks, Bale, Collins, Winter, Bridgland, Cheese, Robinson, Davies, Wallis, and many other brethren. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, in due form, with solemn prayer. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Hook the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, as a candidate for the chair, was duly obligated. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. was duly installed into the chair of K.S., Bro. P.M. Brooke being the installing master. The W.M. having been duly saluted in the degrees, invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Linscot S.W., Nicoll J.W., R. P. Forge Treas., Balls Sec., Barnett S.D., Bullimore I.G. The addresses were then very ably delivered by Bro. P.M. Brooke. The W.M. rose for the first time, and the votes of the Lodge was taken for Bros. J. J. Taffs J.W. 189, T. Walters 901, J. Hicks 1297, also for Bro. Grabham P.P.G.S Wks. and P.M. No 19, all of whom were unanimously elected as joining members. The S.W. Bro. Linscot having been proposed to occupy the chair of the ensuing week, also that a vote of thanks to the Installing Master be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner he had rehearsed the ceremony, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and the meeting adjourned until Thursday, 13th inst., at 7.30.

**St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180.**—The regular meeting of this old and influential Lodge was held on the 11th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the able presidency of the W.M. Bro. C. Wade, this being the first assembly since the vacation. Bros. G. B. Fletcher S.W., E. Farwig P.M. J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Miles Treasurer, W. H. Baker S.D., Maxstead J.D., D. Chester I.G., Denne W.S.; P.M.'s A. Stonor, E. Farwig, and Robinson. Visitors—Bros. Moore 1201, R. Baker W.M. 188, Burgess 1319, Hammond 569, G. Pare P.M. 185, A. Baume 63, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, W. Treacher 96, Kift 1791, A. Thomas 1319, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, T. Bull P.M. 145, W. Mann P.M. 186. Minutes were read and confirmed. The name of a candidate appeared on the agenda paper, but he was not present. The Lodge closed, and the brethren, forty-three in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherche* banquet, in the Crown Room, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The solo verses of the National Anthem were sung by Miss Grace Godolphin, and "God Bless the Prince of Wales," by Bro. J. I. Cantle. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England. Bro. Stonor P.M. then rose; he had great pleasure in taking the gavel for the purpose of proposing the toast of the W.M. The brethren had witnessed his working, and were satisfied with it. The W.M. in reply wished to say that he was pleased to see so many present. He was proud to say he hoped to have the co-operation of the old members, and that in future they might meet as they had already done, and thus render this Lodge one of "union" in reality. The toast of the Visitors was next given. The W.M. said the members were pleased to see them. He would call on Bros. R. Baker W.M. 188, Pare 185, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188, to respond. After these brethren had expressed their appreciation of the hospitality of the Lodge, the toast of the P.M.'s and Secretary was proposed. To look on their faces, was as an index to their minds. Without their aid no W.M. could be perfect; he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. Robinson the senior P.M., who gracefully acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge. Bros. Fletcher S.W., Baker, Denne, Maxstead and all the others had made themselves capable to fill their chairs to the satisfaction of all. Bro. Fletcher S.W., in responding, said he as well as the other Officers, endorsed every remark of the W.M. Bro. Maxstead followed, and then the Tyler's toast was given and the brethren separated. The W.M. provided a very excellent concert, Miss Grace Godolphin sang charmingly, and Bro. J. I. Cantle, J. Kift, and Arthur Thomas gave some excellent songs.

**Urban Lodge, No. 1196.**—The regular meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 11th instant. Bros. Eckstein W.M., W. Radford S.W., C. Hawksley J.W., R. Pearson P.M. Treasurer, Dr. Carpenter P.M. Secretary, Fairchild S.D., C. Butler J.D., Simpkins



I.G., Best D.C.; Past Masters Heath (Immediate), Ware, Tickle, Sampson, with a numerous assemblage of the brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Mr. C. E. Blore was balloted for, elected, and duly initiated by the W.M. Bros. D. K. Ghose, A. Luens, and R. Hodgkinson were raised to the third degree. These ceremonies were rendered by the W.M. in a manner that reflected credit on him. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, prepared by Bro. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M., in able terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Heath I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The toast of the Past Masters was responded to by Bro. Dr. Carpenter, who made an eloquent speech.

As already announced in these columns, Mad. Worrell's annual evening concert will take place on Thursday next, at the Angell Town Institution, Gresham Road, Brixton, commencing at 8 o'clock.

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**ALHAMBRA.**—At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE. At 10, IN A STAR.  
**COURT.**—At 8, TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS. At 8.45, HONOUR.  
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Patrons:  
H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., &c., M.W.G.M., PRESIDENT.  
HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCESS OF WALES.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITU-  
TION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C.,  
on Saturday, 8th October 1881,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.  
After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers  
proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of 15 Girls into the Institution, from a list  
of 24 approved CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly  
ELECTED:—

