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HONOUR TO THE BRAVE.

IT is a good quarter of a century since the Queen has held a review of troops on their return home after having been engaged in warlike operations. In 1856 the three battalions of the Guards on their return from the Crimea were inspected by Her Majesty in Hyde Park, the other four battalions of the same corps being likewise on the ground and marching past the saluting point. The year following our gracious Sovereign was the central figure in another imposing military ceremony, namely, the distribution of Victoria Crosses to the gallant officers and men who had been recommended to receive it for their personal exhibition of distinguished valour in the field. The Order had only a short time previously been created, and to mark the Sovereign's sense of the importance she attached to this first distribution of the Cross, there was a considerable gathering of troops on the occasion, who were under the command, we believe, of the late Lord Clyde, then Sir Colin Campbell, among other distinguished persons who were present being the late Earl of Cardigan, the gallant leader of the Light Brigade. Since then no other military ceremony has taken place in London, or, indeed, as far as we know, in any part of the country in which soldiers returning from a campaign have passed in review before the Queen. The ceremony, therefore, which has been arranged for to-day (Saturday) on the parade ground at the back of the Horse Guards is one which cannot fail to bring together vast multitudes not only of Londoners, but also of people from all parts of the country. Preparations are being made to give all possible *éclat* to the review. Accommodation has been provided so far as the limited space at the disposal of the authorities will permit, for all who, officially or otherwise, have a claim to be present, and no doubt, if we are favoured with what is familiarly known as "Queen's weather," the spectacle will be as imposing as it is rare. Bro. Sir Garnet Wolseley, who commanded the expeditionary force to Egypt, will necessarily be the central figure. With him will be present Sir John Adye, his chief of the Staff, General Willis, who commanded the first division, Major-General Drury-Lowe, who commanded the cavalry, Major-General H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught at the head of his brigade of Guards, and Brother Sir Evelyn Wood in command of the second brigade. The Seamen, Marine Artillery, Marine Light Infantry, the Engineers, the Commissariat, Transport, and Postal Corps will also be represented. In short, every branch of the sister services lately engaged in Egypt will take part in the Review, including of course the small contingent of officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Indian contingent now visiting this country. The Review itself will be a most simple operation, and will be confined to a march past of the troops on the ground, but the Queen has resolved on doing her utmost to make the display as attractive and as honourable as possible to the naval and military professions by personally distributing medals to selected representatives of the different regiments and detachments that took part in the campaign.

To the Craft, who must have many friends among our victorious soldiery and seamen, such a display will neces-

sarily commend itself. As loyal subjects they admire all who have successfully discharged any public duty, and as individual members of the community, they, in common with all others, will be only too delighted to have this opportunity of paying Honour to the Brave.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 323.)

THE subject of Private Lodges is dealt with in the third principal head or subdivision of the Revised Edition, and a mere glance at this and the existing edition will suffice to show that it has undergone the process of re-arrangement to a very considerable extent. Thus, in the present Book, it is first of all laid down who are the Officers of a Lodge, &c.; how, and how often, they shall be elected or appointed; what office shall not be held concurrently by the same brother in two Lodges, except under what conditions; what brethren shall not hold office except under what conditions; that Lodges may frame their own bye-laws," &c. &c. &c. In the Revised Edition we start with the "Application for a warrant for a new lodge;" "Provisional warrants from district grand masters;" "Must be exchanged for regular warrants;" "Form of petition for a warrant;" "A lodge must be regularly constituted;" all which are taken from the heading in the present Book "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE." This re-arrangement may justly be described as a violent disturbance of the Order of our Regulations, for which, as far as we can see, no sufficient justification can be shown. We are told in the "Synopsis" which accompanies the Revised Constitutions, that "the Rules are arranged methodically, having regard to their bearing and sequence," but the constitution of a new Lodge is merely an ordinary incident in the every-day life of Freemasonry, for which of course it is necessary to make provision in our Regulations, but which cannot be said to be entitled to any priority of "bearing or sequence" over the laws that affect all Lodges, both those already constituted, and those which may hereafter be constituted. If "bearing or sequence" are to be our guides in the arrangement of our Constitutions, it must be clear to every one that our first duty is to lay down the definition of a Lodge, and then to describe its organisation. Of course, the primary business of a number of brethren who are desirous of setting up a new Lodge is to obtain the necessary authority in the shape of a Warrant of Constitution from the Grand Master. But the petitioners must be registered Masons, who are or have been members of regular Lodges, and the prayer "must be recommended by the master and wardens of a regular lodge." The new Lodge is thus an offshoot from a Lodge or Lodges already in existence, and it seems a curious kind of methodical arrangement which gives priority of "bearing and sequence" to the rules for constituting a new Lodge over those which concern the existence and organisation of Lodges already in existence. It must likewise be borne in mind, as still further confirming our

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views as to the impropriety of the present arrangement, that new Lodges are organised exactly after the manner of old Lodges. We should, therefore, be told first of all what this organisation is, and then it will be time to describe the steps that must be taken in order to constitute a new Lodge. For our own part, this constituting of a new Lodge being, as we have said, a mere ordinary Masonic incident, we should prefer seeing the regulations affecting it placed in a group by themselves as a kind of Appendix to the division, "Private Lodges." There is, indeed, no sufficient reason, as far as we can see, why the existing head "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE" should not be retained, so much of the Ceremonial and Directions as are obsolete being omitted, and their place supplied by the directions now observed.

As to the rules for the establishment of new Lodges, they are an improvement on those now in existence. See the first, second, and third paragraphs "OF CONSTITUTING A NEW LODGE," at pp 126-7.

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"116. Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven master masons regularly registered under the constitution of the grand lodge of England, and specifying the lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged. The petition must be recommended by the master and wardens of a regular lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary; and in the case of any petitioner who is not a present subscribing member of a lodge, his clearance certificate from his last lodge must also be transmitted to the grand secretary. If the lodge is proposed to be holden in a province, or district, the petition and certificates are to be forwarded in the first instance to the provincial or district grand master, as the case may be, or to his deputy, who is to forward them with his recommendation or opinion thereon to the grand secretary for the decision of the grand master."

"117. The grand master may authorise district grand masters, in such districts as he shall think proper, to grant provisional warrants for the formation of new lodges within their respective districts upon the petition of any seven master masons regularly registered under the constitution of the grand lodge of England. The authority when given to continue during the pleasure of the grand master."

"118. Whenever such provisional warrant shall have been granted, the master of the new lodge shall, within one month, apply by petition to the grand master for a regular warrant of constitution; and upon receipt of such petition, which must state the fact that a provisional warrant has been granted and be countersigned by the district grand master, a regular warrant shall be issued."

The clause in italics in No. 116 is an additional, and at the same time a most important, provision. Without such certificates to guide him, the Grand Master might grant a warrant on the petition of unworthy brethren. It is further to be noticed that the petitioners must, at least to the number of seven, be Master Masons, which will also secure a stronger class of brethren as the founders of a new Lodge.

With reference to No. 119, which contains the "form of petition for a warrant to hold a new lodge," we would observe that what we will call the preamble—"We, the undersigned, being regular registered masons of the lodges mentioned against our respective names, having the prosperity of the craft at heart"—is not strictly in accordance with the Rules Nos. 116 and 117, which prescribe that the

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P 126. "Every application for a warrant to hold a new lodge must be by petition to the grand master, signed by at least seven regularly registered masons; and the lodges to which they belong, or formerly belonged, must be specified. The petition must be recommended by the officers of a regular lodge, and be transmitted to the grand secretary, unless there be a provincial grand master of the district or province in which the lodge is proposed to be holden, in which case it is first to be sent to him, or to his deputy, who is to forward it, with his recommendation or opinion thereon for the grand master."

"The M.W. grand master may authorise district grand masters, in such districts as he shall think proper, to grant provisional warrants for the formation of new lodges within their respective districts upon the petition of any seven regularly registered masons, who shall have fully complied with the rules and regulations in force relating to the constituting new lodges. The authority when given to continue during the pleasure of the grand master."

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petition must be "signed by at least seven master masons regularly registered under the," &c. It is true nothing has been said as to the exclusion of F.C. and E.A.P. Masons from the category of petitioners for a new Lodge, and the term "regularly registered masons" may apply with equal force to them as well as to Master Masons. But we necessarily attach importance to the substitution in the said Nos. 116 and 117 of the words "Master Masons" for "regularly registered Masons." A careful comparison of the proposed with the present regulations induces us to believe that the qualifying words, "at least seven," are not intended to imply that, whatever the number and status of the petitioners may be, "at least seven" of them must be "master masons," but rather that the petitioners must be all Master Masons, of whom, however, there need not be more than "seven" to justify the petition. For this reason, therefore, we would insert in the form of petition the word "Master," so that the proposed Rule should begin, "We, the undersigned, being regular registered Master Masons of the," &c.

No. 120 corresponds with the paragraph at p 128, which immediately follows "the form of petition for a warrant," and with Art. 10, p 64, with the exception of the first sentence. Side by side they read thus:—

"120. In order to avoid irregularities, every new lodge should be solemnly constituted, according to ancient usage, by the grand master, with his deputy and wardens; or, in the absence of the grand master, by his deputy, who shall choose some master of a lodge to assist him. If the deputy be absent, the grand master may appoint some other grand officer or master or past master of a lodge to act as deputy *pro tempore*. No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the grand lodge or a provincial grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the fund of benevolence or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered."

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10. (p. 64). . . . "No lodge shall be acknowledged, nor its officers admitted into the grand lodge or a provincial grand lodge, nor any of its members entitled to partake of the general charity or other masonic privilege, unless it has been regularly constituted and registered."

The only remark we need offer upon this is that, according to the proposed Rule, a "past master," as well as a "master," may act as "deputy *pro tempore*" in the absence of that officer. Under the existing law the deputy's place can only be taken by a "master"—"some other grand officer" being common to both rules. There can be no objection to this extension of the present rule, but in such case, if a deputy's place can be occupied by a "master or past master of a lodge," why should not the law allow the said deputy to "choose some master or past master of a lodge to assist him?" If a "past master" is held competent to discharge the functions of deputy, he must be equally competent to "assist" him. Or, if he is incompetent to "assist" him, *à fortiori* must he be incompetent to take his place. No doubt the omission to which we have called attention is an oversight, and will be made good, when the Revised Edition comes to be carefully considered rule by rule, and clause by clause.

