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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

WE are very pleased to be in a position to announce there is a possibility of all the candidates for the approaching election being taken on without the trouble of polling; and although at present the matter is before the Quarterly Court only in the form of a proposition, made by Lieut.-Col. Creaton, it may really be looked upon as an accomplished fact. It is hardly possible that Bro. Creaton would make such a proposition as that he submitted at the General Committee on Thursday unless he knew that the Institution was in a position to bear it; much less that any brother would be found to oppose it, unless on very good grounds. As will be seen from our report of the meeting published elsewhere, his actual proposition is, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl through ill health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that six further vacancies be declared." Should this proposal meet the approval of the Quarterly Court, it will raise the number of Girls on the establishment to 236. We have to congratulate the several candidates, but at the same time would remind them that their election without a struggle is not certain: it therefore behoves them to prepare, in case Bro. Creaton's motion is rejected.

There is another question which will call for discussion on Saturday next, a notice of motion having been given by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, of York, to the effect that the days of election be altered to Thursdays. Doubtless Bro. Cumberland submits this proposition in the hope of its doing good, but we are of opinion that it will not be carried. As was pointed out some time since, it would be a great advantage to many brethren to have the election for the two Schools on the same day, especially so to those who have to attend from the country; and, therefore, we think any proposition to lengthen the lapse of time between them will be rejected. We hope Bro. Cumberland will see the matter in the light we have mentioned, and refrain from pressing it. If he would withdraw his present motion, and substitute one to fix both elections for the same day, we think he would find many supporters; and, although he might be beaten on his first attempt, a little energy on the part of Provincial brethren would soon lead to the adoption of a change which would be beneficial to many, if not all, of them. The only objection to the alteration that can be urged is, the unwillingness to make any change, however much it may be needed. The matter is one that does not materially affect London brethren, many of whom are imbued with the feeling that it is not likely to be carried unless those brethren who are to benefit by it bestir themselves.

THE BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE result which must of necessity be looked for at the coming Boys' School Election, when out of sixty-seven candidates but fifteen can be admitted, and there-

fore fifty-two will have to be turned away, must, we feel sure, give rise to feelings of sorrow in the hearts of all true Masons; yet if it be urged by those who have supported our Institutions that they cannot do more than they are doing at present, we really should not feel justified in stating the contrary. What they and we can urge as a means of lessening, to a very great extent, the number of rejected claims made on the benevolence of the Craft, is that the services of a greater number of brethren should be enlisted in the cause. We recently heard it stated, on very good authority, that out of the 90,000 Fræemasons which it is said pay dues to the Grand Lodge of England, the names of not more than 20,000 appear on the books of the Charitable Institutions of the Craft. This leaves a very large number by whom some little might be done to lessen the amount of disappointment which occurs whenever an election takes place for one or other of the Institutions. The Committee of the Boys' School have inaugurated a scheme for building a Preparatory School, which in a few years, should the plan receive the support of the Craft, will go a long way towards relieving the ballot list of the day, but until the proposed new building is available, we see little chance of any enlargement in the number of vacancies as compared with the number of applicants, and therefore the same amount of disappointment which has now characterised the Boys' School elections for some time past must continue. Yet if but a very small proportion of the 70,000 "unregistered" brethren referred to above could be induced to work in the cause, a perceptible difference would speedily take place. The few who have and do now support our Charities can refer with pride to the result of their efforts; and if these few can shew so much, surely such a number as are still outside could in a very short time have something to boast of. Large as may appear the outlay to any one individual to place the School in a position to take on all the boys who are at present deemed worthy, it would in reality be a very trifling matter if all of those who have not yet secured a place in our charity lists gave just what they could afford. We venture to think there would then be reason for joy and rejoicing among all the families whose boys now seek admittance to the School, but we are afraid no such happy event is likely to take place, and for this reason we feel compelled to once again impress on every brother who has already given to do so again, if in his power, but above all to try and induce some one or more to take the matter in hand. The present is a particularly favourable time to work for the Boys' School, as with a view of encouraging donations to the Special Building Fund, the Committee have increased the number of votes to be given in return for money subscribed for that particular object. We trust the result that will follow will shew, even if it is urged that brethren have been somewhat led away by additional advantages being offered, that the increased publicity given to the matter has had good effect on the Craft at large, as we are convinced that every brother who can be induced to work on behalf of our Institutions not only does the amount of good actually accredited to his name, but by advocating the cause with others not unfrequently introduces one or more who, in time, follow his example. One very great feature in connection with our

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Charities is, that we seldom or ever hear of a brother becoming disappointed with them after having studied their inner arrangements; on the contrary, the more one sees of the Institutions the more we want to do for them.

As we have said above, the ballot paper for the coming election—which takes place on Monday, the 10th instant—contains the names of sixty-seven candidates, of whom but fifteen can be admitted. For us to attempt anything like a selection of the fifteen best fitted for the benefits of our Institution from such a list would be an impossibility. We have looked at the facts published in connection with each, and find that one and all are worthy of consideration; that is, of course, if the details given are to be relied upon. To argue that a child who is one of four children left without either parent—as is the case both with C. C. B. Jones, No. 12, and A. W. Wyatt, No. 36—has not the strongest possible claim on our generosity, would not, we think, meet much support, and yet it is very difficult to urge that these are really the worst off. Indeed, they are not the only ones among the candidates who are left parentless, No. 49, R. A. Sykes, and No. 67, W. H. Whittaker, each being similarly circumstanced. On the other hand, there are children who have both parents living; but in two of these cases the father is paralysed, and thereby may be a burden on, rather than an assistance to, the funds of the family. There are again other cases in which a widowed mother is left with nine, eight, seven, or a less number of children, who look to her for their support, and from all these—sixty-seven in number—we are to endeavour to select fifteen only to receive the aid of our Institution.

Looking to the number of votes brought forward from previous contests, we think there may not be much difficulty in selecting some at least of those who will be successful, as the number of instances in which upwards of 1,000 votes are brought forward is very large, no less than thirteen figuring in this respect with credit totals ranging from 1,886 in the case of S. E. Lee, No. 3, to 1,050 in that of G. W. K. Hill, No. 11. This fact alone acts as an indication that the contest will be a severe one, and will necessitate a very large amount of exertion on the part of those who desire to secure a place. The names of those who stand at the head of the list of previous applications, together with the number of elections they have contested, and the votes now brought forward, is as follows:—

No. on List	Application	Name	Votes forward
3	6	S E Lee	1886
13	4	H L Jordison	1830
10	5	H T Burgess	1783
7	5	C A Gurney	1708
25	3	A D Ashdown	1662
4	5	F A Clark	1570
42	2	F S Roe	1472
6	5	H A Ecclestone	1377
15	4	W B Stanford	1338
19	3	A W Fowke	1152
12	5	C C B Jones	1066
43	2	H B Truman	1058
11	5	G W K Hill	1050

Of these, Nos. 3 and 43 are last application cases. In addition there are four others who now appear for the last time. No. 1, J. T. Goldsbrough, who, after six attempts, brings forward 352 votes; No. 2, R. W. Pratt, who has but five after a similar experience; No. 31, F. J. Cook, who has thirty-eight from two previous attempts; and No. 57, C. E. Saville, who now appears for the first time. There are many other details which we should like to give, and which would doubtless prove of interest to our readers, but our space being limited, we refrain from so doing. We can but conclude with the hope that the most deserving cases will in the end be successful.

The Prince and Princess of Wales visited the Electric Light Exhibition, at the Crystal Palace, on Saturday last. They were conducted over the building by Mr. McGeorge, Dr. Reid, Major Flood Page, and Mr. Gardiner. The Palace was seen to the best advantage, the Alhambra Court having been lighted, in addition to the others. Their Royal Highnesses spent about two hours in viewing what was to be seen, and then withdrew to the Dining Saloon. They were accompanied by the Marquis of Hamilton, Past Grand Warden of England, and the Marchioness of Hamilton, Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., Mr. Spottiswoode, President of the Royal Society, Col. Ellis, and Lady Emily Kingscote. The Royal Visitors were pleased with the Exhibition.

THE HEART AND TONGUE.

THE tenets of a Mason's profession are said to be Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, each of which has its appropriate explanation, beautiful in theory, and equally so in practice, but here we pause for reflection.

We shall only allude to the first and second of the group, to call attention to their assertions in association with the third, from which we quote—the declaration that “sincerity and plain dealing distinguish us—and the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare, and rejoicing in each other's prosperity.”

It is only a few evenings since we heard this expressive sentence so impressively rendered that we involuntarily exclaimed, mentally, Is that true?

In looking around the Lodge room, it happened that we knew most, if not all, of those present, and concluded that no reason existed to make any criticism as to its practical truthfulness there, but in letting our thoughts flow outward into larger circles, we concluded, with regret, that this declaration, repeated by so many Masters, to scores of neophytes, and heard by hundreds of Masons monthly, with nods of approval, is after all, but “sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.”

In one of his official visitations by a District Deputy Grand Master, made within a few months, we heard him very properly remind the brethren of their obligations as Masons, and exhort them as to their duties. The remarks then made were freighted largely with a professedly religious element, used to enforce the virtue of Temperance, to the effect that the brethren should not preach it inside of the Lodge, and then “give it the lie” by going outside and drinking any non-temperance drink. Admirable as was the admonition, yet honest men, and highly religious ones, differ as to what constitutes Temperance, and whether that implies total abstinence, but as to the conscientious practice of one or the other, Masons can only only approve; and they can only require “that due restraint upon our affections and passions, which renders the body tame and governable, and frees the mind from the allurements of vice.”

When we turn to the dogmatic declaration, that “the heart and tongue join in promoting each other's welfare,” there is no chance or place for dissent; the wise and the simple, the learned and the ignorant, all must occupy the same plane and view from the same standpoint, that which we declare to be true, and hear the same simple and healthful words, so frequently asserted, so acceptable to all, and so welcome too, because given in the tenet of Truth.

But do the facts sustain the high sounding words, and are they not too much observed in breach thereof? “Your name,” said one Mason to another quite recently, “is like a red rag to a bull when used before A.B., and we have heard it frequently said of the same person, “that he had nothing good to say of any one, not a patron.” Surely such a one “gives the lie to the declaration,” for neither “his heart or tongue” rejoice in any one's prosperity.

The breach of this assertion may be seen in various ways, and especially in larger bodies where the modes of the politician are made to usurp the place of brotherly love and truth, and possibly elections are carried, or sought to be, by unseemly methods. Once, only once, have we known of more votes being cast and reported in a Masonic organisation at an election than the number of voters previously registered warranted. It was afterwards said to have been explained, but it had its ill effect, and still calls for a blush; it was not in harmony with the tenet.