| No. on List |                                 | Votes | No. on Poll |
|-------------|---------------------------------|-------|-------------|
| 18          | Hare, Gertrude May ... ..       | 2115  | 1           |
| 9           | Walters, Nellie Louise ... ..   | 1892  | 2           |
| 13          | Byers, Ruth ... ..              | 1773  | 3           |
| 7           | Wyman, Constance Faith ... ..   | 1755  | 4           |
| 10          | Orridge, Edith Mary ... ..      | 1679  | 5           |
| 19          | Ainsworth, Dorothy Annie ... .. | 1618  | 6           |
| 6           | Cleaver, Alice Gertrude ... ..  | 1576  | 7           |
| 22          | Taylor, Jane Mildred ... ..     | 1545  | 8           |
| 23          | Wotton, Millicent Flora ... ..  | 1531  | 9           |
| 1           | Brown, Edith ... ..             | 1420  | 10          |
| 20          | Ingles, Hannah Margaret ... ..  | 1409  | 11          |
| 17          | Mallett, Eliza Jane ... ..      | 1403  | 12          |
| 11          | Haigh, Louisa Amelia ... ..     | 1351  | 13          |
| 16          | Newman, Florence Parsons ... .. | 1283  | 14          |
| 5           | Turner, Annie Elizabeth ... ..  | 1260  | 15          |

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to  
their credit at the next election, if eligible. Lists, showing the votes polled for  
successful and unsuccessful candidates, may be obtained at the Office.

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## Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, WOOD GREEN, LONDON, N.

Patron:  
HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.  
President:  
HIS ROYAL HIGHNESS THE PRINCE OF WALES, K.G., M.W.G.M.

AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Sub-  
scribers, held at FREEMASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen Street, Lin-  
coln's-inn-fields, London, on MONDAY, the 10th day of October 1881,

V.W. Bro. Lt.-Col. CREATON, V. Patron and Trustee (Grand Treasurer), in  
the Chair.

A Ballot took place for the Election of Twelve Boys, from a List of  
63 Candidates.

The following were declared to be successful:—

| No. on Poll | No. on List |                         | Votes |
|-------------|-------------|-------------------------|-------|
| 1           | 48          | Bottomley, A. W. ... .. | 2227  |
| 2           | 8           | Watson, W. R. ... ..    | 2173  |
| 3           | 40          | Mott, P. H. ... ..      | 2158  |
| 4           | 53          | Motion, W. G. ... ..    | 2146  |
| 5           | 27          | Thompson, C. W. ... ..  | 2089  |
| 6           | 59          | Levick, C. ... ..       | 2035  |
| 7           | 25          | Booth, F. ... ..        | 2002  |
| 8           | 37          | Kirkby, A. ... ..       | 1984  |
| 9           | 15          | Langdon, J. ... ..      | 1978  |
| 10          | 22          | Wortley, G. ... ..      | 1976  |
| 11          | 1           | Fellows, A. ... ..      | 1952  |
| 12          | 51          | Wilson, G. ... ..       | 1948  |

List of Candidates, successful and unsuccessful, with full particulars of  
polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office; and votes of unsuccessful  
Candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for Election in April  
next. The number of the Candidates in the second column is that on the  
Voting papers.

FREDERICK BINCKES (V. Pat., P.G. Std.),  
Secretary.  
OFFICES—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.  
10th October 1881.

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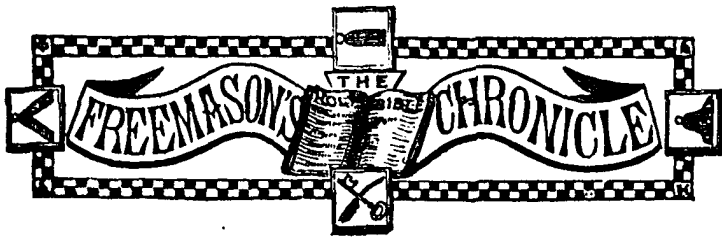
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**THE FOUNDATIONS.****THE INITIATION—THE HONOURS OF THE  
LAMBSKIN.**

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

**W**HEN the novitiate first realizes the fact that he is a Mason, at least that he has taken one degree, there is always one thought more permanent upon his mind than any other, viz., those wonderful words as to the honours of the lambskin, and many of us do not know their meaning until we are called to look into the pages of history. We are aware that it is said to be more honourable to have the badge of innocence than certain marks of royal honour; but what are those royal marks? It is well known that whenever Kings or Emperors conferred any of the orders of Knighthood, they bestowed upon the honoured one a beautiful cross, sash, or some significant emblem of the order. He who wore such a mark was of necessity received with marks of honour wherever he went.

Prominent among these royal honours was the order of the Golden Fleece, said to have been founded by Philip, Duke of Burgundy and Earl of Holland, who was also called "The Good," 10th January A.D. 1429.

The name given to the order has a two-fold meaning. First: It typified the spirit of chivalrous adventure which animates the hearts of the legendary Argonauts. Second: CHRIST having been represented in the form of a lamb, it signified winning His redemption by performing Knightly deeds.