Rule No. 121 is new, and, in our opinion, is quite superfluous, while the marginal note flatly contradicts the purport of the proposed law. It lays it down that "No brother shall be installed as master or invested as a warden of a new lodge, except the brother named in the warrant for such office, unless by special sanction of the grand master." The marginal note reads—"The officers named in the warrant cannot be altered," notwithstanding the law itself says they can be altered "by special sanction of the grand master."

Rule No. 122 must be read with the first sentence of Art. 10, p 64, and Art. 1, p 44. These fit together appropriately enough, as will be seen when they are placed side by side with the existing separate rules.

"122. Lodges shall rank in precedence in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the grand lodge. The grand stewards' lodge shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."

10 (p 64). "The precedence of lodges is derived from their constitution, as recorded in the books of the grand lodge." . . .

1 (p 44). "The grand stewards' lodge shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."

The first sentence of the proposed rule is a decided improvement, in respect of language, on the existing part of the said Art. 10, and is, historically, more accurate, as the dates of "their constitution," as they concern the surviving lodges of the Union, are no criterion of their "precedency." We have said the two parts of No. 122, as taken from Art. 10, p 64, and Art. 1, p 44, fit well enough together, but, in our opinion, a still better arrangement might have been made. We would have joined Rule No. 123 as to the "Peculiar constitution of the grand stewards' lodge," with so much of No. 122 as determines the precedence of the said lodge, and made out of them one concise rule as to the "rank and constitution of grand stewards' lodge." Then we would have taken the first part of No. 122, as to the general "precedence of lodges," and combined with it No. 124, as to the "Local precedence of provincial" (or district) "lodges." Thus our Rule No. 122 would stand thus:—

"The grand stewards' lodge, which, being constituted as a master masons' lodge, has no power of making, passing, or raising masons, shall not have a number, but shall be registered in the books of the grand lodge, and placed in the printed list, at the head of all other lodges, and rank accordingly."

What in such case would be Rule No. 123, we propose should be made up of the first part of No. 122 and 124, and would be to the following effect:—"The other Lodges shall take precedence in Grand Lodge in the order of their numbers as registered in the books of the Grand Lodge. But every Provincial or District Lodge shall have a local as well as a general rank," &c., &c. Or, better still, perhaps as it would necessitate no further alteration of the Rule numbers, we might have No. 123 close with the words, "in the books of the Grand Lodge," while No. 124 would stand as proposed.

As to this Rule No. 124, it is substantially Art. 4, p 73, reproduced, but it is made applicable to Districts as well as Provinces. Thus, instead of beginning, "Every country lodge shall have a local," &c., the proposed rule reads, "Every provincial or district lodge shall have," &c., the words "or district" being inserted after "province" whenever the latter occurs. Be it added that, in order to be in harmony with the Rule, the marginal note should read, "Local precedence of provincial and district lodges."

Nos. 125 and 126 are new rules, the former enacting that "A lodge cannot act without a warrant," and the latter providing for the contingency of a warrant being lost or withheld. Thus, according to No. 125, "No lodge, except while acting under dispensation in the colonies or foreign parts, can meet without a warrant of constitution from the grand master, which is to be specially intrusted to the master for the time being at his installation, who is responsible for its safe custody and shall produce it at every meeting of the lodge. This regulation does not apply to the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4, which act under immemorial constitutions." No. 126 is to the effect that "If a warrant be lost, or withheld by competent masonic authority, the lodge must suspend its meetings until a warrant of confirmation has been applied for and granted by the grand master, or until the warrant so withheld be restored." As to the former of these rules we will merely ask why, if the printed list of Lodges in the Grand Lodge Calendar is intended to serve as our guide to their "dates of origin," Lodges Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15, which are described in the said list as "T.I." Lodges, are not also excluded from the operation of this law? Or, if this law is to be our guide, and it is authoritatively determined by it that the only Lodges "which act under immemorial constitutions" are Nos. 2 and 4, then we shall gladly be informed why the Calendar Committee of the Board of General Purposes is bent on misleading us into the belief there are nine instead of two Time Immemorials. We should like to know, in other words, if Lodges "Nos. 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, and 15 are to be considered as working under warrants of constitution from the Grand Master; if the said warrants are "specially intrusted" to the respective Masters of the Lodges; and if it is intended the said Masters shall produce the said warrants at the several meetings of the said Lodges. Also, in the event of the warrants of any of these Lodges being lost, if they are to "suspend" their meetings until warrants of "confirmation" have been applied for and "granted" by the grand master." This may seem a formidable array of questions to propound, but if the Book

of Constitutions and the Grand Lodge Calendar, both of which are published under the authority of Grand Lodge itself, are distinctly at variance, it will be necessary we should have the variance cleared up. As to No. 126, we have nothing further to suggest than that the marginal note should read "warrant lost or withheld."

No. 127, we are led to believe, is directed against the sale of a Lodge warrant; and so it is, but in part only. It is also directed against the equally, or, perhaps even more, heinous offence of procuring a warrant "by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master or district grand master." Here again, therefore, the marginal note, "Warrant not to be sold," is insufficient, and to rightly describe the purport of the law, there should be added the words "or irregularly procured." Those who have had a hand in framing the Revised Regulations must or should know that it is quite possible for a *précis* to be too precise. This No. 127 is a case in point. It deals with two distinct offences, one being the sale of a Lodge warrant, the other the procuring such a warrant through an improper channel. The marginal note takes cognisance only of the former. As to the Rule itself, it must be read with Art. 28, p 70, there being, however, an additional clause which greatly strengthens the law now in force. This addition is printed in italics.

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"127. If the warrant of a lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master or district grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the lodge erased, and all brethren concerned in such sale or irregularity shall be deemed to have committed a masonic offence."

EXISTING EDITION.

28 (p 70). "If the warrant of a lodge be sold, or procured by any other means than through the regular channel of petition to the grand master, or district grand master, such warrant shall be forfeited, and the lodge erased."

The addition, as we have said, greatly strengthens the existing law. The forfeiture of the warrant, and the erasure of the Lodge, are a severe punishment, but they do not touch the wrongdoers. When the latter know they are "deemed to have committed a masonic offence," they will have before them the fear of individual Masonic punishment.

No. 128 is absolute in the prescriptions it lays down, whereas the law it is intended to supersede (Art. 11, p 65) is optional. They compare thus:—

PROPOSED EDITION.

"128. Every lodge must be distinguished by a name or title, as well as a number, and no lodge shall be permitted to make any alteration in its name or title without the approval of the grand master, and in provinces or districts, also that of the provincial or district grand master. Any such alteration must be immediately communicated to the grand secretary for registration."

EXISTING EDITION.

11 (p 65). "Any lodge which may not be distinguished by a name or title, being desirous of taking one, must, for that purpose, procure the approbation of the grand master, or provincial grand master, and the name must be registered with the grand secretary. No lodge shall be permitted to alter its name without the like approbation."

In No. 129 are enumerated the Officers of a Lodge, both those who are necessary to its proper organisation, and those whom it rests with the Master to appoint or not, at his pleasure. There is also attached to the law as proposed the proviso that no brother shall hold at one time more than one office. The proposed and present rules read side by side thus:—

PROPOSED EDITION.

"129. The regular officers of a lodge consist of the master and his two wardens, a treasurer, a secretary, two deacons, an inner guard, and a tyler. The master may also appoint a chaplain, a director of the ceremonies, an organist, and stewards. No brother can hold more than one office in the lodge at one and the same time."

EXISTING EDITION.

1 (p 61). "The officers of the lodge are the master and his two wardens, with their assistants the two deacons, inner guard, and tyler. There must also be a treasurer and a secretary. A chaplain, a master of the ceremonies, and stewards may be appointed."

We are glad to see the word "director" substituted for "master" of the ceremonies. It will secure uniformity in our official titles, whereas under the existing law a certain confusion is constantly arising, and the term "director of ceremonies," which properly describes certain Officers in Grand Lodge, and Provincial or District Grand Lodges, is applied indifferently to the Officers in private lodges, who

are charged with similar functions. Nothing, however, is said about a Past Master; for whom provision is customarily made in our lodges, there being always, in the case of a new Lodge, some Installed Master enrolled for the office.

No. 130 is constructed partly out of Art. 2, p 62, and partly from Art. 1, p 76, as will be seen from the following comparison:—

PROPOSED EDITION.

"130. Every lodge shall annually, at a stated period, proceed to elect its master by ballot from among those of its members who have duly served the office of warden in a regular lodge warranted under the English constitution. At the next regular meeting the first business after the opening of the Lodge shall be the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting, and if they be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of master, he shall be deemed to be elected, and shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage. No master elect shall assume the master's chair until he has been regularly installed. Should the minutes of the election of master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren will again proceed to elect a master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the following regular meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master shall follow."

EXISTING EDITION.

2 (p 62). "Every lodge shall annually elect its master . . . by ballot, such master having regularly served as a warden of a warranted lodge for one year, and, at the next meeting after his election, when the minutes are confirmed, he shall be duly installed in the chair according to antient usage."

1 (p 76). . . . Previously to the installation of the master, the minutes of the preceding meeting of the lodge must be read and confirmed, so far at least as to the election of the master, after which the usual ceremonies of installation are to be performed, and no master elect shall assume the master's chair until he shall have been regularly installed, though he may in the interim rule the lodge. Should the minutes of the election of master not be confirmed, then a summons must be issued for the following regular meeting of the lodge, setting forth that the brethren were again to proceed to elect a master, and on the confirmation of the minutes of that election at the following regular meeting of the lodge, the installation of the master will follow."