“The heart and tongue,” well they may rejoice, but we also read that “the heart is desperately wicked,” the tongue, too, is said to be an unruly member, and the opportunities which badness obtains with its cloak of pretence, to appear among Masons, seeming to be respectable because of the association, enable such heart and tongue to give “the lie” to their own profession, and so to cast suspicion upon the characters of more honest men.

If District Deputies and all other Masons in authority would more sharply arraign such evil practices, and point out the wickedness of violating Masonic dogmas, about which no difference of opinion can be held by honest men, how much less of animadversion and scandal would be heard in Lodge rooms, and among Masons. This evil speaking is a species of treason that men seem to countenance, and sometimes to delight in; it is regarded, however, by a vast majority with hatred, and obtains from them a verdict similar to that rendered by Philip of Macedon, for though he resorted to the use of gold to capture a city, “he loved the treason, but abhorred the traitor.”

In the great influx into Masonry, teachers of its dogmas have been too busily engaged to educate all comers, and the repetition of its ritual, parrot-like, has not availed with the masses; but in the midst of prosperity thinking Masons may well take counsel, and provide for schooling the ignorant, correcting the careless and vindictive, and for strengthening the virtues of those who enter the Institution; numbers, rank, or station count for nothing against honour, and honour will be best maintained by observing, in its highest sense, the tenet from which we have taken the title placed over this article.—*Liberal Freemason.*

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Friday next, at the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, at the White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, commencing at seven o'clock. To those of our friends who may be at a loss for some means of passing their time profitably on the evening of Good Friday, we may suggest their attendance to listen to the symbolical teachings of the Craft sections. Bros. Arden P.M. 141, and Stuart 179, will take the principal parts in the day's proceedings.

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GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Pity the sorrows of a poor old voter. I hear that *all* the Girl candidates are to be received on Saturday next, and I, who am involved in all kinds of exchanges—of votes for Boys, for Old Men, and Old Women,—am utterly at sea as to how I shall fulfil my engagements. I am under the impression I shall be able to carry the election of the Girl candidate I am interested in by exchange of Boys' votes, but now no exchange of votes is necessary, and moreover, I have to pay a heap of Boys' votes for which there is now no exchange available. I know there is very little time between now and the day of election, but if you have a spare moment and a notion as to what I might, could, would, and should do under the circumstances, please enlighten me by a note either in your columns or privately.

Yours fraternally,

ELECTOR.

P.S.—O, wise Polonius, when—if I remember rightly he suggested—*"Neither lender nor a borrower be."*

THE LATE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "Q." errs somewhat on the side of severity in his remarks re the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, and the action taken by the majority of the brethren present at the meeting on the memorable 3rd of February.

At the same time I agree with him as to the illegality of the whole proceedings, and that is why the meeting was held in the regular Lodge room (but without the Lodge furniture, which was already in the hands of the auctioneer) on the following meeting night; to protest against the undue haste with which the whole affair had been carried out, according to Br. Coop's letter in your last impression, every sentence of which I endorse. There was a combination of reasons why the Lodge did not prosper during the last year or two, and had the late Secretary not suppressed the names and the numbers of the attendances of those members who, at his special invitation, took so active a part in the proceedings on the 3rd ultimo, I am of opinion they would not have shewn up in the list much, if any, better than those to whose names he gives so much publicity. He suggests that, to be "a worthy and zealous Craftman" it was necessary to put in a certain number of appearances at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, held at the house of an intimate friend and near neighbour. I am afraid that standard is not the one usually adopted in measuring the worth and zeal of a brother, but when that brother, as in the case in point, can say he is a Life Subscriber to each of the Masonic (as well as to other) Charities, and that hearing, quite by accident, the furniture of the Lodge of Instruction was to be sold, buys it, and presents it to the brethren freely for their use, I think he displays a large amount of zeal, especially, as (Bro. Coop points out) there were several very cogent reasons why the attendance at the William Preston Lodge of Instruction fell off so much during the last two years.

But, Sir, all this is quite beside the question, which really lies in a nutshell.

Firstly, was the circular convening the meeting such as should be sent out under the circumstances?

Secondly, were the resolutions carried on that occasion in the Lodge constitutional, and in accordance with the Bye-Laws? and—

Lastly, should those resolutions have been confirmed before being acted upon?

I maintain the circular should have stated it was in contemplation to close the Lodge. The late Secretary says there was no such intention. If that be so, what was the other important business which might affect the future of the Lodge, after the Report of Audit Committee and election of Officers, in which we were invited to take part? He must have known it was not constitutional for the members of the Lodge then assembled, without any previous intimation or notice, to dissolve the Lodge then and there, on the spur of the moment, simply because there were no Officers elected on that particular evening. And that, had such resolutions been properly carried, the minutes, especially on so important an occasion, should have been confirmed. Brother Hayer, according to these minutes (which not having been confirmed are legally of no value), says, the Lodge was financially a failure. Yet there was a balance of funds in the hands of the Treasurer, which was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and the brethren were also able to vote out of the funds the sum of £2 2s to Mrs. Webster, who had not, either by herself or through any of the brethren, made any application for assistance whatever.

A further analysis of the minutes of the Lodge meeting, which was closed in due form and perfect harmony, as now supplied by the late Secretary, would only tend to prove (as Bro. Coop kindly reminds us) that it was held on that memorable night on which one of the worst fogs London has ever experienced was in full force, and that fog must have penetrated, and made itself very distinctly felt, in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction—hence the proceedings. The

late Secretary not having deigned to answer my official application for the Lodge books, except through the medium of your columns, now informs me and your readers in general, that there is a something which renders these said books so exceedingly valuable that nothing less than the archives of Grand Lodge are considered worthy of their keeping. I was totally unconscious of any such reason. I have had the presumption to think that these books, containing no doubt valuable MSS. of the late Secretary, which were "placed in his hands" (I presume by the members of the Lodge), would have been equally as safe in my keeping (as his duly elected successor) as in his. However, he probably knows best, and I can only hope when Grand Lodge is summoned for the express purpose of receiving these books it may be made a special occasion, and one in every way worthy of so important an event.

Putting all joking aside, I exceedingly regret that there has been any personal feeling exhibited in the discussion of this matter. It would have been more graceful on the part of the seceding members, finding they had made a mistake, to have tried to smooth the matter over than to attempt to justify their action. No one doubts for a moment their *bonâ fides*, but there is no doubt such ill-considered action and precipitate proceedings were un-Masonic, and a fit subject for editorial comment.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

H. MOORE,

Hon. Sec.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot quite agree with Bro. Coop that it is unfortunate any notice of the recent disturbance in this Lodge of Instruction should have been taken in your columns. I think the matter was of too great importance to be overlooked. But I fully sympathise with him in his objection to Brother Godden's table of attendances of himself and the other brethren now engaged in revivifying the Lodge. I think Bro. Godden should have obtained the permission of the brethren in question before parading their names and performances in the columns of your valued journal.

Fraternally yours,

SELM.

A meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, when there were present Bro. Colonel Creaton (in the chair), Bros. Letchworth, Caley, Peters, Gladwell, Richardson, Rucker, Nunn, Dubois, Grey, Mather, Weller-Poley, Tattershall, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. When the routine business had been disposed of, one petition was read, and ordered to stand over for further inquiry, and the following notices of motion for the next General Court were given:—First, by J. S. Cumberland P. Prov. G.W. of N. and E. Yorks., "That the day of election for the Girls' School be altered to Thursday instead of Saturday as at present, except when the Boys' election falls on Thursday, then on Wednesday; and that the rules of the Institution be altered accordingly." Second, by Colonel Creaton, "That the additional vacancy (caused by the retirement of one girl, through ill health) reported by the General Committee, be filled at this election, and that six further vacancies be declared, making in all twenty-eight vacancies for this election, and that the twenty-eight approved candidates now on the list be declared duly elected accordingly; thereby raising the number of elected girls in the Institution to 236."

We learn from the *Evening News* of Thursday that a Special Provincial Grand Lodge for North and East Yorkshire was held on 29th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master the Earl of Zetland presided, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. J. P. Bell, M.D., of Hull. Amongst the rest of the brethren (who would number about 100) were the Very Rev. the Dean of York G.C. of England, Sir James Meek, and many other prominent Masons of the Province. Amongst the rest of the business of the Special Grand Lodge was the adoption of an address to the Queen expressive of the horror and indignation felt by all Free and Accepted Masons in that Lodge at the recent atrocious outrage committed on Her Majesty, and their deep sense of gratitude at Her Majesty's happy escape under Divine Providence. After the adoption of the address the brethren sang the National Anthem. The Lodge also made a grant of 100 guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The proceedings passed off with great enthusiasm.

The Clerkenwell Lodge, No. 1964, will be consecrated on the 22nd April, at the Holborn Viaduct Hotel. The ceremony will be performed by Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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KILBURN LODGE, No. 1688.

