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CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOLS AND THEIR PARENTS' BENEVOLENCE.

OUR last few issues have contained references to a question which has been the subject of comment in the *Masonic Charity World* almost as long as we can remember—the question of giving some special advantages to those candidates for the Masonic Schools whose parents are accredited with having supported one or other of the Institutions during their lifetime. It seems to us that, as election after election comes round, this subject is regularly brought forward and discussed only to be as regularly lost sight of again until the issuing of another balloting list reopens the question, when the same routine is gone through and the same arguments brought forward as have been used for years past, with, so far, no practical result.

Opinion is very much divided as to whether or not any notice should be taken of past services on the part of parents when a child comes forward as a candidate for the benefits offered through the liberality of the Craft, and much may be said on both sides of the question. It appears very hard that a child whose parent liberally supported the Charities in the time of his prosperity should, in his time of need, have to give place to the offspring of one who systematically ignored the claims of our Institutions, and however much the true principles of Freemasonry may be opposed to making distinctions from anything like a monetary point of view, we are yet inclined to favour the proposal that some distinction should be observed, although we frankly admit that we consider it all but impossible to make any arrangement which shall apply with equal force in all cases, or which may not perhaps lead to charges of greater unfairness than the present system of making no distinction whatever.

Those who are in favour of continuing the present system argue, that if a preference were given to children whose fathers had been supporters of the Charities, it would virtually transform Freemasonry into an ordinary benefit society. We cannot endorse this view, unless anything like a right of admission is secured to the child of a subscriber, and that we know is an absolute impossibility. Besides this, we have sufficient faith in the general body of Freemasons to believe that they would continue their support of the Charities from other than mercenary or unworthy motives, just the same as initiates continue to swell the ranks of the Order. Is there any one who really believes a brother would subscribe, say ten guineas, to one or other of our Institutions on the bare chance that in the event of his children being left destitute, they would be entitled to some little extra consideration over the children of his fellow members who did not so subscribe? We think not. Our opinion is, that very few men are disposed to invest sums of money during their days of prosperity to form provision for possible days of adversity, more particularly when the chances of benefit by such an outlay are as remote as they must of necessity always be with regard to our Schools. The number of children which can be provided for by our Institutions is so infinitesimal, as compared with the number of subscribers annually required to provide the sum needed to maintain them, that it is absurd to think the idea of future benefit for one's own family can ever become a favourite inducement to men to subscribe,

while there is the further additional drawback to such an unworthy feeling ever becoming popular, that the benefits are, really, not available until after the death of the subscriber, or at least until something almost as bad as death has overtaken him. Adopting for the moment a jocular form of argument, we are reminded of the story of the man who thought to provide an independence for himself and family by insuring his life in some dozen or more offices, and then getting killed, forgetting that he would not be present to take his share of the "plunder." Very few men would care to invest money in a way that could be of little service to their family except in the event of their own death occurring within some eight or ten years, and on this ground alone we may dismiss the argument that Freemasonry would become a benefit society simply because its great educational Institutions offered some return for past support to those who in after years might themselves be in need of it. Masonry, it is argued, is free—free alike to the rich and to the poor; but, however true this may be from a symbolical point of view, there are many instances in which the equality ceases as soon as poverty sets in; and if the Charities of the Order choose to set up restrictions based on mercenary ideas they will but be acting in accordance with the practice of the Craft itself, which deprives a Mason of very many of his privileges so soon as he is unable to continue his subscriptions to a Lodge. The Charities are, and should be, truly Masonic; at the same time it must be remembered that their support by Freemasons is not compulsory; they are supported by only such as feel disposed, and have sufficient means to humour their fancy. Why, then, it may be asked, seeing that the support of the Institutions is only optional, should the adoption by them of every Masonic principle be compulsory? especially when it is also considered that very many persons who are not Masons have contributed to the funds, and are at all times especially invited to do so by the inducement of extra votes being accorded them in comparison with what is given to members of the Order when contributing similar amounts. But is the practice of helping those who have helped us opposed to the principles of Freemasonry? If it is not, then there can be no possible argument on the score of "principle" against conferring extra benefits on those candidates whose parents helped the Institutions when they were in a position to do so; and, if it is, then it would indeed be unwise to propose any deviation from the present uniform system, which also has the advantage of having worked with tolerable success for years past.

Let us now consider the case of those who are in favour of making an alteration. The main point on which they rely is, that when a man who, in times of prosperity, has been generous and mindful of the wants of his less fortunate fellow-creatures, is himself overtaken by adversity, he should reap some benefit from his previous liberality; more especially so when this can be done in a manner similar to that which the unfortunate brother himself adopted as the best means of dispensing relief. We have already disposed of the argument that brethren subscribe in the hope, or with the view, of afterwards reaping special benefit from so doing; it is not feasible they would do so if all the facts of the case are taken into consideration, but if a preference can be given to them they are perhaps entitled to it, just as the most thoughtful and painstaking are entitled to preference in the affairs of every-day life.