Speaking in general terms, the proposed rule is preferable to the parts of rules it is intended to supersede. It brings the whole subject before the reader lucidly and in a compact form, instead of distributing it under two heads. Taking the parts of the proposed rule severally in the order of their occurrence, we notice, as regards the first sentence, that it fixes "a stated period" for the election of Master, who must be chosen from among the members "who have duly served the office of warden," not simply "of a warranted lodge," but "in a regular lodge warranted under the English Constitution." This is an improvement. Under the existing law a brother who has served the office of Warden in a regular Scotch or Irish Lodge is eligible, and the limitation to English Lodges is to be commended. On the other hand, the words "for one year" in the existing law have no place in the proposed law, which merely requires that the members from whom the Master is eligible shall have "duly" served the said office of Warden. We do not think the proposed clause, as worded, is satisfactory. There is nothing in this rule, or elsewhere, so far as we have carried our researches, to indicate that "duly" and "in one year" have equal force. Such may be the intention of the compilers, but, in the absence of a distinct definition, "duly" may be made to bear different meanings by different brethren. We would certainly substitute for the present clause, "who have served the office of Warden for one year in a regular Lodge warranted under the English Constitution." As to the next sentence, we would suggest that it might with advantage be curtailed. The first business at every regular Lodge meeting, "after the opening of the lodge," is the reading and confirmation of the minutes. We would suggest it should run thus: "At the next regular meeting, if, after the opening of the Lodge, the minutes of the preceding meeting be confirmed so far, at least, as relates to the election of Master, he shall be," &c. &c. &c. The omission from the next sentence of the words "though he may in the interim rule the lodge" is necessary, as a Master continues in office until his successor has been installed. The last sentence only calls for a note of minor importance. It will read the better if the words "of the lodge" are omitted from the phrases "for the following regular meeting of the lodge" and "at the following regular meeting of the lodge."

No. 131 provides for the case of "a prince of the blood royal" accepting the office of Master of a private Lodge.—See second part of Art. 1, p 61, with which it corresponds

almost *verbatim*. No. 132, "The master's obligation," is Art. 2, p 77, and No. 133 compares with part of Art. 5, p 78, over which it has a decided advantage as regards sense.

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"133. The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws, by the lodge over which he presides."

EXISTING EDITION.

5 (p 78) "The master is responsible for the due observance of the laws relating to private lodges."

We see no necessity, in the proposed law, for a comma between the words "laws" and "by." He is responsible not "for the due observance of the laws," which would be exacting too much of him, but for their due observance by the lodge over which he presides.

Nos. 134, providing that a brother "cannot be Master of two Lodges at same time," and 135, defining the "period of office" he may serve continuously, need no comment. No. 136 provides for the appointment of Wardens, &c. the election of Treasurer, and the choice of Tyler, a portion of Art. 1, p 94, referring to the removal of the last mentioned being incorporated with part of Art. 2, p 62. The proposed and the present rules compare thus:—

PROPOSED EDITION.

"136. Upon his installation the master shall appoint his wardens and other officers, except the treasurer, who shall be annually elected by ballot on the regular day of election of master, and the tyler who is to be chosen by the members of the lodge and may at any time be removed for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present at a regular meeting of the Lodge."

EXISTING EDITION.

2 (p 62) . . . "after which"—that is, his installation—"he shall appoint his wardens and other officers, except the treasurer; the tyler is to be chosen by the members of the Lodge."

1 (p 94) . . . "and may at any time be removed, for cause deemed sufficient by a majority of the brethren present, at a regular meeting of the Lodge."

No. 137, as to "master and wardens to sign in grand lodge book," is substantially the same as Art. 7, p 78, with the addition of the clause, "and no master, past master or warden of any London lodge shall be entitled to enter the grand lodge unless he shall have previously signed his name in such book." No. 138 disqualifies the master of the house at which a Lodge meets from holding office in such Lodge, except under proper dispensation, while No. 139, "master and wardens to attend summonses," embodies all that relates to the subject in Art. 23, p 69; Art. 8, p 31; Arts. 5 and 8, p 78; and Art. 30, p 71. No. 140—"Removal of officers"—fits with Art. 9, p 79, but the improvement will be more apparent if we place the two side by side.

PROPOSED EDITION.

"140. Should the master be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, he may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge at a regular meeting; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, the master shall have power to displace such officer, and to appoint another. *If a vacancy shall occur in any office other than that of treasurer or tyler, the master shall appoint a brother to serve such office for the remainder of the year, and if the vacancy be in the office of treasurer or tyler the lodge shall, after due notice in the summons, elect a successor for the remainder of the year.*"

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"9 (p 79). The wardens and officers of a lodge cannot be removed, unless for a cause which appears to the lodge sufficient; but the master, if he be dissatisfied with the conduct of any of his officers, may lay the cause of complaint before the lodge; and if it shall appear to the majority of the brethren present that the complaint be well founded, he shall have power to displace such officer, and appoint another."

So much of proposed No. 140 as we print in italics constitutes a necessary addition, as the existing law does not recognise any distinction as between Officers appointed by the Master, and those elected or chosen by the Lodge.

(To be continued.)

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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—While every one must sympathise with the friend of your correspondent A. B., it must be obvious he had only himself to blame for the unpleasant predicament in which he found himself on the occasion specified. Assuming that A. B.'s friend was a Past Master, and had done some "excellent work" in his Lodge, I hope I am justified in assuming further that, at some period of his career, he had occasionally consulted the Book of Constitutions. In it there is a special heading "Of Grand Standard Bearer" which I will quote in full:—

"Grand standard bearers may be appointed by the grand master as occasion shall require. They must be master masons and are to carry the standards of the grand lodge, grand patron, and grand master, on all grand ceremonies. They are not, however, by their appointment, members of the grand lodge, nor are they to wear the clothing of a grand officer.

"Any grand officer, entitled to have a standard, may, whenever it shall be necessary, appoint a standard bearer, who must be a master mason."

That for the last sixteen years great laxity in this particular respect must have prevailed in the Province of Staffordshire is evident from A. B.'s letter. Otherwise Prov. Grand Standard Bearer would not have been appointed, nor would they have received jewels of office from, or paid fees of honour to, the D. Prov. G. Master, or worn the purple "in common with other Provincial Grand Lodge Officers."

In the Book of Constitutions as revised, provision is made in Rule 18 for the appointment by the Grand Master of two Grand Standard Bearer. According to Rule No. 288, the jewel of a Grand Standard Bearer is "Two staves in saltire tied by a ribbon; flowing from the dexter a standard of the arms of the grand lodge, and from the sinister a standard of the arms of the grand master for the time being." Under Rule No. 307, he is to pay to the Fund of Benevolence, a fee of Five Guineas (£5 5s). There is, however, nothing said in Rule No. 83 in which are enumerated the Provincial or District Grand Officers whom a Provincial or District Grand Master may appoint. Consequently, if the list remains unaltered, there will be no Prov. or District G. Standard Bearer.

Very faithfully and fraternally yours,

LONDON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE:

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I think you are quite right in prominently drawing attention to the omission of certain functions belonging to the Grand Master and to Provincial and District Grand Masters from what I conceive to be their proper places under the respective heads of "Grand Lodge," and "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." You say, with reference to the proposed new Rule, No. 81, in the latter division: "It is a fair criticism whether it would not have been better to group all the functions of the Grand Master under the head of 'Grand Lodge,' and all those of the Provincial and District Grand Master under that of 'Provincial and District Grand Lodges.'" You further suggest, in the particular case under notice, that it might perhaps be necessary to have some corresponding law under "Private Lodges," reference being made in such law to the law or laws already enacted under the previous heading or headings. Passing over this suggestion, I would point out that proposed new laws Nos. 142 and 143, the former of which provides that "the grand master has full authority to preside in any lodge" he may visit, and the latter that, in the Grand Master's absence, the Deputy Grand Master has the same authority, ought most decidedly to have a place in the division, "Grand Lodge," while Nos. 144 and 145, which provide similar enactments in the cases, first, of a Provincial or District Grand Master, and then of his Deputy, belong rightly to the division, "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." I should like to hear what, if any, justification the Committee of Revision—I suppose it is a committee which has undertaken, and thus far carried out, this work—can offer for excluding from the divisions "Grand Lodge," and "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," laws which especially assign these functions to the chiefs of those bodies, and, in certain circumstances, to their deputies. In the four rules, in their order of sequence, which I have quoted, the subjects which severally govern them, are the Grand Master, who "has full authority to preside in any lodge;" the Deputy Grand Master who, in the Grand Master's absence, has the same authority; the Provincial or District Grand Master, who "may preside in every Lodge he visits within his province or district;" and in the absence of the Provincial or District Grand Master, his Deputy who, in that case, "may preside," &c. &c. These, in fact, are the central figures, while the Lodges they visit occupy an absolutely subordinate position. In the present Book of Constitutions, Art. 5, p. 31, providing that the Grand Master has full authority to preside in any Lodge, is placed under the heading "Of Grand Master and Pro Grand Master;" Art. 2, p. 33, makes similar provision for the Dep. G. Master, and is placed under the heading appropriated to that functionary. Art. 3, p. 46, similarly concerns the Provincial Grand Master, and is classed under "Provincial or District Grand Master,"

while part of Art. 2, p. 50, makes similar provision for the Dep. Prov. G. Master. You will gather from what I have said that I consider the four existing provisions are rightly classified as stated, and that the new rules corresponding with them should not be included under the heading of "Private Lodges." There can, of course, be no objection to a rule or rules being included under that head, in which the private Lodge will occupy the place of subject, while the Grand Master, and the rest of them will play—that is, in a syntactical sense—only subordinate parts.

If I take proposed rule No. 166, which lays down the conditions necessary to the removal of Lodges, I shall perhaps succeed in making my meaning more clear. In this the Lodge, whether London, Provincial, or District, is the subject or central figure, and very properly so. It is the Lodge which initiates the idea of a removal from the place in which it was warranted to meet to some other and more convenient place. To carry out this removal the consent of the Grand Master, &c. is necessary, but I repeat, it is the Lodge which in this instance takes the initiative, and, consequently, it is round and about the Lodge that every person mentioned, and everything to be done under the provisions of this law, centres. It is otherwise in the case of the Grand Master, &c. visiting a Lodge, for he it is who takes the initiative, and becomes the central figure, while all other persons and things are absolutely dependent on him.