THE members of this Lodge held their last meeting of the season on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, Kilburn. The chair was taken by the W.M. Bro. Frederick Brewer, who was supported by Past Masters George Everett (Treasurer), Samuel Brooks (Secretary), J. W. Cuff (I.P.M.), Kiallmark, T. Hartley; also Bros. J. Baker S.W., Haswell J. Turner J.W., G. A. Barclay S.D., W. F. Walton J.D., J. Parry Cole P.M. Org., Henry W. Kiallmark I.G., Thomas Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. O. Latreille W.M. 1260, John Skinner S.W. 538, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, Walter Joyce 1158, W. H. Gardener I.G. 1900, &c. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, Bros. Reginald Thomas Webster and Arthur Cory, candidates for passing, presented themselves for examination, and sustained their claim for advancement. On their retirement Lodge was opened in the second, the candidates were re-admitted and advanced to the degree of Fellow Craft, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a highly satisfactory manner. Later Bro. Past Master Brooks gave the lecture on the tracing board of the degree, much to the edification of those assembled. Business of a delicate nature now received most careful consideration from the members assembled. The Secretary reported as to the steps he had taken under the circumstances, and his action was universally approved. A resolution was agreed to, and Bro. Brooks instructed to report the case to Grand Secretary. After routine work Lodge was closed and adjourned over the summer months. According to the regular custom in this Lodge a banquet was provided, and that of a recherché character. On the removal of the cloth the Worshipful Master, with a few pertinent remarks, introduced the loyal toasts "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers." Each of these met with a hearty reception, and then Bro. J. W. Cuff proposed the health of the W.M. After the admirable way in which Bro. Frederic Brewer had conducted the business of the day, very little need be said in his favour; his actions spoke for him; he had much pleasure in calling on the brethren to honour the toast. The W.M., after thanking the I.P.M. and brethren for the way they had received the toast, referred to the support he had had from the brethren on behalf of his Stewardship for the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. It was gratifying to him to be able to state that his List now stood at 139 guineas. The Visitors were next complimented, and each of those present addressed a few words in response. "The Past Masters," was the next toast given by the W.M., who spoke in eloquent terms as to the zeal each had displayed. Bro. Cuff was the first to reply; he was followed by Bro. Kiallmark, who expressed his gratification at seeing the chair of the Kilburn Lodge now occupied by one of its first initiates. In speaking to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Brewer descanted on the zeal displayed by Brother George Everett. As to Brother Brooks, a more competent Secretary it was not possible to find. The way in which the minutes of the Lodge were recorded was unique and most complete. Every duty that fell upon him was undertaken in the best spirit, and always completed satisfactorily. Bro. Everett (Treasurer), in reply, remarked that it could but be gratifying to him to be able to say that everything in regard to the condition of the Lodge was going on satisfactorily. The Worshipful Master, in the course of his remarks, had said many kind things of him as their Treasurer, and he was pleased to know he had the confidence of the members of the Lodge. Of course, great care was necessary in the disbursement of their funds; hitherto they had been able to do their share for the Institutions, and he would strive that this should continue. Owing to the zeal of their worthy Secretary, his (Bro. Everett's) duties were considerably lightened, but he could assure them his best services were at the disposal of the Lodge. This was the last meeting previous to the summer recess, but he looked forward with pleasure to the next gathering. Bro. Brooks (Secretary) followed. He fully endorsed the eulogistic remarks of Bro. Kiallmark as regards the Worshipful Master. For himself, whatever he could do to advance the interests of the members would be done with intense pleasure. He felt he was indebted to the inauguration of the Kilburn Lodge if any special business qualifications had developed themselves, and he was gratified to know his efforts were appreciated. For the Officers, Bros. Parry Cole P.M. (acting S.W.), H. Turner, H. Kiallmark, &c., responded, and shortly afterwards the Tyler gave the parting toast. During the evening some most successful efforts were made to amuse the guests, Bros. J. Brewer, Parry Cole, Walter Joyce, Webster, &c., rendering goodly service. The exertions of Bro. T. Hartley P.M., who evidently spares no effort to add to the enjoyment of this Lodge, were specially recognised on this occasion.

Albion Lodge of Instruction, No. 9.—A meeting was held on the 26th ultimo, at the Berkeley Arms, John-street, Berkeley-square, W., Bros. Smith W.M., Farwig S.W., Cobham J.W., Watts Treasurer, Docker Preceptor, Sedgwick Secretary. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Fifteen Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Allison, Wood, Shand, Waugh, Richardson, Farwig, and Watts. Second Lecture—Bros. Alexander, Skinner, Docker, Watts, and Dairy. Third Lecture—Bros. Cobham, Sedgwick, and Richardson. Lodge, which was well attended, was then closed, and adjourned.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 27th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Rowles W.M., Nicholson S.W., Taplin J.W., Gray S.D.,

Cotton J.D., Brooks I.G. After the preliminaries of opening the Lodge, reading, confirming, and signing the minutes of the previous meeting, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming candidate. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed according to ancient custom, and adjourned until Monday next, the 3rd of April.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st March, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. R. C. Mount W.M., C. Stephens I.P.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler jun. J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., D. H. Witherington J.D., C. G. Butler M.C., J. W. Martin and H. G. Armstrong Stewards, F. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. S. Bradley, C. Oades, R. Bradley, E. Baker; Bros. J. T. Cockburn P.M. 352, H. Higgs, Sherwood, Tench, J. T. Dodd, C. J. Cave, Doran Webb, J. W. George, C. G. Hawkes, W. Hart, J. H. Walters, C. F. Rayner, J. R. Hayward; W. A. Weatherhead 1101, J. W. Lamb P.M. 694, Hurley P.M. 1101, A. Mount 1328, R. Dowsett S.W. 1101. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. James Hopkins Walters, being a candidate for passing to the second degree, replied satisfactorily to the usual questions, and was passed; and Bro. J. W. George, a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency in the former degrees, was entrusted, and retired. Lodge was opened in the third, and Brother George was re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the ceremony being performed by the W. Master with correctness. Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees, when Bro. C. Stephens, pursuant to notice, moved "that ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds for the R.M.I.B., and placed on the W.M.'s list;" this was carried. The W.M., pursuant to notice, moved, "That it is expedient in the interest of the Lodge to raise the half-yearly subscription of each member from £1 2s (as provided by bye-law 2) to £1 11s 6d; and do away with the charge of 10s 6d for the banquet, except in the case of visitors, such fee for them to be paid by the introducing member (as already provided for by bye-law 4)." A statement was sent with the agenda paper to each member, showing the increasing amounts which had been paid by the Lodge for the past three years. Bro. Bradley Prov. Grand Sec. seconded the motion, and Bro. C. Stephens supported it. Bro. C. Oades moved as an amendment, "That the permanent committee having reported in October last, with reference to the banquet tickets, nothing had occurred since to necessitate an alteration." This was seconded by Bro. Butler, and put to the meeting, when it was lost, nine voting for, and fifteen against the amendment. Bro. the Rev. N. T. Garry proposed, "That the motion of the W.M. be referred to the permanent Committee, to discuss and report upon;" this being seconded by Bro. Ferguson, was carried. Bro. Parry moved that the information respecting the financial history of the Lodge for the past eleven years, which the W.M. had compiled from the Treasurer's books, be printed and circulated among the brethren. Bro. Stephens seconded, and this was carried. During the closing ceremonies, Bro. Ivey announced that a congratulatory letter had been sent to Her Majesty the Queen on the recent audacious outrage; to which Her Majesty had graciously sent a reply, thanking the Freemasons of Reading. All business being ended, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On 24th March, at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. G. J. K. Tribbel W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., W. Heath J.W., W. Dunham Treasurer, H. Moore Secretary, W. Fromholz S.D., T. A. Smith J.D., G. Hart I.G., Past Master Bro. A. Braun P.Z. 766, G. Coop Preceptor; also Bros. Saunders, Chambers, R. D. Smith, Rowley, Wilmore, Wilson, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, the Preceptor worked the third section of the lecture. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. R. D. Smith, a candidate for raising, answered the questions. Lodge opened in the third, and Bro. R. D. Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies in a very able manner. The Preceptor, assisted by the brethren, worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge resumed to the first, when several new members were elected. Bro. Bellerby was appointed W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening. A vote of thanks to the W.M., for so ably presiding, closed the business.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 28th March, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Glass S.W., Smyth J.W., Corble S.D., T. Clark J.D., Wardell I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Allen, Darnell, Christian, Gosling, Dignam, C. Lorkin. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gosling acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated, and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Lorkin was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Brother C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Burdett-Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal Green Junction, on 29th March, Bros. Chitson W.M., Bonner S.W., Clark J.W., Hammond S.D., Clements J.D., Brittain I.G., Sturtevant sen. acting Preceptor, Hand Hon. Sec., D'Ardenne, Ford, Moss, Stewart, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Ford answered the

questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and duly raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason; the W.M. gave the traditional history in a very creditable manner. Bro. Bonner was elected W.M. for next meeting. Notice of motion was given by Bro. Brittain, that this Lodge of Instruction meets on Saturday evenings, in lieu of Wednesday evenings, as heretofore. Nothing further offering, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

It is to be hoped the brethren will muster in good force for next Wednesday evening, the 5th proximo, when the proposed change in the nights of meeting will be considered.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—

The members spent an exceedingly pleasant evening on Wednesday last, when the anniversary dinner took place, Brother Baker, proprietor of the Cock Tavern, the new quarters of this Lodge of Instruction, exerted himself to make his guests comfortable, and with a most successful result. The President of the evening was Brother J. Pigott, one of the Founders and first Master of the mother Lodge, and amongst those present were Bros. A. Mullord P.M. (Treasurer), Goode P.M. (Secretary), T. Meekham P.M., Hickman W.M. 228, J. G. Yolland W.M. 1385, Osborn W.M. 1602, Rothschild W.M. 1677, Bird, Wolff, R. Baker P.M. 188, W. W. Morgan, Woodman, &c., &c. The proceedings were of a most agreeable character, and during the evening some excellent singing took place.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—

An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 27th ult., at York, Bro. Geo. Simpson W.M. in the chair. The business consisted of an initiation and a passing, the ceremonies being very well performed, the Officers showing themselves remarkably exact and proficient in the details of the working. After the close of the Lodge there was the usual pleasant festive gathering around the table, when song and speech passed away a happy evening. The W.M. was congratulated on his improved health, and good working, and he thanked his Officers very cordially for their warm support. Replying to the toast of "The Past Masters," Bro. T. B. Whytehead made a few remarks on the progress of the present Masonic System, and its Charities, and reviewed the career of the Eboracum Lodge, whose fame was probably as wide spread as most Lodges in the Provinces, and whose efforts in the cause of the Charities had been second to none.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—

A meeting was held on Monday, 27th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bros. Hammond W.M., T. Clark S.D. 1178 S.W., Mand W.M. 1625 J.W., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Sec., Job W.M. 1076 S.D., M. Isaacs J.D., T. Wooding S.W. 1306 Preceptor; P.M.'s Bros. W. Musto 1349, W. H. Myers 820 and 1405, B. Cundick 1421, C. Kendall 1625, T. W. Jones 917, G. Huggett 1625, H. Tapley 1076, W. S. Smith W.M. 860, C. Haslip W.M. 813, Sturtevant W.M. 1278, Webb P.M. 1607 and 174, Durrell W.M. 1445; Bros. Macdonald J.W. 1445, H. C. Clark, Moss, Stephens, Pringle, Harvey. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. T. J. Barnes rehearsed the ceremony of installation. All below the degree of Installed Master having retired, a board was formed, consisting of fifteen Installed Masters, and the W.M. elect was duly inducted into the chair of K.S. according to ancient form. On the return of the Craftsmen, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren. Bro. Wooding rehearsed the ceremony of investing his Officers, instructing them in their several duties in appropriate terms. Bro. Installing Master Barnes then concluded his duties by an efficient rendering of the three ancient charges, at the conclusion of which he was greeted with hearty congratulations from the brethren. Bro. Stewart then assisted Bro. Barnes to work the seventh section of the first lecture. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Barnes for the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the evening. Bro. Barnes returned thanks in appropriate terms. Bro. Hammond was unanimously elected W.M. for the next Lodge meeting, 17th of April. The Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned till 17th of April.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, 1612.—

A meeting was held on Thursday, 30th March, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. Cotton W.M., Smith S.W., F. Botley J.W., J. Wells Secretary, A. Jones S.D., Nicholson J.D., Gray, I.G., C. Andrews P.M.; also Bros. Pitt, J. J. Clarke, Canningham, Gasson. After preliminaries the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Pitt candidate. Lodge was opened to, and closed in, the third degree. Lodge was resumed to first degree. Bro. T. A. Smith was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which was fixed for Thursday, 12th April.