*The Argonauts.*—There is too much of this to give here, but any one desiring can refer to American Cyclopædia, on Ino, Helle, and Argonauts, for the whole legend. This ancient legend says that Athamas, King of Thebes, was married to the goddess Nephele, by whom he had two children, a son and daughter, Phrixus and Helle. Athamas was also secretly joined in marriage to Ino, who was in trouble on account of her own children's jealousy of those of Nephele, and persuaded her husband to sacrifice them to appease the anger of the gods against him. Nephele, hearing of the impending danger, took the ram with the golden fleece which she had received from Mercury, and placing her children upon his back fled with them to Asia, but Helle fell into the sea at that part now called the Hellespontus, the sea of Helle; but Phrixus seems to have been carried to safety. After his death the fleece of the ram was by Phrixus nailed to an oak in the grove of Mars in Colchis. Pelias, the King of Iolus, desired to possess this fleece, he therefore commissioned Jason, his nephew, to obtain it. Jason joined to himself a band of heroes and in the ship Argo, which gave them the name Argonauts, sailed in quest of the golden fleece. They passed through many dangers, once narrowly escaping being crushed between two floating islands. Arriving at Colchis Aetas, the King, promised the fleece to Jason, "on condition that he should yoke to the plow two fire-breathing bulls, and sow the dragon's teeth left by Cadmus in Thebes." Aided by the King's daughter, a powerful enchantress, it was accomplished; but finding that the King designed treachery, he seized the fleece and carried it on board his ship, and, accompanied by the son and daughter of the King, set sail for his own land. Being pursued by the King, Medea, the daughter, having fallen in love with Jason, killed her brother, and threw his body, by piece, into the sea. The King, by picking up the fragments of the body, was so delayed as not to overtake the fugitives. This crime brought many dangers and difficulties to the fugitives, but finally they reached Iolus, where the Argo was consecrated to Neptune.

CHRIST, as a Redeemer, was always represented as in the form of a lamb. The ancient Jews, in their sacrifices, so regarded this coming Redeemer, and CHRIST is always so considered in the light of modern Christianity.

In the formation of this order of the Golden Fleece we have then the commemoration of the very highest spirit of chivalry, although blended with an ancient legend, and the highest form of divine truth as shown in the character of a living Redeemer. Being commemo-

rative of such high thought and wonderful chivalry it was then worthy of high honour among men.

The original order of the Knights of the Golden Fleece numbered thirty. They were recipients of very great honours among men, and were in some instances granted the right of trial by their own peers; thus, when Egmon and Horn were illegally condemned and executed under the reign of Phillip II., on account of the stand they took in regard to the liberty of their country, they appealed, while under condemnation, against the sentence, justifying their appeal on the grounds of membership in this order.

When the war of the Spanish Succession left a Bourbon upon the throne of Spain, the Emperor Charles VI. and Phillip had a long discussion as to who had the supreme right of conferring the order. Each based his claim to the honour upon his right by inheritance, Charles being heir of the Hapsburgs, and Phillip of Bourbon, so that each in one way possessed the right by inheritance. The final settlement of the difficulty was affected by treaty in which both were recognized as Grand Masters of the order, having the right to confer the order. The Archduke of Austria and the Infants of Spain are, as a rule, Knights of the order. It has always been considered as an undue freedom to confer it upon any but royalty, M. Thiers, of France, being the only person out of royal families who has ever received it. It was once offered, by the Duke of Aosta, while acting as Amadeus I. of Spain, to a Castilian nobleman, but he refused it. The Prince of Wales seems to be the only Englishman who enjoys the distinction. While it is thus a mark of high honour, only a few comparatively have ever received it, the popes having sometimes desired it without success. Thus the order and its badges are seen to have a very high character. The emblem of purity and innocence presented the young candidate, is truly a mark of much higher honour if worn worthily, but there must be worthiness and merit, not to tarnish this beautiful emblem. The badge of the Mason is thus presented in a very high contrast to one of the highest marks of honour among men, and then declared to be of a higher character still. Granting this to be true, what constitutes this high character? Is it the lambskin, or the wearing? Neither. It is the fact that the wearer is a pure man and that it is his emblem. It is, therefore, this high mark when worn worthily, but if unworthily, then it is a mark of hypocrisy. How careful, then, should all be as they look upon this mark in its contrast with the great honours among men.

*The Roman Eagle.*—But the Golden Fleece was not exclusively the mark of honour in royalty, the Roman Eagle claims also a proper share as a mark of honour. Properly speaking there is no such term, but from association and use by the Romans it has come to be so considered. As a king of birds the eagle naturally became the emblem of the most powerful nations. Ezekiel xvii. uses it to represent the growth of empire, and the fall of Jerusalem by the hand of the King of Babylon. It was always used as one of the symbolical figures of Babylon. Under this standard Rome moved until she had become the conqueror of many nations; but it is hard to tell at what time in her history she first used it, for no mention is made of any standard being used at all in her armies during the first few hundred years of her existence. The eagle was the military ensign of Persia in the days of her glory. Assyrian sculpture has preserved it as such in enduring marble. As a standard the use of the eagle is said to have descended from the Assyrians to the Persians, thence to the Romans. In Egypt, Greece and Persia it was regarded as sacred to the sun. The LORD uses it in Exodus xix. to show his tender mercy toward Israel. The Pagans used it for the purpose of showing that the wise in virtue might become more and more like God by becoming purer by the shining light of virtue. Thus the eagle, as a standard, can be traced to a number of nations and to ages far back in the history of the world. Josephus shows that out of compliment to Augustus Cæsar, Herod the Great had a golden eagle placed over one of the gates of the Temple, and that the Jews took it from its place.—*Antiq. viii., 6-2.* This may have been called the Roman Eagle, because it was a mark of honour to the people, but we find no where any order of Knighthood known as that of Roman Eagle. It was used as a national ensign indicative of power, but was held in high honour; so should the badge of innocence be a mark of great moral power as well as of great honour.