So far as the little leisure time at my disposal has enabled me I have carefully, and, to the best of my ability, studied the proposed code of Regulations. I see everywhere signs of the great care bestowed upon the work, and you can hardly turn over a page without feeling called upon to recognise some improvement; but I feel sure that you and others will agree with me that much remains to be done before this new code shall be adopted.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

Bro. Kuhe's Brighton Festival concluded on Saturday last, with a very successful performance of M. Gonnod's Oratorio of the "Redemption," the Dome being crowded in every part with people eager to hear and judge of its merits. The day previous had been set apart by our worthy brother for his benefit, and consequently a very full and interesting programme of vocal and instrumental music was arranged for the occasion. With hardly an exception the numbers chosen gave satisfaction to the audience, Miss Kuhe especially distinguishing herself by her brilliant performance of Weber's "Concertstücke," the general effect of which was greatly enhanced by the able manner in which she was supported by the orchestra.

Bro. Alfred Judd, 605, of the Birkenhead Police Force has been re-appointed Treasurer of the West Cheshire Provident Dispensaries.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held next Tuesday, under the auspices of the Vale of Catnos Lodge, No. 1265, at the Agricultural Hall, Oakham, when, under the Provincial Grand Mastership of Earl Ferrers, the new Provincial Grand Officers will be appointed. The brethren have plenty of work before them, among which is the consideration of the proposal to increase the quarterages to the Fund of Benevolence, the Prince of Wales's scheme for the Royal College of Music, and the draft of the proposed Revision of the Book of Constitutions. The fourth annual report of the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Charity Association, which will be submitted to the Provincial Grand Lodge on Tuesday, shows that two half yearly drawings have taken place during twelve months; one on the 23rd December last, and the other on the 22nd July. Twenty-three life subscriberships to the Masonic Charities were drawn. Since the formation of the Association in 1878 ninety-three of these have been drawn, which represents a considerable permanent accession to the voting strength of the Province. The number of members is now 134. During the year just closed the number of nominations drawn has been less than in either of the preceding two years, the falling off being due to the neglect of the members in allowing their subscriptions to get in arrear. The necessity for the Association, and such as it, is deduced from the fact that whereas five or six years ago one thousand votes or less would get a boy into the Boys' School, and a very much less number than a thousand take a girl into the Girls' School, at the last October election of the Boys' School any number under 2,164 votes was unsuccessful, and at the Girls' election a less number than 2,212. If local candidates, therefore, are to be successful in future the brethren must support these local Associations. There will be another drawing on the 15th December.—*Evening News.*

A complimentary Benefit will be given, through the graceful courtesy of Bro. Henry Irving, at the Lyceum Theatre, on Wednesday morning, 22nd Nov., to the respected veteran actor Bro. Wm. Creswick (Urban Lodge), on the occasion of his attaining the 50th year of his professional avocations. The successful comedy of "Much Ado about Nothing" will be played, the ladies and gentlemen of the company giving their services. After the play Bro. Creswick will address the audience.

Bro. J. H. Jennings, the manager of the "Oxford," announces his Annual Benefit for the 22nd inst., the principal artists of the day have promised him their valuable assistance.

The Secretary of State for War has appointed Bro. J. L. Thomas P.A.G.D.C., F.S.A., late Deputy Surveyor, to be Chief Surveyor War Department, vice Mr. J. Atwood retired.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Usher Back W.M., Young S.W., Hentsch J.W., Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. W. Radcliffe, A. Green, John Laver; also Bros. Crapper, Burr, Skipp, Aires, Dixon, H. Green, Pembroke, Frohawk, &c. Visitors—Bros. General J. Studholme Brownrigg Provincial Grand Master Surrey, C. Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary Surrey, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, A. J. Abthorpe 442, H. J. P. Dumas 99 P.G.D. After the minutes of last regular meeting had been read and confirmed, Brother Pembroke was raised to the sublime degree by Past Master W. Radcliffe, who carried out the ceremony in a very impressive manner. A pleasing incident then took place; the members presented their Treasurer with a very neat diamond ring. Brother Back in placing it upon the finger of Brother Charles Greenwood, remarked that it was a pleasant duty that devolved upon him, he being the medium through which the members of St. Michael's desired to convey this pretty jewel. He trusted Brother Greenwood might live long to wear it, and continue to give this Lodge the advice and assistance he had for so many years vouchsafed it. Brother Greenwood seemed thoroughly to appreciate the kind remarks of the Worshipful Master. He said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks. He had been, as Brother Back had stated, associated with the Lodge for many, many years. When he looked back, he almost feared too many. In that eventful time he had seen many a gap made in their ranks; many had gone to that bourn whence no traveller returns. When he joined the St. Michael's Lodge, they met at the George and Blue Boar. He now, with the exception of the father of their esteemed Senior Warden, was the oldest member of the Lodge. Whenever he looked round, he was reminded of many dear friends who had been called away, at the same time he could but be impressed with the true Masonic feeling that prevailed amongst the members. He should, when wearing their gift, be reminded of the circle of eternity which it symbolised, and could assure the members it would tend to wed him still more closely to his duties. Bro. Greenwood concluded a well-conceived speech by again thanking the brethren for their bounty. A sum of 21s was voted from the Lodge funds for the Royal College of Music, and shortly after Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. W. G. Jennings, the manager of the Albion. The after proceedings were of the most enjoyable character.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—A meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., when there were present Bros. Haslip W.M., T. J. Cusworth P.M. S.W., George P.M. J.W., Bolton Treasurer, Harper P.M. Secretary, A. J. Potter S.D., Harnett J.D., Weeden I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, the W.M., at the request of the W.M. of St. Michael's Lodge, conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Francis N. Frohawk, an E.A. of 211. Bro. Frohawk, who is Chief Officer of the screw steamer *Manora*, only returned from Brisbane on Friday last, and was unable to attend the meeting of his own Lodge at the time fixed for the ceremony; hence the request of Bro. Usher Back to the Worshipful Master of No. 813. The ceremony was conducted by Bro. Haslip in a most creditable manner, and the Officers fulfilled their duties excellently. On the completion of the ceremony Bro. Morgan, on behalf of the members of St. Michael's, thanked the W.M. for his courtesy, and Bro. Haslip, in acknowledgment, expressed the gratification it had afforded him to carry out the request of the Worshipful Master of St. Michael's. Amongst other matters that were brought under consideration was the advisability of repeating the Annual Ball, which has proved so successful in previous years. It was agreed this should be done, and a Committee was appointed to make arrangements. The names of two candidates for initiation at next meeting having been handed in, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the third Thursday in December.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, on Wednesday last. Present—Bros. Dixie W.M., Haslip S.W., Fenner P.M. J.W., Dixie S.D., Weeden J.D., Marks I.G., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Sec., Killick P.M., W. Potter, R. M. Jones, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones acting as candidate. This brother also answered the questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. F. C. Dixie was elected a member. Bro. Cusworth proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. of the evening for his able rendering of the ceremonies, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction; carried unanimously. Bro. Haslip will preside on Wednesday next.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Institute, Ealing, on Tuesday, 14th instant, Bros. G. Coop W.M., Henning S.W., Hadley J.W., Fernee S.D., Fryers I.G., J. Wells Secretary, P.M. Andrews, and Cammell Lodge No. 15. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the first lecture. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Wells candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M., with the assistance of the brethren, worked the fourth section of the lecture. Bro. Henning was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed with the usual formalities, and the meeting adjourned to Tuesday, 21st November.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Galer S.W., Parkes J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, A. M. Marks S.D., Archer J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Spencer, Weeden, A. Ferrar and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ferrar, who had previously been examined, being the candidate. Lodge was called off and on. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Percy, the third by Bro. Fenner. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Weeden being the candidate. Both ceremonies were ably conducted by Bro. Gribbell. Bro. Galer was elected to preside next Saturday, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Gallery Lodge, No. 1928.—The "Press" Lodge, which was established for the convenience of the literary staff of newspapers, and received its name from the Reporters' Gallery of the Houses of Parliament, held an emergency meeting at the Brixton Hall, on the 11th instant, when two members received the third degree. This clears the way for the installation of a new Master, which will take place on 9th December, Brother H. E. F. Bussey is the Worshipful Master elect. The brethren passed a very enjoyable evening, and after supper, arranged that the Gallery Lodge ball, which was so successful on the 13th January last, should be repeated next January.

We have received specimen copy of the menu card at the recent installation of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, York. It is a most artistic work, and reflects credit on Bro. Whytehead and the brethren who had a part in designing it. Each toast has an appropriate sentiment attached, which has been selected from some well-known Masonic luminary. This shows an advance upon the menu card we had occasion to refer to the other day, in which the sentiments affixed to the several toasts had been continued from the preceding year.

At a meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on Thursday, 16th inst., the First Principal's chair was occupied by Comp. Halford, Dean H., Sheffield J., Hunter S.N., Bird P.S., Edmonds Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed; after which the Convocation was adjourned until Thursday evening next, the 23rd inst., at the hour of eight.

PRESENTATION TO BROTHER ACKLAND.