The members of the Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction, No. 781, have invited Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the ceremonies of the first degree, on Wednesday evening, 5th April. The Lodge of Instruction meets at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, Limehouse, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Sam. Turquand. On the above occasion a large muster of brethren is expected. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m. sharp.

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Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. W. H. Gulliford M.E.Z., H. P. Isaac H., I. P. Cohen J., M. Emanuel S.E., J. Henochsberg 1st Asst., G. T. Mann 2nd Asst., Goddard P.Z. Janitor; P.Z.'s W. A. Littaur, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy; Comps. Brooke, Ellis, Dewsnap, A. Botibol, Silver, Brall, Fearn, Linzberg, Quincey, M. J. Lyons, Jacobs. Visitors—M. Hart Z. 1502, C. May 657. Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The name of a candidate appeared on the agenda paper, but he was unable to be present. However, the M.E.Z. stated he would be pleased to rehearse the ceremony, which was done, the work being ably performed. Comp. H. P. Isaac gave his portion of the ceremony perfectly, while Comp. A. J. Henochsberg P.S. also deserves special praise. The resignation of a Companion was accepted with regret. Bro. Round 101 was proposed for exaltation at the next meeting. The Chapter was then closed until the first Monday in June, in lieu of the last Monday in May, which will be Whit Monday. A sumptuous banquet was provided by Comp. Jennings, superintended by Comp. M. Silva. The Most Excellent, who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Companion L. Lazarus P.Z. rose, with great pleasure, to propose the toast of the M.E.Z., who now, for the first time since his installation, occupied the chair. Unfortunately the candidate for exaltation did not come up, but the Companions had seen that the M.E.Z. was determined to show his capability. He hoped on future occasions they would have many candidates, as undoubtedly the Most Excellent was perfect in every part of the ritual. Companion Gulliford in reply said he hoped in the future to deserve the encomiums passed on him by Companion Lazarus, and to have opportunities on many occasions of fully deserving all that had been urged so kindly for him. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. He, as well as the Companions generally, were always pleased to see Visitors. On this occasion they were honoured by the presence of Companions Hart Z. 1502, Liverpool, and C. May 657. He hoped to see them on many future occasions. In response, these Companions said they had thoroughly enjoyed the rehearsal of the ceremony by the M.E.Z. and his Officers, and were highly gratified at the cordial reception they had met with. In speaking of the H. and J. the M.E.Z. said both had satisfactorily performed their duties, and he hoped they would eventually occupy the Principal's chair. Comps. Isaac and Cohen gracefully responded, and then the P.Z.'s were complimented. The zeal and ability displayed by the S.E. and the P.S. was fully acknowledged, and the Most Excellent said he had specially to thank them for their kind assistance. After this toast had been replied to, one or two others were given, and then the Janitor was summoned. Comps. Hart, Henochsberg, and Jennings contributed to the harmony.

Domatic Chapter, No. 177.—On Thursday, 23rd ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, Companion J. T. Briggs was installed First Principal, Harrison H., and McClean (W.M. of the Domatic Lodge) J. The installation ceremonies were performed by Companion W. Stephens Provincial Grand Scribe N. Middlesex. Companions C. A. Cottebrune was invested as S.E., Webb as S.N., and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand S.E. as Treasurer. A Past Principal's jewel was presented to the retiring First Principal.

United Strength Chapter, No. 228.—Held its regular March meeting on Tuesday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, when Companion John While, the elected First Principal, who, on account of serious illness, was unable to attend at the installation meeting, was installed in the chair of Z. by Companion James Terry. Since the Chapter last met, the death of one of its founders, Comp. Winsland, had taken place, and the Chapter was draped in token of respect for his memory. The M.E.Z., in alluding to the event, recalled the day when he was initiated into Freemasonry in the United Strength Lodge, fifteen years ago, on which occasion Companion Winsland stated that for the seventeen years he had been in the Lodge he had never missed attending a single meeting.

Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624.—The first regular meeting of this new Chapter was held on Wednesday, 22nd March, at the Freemasons' Hall. Present—Comps. W. Vincent M.E.Z., H. J. Johnson H., J. G. Fisher J., A. W. Beckham S.E., John Wyer S.N., C. Tayler P.S., H. Bond 1st A.S. Visitor—Comp. J. I. Cattle Industry Chapter. The Chapter was opened in due form, and the minutes of the consecration meeting read and confirmed. Ballot was taken for Comps. McCorkell Victoria Chapter, India, and J. Bond Ebury Chapter, as joining members, and proved unanimous. Ballot was also taken for the following brethren for exaltation, viz. John Ray, George Francis, Alf. J. Bignold, Jas. Gourlay, C. Bennett, and Chas. Lee, all of the Eccleston Lodge; it proving unanimous, they were examined and entrusted, and carefully exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by the M.E.Z. Bro. H. A. Hunt, of the Eccleston Lodge, was proposed as joining member. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until the fourth Wednesday in June. The Companions afterwards dined together in the Freemasons' Tavern, where the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given and loyally responded to.

A very successful meeting of the Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, was held on Tuesday, at the Freemasons' Hall. A report of the proceedings will appear in our next.

WEST KENT LODGE, No. 1297.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 25th March, at the Crystal Palace. There were present Bros. J. C. Woodrow W.M., W. P. Gardner S.W. (W.M. elect), John Perrin J.W., Montague Vizetelly S.D., R. H. Crowden I.P.M., B. Fullwood P.M. D.C., J. Orange Organist, J. B. Crump I.G., James Crowden and P. G. Phips Wine Stewards; Past Masters George Clements and J. Allen; W. G. Kent, R. P. Jonkins, A. W. Stead, James Hicks, W. L. Rosedale, Alexander J. Bellis, S. Johnson, Thomas Archer. The Visitors were Bros. J. Stacey 180, W. Pound 19, Charles J. W. Meadows 486 (Fort William), W. J. Lavington 857, W. Osmond 134, Hubert Wright 1928, L. E. Eagle 1901, A. R. W. Sowles, A. E. Stead 1622, Thomas Preston 1669, H. Young 33, J. Larkin 3. The Lodge having been duly opened, and the minutes confirmed, Bro. Stacey, P.M. St. James's Union, installed Bro. W. P. Gardner as Worshipful Master, in a manner which, for its finished style and perfection of detail, elicited great admiration from the brethren. The new Master appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. Perrin S.W., Montague Vizetelly J.W., H. D. Stead P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Woodrow P.M. Secretary, C. B. Cooke S.D., J. B. Crump J.D., James Crowden I.G., B. Fullwood P.M. M.C., J. Orange Organist, P. G. Phips W.S., Thomas Archer W.S. Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. P.M. Crowden, at the request of the W.M., raised Bro. Winkworth to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and the report of the Audit Committee received and adopted. The W.M. nominated as an initiate Mr. Henry Horatio Fanshawe, of East Dulwich, and Bro. P.M. Crowden nominated as a joining member, Bro. Watson Osborn, Caedonia Lodge 134. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The brethren afterwards sat down to the usual banquet, and a pleasant evening was spent.

MARK MASONRY.

York Lodge (T.I.)—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, when, in consequence of the absence of the W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland, the chair of A., was occupied by the I.P.M., Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis. Bro. E. J. de Salis acted as S.W., in the absence of Bro. C. G. Padel, through illness. A successful ballot was taken for Bro. Francis Slinger, and that brother and Bro. G. Lamb were advanced to the degree. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M., the Secretary of the Lodge, read a circular from Grand Lodge, inviting contributions to the Duke of Albany's Wedding Present Fund, and said he had consulted the W.M. on the matter, who was favourable to the Lodge making a grant; he, therefore, proposed a vote of £2 2s to the fund. This was seconded by the acting W.M. and carried unanimously. The acting W.M. then moved that a record be made of the feelings of thankfulness experienced by the brethren of the Lodge at the happy escape from peril of Her Majesty the Queen. This was also seconded and carried. A telegram from Bro. J. S. Cumberland, from Birmingham, was read explaining his absence. After the close of the Lodge, a pleasant evening was spent in Masonic converse.

ANCIENT AND PRIMITIVE RITE.

Orion Chapter, No. 3, Havant.—The regular meeting of the above Chapter took place at the Masonic Hall, on the 28th ult. Ill. Bros. C. G. Adams 31 M.W.S., J. Hurnell 31 R.S.W., H. R. Trigg 31 R.J.W. The ceremony of admitting a candidate to the degree of Knight Rose Croix 11—18 was rehearsed, after which T. Ill. Bro. Hillman 33 reported the progress made by the Rite in various parts of the kingdom, and the alliances formed with kindred bodies in various parts of the world. The grant of £5 5s from the Chapter for R. Ill. Bro. Southwood's (33) List was confirmed, and on the proposition of Bro. Francis 31, seconded by Bro. Harrison 31, it was resolved that the same be placed to the Widows' Fund of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, which will entitle this Chapter to one vote for fifteen years. The standard was then lowered, and the brethren dispersed.

ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE SKIN.

ON Friday, the 24th ult., the annual meeting of this institution was held at the Mansion House. The Lord Mayor presided. The report stated that the hospital was founded in 1863, and since then 31,339 individuals had been attended within its doors. Of that number, 2,772 were admitted last year, 64 being in-patients, and 2,708 out-patients, who attended 21,706 times. The average stay of each in-patient was 47 days. Altogether 1,609 medicated, galvanic, and other baths had been administered. The effort, initiated two or three years ago, to make the hospital a school of dermatology, had been persevered in. The practice of the medical officers attached to the hospital was open to the medical profession without restriction. The Board of Management and the medical staff were exerting themselves in every way to make the institution worthy of the metropolis. In 1881 it received £67 10s from the Hospital Sunday Fund, and £44 7s 9d from that raised on Hospital Saturday. Eighty Courts of the Order of Foresters, and 55 Lodges of Odd Fellows subscribed to the hospital, as did the Great Western Railway employees, and nominated patients for free treatment. The receipts last year were £1,212, and the expenses £1,210. Major Mercier moved and Mr. Alderman Gould (Kingston) seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried.

PUNCTUALITY AND COURTESY.