*The Star* was an emblem of Heraldry, and in some form constitutes an insignia of ancient Knighthood. The "Order of the Star" was founded in France, by John II., in A.D. 1350, in imitation of the "Order of the Garter," then recently established in England. The order was conferred with great ceremony on the Festival of the Epiphany, that being the day commemorative of the appearance of the Magi to the infant CHRIST, hence it is supposed to have reference to that event.

*The Garter* was the highest order of British Knighthood, and one of the oldest and most illustrious of the military orders of Knighthood in Europe, and is supposed to have been instituted by Edward III. of England; some, however, think it was by Richard I. A.D. 1192, who made twenty-six of his Knights wear thongs of leather around their legs in time of battle. These and other statements are made by historians in regard to its origin, but the majority seem to favour the thought that its institution dates from a tournament held at Windsor, A.D. 1344, to which the most illustrious Knights of the world were invited. The order is said to have been instituted in honour of the Virgin Mary, the Trinity, Saint George, the tutelary Saint of England, and to Saint Edward the Confessor. It is plain, therefore, that the time and object of its origin is veiled in much mystery. The insignia was of blue velvet and gold, the garter bearing letters of gold; a star was worn upon the left breast, a hood of crimson velvet, a hat of black velvet, having white ostrich plumes fastened to it with a band of diamonds. This was, doubtless, at least in part, the origin of the present costume of the Masonic Knights. In the ages when these orders were in the prime they were marks of very high honour, and even rank high in honour now, so much so that any man who becomes the recipient of any of their decorations at the hands of a King is considered fortunate. But after all, what is their real worth? Are they not mere empty decorations? Are they

not mere bangles as compared with the moral power within an innocent heart?

The Knights who wore these Knightly honours and decorations, were counted worthy and sometimes great men. But what was their worthiness, and what their greatness? Was it not merely to wield the sword, to win a victory in some great tournament, or plunge into some deep, dense forest, and meet the hidden foe? Was it not to deal the death-blow to a human heart? Do these things make true greatness or worth? No. They merely show greater physical endurance and resistance than in another, and the terrible force of human revenge. But true worth is mental, moral or spiritual. It is the line of moral conduct pursued by man through life, the firmness with which a man keeps his plighted vows. Look then at the thought involved in the reception of the lambskin. It is not designed as a mere empty form, but one which should have real substance, and be carried away from the altar into the practical affairs of life. Great and honourable as are these various Knightly honours, the pure condition of an innocent heart is more honourable because it is a real condition, or state, not an empty honour or floating bangle. A virtuous man has honour among all classes of men and with God. It is a state of mind he carries with him everywhere, that enters into every element of his life. The lambskin, then, whenever worn by man should indicate the purity of his inner life. But are we all pure who wear it? Does not the honorable emblem of innocence sometimes cover the bodies of men who have dishonoured the highest precepts of virtue. When such men wear it, does it not become less honourable than the, Golden Fleece, Roman Eagle, Star, or Garter?

**THE ROYAL VISIT TO SWANSEA.**—At the monthly meeting of the Swansea Town Council, on Wednesday, it was stated that the estimated cost of the visit of the Prince and Princess of Wales, to open the new Dock on the 18th, would not exceed a rate of threepence in the pound.

Bro. Seymour Smith's Annual Benefit Concert will take place at the City of London College, 52 Leadenhall-street, on Saturday next, the 22nd inst., commencing at 7.30. Our well-known brother will be supported on this occasion by Madame Worrell, Miss Matilda Roby, Miss Meta Russell, Miss Helen Heath, Miss Kate Earle, Messrs. A. Lester, Walter Pritchett, G. T. Carter, Arthur Thompson, C. A. White, F. H. Cozens, George Hunt, Chaplin Henry, &c. We see the names of several brethren on the Stewards' list, and hope they and Bro. Smith's many other friends will give him as good a reception as has been accorded him on previous occasions. The tickets are 4s and 2s each.

His Royal Highness Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, Prov. Grand Master Oxfordshire, is expected to visit Manchester early in December, in company with the Duke of Edinburgh, who will preside at a meeting at the Manchester Athenæum. Special prominence is to be given at the gathering to the subject of musical culture, upon which, it is hoped, Prince Leopold will deliver an address.

The installation meeting of the Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764, Northampton, takes place on Tuesday next, Brother Henry Brown being the W.M. elect. That of the Metropolitan, No. 1507 (Bro. W. M. Stiles W.M. elect), at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, and that of the Eccleston, No. 1624 (Bro. John Galt Fisher W.M. elect), at the Criterion, on Wednesday also. We hope to give reports of each in our next issue.

There was much rejoicing at Hythe and Folkestone on Wednesday, on the occasion of the visit of the Prince of Wales, to open the new Parade at the former place, and to lay the first concrete block of the deep sea harbour at the latter. Both works are of considerable local importance, and the inhabitants turned out in large numbers to welcome His Royal Highness. The proceedings were, on the whole, very successful, though the weather turned out somewhat rough.

Viscount Powerscourt, P.G.M. Wicklow and Wexford, on Saturday last, in his concluding address as President of the Social Science Congress, made a powerful appeal for the opening of art Galleries on Sundays, and quoted in support of his view the social and educational influence which such a practice exercised on the Continent.