A VERY gratifying incident occurred a few days ago at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, when a valuable testimonial was presented to Bro. Charles Robert Ackland, of Israel Lodge, 205, for some years the respected manager of the Holborn Viaduct Hotel, but who has just relinquished that position to assume the management of the "Manchester." The esteem in which Bro. Ackland was held amongst the many representatives of the Manchester and Scotch trades, and others having their headquarters at both these first-class metropolitan hotels, found tangible expression on the occasion, when upwards of sixty gentlemen, including many brethren assembled, under the presidency of Bro. Broderick Mackay, who presided in the absence of Mr. Bullen, Chairman of the Testimonial Committee, who was detained at Gosport on an important legal matter. Supporting the Chairman were Bro. Charles Robert Ackland, "the guest of the evening," Rev. Dr. Morgan (Hon. Sec. of the Testimonial Committee), Mr. Peter Tocher (Hon. Treasurer), Bros. S. Pannell C.C., Felton C.C., Pearse Morrison C.C., McDonald C.C., and one of the directors, R. J. Jameson, of Edinburgh (vice-chairman); Messrs. Philp, Davis, Captain P. Rose-Innes, Newlands, Ormeston, Brand, Skinner, Allbutt, McCleod, of Glasgow, Ackland sen., Messrs. Bolton, Liversedge, and Berwick (representing the firm of Messrs. Salt and Co., the eminent brewers), Mr. J. Webb, Messrs. Brew and Claris (of Finsbury), Mr. Painter, Mr. G. F. Brooker, Mr. Montague Hawkins, Mr. W. Randle (from Australia), Dr. C. E. Ashton, Mr. H. Davis, Mr. C. Ashton jun., Mr. Ashwin, Bro. J. J. Slater, Captain Matthews (high bailiff of Chester), Mr. H. Redgrave (of Worcester), Mr. Williamson, Mr. Bremner, Mr. Rich, Bro. Herbert Rymill (of the well-known Horse Repository, Barbican), Mr. Hardy, Mr. H. Farra (of Deal), Mr. Eccles, Mr. Gallie (of Calcutta), Dr. Allen, Mr. G. H. Tipper, Mr. Jacobs, Mr. Barton, and many others. Captain J. Fernyhough was unavoidably prevented from attending. At the conclusion of a sumptuous repast, which reflected the highest credit upon the cuisine of this comparatively new, but immensely popular commercial establishment, the customary loyal and patriotic toasts were given from the chair. On giving the toast of the evening, the Chairman referred to the high esteem and regard in which Brother Ackland was held by a very wide circle of commercial and other friends. It did not require any eloquence on his part to remind the company Bro. Ackland was what he appeared to be, a sound, substantial, thorough good fellow. Many of them had had experience of the manner in which he had conducted his business, and all must have admired his ability and tact in dealing with the complaints of his multitudinous customers who came to the hotel. The discernment he had displayed on all occasions showed he had the knack of seeing whether such complaints were merely flimsy, or whether there was any real foundation for them. At any rate he had

the happy tact of satisfying all concerned, and had thus surrounded himself with a host of friends. He had not only succeeded in making substantial profit for the employers by whom he had been engaged, earning their hearty goodwill for the services he had rendered them, but he had also earned the hearty goodwill of all with whom he had come into contact by his urbanity, ability, and admirable business judgment. He (the speaker) had no hesitation in saying that the house in which they were now assembled had taken a step in advance in securing the services of a manager who is so universally esteemed; and he felt Bro. Ackland would not only maintain the prestige he had gained in the past, but would do his utmost to raise the Manchester to the position of one of the best and most successful hotels in London. He then begged Brother Ackland's acceptance of a slight testimonial of their esteem and regard, and hoped he would value it, not merely for its intrinsic worth, but as an expression of their genuine and heartfelt esteem. Amidst loud cheering, the chairman then presented to Bro. Ackland a magnificent silver claret jug, richly chased, and bearing a suitable inscription, together with a cheque for a hundred guineas, and a valuable bracelet for Mrs. Ackland. After the applause had subsided, Bro. Ackland suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid to his wife and himself, and observed that the expressions of their kindness were far greater than he had expected, and were, therefore, all the more gratifying. He was extremely grateful to his many friends, who had done so much in getting up this splendid testimonial, and felt it a great honour to be favoured with so large and influential a company on that occasion. It was quite refreshing to see so many of his old acquaintances, whose friendship he hoped he might long continue to deserve, and he assured them all he should strive to do so in his new sphere of labour.

It is proposed to erect a Kursaal off the Chain Pier, which will be a great improvement to the town of Brighton. The entrance to the Pier will be widened 14 feet. The promenade will be 116 feet wide, and at the head a construction, 630 feet long from east to west, and 148 feet wide.

Bro. Alderman H. Cox (Chairman Royal Aquarium), was elected Mayor of Brighton for the ensuing year, but the worthy brother being unable to attend the Committee through indisposition, the late Mayor, Bro. Alderman Hallett, proceeded to his residence, where he was invested, and the customary declaration was made. The thanks of the Council were unanimously voted to the late Mayor, Bro. Alderman Hallett, and the Mayoress, for services rendered, and in recognition of the efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during his year of office. Bro. Hallett has been twice Mayor of Brighton.

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AVENUE.—At 7.30, WEDDING BLISS. At 8, MANTEAUX NOIRS.
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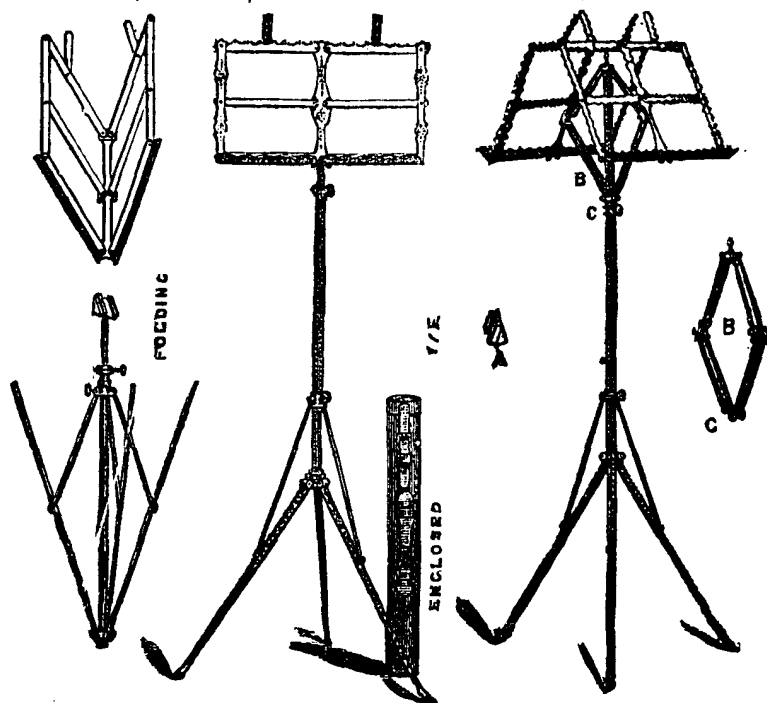
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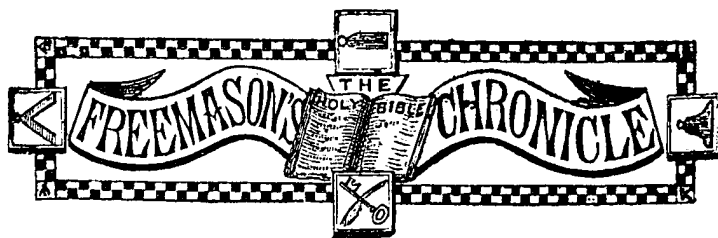
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ROYAL ARCH MASONRY IN MAINE.

THE Report of the Fifty-seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand
Chapter of Main has been received, and an examination of it
shows much of interest and of satisfaction.

The Grand High Priest said, in his address, "I do not think there
has ever been a time in the history of Capitular Masonry in this
State when the Companions of the several Chapters were more
closely allied together than the present." He also said, during his
remarks, that though there were sixty more exaltations this year
than last, the present membership is not as large. This he attri-
butes to neglect in paying dues, and the consequent purging of
Chapter rolls of membership, but notwithstanding this, he considers
Royal Arch Masonry stronger in the State than ever before.

The Grand Treasurer's Report shows the yearly income to have
been 1,580 01 dols., and a balance on hand, after paying expenses
of 714 79 dols. The Charity Fund amounts to 4,302 00 well
invested.

The Report on Foreign Correspondence appears in the body of the
Proceedings, and not as an Appendix. It is a review of the proceed-
ings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, by Companion Josiah H.
Drummond, and is in keeping with the familiar qualities of this
ardent correspondent.

A liberal part of this report is taken up with a discussion of the
question of nonpayment of dues, as regulated by the Grand Lodge

and Grand Chapter of Maine; in trying to make their position clear, to a brother correspondent, he discourses as follows:—

He does not understand the difference between "suspension" and "suspension from membership" under the laws of our Grand Lodge. We will try to explain. Our Companion doubtless knows the difference between an unaffiliated Mason and one suspended from all his Masonic rights; under the law of the Grand Lodge of Maine, a Mason deprived of membership is an unaffiliated Mason, who can regain membership only upon petition and unanimous ballot, a Mason suspended from membership is better off than one deprived of membership, as he can, if suspended for non-payment of dues, by payment of his dues regain membership, or if for any other cause, by performing the condition attached to his suspension from membership. In other words, deprivation of membership absolutely unaffiliates him, while suspension from membership merely unaffiliates him for the time being. This may not be any explanation after all, as we see that he holds an unaffiliated Mason is not in good standing. So that in Wisconsin there practically may be no difference in the status of unaffiliated and suspended Masons, except that the suspended Mason may recover good standing by a two-thirds vote, and an unaffiliated Mason can regain it only by a unanimous vote!

Companion Drummond has paid close attention to statistics, as the following quotation will show:

The figures for Florida, Rhode Island, South Carolina and West Virginia, are the same as given in our report of last year, as we have no later advices.

Those from some other jurisdictions are not as accurate as is desirable, because in some cases an estimate of the membership of Chapters not making returns is included, and in other cases it is not.

The total membership is 128,557 against 127,105 in 1881, and 127,025 in 1880, the Exaltations are 7,424 against 6,733 in 1881, and 5,733 in 1880; the Admissions and Restorations are 1868 against 1900 in 1881, and 1742 in 1880; the Dismissions are 2,818 against 3,073 in 1881, and 3,183 in 1880; the Expulsions are 75 against 85 in 1881 and 122 in 1880; the Suspensions (including suspensions from membership) are 2,859 against 3,762 in 1881, and 4,293 in 1880; and the Deaths are 1633 against 1496 in 1881, and 1602 in 1880.

We thus find an increase of nearly 1500 in the total membership, and while it is gratifying to find that this increase comes in part (692) from an increase of exaltations, still the great cause for rejoicing is found in the decrease of dismissions, and especially in the decrease of nearly 1000 in suspensions. It is evident that suspension for non-payment of dues has reached its maximum, and we have, therefore, reason to look for an increase of membership in the future.

The number of Royal Arch Masons in Maine, is 4,040, of whom 213 were exalted during the year.

Companion Joseph A. Locke of Portland, was re-elected Grand High Priest, and Ira Berry Grand Secretary.—*Liberal Freemason.*

Patriotic Chapter, No. 51.—The annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held at the Cups Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, 9th instant, when E. Companions Ralling, Hennemeyer, and Wiseman were respectively installed into the three chairs, the ceremonies being most impressively performed by E. Companion James Terry P.Z. Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The other Officers of the Chapter were invested as follows:—Companions Turner S.E., Sparling S.N., Sowman P.S., Marshall 1st A.S., Clowes 2nd A.S., Lewis P.Z. Treasurer, Munson, Janitor. The Companions afterwards adjourned to the festive board, where the health of the newly-installed Principals, &c. were duly honoured.