THERE are no two subjects—in connection with the general transaction of Lodge business—that claim the more strict attention of brethren, who aspire to be deemed model rulers of the Fraternity, than those of punctuality and courtesy. By a due observance of the former, the W.M. of the Lodge sets an example to his officers, which no worthy brother would be slow to follow; while, by the practice of the latter, the exalted Mason draws around him a happy gathering of visitors, whose appreciation of the truly Masonic spirit displayed must also tend to increase the interest the members take in the working of their Lodges. Let us suppose a case in point of an injurious character. Bro. So-and-So, since his elevation to an important position, appears to consider himself of very great importance, and assumes more consequence than he has a right to lay claim to; while the extension of courtesy to visitors appears to be beneath his notice.

Making every allowance for the weakness of human nature, the want of attention on the part of a W.M. to his obligation cannot but be denounced as exceedingly reprehensible; indeed, an official who pointedly manifests a disposition to domineer over those who may be, unfortunately, under his Masonic control, is totally unfit for the carrying out of the duties entrusted to him; while a want of courtesy on his part must not only have the effect of driving visitors from his meetings, but tend to make his officers careless as to the proper performance of their several parts. But apart from the consideration of these questions Masonically, every consistent individual will admit that the neglect of the study of punctuality and courtesy on the part of a man, will not warrant his laying claim to the appellation of a gentleman, but tend to create a distrust in the minds of those with whom he may be brought in contact as to his qualifications for any office of a responsible character.

Not only should a worthy Mason furnish proof that he is a man whose word is his bond, but it is his imperative duty—especially if occupying a leading position in the Craft—to set such an example as to cause all his brethren to look up to him as a pattern of rectitude and virtue—to extend to him the honour and respect due to a truly worthy gentleman. It can scarcely be imagined that any brother, who aspires to an exalted position in the Craft, would wilfully offer an insult to those who may not be in such a high worldly position as himself; but a supercilious deportment or arrogant bearing implies that the self-important individual's success has run away with his reason. It is, indeed, deplorable to see men of more than ordinary mental capacity so conducting themselves as to give offence, when a careful study of punctuality and courtesy would have the effect of inducing brethren to overlook their other shortcomings, and draw together such a gathering on their Lodge-nights as could not but be flattering to the presiding official.

It cannot be expected that even ardent admirers of Lodge workings will spare time to attend the monthly meetings, unless sufficient attraction be provided for them, and it should be the constant study of a W.M. not only to be courteous and attentive to his duties, but to make every effort to secure the punctual attendance of his officers. We take it that the irregular attendance of officials at their meetings is an indirect insult to visiting brethren who may honour them with their presence, beside having a tendency to gradually diminish the prosperity of their Lodges, and too much care cannot be exercised in this respect. It is the duty of Masons, also, when electing a brother to preside over their assemblies, to choose men of unquestionable integrity, strict morals, and gentlemanly demeanour—such a man as the members of the Fraternity would feel a pleasure in honouring with marks of their approval and respect. We repeat, that the study of punctuality and courtesy is highly necessary to secure the prosperity of the fraternity, and hope that the mere consideration of a brother's pecuniary position will not have the effect of securing his election to any position in a Masonic Lodge.—*New Zealand Freemason.*

On Thursday of last week a number of noblemen and gentlemen attended at Marlborough House, by invitation of the Prince of Wales, for the purpose of taking counsel together with a view to enlisting the sympathies of Her Majesty's colonial subjects on behalf of the proposed Royal College of Music. Among those present were the Earl of Kimberley, Her Majesty's Colonial Secretary, the Duke of Manchester, the High Commissioner of the Dominion of Canada, and the Agents-General of Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, &c. &c. &c. His Royal Highness explained at some length the object of the meeting, and said the scheme for the erection of the proposed College would be incomplete if the goodwill and assistance of the colonists were not invoked on behalf of the movement. At the request of the Prince, the Earl of Kimberley made some remarks, pointing out how the Colonies and Colonists could further the movement by founding scholarships or contributing to the general fund that is being raised.

The Mercers Company have resolved on contributing the handsome sum of £2,500 towards the establishment of the Royal College of Music, to be paid in five annual instalments of £500 each.

Sir Erasmus Wilson, P.G. Deacon England, has promised a contribution of £2,500 towards the same purpose.

REVIEWS.

"God Bless our Fam'ly Royal." Grand National Song, written and composed by G. R. King, author and composer of "My own Ador'd Love," "The Rowena Quadrilles," &c. &c. &c. Published by King & Co., Woodford; and—London: Geo. Kenning, 16 Great Queen-street, W.C.

NATIONAL songs that are likely to be of an enduring character are few and far between. Since "God Save the Queen" and "Rule Britannia," but one song of this kind has fixed itself on the minds of the public, and that we need hardly be at the pains of saying is Brinley Richards's "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The fact is, the elements of success in the composition of a truly national song are many and difficult to satisfy. Both words and melody must be simple, and yet grand and inspiring. They must be capable of exciting enthusiasm, and yet such as may be easily picked up and remembered. "God Bless our Fam'ly Royal" meets these requirements extremely well. The air and words are both taking, and there is a good chorus. What is more, the song has been submitted and received the approval of several members of the "Fam'ly" whose virtues it so eloquently proclaims, and we doubt not the Craft will welcome the song in a manner which its merits deserve. That our readers, however, may be better able to judge of the words, at all events, we quote the first verse and chorus, which are as follows:—

With grateful pride, in cot or hall,
A Briton's heart will swell;
At thought of his own native land,
The glories it can tell.
But Roman, Saxon, Norman, Dane,
His long ancestral coil;
Bears not for him a prouder name,
Than Britain's Fam'ly Royal.

CHORUS.
Let ev'ry Briton proudly boast,
No matter clime nor soil,
He drinks an honest manly toast,
God bless our Fam'ly Royal!

A Rose Croix Chapter of the Ancient and Accepted Rite named St. Margaret's, No. 92, was duly constituted on Tuesday under distinguished auspices, at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester. Eleven candidates were regularly received in ancient form into the Order, the perfecting of which, together with the ceremonies of Consecration of the Chapter and installation of the M.W.S. designate, being performed by several members of the Supreme Council 33. A commemoration banquet was afterwards partaken of by more than thirty brethren of the Order and members of the Chapter, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and acknowledged. The summons convoking the Chapter was a splendid specimen of antique printing, and was beautifully in accord with the peculiarities of the degree.—*Evening News.*

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LYCEUM.—At 7.45, ROMEO AND JULIET.
ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.
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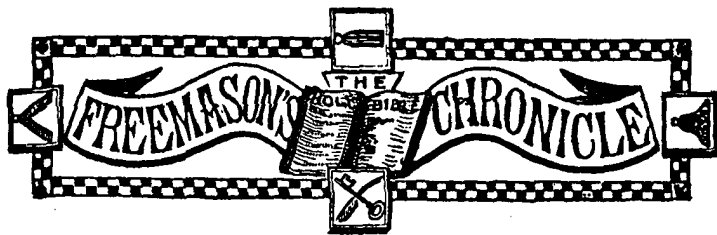
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PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF HAMPSHIRE.

A SPECIALLY convened Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Monday, 20th ult., in the Masonic Hall, Southampton, for the purpose of voting addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Craft, in connection with the recent attempted assassination of Her Majesty. The Right Worshipful the Prov. Grand Master Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided; the D.P.G.M.'s chair was filled by the Rev. G. Y. Nepean P.M. 130 P.P.G.C., and the other P.G.L. Officers present were:—Bros. Le Feuvre P.M. 130 P.G.S.W., Rev. J. N. Palmer P.G.J.W., A. J. Miller P.M. 359 Sec., Barfield P.M. P.G.J.D., G. Tilling P.M. 1461 P.G. Supt. Works, Arnold W.M. 1421 Assist P.G.D.C., V. Brown P.M. 903 P.G. Purs., R. Osborne P.M. 487 P.G. Org., and J. Murray P.M. 76, and A. Scott P.M. 551 P.G. Stewards. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Prov. Grand Master said he must first announce that the Deputy-Prov. Grand Master, the Worshipful Bro. Hickman, extremely regretted he was unavoidably prevented attending through absence in London. The Grand Master of the Order, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, last week summoned the Grand Lodge in London for the purpose of voting an address to Her Majesty the Queen on the occasion of her escape from the recent attempt on her life, and he could have been well content that the large meeting which then assembled should have acted as a general expression of the feelings entertained by the Craft throughout the Kingdom. There was, however, a special reason naturally suggesting itself to the brethren present, rendering it, in his opinion, not unfit, but on the other hand incumbent upon them, as Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, to meet in Prov. Grand Lodge for the purpose of voting a similar address, and that was the fact that Her Majesty resided for a considerable portion of the year within the Province. It had been frequently remarked that those who were placed in high and prominent positions in this life sometimes formed targets for the aim of the assassin, and were exposed to imminent danger in consequence. Many examples of this might be cited in history, in which attempts, some successful and some unsuccessful, had been made on the lives of various sovereigns—attempts in some cases animated by a fanatical hatred of the very existence of a Sovereign, and in others animated by a variety of reasons, and these attempts, as he had said, had met with more or less success, as would be found in frequent parts of historical record. They had, however, been aimed not merely against the persons of Sovereigns, for we had recently had a lamentable instance that they were not confined to that sphere alone, because we had seen in republican America the assassin, unfortunately, only too successful in taking away the life of their chief ruler. He thought, therefore, they might well draw from this the inference that not only were such attempts at assassination levelled against the persons of the Sovereign, but also at the ruler of the State, and were, consequently, aimed at the peace and good order of society, and if there was one body of men in the world who were more concerned than another that peace and good order, which were the very cement and foundation of their institution, should be maintained, it was the Freemasons. They boasted that they claimed to be exemplary in the discharge of their civil duties, and that they tried to preserve peace and good order in society, and how, he asked, could they carry out those precepts which were inculcated at their very entrance into the Order if they were unmindful of the lessons they then received. No, he felt sure that Freemasons were only too proud to show they were mindful of these lessons, and that they would come forward, as some of the most loyal subjects, ranged throughout the extensive empire of the Queen, to show their detestation of such a crime as that recently perpetrated, and to congratulate Her Majesty upon having escaped the danger of such a dastardly outrage. It was with the full conviction that they would endorse such sentiments as he had endeavoured to express that he had summoned the Prov. Grand Lodge that day, to ask them to join in a vote which would express their congratulation to the Queen and the Grand Master on her escape from the assassin, and, above all, tender their thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe that he had in his great mercy been pleased to spare the person of their Sovereign, trusting at the same time Her Majesty would be spared to reign over a prosperous and united people for many years to come. He proposed:—

That addresses be presented by this Provincial Grand Lodge to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and His Royal Highness the

Prince of Wales, the M.W. Grand Master, expressive of the indignation felt by all the brethren of this Province at the recent dastardly attempt on the life of Her Majesty, and their sincere thankfulness that Her Majesty, by the merciful interposition of Divine Providence, escaped uninjured.

Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre P.G.S.W., in seconding the resolution said, that the fact that Hampshire, associated as it was with the Isle of Wight, was a royal county, and that, following immediately after the Province of Sussex, this was one of the first Prov. Grand Lodges in voting loyal addresses to the Queen and the Prince of Wales, would give peculiar satisfaction to every Freemason in the Province. The Prov. Grand Master had so well interpreted the feelings of every loyal and good Freemason under his jurisdiction that many words were not needed in seconding the proposition, which he knew would be unanimously and enthusiastically carried. He ventured to suggest that whereas the Grand Master had intimated that the Queen should be presented to her personally, it was possible she might allow similar addresses from the Provinces in England to be presented personally, and if Her Majesty should consent to receive them he was sure that Hampshire and the Isle of Wight would be pleased to join in so agreeable a duty. The resolution was then put and carried, and the National Anthem sung, the following special verse being interpolated as a solo:—

Saved from the assassin's arm,
Thou, Lord, her shield from harm
Ever hast been.
Angels around her way
Watch—while, by night and day,
Masons in thousands pray,
"God save the Queen."

—The Prov. Grand Lodge was then close in ancient and solemn form.—*Portsmouth Times*.

BALL AT SOUTHSEA.

UNDER the distinguished patronage of the Provincial Grand Master W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P., the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge and the Lodges of the district, the Mayor and Mayoress, T.S.H. Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Admiral Ryder Commander-in-Chief, Vice-Admiral Foley, Sir H. Drummond Wolff, M.P., and the Officers of the various regiments in garrison, the annual ball on behalf of the funds of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood-Green, was held at the Assembly Rooms, Southsea, on Thursday evening, 16th ultimo. The arrangements were in the efficient hands of the following Stewards:—The Worshipful Masters of Lodges Nos. 357, 309, 342, 487, 804, 903, 1069, 1428, 1705, 1776, 1834, 1903; Alderman W. D. King, J.P., Chairman, Councillor G. T. Cunningham Vice-Chairman, and Directors of the Freemasons' Hall Company, the Committee of the Masonic "At Home," and a sub-committee, composed as follows:—Messrs. G. Mason Chairman, T. Hall, A. L. Emanuel, J. Willmott, T. Mares, S. R. Ellis, J. Craven jun., G. Dean, C. B. Whitcomb, T. Basket, with Bro. E. S. Main P.M. P.P.G.D. Secretary. The ball is annually held under the banners of the different local Lodges, and this year it was under that of the Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1834, Bro. G. Mason W.M., and by dispensation from the Provincial Grand Master. The whole of the elegant suite of rooms, including the ball room, withdrawing rooms, refreshment and supper rooms, were thrown open to the guests by Bro. H. Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., the proprietor, who had displayed every care in looking to the comfort and pleasure of his guests. The ball room was graced with groups of valuable ferns and flowers from the hothouses of Bro. Cawte. Suspended from the gallery was the banner of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. The following members of the Order officiated as M.C.'s, and were distinguished by white rosettes:—Bros. J. Ridd Hayman W.M. 309, T. Good, T.O., P.M. 1834, John Brickwood W.M. 342, G. Dean, T.C., J.W. 487, T. Hall P.M. 804, T. Baskett 1776. The company numbered 250, the accepted invitations including the following:—Their Serene Highnesses Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, Sir H. and Lady Drummond Wolff, Mr. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Vice-Admiral the Hon. F. A. C. Foley, Mrs. and Miss Foley, Colonel J. G. Jervois, R.E., Colonel G. F. C. Bray, A.Q.M.G., Colonel J. C. Hay and the Officers of the Gordon Highlanders, Colonel J. W. Barnes and the Officers of the Royal Highlanders (Black Watch), Col. H. W. Mawbey and Officers of the Royal Marine Artillery, Col. W. H. Worthy Bennett and Officers of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. The opening polka, "Brotherly Love," (Winterbottom) was commenced at about nine o'clock, while the "Farewell" galop was not concluded until about three p.m. The tasteful blue and silver programmes, bearing the signs of the Craft, contained twenty items. The newest music, including the "Saxe-Weimar" walse, by T. F. Wilton, was played by the band of that composer, the whole of the dance music being pronounced excellent. A *récherché* supper was served in the dining hall at about midnight, at which Bro. Alderman W. D. King presided. After supper the toasts of "The Queen," "The Prince and Princess of Wales," and "The remainder of the Royal Family," were drunk with enthusiasm, the whole company singing the National Anthem, and "God bless the Prince of Wales." In proposing the health of the Prince and Princess Edward of Saxe-Weimar, the Chairman referred to the esteem and regard in which both the Prince and Princess were held, not only by the Masons as a body, but by the whole of the inhabitants of the borough. By permission of the Prov. G. Master, the brethren wore their Masonic regalia, almost every degree of the Order being represented. The decorations worn by representatives of "Blue Lodges" were in modest contrast with the imposing uniform of the Provincial Officers and Royal Arch Masons, and these again paled before the attractive regalia of the Masonic Knights. The dresses of the ladies were at once bright and elegant.—*Portsmouth Times*.

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, 1st APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 3rd APRIL.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 46—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Champaign Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Trefegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardaluan Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.)
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 189—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Guthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church Street, Basingstoke
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundolph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynn's Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1542—Legolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 4th APRIL.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, 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)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington

- 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. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 117—Wynn's, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Booth, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 5th APRIL.

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 229—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolérance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp. Richmond-rd. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Bacon's Field, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1791—Creator, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—North's Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthsh
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 679—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinqas Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
 1351—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Sloughwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescot
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashin-under-Lytone
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 6th APRIL.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street

27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 823—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 902—Burgoyne, Cook Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Phensant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1339—Stockwell, Cook Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 240—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 360—Pomert, Abington Street, Northampton.
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 410—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 591—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan
 R.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

SATURDAY, 8th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmer's Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1674—Fleeston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

TO attain to prosperity is a consummation devoutly to be wished; and in this Lodge it may confidently be asserted that the consummation has undoubtedly been reached. Not only are the funds increasing, but there is a healthy addition to the roll of members. A wise discretion is exercised in the selection of Masters, and brethren are not appointed to office until they have proved themselves competent to discharge the duties with which they may be entrusted. The installation meeting took place on Thursday, the 23rd ultimo, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City. Bro. W. Chicken W.M. occupied the chair; Bros. J. Roberts S.W., G. Schadler J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Hon. Secretary, C. J. Rich S.D., Kearney J.D., J. H. Hawkins I.G.

C. Daniel P.M. M.C., Speight P.M. Tyler; Past Masters C. E. Ferry, Cornwall, A. L. Leins, Chivers (Father of the Lodge), Arnold, J. Bellerby G.S., and a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. B. T. Wood 1364 was unanimously elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was then read and adopted, after which a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. J. Roberts Senior Warden and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and, in the presence of twenty-three Worshipful Masters and Past Masters, was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. The concluding addresses were eloquently delivered, and listened to with great attention. Bro. Chicken was deservedly complimented at the conclusion of the ceremony. The following is a list of the Officers appointed:—Bros. Chicken I.P.M., G. Schadler S.W., C. J. Rich J.W., J. H. Goodwin P.M. Treasurer, G. T. Brown P.M. Sec., J. H. Hawkins P.M. S.D., E. Marshall J.D., H. G. Gregory I.G., W. Walker M.C., C. Jones A.M.C., H. Caton A.W.S., Speight P.M. Tyler. The applause bestowed at the investiture of every Officer showed the W.M. had made a good selection, and one that gave satisfaction to the brethren. It was arranged that a summer banquet take place in July, and a committee was appointed to carry out the arrangements. A box of working tools had been presented by the I.P.M., Bro. Chicken, and the members expressed the satisfaction with which they accepted the gift. Hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, eighty-nine in number, now sat down to one of those banquets that reflect so much credit on Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. A very artistic menu had been designed by Bro. Ferry P.M., and "button holes" were provided for each guest. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. He said it had pleased Providence to spare her from the hands of a would-be assassin: he hoped Her Majesty would return to this country in renewed health, long to reign over us. The toast of His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master the Prince of Wales was next given. Bro. Roberts said nearly 1000 brethren came to Grand Lodge to meet him on the auspicious occasion of the Special Communication. The toast of the Pro Grand Master the Right Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy G. Master the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers; with this toast was associated the name of Bro. Bellerby P.M. Grand Steward, who suitably responded. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. said this was the first time he had had the opportunity to propose the toast of the Worshipful Master. He was pleased to see the Lodge had placed Brother Roberts at their head; he was convinced that what he had already done so well in every office he had held would now be continued to their satisfaction. Under the auspices of the W.M. the Lodge could not but prosper. The Past Masters would give him their hearty support; and at the end of his year he would vacate the chair with the same amount of respect his predecessor had secured. He (Brother Chicken) felt assured the members would give the toast a hearty reception. The Worshipful Master on rising was enthusiastically cheered. He said he felt it a great pleasure to respond; he would do his duty to the best of his ability. It was only four years since that he held the collar of Wine Steward; he therefore felt a great pride in getting to his proud and enviable position. The ovation he had received was most gratifying. He could assure the members that if candidates came he would be ready to initiate them. He thanked all heartily for the reception they had given the toast. The health of the Visitors was next proposed; the Lodge was always pleased to receive them. This toast was severally responded to by Bros. E. Marlet, Walker, H. M. Levy, T. J. Maidwell, and J. L. Mather. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master; if he could follow in the footsteps of Bro. Chicken he never would go wrong. He had now great pleasure in presenting their I.P.M. with a jewel, proposed with all sincerity, and presented to him by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. He felt great pleasure in placing it on Bro. Chicken's breast, and hoped he would live long to wear it. He had likewise to present him with a gold watch, the gift of the brethren. Often, when he looked at it, he might remember the time when it was presented to him, and consider it marked a pleasing episode in his association with the Prosperity Lodge, and that it would be handed down to his children, to show how his services had been appreciated. Bro. Chicken, in reply, thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for their valuable gifts; he had also to thank the brethren for the great assistance they had given him during his Mastership. If he could have devoted more time to the business of the Lodge he would have done so. He hoped to see them at the Summer Festival, where they would all be proud of the company of wives, sisters, and sweet-hearts. He was convinced the Worshipful Master would do all in his power to make it a success. A Ball had been inaugurated some time since, and he had the pleasure to inform them it would shortly take place. Whatever proceeds accrued from it would be devoted to a good purpose. He had now to remind them that they had lately been enabled to establish a Chapter in connection with their Lodge; Bro. Brown Past Master and Secretary is at the head of it, and he (Bro. Chicken) hoped the brethren would support it. A word or two more; he felt overwhelmed with their kindness in presenting him with the Past Master's jewel and the watch, and he echoed the words of one of their Past Masters, that the jewel won from a Lodge was one of the grandest ornaments of Freemasonry. He should the more esteem this one, as it came from his mother Lodge, while the watch, the gift of the brethren, would enable him to mark the time, and remind him of many pleasant hours he had passed among them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s, whom all were proud to see present. He might say the Past Masters of Prosperity were second to none. They had worked diligently; had looked after the interests of the Lodge, and the Charities of the Order. Bros. Arnold, Leins and C. Daniel responded. The latter brother said that for eleven years he had always held a collar, but he was now pleased to see it given to