The first meeting of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900, since its consecration, was held on Wednesday, at the Inns of Court Hotel. A report of the proceedings is in type, but pressure on our space, precludes its insertion until next week.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUSSEX.

THE annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex took place on Friday, 7th inst., in the Music room, Brighton. There was a full attendance of brethren, those present including Bros. Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Prov. Grand Master, with the following Officers of Grand Lodge, viz. Bros. John Henderson Scott D.P.G.M., C. J. Smith P.M. 1466 P.M. 1829 Prov. J.G.W., R. Crosskey P.M. 1303 Prov. G. Treas., General Ford P.M. 271 Prov. G. Reg., V. P. Freeman P.M. 732 Prov. G. Sec., S. B. McWhinnie P.M. 1466 Prov. G.D., J. T. Watford P.M. 851 P.G.S. of W., J. M. Kidd P.M. 732 Prov. G.D. of C., G. Stone P.M. 1303 P.G.S.B., W. Roe 1636 Prov. G.O., Arthur Smith S.W. 1726 P.M. 38, C. M. Norris P.M. 40, J. R. White P.M. 311, S. Solomon P.M. 732, A. Agate P.M. 1141, J. Curtis P.M. 315 P.M. 1797, Provincial Grand Stewards; T. Hughes Provincial Grand Tyler, H. H. Hughes Deputy Provincial Grand Tyler. The usual formal business was gone through, including the confirmation of the minutes of the last annual meeting; the call of the Lodges in the Province, and the reports of the Board of Finance and the Charities Committees, when the Prov. G. Secretary gave the statistics relative to the growth of the Lodges during the past year. The R.W. Prov. G.M. gave a short address, congratulating those present upon the progress Masonry had recently made in the province, and coupled with it some excellent remarks upon the management of the various Lodges. A sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Prov. G. Lodge to the Hervey Memorial Fund. The following were elected as Officers for the ensuing year, and were duly installed into their respective posts by the Prov. G.M. viz.—

|                             |                           |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Bro. John Henderson Scott   | Dep. Prov. Grand Master   |
| Lord Arthur Hill P.M. 1829  | Prov. Grand Senior Warden |
| F. Neakes P.M. 311 and 1303 | Junior Warden             |
| R. V. F. Davis J.W. 916     | Chaplain                  |
| R. Crosskey P.M. 1303       | Treasurer                 |
| Gerard Ford P.M. 271        | Registrar                 |
| V. P. Freeman P.M. 315, 732 | Secretary                 |
| S. W. D. Williams 1465      | Senior Deacon             |
| S. Solomon P.M. 732         | Junior Deacon             |
| A. Smith P.M. 38, W.M. 1726 | Supt. of Works            |
| J. M. Kidd P.M. 832         | Dir. of Ceremonies        |
| T. R. White P.M. 311        | Assist. Dir. of Cer.      |
| C. M. Norris P.M. 40        | Standard Bearer           |
| W. Roe 1636                 | Organist                  |
| C. R. Chandler P.M. 1184    | Pursuivant                |
| C. W. Hudson P.M. 315       | Steward                   |
| E. Freeman W.M. 341         | "                         |
| C. C. Cook P.M. 851         | "                         |
| A. Taylor P.M. 1110         | "                         |
| E. Taylor P.M. 1141         | "                         |
| E. A. Ford W.M. 1619        | "                         |
| T. Hughes                   | Tyler                     |
| H. H. Hughes                | Deputy Tyler              |

At the termination of the proceedings, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where they sat down to a splendid and sumptuous banquet. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., presided, the vice-chairs being occupied by Bros. G. Smith and A. Smith. The Grand Master gave the usual loyal toasts, which were well received. Lord Arthur Hill then proposed the R.W. the Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, and then also the succeeding toast, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present. Bro. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary of England responded in an able speech enlogistic of the work done by the Officers of Grand Lodge. Bro. Marriott, M.P., proposed what he termed the toast of the evening, the R.W. the Prov. Grand Master of Sussex, Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P. He held that loyalty was the soul of Masonry, and he was sure that no Province was more devoted to its Prov. Grand Master than the Sussex Masons were to Sir Walter. As a Prov. Officer he (Sir Walter) had shown great hospitality, and possessed the rare qualities of a good conscience, a good heart, and a good digestion. The toast was received most enthusiastically. Sir W. W. Burrell made but a brief response. He felt that the kind words spoken of him were more than he deserved. Feeling fatigued, he refrained from speaking as he would have liked upon the toast. Bro. Holland, M.P., gave the Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master J. H. Scott and the Officers of the Prov. Grand Lodge Present and Past. The success of the Province he held was largely due to the Deputy Prov. G.M., and he trusted Bro. Scott would be long spared to work among them. Bro. Scott, in responding, remarked that as long as Sir W. W. Burrell was the Prov. G.M. of Sussex he should feel it his duty to do all he could to carry out the duties of his office. Brother Dawes proposed the Visitors, which was acknowledged by Bros. Long and Dennes. Bro. D. Smith (Mayor of Brighton) gave "The Masonic Institutions." He was glad to learn that the Sussex contributions to the Masonic Charities were second to none, and that they averaged a guinea a head throughout the Province. Bro. Freeman had, in fact, taken £700 recently to the Boys' Institution. Bro. F. Binckes responded. He alluded to the visit last June to Brighton of the Masonic Boys' Institution, and its successful gathering under the presidency of the Marquess of Waterford. The Mayor of Brighton assisted very largely in its success, but the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. V. P. Freeman) deserved great praise for the valuable assistance he had given to the undertaking. Many had criticised their leaving London, and would have been the first to condemn had there been a failure, but had generously applauded their efforts on seeing that no mistake had been made. The gathering in Brighton had been a great success, and he was grateful to all who assisted him. Bro. Gerard Ford gave "The Worshipful Masters of the Lodges in the Province," to which Bros. Skindle (Worthing) and G. S. Godfree (Arlingworth) responded. The latter felt honoured in replying to such an important toast being, as he supposed, the youngest Mason who had secured the high position of W.M., as he had been but four years a member of the