St. John's Chapter, No. 70.—The annual meeting was held on 10th inst., at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth. The installation was admirably conducted by Ex-Companion James Gidley P.Z. 70, assisted by Ex-Companions J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, J. Russell Lord, in a Board of installed Principals, amongst whom were Ex-Companions R. Pengelly, S. Jew, J. H. Hifley, E. Aitken-Davies, W. D. Thomas, T. Goodall, W. Coath, R. Cawsey, G. R. Barrett, S. J. Hearle, W. H. Pike. The officers installed, invested and appointed were, Companions John Russell Lord I.P.M., A. E. Lean Z., J. G. Kevern H., James Griffin J., Richard Pengelly S.E., F. B. Westlake S.N., L. D. Westcott Treas., J. Kinton Bond P.S., George Sercombe 1st A., J. D. Barker 2nd A., George Dyke O., Thomas King sen. M.C., W. H. Symons A.M.C., William Yeo S.S., William Daw J.S., W. H. Phillips Janitor. The Treasurer reported that the Chapter was never in a better position as regards its funds. The usual business consequent on the finish of one year and the commencement of another having been finished, the Companions adjourned to the Globe Hotel. The dinner was well served and thoroughly enjoyed. The Principals—Companions Lean, Kevern and Griffin—presided, ably supported by Companion J. Kinton Bond. The usual toasts were duly honoured, the special ones were those of the I.P.Z. Companion Lord, and the installing Z. Companion J. Gidley.

Brunswick Chapter, No. 159.—The annual installation meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Stonehouse, on Wednesday, 8th inst., when Ex-Comp. W. Travena Past Zerubbabel P.P.G. Director of Ceremonies, was duly installed in the chair of Z., and Ex-Comp. E. S. Johns as H., the ceremonies being performed by Ex-Comp. E. Aitken-Davies P.Z. P.P.G. Reg., and the following Board of Installed Principals:—Ex-Companions R. Lose, A. R. Lethbridge, W. D. Thomas, James Bartlett, T. Goodall, Richard Pike, J. R. Lord, Baxter, J. Gidley. The following were invested in the respective offices, viz.:—J. H. Stephens I.P.Z., E. Aitken-Davies Ser. E., R. H. Carter Ser. N., C. Marshall P.S., H. Mortimer 1st A.S., J. J.

Garland 2nd A.S., R. Hurrell Treasurer, R. Lose P.Z. Chaplain, A. Soper M.C., D. Curno Steward, J. Bartlett P.Z. Janitor. At the close of the Chapter the usual banquet was held at Bro. Thomas's, Great Western Hotel, and it reflected great credit on the management, and Bro. Thomas was especially thanked for his admirable catering. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the evening was very pleasant until a fire next door prematurely broke up the gathering.

Friendship Chapter, No. 202.—The annual meeting was held at the Friendship Masonic Hall, Grauby-street, Devonport, on the 1th instant. There was a good attendance of Past Principals, amongst whom were Excellent Comps. V. Bird (who performed the ceremony of installation), E. March, E. J. Knight, E. D. Parnell, Henry Welch (all of 202), J. R. H. Harris, R. Pike, T. Searle, J. Baxter. The Officers who were installed and invested were Excellent Comps. W. Terrell Z., R. Grills H., R. Lavers J., E. Binding I.P.Z., John D. Sandy S.E., H. Langmead S.N., E. March Treasurer, T. J. F. Burns P.S., J. Viggers 1st A.S., J. L. Leonard 2nd A.S., Joseph Benney Janitor. The funds were reported to be in a satisfactory state, and one guinea was voted to the Devon Masonic Educational Fund. Business having been finished, the Companions retired to their refectory. The newly-installed Principals presided, and proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. As is usual at this old Chapter, a very pleasant evening was spent.

Huyshe Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 91.—The installation meeting was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, when W. Bros. Thomas Searle P.M. 100, P.P.G.A.D.C., and John W. Trevan P.M. 48 P.P.G.D., assisted by the following Board of installed Masters—Bros. John Baxter, John Lynn, J. R. H. Harris, C. Watson, A. Rowe, Henry Miller—installed Bro. R. G. Goodyear as W. Master, a special dispensation having been granted. The Officers appointed for the ensuing year were:—Bros. R. Ellis P.G.S.D. I.P.M., H. Miller S.W., T. Towan J. W., John Lynn Treasurer, T. Veale Secretary and Organist, R. Coleman M.O., A. Maddock S.O., J. R. H. Harris J.O., A. Rowe I.G., William Coath P.M. P.P.G.S.B. S.D., John Blackler P.M. P.P.G.J.O. J.D., John Rodgers P.M. P.G. Tyler T. Simple refreshments, provided in their own rooms, followed. The W. Master presided, and the usual toasts were drunk.

THE LATE BROTHER WILLIAM DUNHAM.

The funeral of this worthy member of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, took place on the 7th instant, at Kensal Green Cemetery. The procession left Seymour-place about eleven o'clock, amidst signs of deep sorrow and regret, as evidenced by the large number of neighbours and friends who partially closed their establishments during the progress of the funeral. The coffin, of polished oak, and ornamented with brass mountings, was borne on a handsome open car, drawn by four horses, and was almost hidden by the numerous wreaths, crosses and other emblems of affection and regret, sent as a last honour to the deceased by his many friends and relations. The square and compasses, very artistically formed of white flowers, which was sent by the brethren of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction (of which the late Brother Dunham was Treasurer), as a last tribute of respect, and to mark their appreciation of his worth as a man and a Mason. The five mourning coaches following the hearse carried the widow and family of the deceased, besides a numerous company of relatives and friends. The Rev. H. C. Johnston, who officiated, read the service in a most impressive manner, and a large gathering of brethren assembled round the grave, amongst whom were Bros. Staton, Tribble, Kennard, Gordon, Halley, Hart, Reed, Guignard, Shackel, Moore, Hall, &c. The deceased was particularly well known amongst the Odd Fellows, having been a member of the City of Pride Lodge for more than thirty years, during which period he has filled on many occasions all the offices connected with the Lodge. At the time of his death he was Treasurer and Trustee. The brethren deeply regret the severe loss they have sustained by the death of one of their oldest and most respected members.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, on Tuesday, 28th November, at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Musto P.M. 1344 W.M., Barnes P.M. 551 and 933 S.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., Carr S.W. 1607 Hon. Sec. First Lecture—Bros. Gray, Stephens, Hirst, Musto jun., West, McDonald, Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Moss, Richardson, Cundick, Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Taylor. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

By the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Thursday evening, 30th November, at the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate E.C. Bros. H. J. Lardner P.M. 1745 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., J. Davidson P.M. 299 J.W., James Pinder P.M. No. 15 W.M. 1662 Preceptor, C. W. Rowe Hon. Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. J. T. Rumball, T. McButt, G. W. Rowe, W. Pennefather, J. Davis, J. Davison, G. H. Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. G. Perkins, Charles Patrick, J. Lawrence, W. Martin, J. Clark. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Strugnell, C. W. Kent, T. Butt. The Lodge will be opened at seven precisely.

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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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SATURDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.

MONDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

- 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Prad Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hotel, Notting Hill
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 K.T. 131—Holy Sanctuary, 33 Golden-square, W
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1189—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dulhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
 1448—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 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.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1601—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 244—Trinity College, 13 Mandeville-place, W.
 R.C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)

- 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 996—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 22nd NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 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)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 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)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1638—Browarigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clepham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 R.A. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W.
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1093—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 23rd NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gray, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 859—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1659—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 657—Canonbury, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue
 R.A. 753—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.)
 R.A. 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 293—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth

344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 368—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 440—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, New castle
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T.—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

FRIDAY, 24th NOVEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 R.A. 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, 33 Golden-square, W.
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Birdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottons, Eastwood.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigau.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

UNITED BROTHERS, No. 1069.

ON Monday evening, Bro. William E. Aitkins was installed as the Worshipful Master of the above Lodge, held at the Royal Beach Mansions Hotel, Southsea. There was a large attendance of the members, including Bros. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Gieve acting I.P.M., Cawte P.M. P.P.G.W., Bond P.M., Barnes P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Rastrick P.M. Treasurer, Guy P.M. P.P.G.D.C., Good M.A., Mumby, Cook, Dupree, German, Lobb, Hyams, Emanuel, House, Lawrence, Ford and Jenkins. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Capt. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 257, Murrell P.M. 1776, Hayman W.M. 309, P.G. Reg., Lavery W.M. 1428 P.P.G.D.C., Pearce P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., Thread-ingham P.M. 487 P.P.G. Sup. Wks., Holbrook P.M. 309, Williams W.M. 1776, Parkhouse W.M. 1834, Page W.M. 1903, Powell W.M. 903, Groves P.M. 487 Past Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, Ernest Hall S.W. 257, Arthur Jolliffe J.D. 257, Pates 1705, Fraser, 1705, &c. The ceremony of installation was efficiently carried out by Bro. Mark E. Frost P.P.G. Treasurer, and the newly installed W.M. afterwards appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Albert Wendover I.P.M., Mumby S.W., Cook J.W., Rev. P. H. Good, M.A., Chaplain, Rastrick P.M. Treasurer, Dupree Secretary, Emanuel S.D., German J.D., Hyams M.C., Lawrence I.G., Lobb and House Stewards, Exall and Smith Tylers. The brethren subsequently adjourned to a *récherché* banquet, at which Bro. W. E. Atkins W.M. presided.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. There was a very large attendance to support the W.M. Bro. E. J. Blackwell, Provincial Grand Junior Deacon Berks and Bucks; the Past Masters of the Lodge being represented by Bros. W. P. Ivey (Secretary),