a younger member, who he was sure would eventually come to the chair. Bro. Brown P.M. and Sec. said his services as P.M. were always at command of the brethren; it was for four years now that he had held a collar of office, and he was proud to hold one now. Bro. Ferry P.M. followed; he said that to hold a collar in his mother Lodge was, as Bro. Bellerby had said, the highest compliment that could be paid. Bro. Chivers, the father of the Lodge, supplemented the remarks of the other speakers with a few appropriate observations. The W.M. then announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and, in proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, he would remind them that Bro. Goodall P.M. is a Steward for the Boys' School at the Festival to be held in June next. They all had to regret the absence of Bro. Terry, but there was present a very good representative in Bro. Mason. This brother, in an exhaustive speech, responded. It was the first time he had visited the Prosperity Lodge, but it had gone through the length and breadth of the land how charitable its members were. Bro. Terry was away, for the benefit of his health. Their W.M. had accepted a Stewardship for the R.M.B.I., and Bro. Goodall would do a like service for the Boys' in June. Bro. Chicken was third on the list as regards amount at the last Festival for the R.M.B.I., when he took up £142 16s. He (Bro. Mason) heartily thanked them for their support. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary followed, and on the names being announced, the toast was received enthusiastically. Brother Brown P.M. said, ten years since he was raised; he had been now four years a Past Master, and was pleased to say, as long as he was spared his services would be at their command. The toast of the Junior Officers followed, the W.M. remarking every one was qualified to fill any duty he might be called upon to undertake. Bros. Schadler S.W. and Rich J.W. eloquently responded; they were followed by Brothers Hanbury, Marshall, Gregory, Walker, and Caton. Finally, the Tyler's toast was given. The harmony of the evening was contributed to by Bros. Drew, Thompson, Marshall, and Graham, the latter presiding at the piano. This brother also gave a whistling accompaniment, sweetly and artistically. Altogether a very enjoyable evening was passed. The following we noticed among the Visitors:—H. Rawes 950, B. Hughes 27, West W.M. 1815, J. B. Piedne 172, T. J. Maidwell P.M. 27, J. Sparta 1771, J. R. Binfon 52, T. Rushton P.M. 212, Haslip W.M. 813, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex Collector Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, W. Fox 192, S. Hayworth P.M. 15, West W.M. 1815, Pattison 27, Beaumont P.M. 901, Brown 975, Cobleston 1289, Dobbs 879, Thompson 1568, Garner P.M. 975, Marlet W.M. 174, C. Walker P.M. 172, A. Drew P.M. 890, F. Duckford P.M. 515, H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE members assembled to transact the business of the Lodge at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, on Friday, the 24th ultimo, at three o'clock. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. C. Costelow, the chair was taken by the I.P.M., Bro. B. E. Blasby; Bros. L. Franckel S.W., J. J. Gunner J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, W. Gomm P.M. Treasurer, W. D. Beckett S.D., J. G. Le Grys J.D., C. Botley M.C., C. Maton Steward, A. Kent Organist. Visitors—James H. Jarvis 1627, W. Williams 857, J. G. Rush J.D. 1201, H. Cooper 169, A. H. Smith I.P.M. 56, C. Andrews P.M. 77, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, John Nelson P.M. 1294, L. Lichtwitz 1642, E. Monson jun. I.G. 1194, W. H. Ellis 554, John N. Hare 1744, J. H. Burton 1260, Montague Flint 1612, E. S. Wright 1612. After the minutes of last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Past Master Gomm, and seconded by Bro. Past Master Blasby—

"That the brethren here assembled take this opportunity of expressing their gratitude to Almighty God for preserving the life of Her Most Gracious Majesty our beloved Sovereign the Queen; to congratulate her on her recent escape from the dastardly and cowardly attempt on her life; and to express their horror and detestation at so foul and treasonable an act. That this resolution be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge."

This, on being put to the meeting, was most enthusiastically received, and carried unanimously. Reference was next made to the valuable services rendered by Brother Walter Goss P.M., who had so worthily fulfilled the duties of Treasurer to the Lodge. The acting W.M. stated that it had been decided to offer for the acceptance of Bro. Goss some tangible expression of the esteem in which he is held. He had therefore much pleasure in offering their late Treasurer a testimonial which had been provided by the members. This, an illuminated vellum, which had been most artistically executed, bore the following inscription:—

ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

This testimonial was presented to

Bro. WALTER GOSS P.M.,

By the Brethren of the Royal Alfred Lodge,

As a mark of esteem, and in appreciation of the services rendered by him

During the time he performed the duties of Treasurer of the Lodge.

B. E. BLASBY W.M.

LUDOLPH FRANCKEL S.W.

J. J. GUNNER J.W.

WILLIAM GOMM P.M. Treas.

WM. HILTON P.M. Sec.

March 1882.

Bro. Goss having gracefully acknowledged the honour conferred upon him, ceremonial work was proceeded with. There were two candidates for the second degree—Bros. Christopher Frederick Emmott and John Fewkes. Both sustained their claim for prefer-

ment, and were in due course passed by Bro. Blasby. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. Spencer Henry James Flint, who was proposed by Bro. Roe P.M., and seconded by the acting W.M. The result was in favour of the candidate, who was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The consideration of several matters in connection with home affairs was then brought under notice, and after routine work Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was now supplied, the arrangements made by Bro. Brill meeting with universal approval. It may be mentioned here that the worthy host spares no effort to make his guests comfortable; the Lodge room is a fine, spacious apartment, admirably ventilated, while ante-rooms are available for every purpose connected with our ceremonies. The toasts were ably introduced by the acting W.M. of the evening, and the proceedings throughout were of the most agreeable character.

ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 1343.

"GRAYS, a town of Essex, with a market on Thursdays, and 1 fair, on May 23, for cattle and hardware. It is seated on the side of the Thames, 19 miles E. of London. Lon. 0.16. E. lat. 51.28. N." We take the above short statement of the headquarters of this flourishing Lodge from an old Gazetteer under date 1766; those of our readers who happen to be acquainted with the Grays of to-day may draw their own comparison. It is well known that in Essex during the eighteenth century Freemasonry was well practised, and doubtless the little town of Grays sent its contingent of Craftsmen to sustain and carry out the teachings of Freemasonry. However, be it as it may, of this we are assured, that amongst the members of the St. John's Lodge we have men who strive to the utmost of their ability to uphold the principles taught by our precepts, and who proffer their hospitality in a manner characteristic of true Englishmen. The installation meeting took place on Tuesday, 28th ultimo, at the King's Arms Hotel, when the Lodge was opened by Bro. Edwin Sturgeon, who was supported by his Officers. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Bros. Pringle and Hall, candidates for the second degree, were then examined as to their proficiency; they sustained their claim for preferment, and were entrusted by the W.M. Lodge was advanced, and the candidates were regularly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Edwin Sturgeon now vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Robert Gray, Past Grand Deacon of England, who had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Sturgeon introduced the S.W., Bro. Frank Sackett, as W.M. elect, and Bro. Gray proceeded with the ceremony. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and performed its share in the labours of the day. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted in the three degrees. The following brethren were then appointed Officers for the year:—D. Bartlett S.W., F. J. W. Wingrove J.W., E. Sturgeon P.M. Treasurer, Rev. J. H. Rowley Chaplain, J. Howell Secretary, T. Norris S.D., R. Lloyd-Williams J.D., Potter I.G., Martin Tyler. The addresses to Master and Wardens were delivered by the Installing Master, who throughout had ably conducted the ceremony, while the closing address was delivered most impressively by Past Master Alfred Sturgeon. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was presented to the retiring Master, Bro. Sackett expressing to Bro. E. Sturgeon the satisfaction felt by the brethren for the zeal he had displayed during the past year. This tribute of regard was gracefully acknowledged by the I.P.M. Routine work followed; it was mentioned incidentally that the two candidates in whom the St. John's Lodge were deeply interested had secured the support of the recently established Provincial Organisation, and fervent hopes were expressed for the success of these applicants. The Visitors tendered their hearty good wishes, and Lodge was closed. After a short interval the banquet was served, and in a most satisfactory way. Ample justice having been done to the good things provided, the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. The Loyal ones were loyally received. With that of the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Past and Present was associated the name of Bro. Robert Gray, who was personally thanked by the W.M. for having taken so active a part in the day's proceedings. Bro. Gray in replying said it was always a pleasure to him to have his name associated with the distinguished Macons who were at the head of our Masonic Diet. This pleasure seemed to be intensified by the enthusiasm elicited from a recent event, where, through the intervention of the Great Architect of the Universe, our Gracious Sovereign had escaped the dastardly attempt upon her life. In the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master we had essentially the right men in the right places. The Provinces likewise were singularly fortunate in having good and worthy gentlemen to preside over their destinies; he thought Essex particularly so, as few men could be more popular than was Lord Tenterden. Bro. Gray concluded his remarks by thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given him. The next toast was that of Lord Tenterden Provincial Grand Master of Essex, and the Provincial Grand Officers Present and Past. The Lodge was favoured, inasmuch as it had two Grand Officers amongst its members; the W.M. would call on Bro. Alfred Sturgeon Prov. Grand Deacon to respond. After the toast had been acknowledged, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He (Bro. Edwin Sturgeon) had a lively recollection of the day when Brother Sackett was initiated in this Lodge. He had steadily worked upwards, and had secured the esteem of one and all of its members; he felt assured the business of the Lodge would be carried on satisfactorily. Bro. Sackett in reply was gratified by what had been urged in his favour by Bro. Past Master Sturgeon. He had been called upon at an earlier age than he could have anticipated; he, however, fully realised the deep responsibilities he had undertaken, and would strive to the uttermost to fulfil them. In replying for the Past Masters, Brother E.