Brotherhood. The Prov. G.M. proposed the Stewards, to which Bro. Solomon replied. The Tyler's toast completed the list. The various toasts were agreeably interspersed by songs and glees, given by Bros. J. Large, E. Broadbridge, W. Roe, G. Cole, and Signor Conti, the whole being under the direction of Bro. W. Roe Prov. Grand Organist, who was assisted by Bro. A. King P.P.G.O.—*Sussex Daily News*.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on the 11th instant. Bros. Edwards W.M., F. Brasted S.W., Glass J.W., Wardell S.D., Smyth J.D., Baker I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Forss, Clark, Christian, Gosling, Dignam, A. Ferrar, Carr, Bunker, C. Lorkin, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Brother Christian, as candidate for passing, was entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the second, when Brother Christian was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming its Masonic duties, Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin gave the lecture on the second tracing board. The Lodge was opened and closed in the third degree. Bro. Brasted assisted Bro. C. Lorkin to work the third section of the second lecture. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Forss worked the first and fourth sections of the first lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. F. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday evening, the 25th, at seven o'clock, on which occasion our esteemed Bro. P.M. Barnes will preside. Craftsmen are invited to attend. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.**—Held at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, on 12th instant. Present:—Bros. Hand W.M., Chitson S.W., Bonner J.W., Ward S.D., Stewart I.G., Christian, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Christian answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Lodge resumed in the first degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. Bro. Stewart worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Chitson was elected W.M. for next week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

**St. Peter's Lodge, No. 1330, Market Harborough.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Swans Hotel, on Friday, when Bro. W. W. Wartnaby was installed as Worshipful Master, Bro. Dr. Grant conducting the ceremony. The Officers for the year were then appointed. After business an excellent banquet was put upon the tables by the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Bowles. The W.M. did not preside, owing to a family bereavement, but Bro. Grant presided in his place. A very enjoyable evening was spent.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1445.**—Held at the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday, 28th ult. This Lodge of Instruction resumed its duties after the recess, when Bro. Partridge presided as W.M., supported by Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1445 Preceptor, Kimble S.W.; also Bros. McDonald, J. Robson, C. Robson, C. Smith, R. W. Galer 1366, Seymour-Clarke Secretary, and others. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., and Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. R. W. Galer, 1366, Highgate Lodge, was elected a member, and Bro. Kimbell S.W. was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 5th October. On Wednesday, 5th October, Bro. W. Kimbell occupied the chair as W.M., supported by Bros. Seymour-Clarke S.W., J. Robson J.W., Myers P.M. Preceptor, C. Robson, Chamberlain, McDonald, Galer, C. Smith, Partridge, Groom, and others. This being the first Wednesday in the month, the first ceremony was rehearsed, and Bro. McDonald again worked the sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Bye-laws were also read, and an Audit Committee appointed. Bro. Seymour-Clarke was elected W.M. for Wednesday, 12th October, to work the second degree. Lodge was closed in due form, with prayer. It was announced that Bro. Barnes, P.M. 554, had consented to preside at the working of the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in November, Bro. Cudick P.M. 1421 to be S.W., and Bro. Musto P.M. 1349 J.W. After giving the names, it is unnecessary to add that a Masonic treat is in store for that evening, and we hope very many will participate. The ballot for a Life Subscribership will doubtless be taken in November, amongst those who have attended at least six times in the previous six months.

**King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.**—The regular meeting was held at the Adam's Arms, Hampstead-street, Fitzroy-square, on the 9th inst. Among the numerous brethren present were Bros. J. J. Michael W.M. 1107, W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732 and W.M. elect 1507, and many distinguished W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The chair was occupied by Bro. H. Stiles W.M. of the parent Lodge, Bros. H. Silvester (Bro. Sidney Franks) S.W., whom all were pleased to see after his recent severe accident, L. Solomon J.W., W. M. Stiles S.D., N. Vallentine J.D., B. Kauffman I.G., L. Jacobs as Secretary, Devine Treasurer, J. Hemming Preceptor. The ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by the W.M. to the satisfaction of all present. Bro. J. Michael acting as D.C., Bro. Edwin Storr as candidate. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. J. Elwin acting as candidate. The second section of the second lecture was

worked. Bro. J. Elwin, No. 538, was elected a member. Bro. J. J. Michael, in eloquent terms, proposed that a cordial vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner Bro. H. Stiles had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. Hemming, and unanimously carried. The Lodge of Instruction was then closed until the 16th inst. Bro. Silvester was elected W.M. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the 23rd inst., J. Hemming, 1287, in the chair.