R. C. Hurley, E. Margrett, W. Ferguson, J. E. Danks, and J. T. Brown. Amongst those present as Visitors were Bros. Robert Bradley Prov. Grand Secretary Berks and Bucks, R. Nicholson Wor. Master 1566, V.W. R. P. Bent P.G.C. W.M. 1894, C. H. Hunt W.M. 1501, R. Barton W.M. 771, R. B. Bateman W.M. 591, H. Jowett S.W. 591, F. H. Cozens Org. 907, H. Higgs 414, H. R. Holland P.M. 1349, S. Bradley P.M. 414, W. H. Staff Organist 1900, C. W. Radway P.M. 41 P.P.S.G.W. Somerset, R. B. Cater W.M. 41, James Robinson 41, G. Gadd 1247, H. Blackwell J.W. 1540, F. Blackwell I.G. 414, M. J. Withers Sec. 414, J. Fisher M.C. 340, C. G. Butler M.C. 414, E. Horne W. Master 1887, W. T. Day 179, R. T. Hodge W.M. 1895, R. C. Mount W.M. 414, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211. After the Lodge had been formally opened, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. William Margrett, a candidate for passing, was then interrogated and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the W.M. conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Margrett. The members of the Reading Lodges are to some extent fortunately circumstanced, inasmuch as they have with them an esteemed brother who, for several years, has taken upon himself the duties of Installing Master. These duties he has fulfilled, and we trust will continue to be able to fulfil, in an eminently satisfactory manner, but we take the liberty of urging on Bro. Moxhay that in the present day, our rulers, notably Provincial Grand Masters, are continually impressing on Craftsmen that outgoing Masters should qualify themselves in every case to instal their successors. We are aware that once upon a time it was absolutely necessary to bespeak the services of an Installing Master some considerable interval before the day fixed for an installation meeting, and we also have it on record it has occurred that the installation of a Worshipful Master has had to be postponed because Bro. Leading Man had other important functions to fulfil. These things, however, are of the past, and are never likely to occur again. Were it necessary, we think we should have no difficulty, in Reading alone, in finding a dozen brethren who could creditably instal a Master, and that with honour to the Lodge to which they belong. Where we find such skill displayed in the various Lodge duties, we cannot but think frequent cause of disappointment must be felt when a suggestion is thrown out that it is not customary to entertain the idea of performing the crowning act of a Master who desires to carry out his duties in their entirety. We feel assured our excellent Bro. Moxhay will pardon us for this digression, but we are writing in the interests of the Craft, and we are convinced every encouragement should be given to those who desire to do all the work apportioned them. The W. Master elect was presented by Bro. Blackwell, and Bro. Moxhay having administered the obligation, Lodge was opened in the third, and all below the degree of Installed Master were requested to retire. A Board was then opened and the ceremony was proceeded with. On the readmission of the brethren the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the three degrees. He then proceeded to invest the Officers, the collars being allotted as follows:—Bros. W. W. Ridley S.W., J. H. Hawkes J.W., Rev. C. R. Honey Chaplain, J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., R. C. Prickett S.D., W. Ravenscroft J.D., Cordery M.C., Hickie Org., Hemmings Prov. G. Tyler Tyler, Tegg S.S., Bowles J.S. The ceremony was brought to a conclusion by the Installing Master calling on the members to salute their new Officers; the customary addresses on this occasion, for want of time, being omitted. The first duty Bro. Dowsett had to perform was to present, on behalf of the Lodge, a P.M.'s jewel to his predecessor. He did this with much pleasure, and he trusted Brother Blackwell might live many years to wear it, and assist the Lodge with his counsel and advice. In acknowledging the honour done him, Bro. Blackwell said he could hardly find words adequately to express his thanks. His year of office had been a very agreeable one; true they had not had much heavy work; still they had had enough to keep them together. His labours, however, had been much lightened by the assistance he had received from his Officers, all of whom had been most zealous in the fulfilment of their duties. All had worked with unanimity, and this tended to promote the harmony which happily existed in the Lodge. He thanked the members one and all for their handsome gift, which he had pleasure in accepting as a testimony of their esteem. Before closing his remarks Bro. Blackwell referred to a custom which prevails in the Reading Lodges, where the outgoing Masters are in the habit of making a presentation—generally of some article of Lodge furniture, or whatever may be required. He was desirous to continue this laudable custom, but, on looking round, he thought their Lodge was so well supplied that it was not easy to find anything which the Lodge did not already possess. However, he should be pleased to receive a suggestion from any of the brethren as to what he should do in this regard. A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. Moxhay for his services, and this having been acknowledged, several letters regretting inability to be present were read, a proposition for a joining member was handed in, and after customary greetings were tendered, Lodge was closed. The banquet took place at the Great Western Hotel, where Brother W. Flanagan exerted himself most successfully to promote the comforts of his guests. A capital bill of fare was provided, and every attention was paid to the service, which called forth considerable commendation. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. proposed the Loyal toast, and the National Anthem was sung. With the second toast—"His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master; the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Officers of Grand Lodge of England"—was associated the name of V.W. Bro. Bent Past G. Chaplain, who acknowledged the compliment. In proposing the toast of—"The R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch, Bart., M.P.; the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C., and Grand Officers of the Province, Past and Present"—the Worshipful Master said he had received a letter from Sir Daniel Gooch, regretting his inability to be present. He would call

on Brother Robert Bradley to respond to this toast. After a song by Brother Fred. H. Cozens, who is deservedly a popular favorite with the Reading brethren, Bro. Bradley rose. He briefly reviewed the progress Freemasonry was making in the Province, as illustrated more fully at the last meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge, held at Reading in June last. He spoke of what was being done by way of the establishment of Masonic Halls, and expressed gratification at the consideration that was being given to this matter. The members of the Grey Friars were happily circumscribed in holding their banquet at the Great Western Hotel. Bro. Bradley next referred to the attention given to the review of the Book of Constitutions, and to Bro. Clabon's proposal to increase the payments to the Fund of Benevolence, and urged on the brethren to attend Grand Lodge when the question came on for discussion, and continue the opposition they agreed on at last Provincial Grand Lodge, to bring to bear on this proposal. In conclusion, he complimented the Lodge on its working and prosperous condition, and expressed his pleasure at seeing Bro. Ridley in the Senior Warden's chair. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Blackwell was assured Bro. Dowsett would do all in his power to uphold the prestige of his Lodge. After a song by Bro. Hickie, Bro. Dowsett rose. The encouragement he had hitherto received would give him zest to persevere. At the same time, he felt that without the assistance of those who had preceded him he feared he should fall short of what he desired. One thing he felt he could urge on behalf of the Lodge,—it was not number, but quality, that was desired. For the Visitors, Bros. Cater and Hodge replied. In responding to the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Blackwell, after recognising the heavy responsibilities attached to his late position, thanked one and all for the assistance he had received in behalf of his Stewardship, and impressed on the brethren the desirability of continuing their support to the new Master. He thought that the brilliant assemblage that had gathered together that day might be accepted as a happy augury for Brother Dowsett's success in the future. Brother Rev. J. M. Guilding, Vicar of St. Lawrence, in a forcible speech, made an appeal on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and Brother J. Early Danks P.M. responded. The other toasts comprised The Installing Master, Brother Moxhay P.P.G.S.W.; The Worshipful Master, Past Masters, and Brethren of the Lodge of Union, replied to by Brother Mount W.M. 414; The Past Masters of the Grey Friars Lodge, 1101, for which Brother Ivey replied; The Treasurer and Officers of the Grey Friars Lodge, and last of all The Tyler's Toast. The proceedings throughout were enhanced by some capital songs, and a recitation given by Bro. Morgan was especially well received.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the installation of W.M., took place on Monday, 13th inst., in the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York. The W.M. elect had issued a large number of invitations, and at the time of opening the Lodge there was a very full room, the array of Past Masters being unusually large. The outgoing Master Bro. G. Simpson assumed the gavel, and was supported by Bros. Kay S.W., Millington J.W. W.M. elect, Humphreys Sec., Balmford P.M. Treasurer, Turner S.D., Blenkin J.D., Whytehead P.M. M.C., Davies Org., Cumberland P.M., Sellar P.M., Padel P.M., Starkey, Dalton, Stephenson, Ware, Chapman, Rev. S. Edge, York, Smith, Stubbs and others, and by the following Visitors:—Bros. McGachen P.M. 236, J. Barker P.M. 1102, Chadwick W.M. 1040, Gibson P.M. 1042, Smith P.M. 302 Provincial Grand Secretary West Yorks, Banks P.M. 570, Gifford W.M. 570, Rymer W.M. 236, Todd P.M. 236, P.M.'s Strachan 24, Fendelow, Rev. W. C. Lukis 837, Smith W.M. 837, Howarth 242, Tuke 236, Smith 236, Short 670, Thompson 570, Kendall 570, Speers 570, Dent 236, Rev. E. Hewett 236, Kirby S.W. 236, White 236, Garbutt J.W. 238, De Solis 1381, Knight 570, Baldroy 570, Morgan 570, and others. The minutes having been read and confirmed, and successful ballots taken for three candidates, the chair was taken by the Installing Master, Bro. Whytehead, who appointed as his wardens Bros. Sellar P.M., and G. Balmford P.M. The W.M. elect was then presented by the outgoing master, and having replied to the necessary questions was duly obligated. A Board of Installed Masters was opened in full form, Bro. Cumberland acting as Chaplain. The W.M. elect having been admitted and installed in the chair of K.S., was saluted and greeted, and the Board was closed, the working tools in each degree being presented by Bro. Cumberland, who also gave the individual addresses to the Officers on their respective investments. The three final charges having been delivered by the Installing Master, the ceremony was completed. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed as follow—Bros. Simpson I.P.M., Blenkin S.W., Turner J.W., Rev. Edge, B.A., Chap., Balmford P.M. Treas., Humphries Sec., Dyson S.D., York J.D., Whytehead P.M. M.C., Davis Organist, Chapman I.G., Stephenson and Dalton Stewards, and Pearson Tyler. Bro. Cumberland P.M. again accepted the post of Preceptor. Bro. Whytehead P.M. was re-elected Charity Representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Board, and subsequently proposed as a joining member Bro. Reynard 1040. The Lodge was then closed amid "heartily good wishes" from all the brethren. The brethren afterwards sat down to a capital banquet, at which the W.M. presided, supported by sixty-five brethren. The tables were adorned bountifully with plants, lent by members, and by numbers of bouquets of exotic flowers, contributed by the lady friends of the W.M. The toast list was a complete novelty, and was got up in the classical antique style, after a design by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. The musical arrangements were most admirable, supplying quite a concert of part music, performed by the Lodge quartette and the Lodge glee party, interspersed with songs. The Eboracum Lodge has always been celebrated for its musical talent, but this last effort surpassed all previous occasions. The toast of Queen and Craft was followed by the song "Victoria," by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, that of The Prince of Wales Grand Master, drew forth "God Bless the Prince of Wales," from Brother J. E. Wilkinson, and The Pro Grand