Sturgeon, after expressing his regret that unavoidable circumstances had prevented some of that body from attending, remarked that he felt he spoke the sentiments of all when he stated they did not consider their zeal should be relaxed now they had passed the chair. He felt all desired their association with the Lodge should continue for many years. For the Visitors, to whom the W.M. gave a hearty welcome, Bro. Morgan replied. He regretted that owing to the exigencies of the train service several had been compelled to leave, but he felt he could express the gratification all felt at the success of the day's proceedings. He congratulated the Lodge on the estimation in which it was held, as evidenced by the great accession to its roll of members during the past year, and tendered thanks for the genial spirit of hospitality displayed by the brethren. The Masonic Institutions were next referred to, the W.M. urging the brethren to a consistent and steady support. For the Officers, Bro. J.W., in the absence of the S.W., replied. Bro. F. J. W. Wingrove regretted the absence of Bro. Bartlett. He fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred upon him by the W.M. He pleaded guilty to the fact of being imbued with a spirit of ambition—a landable ambition he trusted—and looked forward in due course to occupy the chair of the Lodge. He expressed his satisfaction at the reception that had been given to the toast. The proceedings were interspersed with some capital songs, Bros. Cumming, Mills, Wingrove, and others exerting themselves successfully. The following brethren were present as Visitors:—Bros. Robert Gray P.G.D. England, A. Lucking Prov. G.D.C. Essex, Thos. J. Barrett W.M. 1000 G.S. Essex, W. W. Lockey 1000, H. J. Mills Phoenix 412, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and H. D. Stephens 77.

STUART LODGE, No. 1632.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday, the 27th ult. Lodge was opened, in the temporary absence of the W.M., by Bro. Stewart Barker P.M., and there were present during the evening the following brethren:—Donald Clark W.M., George Lilley S.W., Gilham J.W., Thomas Poore P.M. and Secretary, W. Job S.D., E. Bessell J.D., A. Bannister Organist, H. Baldwin W.S., R. Barham I.G., T. Bowler Tyler, also Bros. P.M.'s Stuart Barker, J. Watmsley, G. Thomas, G. Gilham; Bros. E. Cromwell, H. Clamp, C. Linsey, R. Coulthard, Mann, G. Evans, and others. Visitors—Bros. W. Gilbert P.M. P.P.J.G.W. Herts, James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c. A. A. Parks 23, C. Williams 276, D. Trusley P.M., S. Ash, G. R. Smith, G. Mulley, and A. Barton, all of 720, H. W. Sichert 144, J. A. Hunt 569, R. J. Taylor 144, S. Morley 1853, E. Woodman 1950, A. Mulford 1288, C. Evans 1922, J. W. Chapman 1922, W. Hammer 1539, and J. Coe 1339. The minutes of previous meeting were confirmed, and the report of the audit committee received. Bro. Thomas Poore, as Installing Master then most ably installed Brother George Lilley into the chair of K.S. It is needless to say that the admirably efficient manner in which the beautiful ceremony was rendered by Brother Poore called forth expressions of great satisfaction from the numerous brethren who were on this occasion the guests of the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. gave proof of his proficiency by his forcible addresses to the Officers, whom he appointed and invested in rotation, and there being no further business before the Lodge, closed it in due form and with solemn prayer. A choice banquet followed labour, and the customary toasts were briefly but pertinently given by the W.M. In the course of the evening a very handsome P.M.'s jewel was presented to the Immediate Past Master Brother Donald Clark. To the toast of the Visitors several responses were made, the guests vying with each other in their expression of great satisfaction with both labour and refreshment. An excellent programme of music and recitations was fully carried through, and especial reference may be made to the successful vocal efforts of Brothers Chapman, R. J. Taylor, Bannister, C. W. Evans, and of the recitations by Bros. Stevens ("Mason's Vows"), and J. W. Chapman. A most enjoyable evening, and one greatly redounding to the credit of the Stuart Lodge, was spent by all present, and the installation of Bro. Lilley as the W.M. for the ensuing year is not likely to be soon forgotten. It speaks well for that worthy brother that so many members of the Lodge held at his hotel at Balham attended to support him on this occasion.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening last, there was a goodly attendance of brethren. Bro. H. E. Frances opened the Lodge punctually at 7.30, and was supported by Bros. A. Bate as S.W., Perks J.W., Plant Martin S.D., Thurston J.D., Williams I.G., J. S. Terry Secretary, James Stevens Preceptor; Bros. J. W. Watts P.M. 507, J. B. Sargeant, Chambers, and other members were also present. The first section, the ceremony of initiation, and the fourth section, were carefully worked, and subsequently a discussion and explanation of several points of ritual ensued. This arrangement of "question time" was evidently highly appreciated, and earnestly availed of by the members and Visitors. Several points of divergence from uniform working were settled for the future practice of this Lodge of Instruction. It was announced that at the meeting on Friday, the 31st instant, Bro. W. W. Morgan, Secretary No. 211, would occupy "question time" by delivering a lecture on "The Masonic Institutions; their establishment and development," and the brethren generally were invited to prepare short essays on Masonic subjects for delivery on future occasions. The Lodge was closed at 9.30, after a most agreeable and instructive evening. The Hon. Preceptor, Bro. James Stevens, is appointed to preside at the ensuing meeting, when it is anticipated that the lecturer (Bro. Morgan) will be received by a large gathering of South London Freemasons.

"FINIS CORONAT OPUS."

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE work of Masonry is of supreme dignity and importance. It is hallowed by the memories of the past, and is glorious in both history and story. The lectures of the Craft trace its origin to King Solomon, but there are traditions that refer it to a period far anterior to that of the building of the Temple. Like human history, that of Masonry is lost in antiquity. But we have our monuments, which are landmarks indicating to us the progress of the Craft.

We were born of a race of builders—Temple builders. Our forefathers in the Craft were members of the mediæval and oriental building fraternities, or operative guilds. Among the landmarks that monument our history, are the magnificent Abbeys and Cathedrals of mediæval Europe, the temples of Greece, Rome and the Orient, King Solomon's Temple, the Great Pyramids of Egypt, and the massive constructions of Assyria, Babylon, and other Oriental Empires. The work of Masonry is a legacy from the remotest past.

Concerning the early origin of Masonry there can be but one opinion among intelligent investigators; but, however the Craft may be dignified with years, after all, *finis coronat opus*—it is the end that crowns the work. Freemasonry must be respected for what it is, rather than for what it was. It has its roots in the past, but those roots are under ground. Its past is dead and buried, and now only a remembrance, and sometimes merely a tradition, while its present is seen, and felt, and known. The Freemasonry that confronts us, and is visible, tangible, material. It is with us and for us. It made us Masons, and not we ourselves. We are a part of it. It breathed into us the breath of Masonic life, and flashed upon us the meridian splendour of Masonic light. It owes nothing to profane hands, or human laws. No act of incorporation can lend it stability or honour. Its work is by itself, and for itself. It does not make a public spectacle of itself. Its principles are not secret, but its work is, and how it initiates, none but Craftsmen may know. At its elections the profane may neither vote, nor gaze upon the voters from the gallery. With its installation of officers "the public" have nothing to do. It exists for itself, and by itself. *The work of the Lodge is all esoteric.* There are occasions when its light is seen in the outer world, but these are all distinct from the work of the Lodge. When the Masonic dead are buried, or the corner-stones of public edifices are laid, or a notable Masonic anniversary calls the brethren to appear in procession, then Freemasons come in their persons and profession before the world, but only then. They never rightly, Masonically, invite the world to come and observe them perform in their Temples their esoteric ceremonies. Such an end would mar, and ultimately destroy, not crown, their work.

Pessimists see nothing beautiful or noble in the natural, social, political or moral world. The earth is build upon volcanoes, and must eventually "go up." Governments are all temporary human constructions, and must in their turn "go down." The ground is seeded to weeds, and thorns and thistles, and requires intense persuasion to produce anything else. Everything is for the worse, say these unhappy, wilful, blind prognosticators. But they are premature in their judgments. It is *the end* that crowns the work. Men are not now as bad as they seem. The earth is rich in its fruits, when diligently cultivated. And there comes a time when both the earth and man shall be regenerated. There shall be a new earth, and a new man upon it—both new, and yet both old. Both will be crowned with glory and honour. The end will justify the works of the Grand Architect of the Universe from the very beginning. If any one be inclined to despond concerning the present, or the past, let him call to mind the future. Wait till the end. In the evening there shall be light.

A new Lodge is constituted. It starts out under the happiest auspices. Its roll of members is unusually full, its treasury replenished with funds, and its doors echo with the knocks of applicants for admission. Will it always continue so? If the wisdom that originated continues to build, but not otherwise. Stone must be laid upon stone skilfully and well. Truth, prudence, justice and charity must actuate the membership. The ashlar must be perfect, so that the sides and corners of the Temple may be polished. Who can tell whether this Lodge will go on, prospering and to prosper, or go out in darkness, its warrant surrendered, or sequestered, or revoked? *Finis coronat opus.*

An applicant is made a Mason. He receives all the degrees. He is elected to many stations of honour in the gift of the Craft. Will he continue steadfast? Or, when he approaches the horizon of death will his sun set in a murky cloud? No one can surely tell till the end comes. It becomes every one, therefore, to be watchful and beware. We have seen more than one life gilded with Masonic honour, ruined by a misguided step at its close. Look always to the end, for *finis coronat opus.* Freemasons' Lodges and Grand Lodges, are all the work of human hands; but there comes a time, and a place, wherein all the mistakes of earth shall be rectified. Bad men are sometimes, through the ignorance of a section of the Craft, made Masons, but they shall not continue in "good standing" for ever. In the Celestial Lodge only the true Mason will find admittance. His work upon earth must have been square work. He must have been Mason in heart and in life, as well as in name. Hence, to every individual Freemason the assertion is startlingly true—THE END CROWNS THE WORK.

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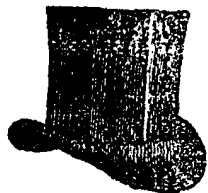
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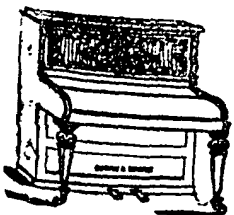
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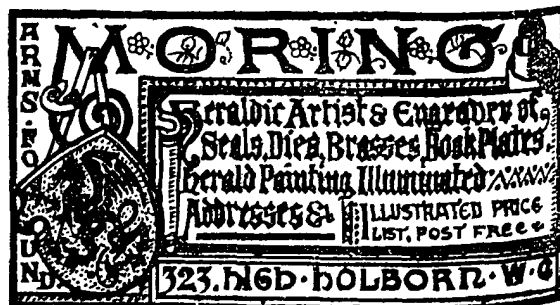
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