As whatever relates to Truro Cathedral must arouse strong feelings of interest among members of the Craft, we will note that on Saturday last, at the Bishop's Library, Truro, was held a meeting of the General Committee, among those present being the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, P.G.M. Cornwall, in the chair, the Bishop of Truro, and E. T. Carlyon, Secretary of the Committee and Prov. Grand Secretary Cornwall. The meeting was held for the purpose of receiving the report of the Executive Committee, which among other things recommended that Carnsew granite should be used for the plain ashlar work of the outer walling of the crypt and quire, "box ground" being used for most of the dressed work inside, the architect being at liberty to use "Doulting" wherever he may wish. The bulk of the interior plain work for the surface of walls is recommended to be of St. Stephen's granite, interior dressings to be of Bath, or other stone, at the architect's discretion.

On Thursday last Lady Roberts, wife of our gallant Bro. Sir F. Roberts, Bart., V.C., G.C.B., was presented with a bust of her husband. The interesting ceremony took place at the studio of the sculptor, Mr. H. Harvey F.R.H.S., where also were assembled several ladies and gentlemen, many of whom are members of the Royal Historical Society. The presentation was entrusted to Dr. Zerffi, President of the Society, who, in a few well chosen words, requested Lady Robert's acceptance of the bust. Sir Frederick briefly but appropriately acknowledging her acceptance of the gift. The bust, which is in terra cotta, represents the gallant soldier in undress staff uniform, wearing only the decoration of the Victoria Cross, and is said to be an excellent likeness.

The Marquis of Hartington, Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire, has been staying at Balmoral, as Minister in attendance on the Queen.

Yesterday (Friday) was fixed for the inaugural ceremony to take place in connection with the restoration of the Priory Gateway at Dover, the principal rôle on the occasion being assigned to Earl Granville, as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports.

On Friday last H.R.H. the Prince of Wales honoured Colonel Farquharson, of Invercauld, with a visit, and in the afternoon the gallant host, with his royal and other visitors, had a very successful deer hunt, five fine and showily-antlered stags forming the quarry. The Princess of Wales drove over later, and joined the party at luncheon.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, at Morland's Hotel, on Wednesday, the 26th October, Bro. H. Richardson S.W. 1348 in the chair. Bros. E. Farwig P.M. 180 S.W., J. Hemming 1287 J.W., J. Hurdell S.D. 1348 Preceptor.

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## 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, 15th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

## MONDAY, 17th OCTOBER.

- 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquiss of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter, Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberts, Masonic Hall, Wimbome  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 K.T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

## TUESDAY, 18th OCTOBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 816 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Hendley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st., at 8 (In.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
 R.A. 1345—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clanton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 900—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrer, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1099—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llanelni  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Bury-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.  
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.  
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

## WEDNESDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8.  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
 867—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
 1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1278—Burdett Conits, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1289—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Frambleatic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1340—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gle gall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, W.  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 131—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury  
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 948—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
 1018—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks  
 1096—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1371—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
 1387—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton  
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull  
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshottom  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 259—Ambitious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

## THURSDAY, 20th OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 9—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gray, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Channars, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)  
 27—Frontian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 97—Vitravian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 909—Burgome, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Luigate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood  
 1153—Southern Star, 108 Blackfriars-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1297—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E. at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 99—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton  
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 63—St. Mary, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgon Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley  
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts



## FRIDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 780—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up, George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)  
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1054—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., 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)  
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Gough-street, N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)  
 R.C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1844—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30  
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## SATURDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill  
 1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at Brother Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last, the 8th inst. Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., C. Weeden S.W., Tuck J.W., Percy Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Gillham S.D., Woodman J.D., Birch I.G.; also Bros. Cusworth, A. Mullord, Snare, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Marks, D. Moss, Dignam, Forge, Fysh. After preliminaries, Bro. Snare answered the questions leading to the second degree in a satisfactory manner and was duly passed. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. A. Mullord gave proof of his proficiency as F.C. Lodge being advanced, that brother was raised to the degree of M.M., both ceremonies being ably rendered. Lodge was resumed to the first, and Brother C. Weeden was elected to preside at the next meeting. The votes of the Lodge for the Boys' Institution were presented to Bro. Percy, after which Lodge was closed.

**St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.**—The meetings of this Lodge were resumed on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. John Waters, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. W. Radcliffe, who was supported by Bros. Usher Back S.W., W. E. Young J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D., A. Withers P.M., A. Green P.M., D. Drysdale P.M., H. Martin Organist, &c., &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of the first and second degrees were rehearsed. Later on Bro. Secretary announced that at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next Col. J. A. Lloyd-Philipps Prov. Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales would preside. Bro. Morgan stated that he was aware the Lodge had but recently gallantly supported this Charity, through one of its Stewards; at the same time, as he was present when Colonel Lloyd-Philipps was asked to act as President for the Festival, and as he was desirous the Metropolitan brethren should support their neighbours of the Principality on this occasion, he had brought the question under consideration at this early date. It was decided the matter should be considered at the November meeting of the Lodge. The brethren afterwards spent a pleasant hour in social converse.