Master and the Grand Lodge, was followed by the glee "The two Roses," by the Lodge Quartette. Brother the Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain West Yorkshire gave the toast of The Provincial Grand Master and the Provincial Grand Lodge, and, after Hatton's glee, "The Hemlock Tree," by the Lodge Quartette, Brother J. S. Cumberland P.M. Past Provincial Grand Warden responded. Bro. T. B. Whytehead gave The health of the Worshipful Master, and said there was every reason to look forward to a happy and prosperous year under his rule; and, after the performance of "Life's a Bumper," by the Lodge Glee Party, the W.M. responded. He thanked the brethren very cordially for their kindness to him, and assured them that as he had begun so he intended to go on, and to spare nothing to promote the best interests of the Lodge. He concluded by proposing The Installing Master and the Past Masters. Then came Haynes Bayley's charming old song, "The Carrier Dove," by Brother Wilkinson, and the response on the part of Bro. Whytehead and of Brother Sellar, on behalf of the Past Masters. Brother Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. proposed The Eboracum Lodge and its Officers, and, after the Lodge Glee Party had given "Mynheer Van Dunck," with great spirit, Brother S.W. responded. Brother Padel P.M. proposed the Visitors, congratulating the Lodge upon the splendid array of distinguished brethren gathered under its banner that day. The Lodge Quartette sang "Of a' the Airts," and responses were given to the toast by Bros. Fendelow P.P.G.W. of Staffordshire, Strachan P.P.G. Warden of Northumberland, Rymer W.M. 236 (Sheriff of York), and Captain Gifford W. Master 507 (I.C.), attached to the 5th Dragoon Guards Regiment, now stationed in York. Brother Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G. Registrar proposed The Masonic Charities, and congratulated the Eboracum Lodge on the work it had done as a young Lodge for the three great Charities of the Order. Macfarren's song, "My own my guiding star," here followed, and Bros. W. Child and J. S. Cumberland Provincial Charity Steward responded, entering at some length into several matters affecting the interests of the Province in the matter of the elections to the Benevolent Institution and Schools. Brother T. B. Whytehead gave the Memory of Our Honoured Dead in a few appropriate words, and the toast was drunk standing and in silence, the quartette singing the chant, "May we all meet together in the Grand Lodge above," silent honours following. Bro. Turner gave the Ladies, in a speech that excited much merriment. The quartette gave Hatton's glee—"Beware"—and Brother Dyson responded. Brother Wilkinson gave, by special request, "She wore a wreath of roses," and Brother Humphries proposed "Our Absent Friends," alluding to the scattered members of the Lodge in New York, Dakota, South Africa, South Australia, and Egypt. Then came the glee, "Hail, smiling morn," followed by the health of the Host—Brother H. Churchill, and the Tyler's toast, the evening being most appropriately wound up by Bros. J. S. Cumberland giving in his telling manner, "A lift on the way," and the glee party completed their excellent performances with "As the moments roll." A more successful gathering has never taken place under the banner of this Lodge, and both members and visitors expressed themselves greatly pleased both with the ceremonies and festivities. Amongst the numerous apologies for absence enumerated by the Worshipful Master, were letters or telegrams from the following brethren:—Bros. the Earl of Zetland Provincial Grand Master, Dr. Bell Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Don. M. Dewar, George Taylor Provincial Grand Secretary Worcester, Canon Tristram, James Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Rev. J. Harrison, Oldham, G. P. Brockbank, Bolton, the Dean of York, Rev. W. Valentine, Whitley, D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary Scotland, R. F. Gould P.G.D., J. W. Woodall P.P.G.W., J. Young P.M. 523, J. A. Bindley Burton-on-Trent, Anderson Prov. Grand Treasurer Northumberland, E. Davis Newcastle, Thompson Prov. G. Sec. Northumberland, Peek Prov. G. Sec. N. and E. Yorks, B. Broughton P.M. 302, Atherton W.M. 439, Hill P.M. 302, Brown Prov. G.J.W. North and Hunts, John Page P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, Halry York, Lovegrove P.M., Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Woodford P.G.C., Hedges Sec. R.M.I.G., Paley P.M. 857, Cockburn Newcastle, Reynard, Sunderlandwicke, Capt. Wordsworth, Wakefield, Brown, and others.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—

The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Friday evening, the 10th instant, was presided over by Bros. G. W. Knight W.M., and was attended by Bros. J. N. Bate S.W., C. H. Nevill J.W., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, F. Thurston Treasurer, C. H. Phillips S.D., H. M. Williams J.D., J. Letchford I.G., E. A. Francis, H. Stokes, R. Poore, M. E. Stokes, J. Wilmot, A. J. Styles, R. W. Pooler and others. Lodge having been duly opened and minutes confirmed, Bro. R. Poore, as candidate, was proved, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Knight. The F.C. charge was effectively delivered by Bro. Bate. Three of the five sections of the second lecture were worked by the brethren, and Lodge closed down to E.A. degree and called off. Entry drill was practised, and the Lodge called on. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—

Held at the Jacob's Well, 13 George-street, Manchester-square, on Friday, 3rd inst. Bro. C. W. Fromholtz W.M. was supported by the following—Bros. Tribble, Wilson, T. Smith, G. Hart, F. Smith, G. Coop Preceptor, H. Moore Secretary; also Bros. Davis, Bellerby, Cox, Littlewood, Higgs, &c. &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Davis being the candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the Preceptor worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Two new members were elected. The Secretary announced the death of the Treasurer, Bro. William Dunham, which took place on the 1st inst. The Secretary was desired by the W.M., on behalf of the brethren,

to write a letter of condolence to the widow and family of our late Bro. Dunham, expressing their deep regret, and sincere sympathy with them in the hour of their great affliction. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

On Friday, 10th inst., Bros. Wilson W.M., Bellerby S.W., Hart J.W., F. Smith S.D., F. Smith J.D., Brander I.G.; also Bros. Dairy, R. D. Smith, Carsons, G. Cooper Preceptor and H. Moore Secretary. After preliminaries, the Preceptor worked the third section of the first lecture. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. R. D. Smith candidate. The death of Bro. Walter Heath, Londesborough, 1681, was reported. Bro. Coop proposed, Bro. Dairy seconded, that a letter of condolence be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Heath, expressive of the sincere regret, sorrow and sympathy of the brethren with her in her sad bereavement, was carried unanimously. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, 17th inst., when the Officers of the mother Lodge will be invited to assist in the labours of the evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 14th inst. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Glass S.W., Clark J.W., Darnell S.D., Catlin J.D., Larter I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Bunker, Gray, Christian, Smyth, Webb, Brasted. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington Preceptor, who interrogated and entrusted Brother Wardell. Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Wardell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Robinson again occupied the chair, and Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed in the first degree. Bro. Glass was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Robinson, this being the first time he had filled the position of W.M. in this Lodge. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Meeting held at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road, on 16th November. Present—Bros. Percy W.M., Moss S.W., Oxley J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Gieseke Treas., Free Secretary, Perkins S.D., Chitson J.D., Pringle I.G.; also Smith, Kramm, Cobb, Simmonds, Horley, Grey. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree. Brother Smith answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Smith being candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Perkins candidate. Both ceremonies were performed in Brother Percy's usual correct manner. Brother Moss was elected to preside at the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. The annual supper of this Lodge of Instruction will take place on the second Friday in December.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, the 14th inst., at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, a goodly number of brethren attended, including Bros. G. W. Knight W.M., G. Harling S.W., E. Bye jun. J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treasurer, H. M. Williams, Secretary, F. A. Smith S.D., S. Richardson J.D., E. Newby I.G., Richard Poore, R. W. Pooler, and W. Croucher. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Poore proved his proficiency, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. worked the ceremony of raising, in an impressive manner, Bro. Poore being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, and on the motion of the Preceptor, seconded by Bro. Smith, Bro. Harling was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Harling thanked the brethren, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry in general, or the Lodge of Instruction in particular, after hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned, in perfect harmony, until Tuesday, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

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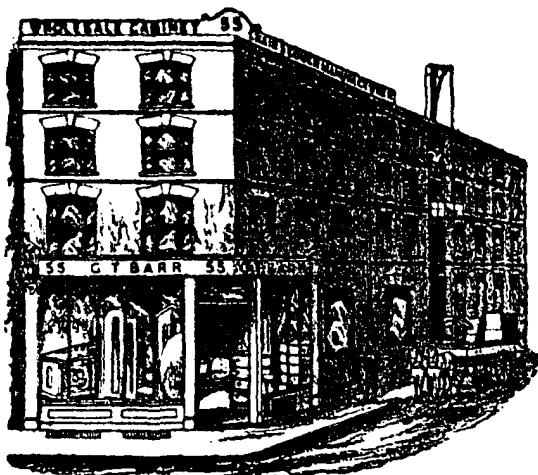
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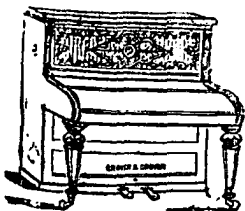
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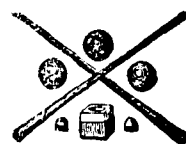
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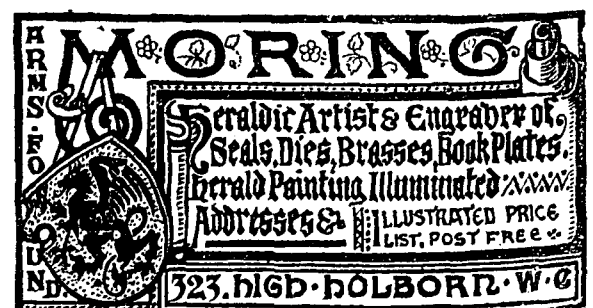
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