**United Strength Lodge, No. 228.**—The first meeting of the members of this old and popular Lodge, after the summer recess, was held on Tuesday evening, the 11th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master Bro. G. Allen Patmore. There was a large attendance of the brethren, but, being what may be considered an "off night," and with almost a blank agenda, the number of invited guests was somewhat limited. After the formal business, the brethren partook of an excellent banquet provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's usual style, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, interspersed with an abundance of capital singing, and a very enjoyable evening was passed.

**Hope Lodge, No. 433.**—The annual festival of this Lodge was held on Monday, 3rd instant, and was one of the most successful ever remembered. There was a large attendance of visitors, and the members also mustered well. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, and the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard D. Poppleton, was installed by Wor. Bro. J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Sec. P.P.G.A.D.C., in his usual able manner. The following were then invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. S. Lord S.W., Joseph Bowdell J.W., Rev. J. P. Britton Chaplain, W. Clarey P.M. Treas., J. E. Wiseman P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C. Secretary, John Downs S.D., A. Smith J.D., Joseph French I.G., T. Wilson Tyler. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards dined together at the Swan Hotel, a capital dinner being served by the hostess, Mrs. Harmer. The W.M. presided in a genial manner, and on the removal of the cloth, gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts; some of the brethren adding to the harmony of the proceedings by some vocal music. Among the Visitors present were—W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51, J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, T. J. Cusworth 813, W. R. Crozier 813, E. H. Crate P.M. 697, A. B. Norman 1658, W. S. Harvey 1658, S. S. Noakes P.M. 402, F. J. Wiseman W.M. 1734, J. A. Guernsey 749, W. Richey W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner I.P.M. 51, Thos. Rix P.M. and Secretary 697, Thomas Enstace P.M. 697, G. A. Eustace J.W. 697, Thomas G. Mills S.W. 697, Thomas H. Jennings W.M. 650, R. Clowes S.W. 650, H. Everard J.W. 650, J. P. Lewin W.M. 276, G. Harvey P.M. 697, A. Went 697, H. Brown 697; and the following members of 433, in addition to those already mentioned:—Bros. W. Clarey P.M. and Treasurer, Rev. A. Pertwee (Vicar of Brightlingsea), John Dean I.P.M., R. C. Atthill P.M., W. S. Ling P.M., G. Richardson P.M., C. Blyth P.M., Wm. Bragg P.M., G. Riches P.M., J. Richardson P.M., H. York P.M., W. Howling, W. Martin, Jas. Wheeler, William Wheeler, &c.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday evening, 7th inst, at eight o'clock. Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., E. Monson S.W., Sperring J.W., Blasby I.P.M. S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Gomm P.M. I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Costelow W.M. 780, Maton, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Costelow kindly representing the candidate. Lodge was then regularly closed to first degree. Bro. Monson was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The question of the annual banquet was referred to, but the matter was deferred, owing to the absence of the Hon. Sec. Lodge was then closed. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge of Instruction at an early date; due notice will be given.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday last, when there was a large attendance of brethren to take part in the election of Master. Bro. J. T. Seller the W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., and a number of others. The accounts for the closing year having been satisfactorily passed, Bro. T. B. Whytehead moved that ten guineas from the Lodge Charity Fund be voted to Bro. C. G. Padel P.M. who purposed acting as the Lodge Steward at the next Benevolent Festival, which was carried. The next business was the ballot for W.M., and the unanimous vote of the members fell to Bro. G. Simpson S.W., who thanked the Lodge for its mark of confidence. Bro. G. Balmford, who has acted as Treasurer for the Lodge since its foundation, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. P. Pearson Tyler. The W.M. elect then proposed the name of a gentleman as a candidate for Freemasonry, and the Lodge was closed. Subsequently at refreshment Bro. Whytehead proposed the health of the W. Master Bro. J. T. Seller, and in the course of his remarks said that a more generous and cordial brother had never occupied the chair. He had spared nothing in forwarding the interests of the Lodge, and in all respects he had earned the goodwill and gratitude of its brethren. Bro. Seller in replying assured them that as in the past so in the future he should ever regard the interests of the Eboracum Lodge as prominent in his heart, and hoped yet to do it service.

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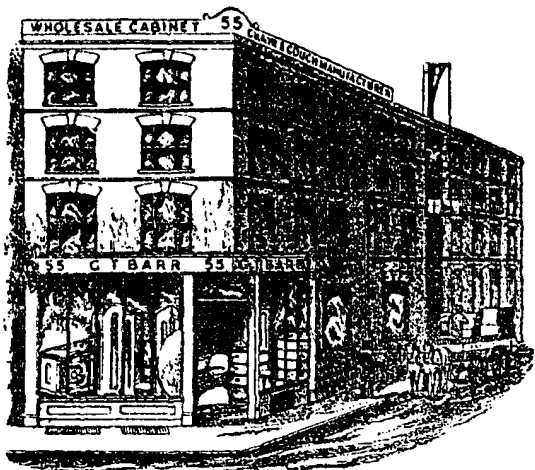
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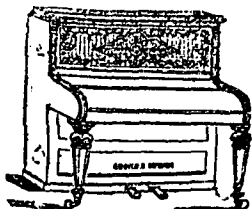
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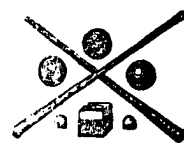
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