On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that it is donations alone—as represented by votes—which secure the election of any candidate. If an applicant's father has not subscribed to the Charities it is very certain that his friends, or the friends of his family, must have done so before it becomes possible to secure the election of the child, and such being the case it would be manifestly unfair to deprive a child of the sympathy of friends simply because its father neglected, or was unable, to subscribe to one or other of the Masonic Institutions, or even to handicap their powers of election by affording additional advantages to those whose fathers had subscribed. Votes represent money, and to suggest that the outcome of some thousands of pounds should be deteriorated in value to an appreciable extent because some particular individual withheld a donation of five or ten guineas would be inconsistent, besides which it would be a matter of impossibility to determine how much each individual brother had subscribed to the Institutions. One brother might have given a donation of five guineas, and, provided that was the qualification decided upon, would have thus rendered the whole of his family eligible for the Schools; while another who might have given double the amount in odd shillings would not have secured them similar advantages. Grand Lodge, with its long array of subscribing subordinate Lodges, might also be expected to protest against any restrictive regulations being adopted. The donations from these sources—and they total up to a very large amount each year—are given on behalf of the whole of the members of the several Lodges; and, such being the case, it really follows that every Mason has, directly or indirectly, contributed to our Charities. It would most certainly be very unwise to propose any alteration in existing rules which might lead to the alienation of the grants from Grand Lodge, and its subordinate Lodges; indeed, we might say it would simply amount to suicide were such a proposal ever entertained; and for this reason alone, if for no other, it would be impossible to restrict the candidates for the Schools to those whose parents had personally qualified as subscribers or governors of one of the Institutions.

Taking the question in all its bearings, we are inclined to think it best to leave the matter as it stands. As we have said, it is by subscriptions alone that a candidate's election can be secured, and whether these subscriptions come from a child's father, or from its friends, it matters very little: the Institution has had the money, and some one is entitled to the benefits arising therefrom. We have heard other arguments and suggestions made, to secure some special advantages to certain candidates, but cannot on the present occasion devote more space to the subject. Moreover, we think our readers will be able, from what we have already said, and from their own personal experience, to form an opinion one way or the other. Personally, we shall be very pleased to learn the opinions of our subscribers on the subject, and trust that such of them as are able will forward an expression of their views for publication.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of this Institution was held at Freemasons' Hall on Saturday last. Bro. Colonel Creaton P.G. Treasurer presided, and the attendance was, as usual, numerous. The minutes of the preceding Court having been read and confirmed, and that of the General Committee read for information, Bro. H. Tattershall brought forward the motion, of which he had given notice, to the effect that the three of the members of the Committee who had been longest on the Board shall not be eligible for re-election until after the expiration of twelve months. This was seconded, and after a discussion, in which Bros. Bristow, Hopekirk, Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., and others took part, the resolution was defeated by a small majority. The proposition to grant the sum of £50 to the head governess, Miss Davis, in reimbursement of the heavy medical expenses during her recent protracted illness was carried, after a brief discussion, without a dissentient voice. Scrutineers were then appointed, and the Court proceeded with the Election of eight, out of an approved list of thirty-two, candidates for admission into the School. The names of the successful candidates will be found in our advertisement columns; those of the unsuccessful are

appended, together with the votes polled for them, which will be carried forward to the Election in April of next year.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
30	Harrison, Lucy		1664	1664
14	Weber, Florence Alice		1486	1486
19	Johnstone, Eleanor Alice		1429	1429
25	Hugh, Beatrice Mary		1395	1395
11	Tanner, Mary		1233	1233
32	Vowels, Rose Ethel		937	937
13	Motion, Florence Ann		858	858
2	Woodward, Minnie	333	425	758
26	Searle, Frances Alice		665	665
6	Haworth, Sylvia Mary (last)	428	46	474
8	Hutchings, Jane Wheeler	38	393	431
17	Wheeler, May Amelia		410	410
24	Bromley, Maude Mary		355	355
27	Lee, Amy Margaret (last)		195	195
18	Lyon, Hilda Sophia		183	183
4	Ochsenhein, Annie Lucie	13	156	169
21	Heath, Fanny		141	141
31	Capon, Edith Daisy		126	126
20	Graham, Catherine (last)		20	20
23	Owen, Amy M		17	17
8	Godfrey, Mabel Harriet		5	5
22	Betts, Edith Ellen		5	5
29	Hall, Emily Sarah Jane		3	3
28	Pinder, Emily		1	1

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Boys' School was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday, the 15th instant, the chair being taken at the appointed hour by Bro. Colonel Creaton P.G. Treasurer. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Court, a letter from the widow of the late Bro. John Wordsworth, in which she expressed her deep thanks for the vote of sympathy which had been passed and forwarded to her, was read, and on the motion of Bro. Roebuck, seconded by Bro. Dr. Ramsay, ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A motion to the effect that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Lord Homesdale, expressive of the Court's sympathy with his Lordship, in respect of the death of Lady Holmesdale, was passed unanimously. Brother C. F. Matier's motion that every donor of 200 guineas in one sum, or in sums of not less than five guineas, should be dubbed a Patron of the Institution, and have eighty votes at each election, with the addition that Her Majesty should be styled Grand Patron, instead of as now Patron, was carried. Bro. Binckes announced that the sum of £9,000 had already been funded in respect of the Preparatory School Building Fund, and that he hoped at the next meeting of the General Committee to be in a position to suggest an increase of this amount by funding a further £2,000. Bro. Binckes thought it not improbable the Fund would reach £12,000 before the close of the year, and in expressing himself hopefully of the scheme, thought the time had arrived when they might appropriately begin to think of forming their plans for the erection of the building. The Court then proceeded to the election of twenty boys, whose names will be found in our advertisement columns. Those of the unsuccessful, together with the votes they polled, being appended, the said votes being carried forward to the next election.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
40	Whiting Robert Henry	91	2090	2181
14	Williams, Arthur Frederick	1095	1078	2173
15	Pratt, Alfred	1133	728	1861
18	How, John	153	1543	1696
23	Coleman, Frederick F	450	889	1339
48	Blunt, Arthur		1322	1322
20	Shaw, John	565	509	1074
12	Delafons, Richard William	593	456	1049
22	Walters, John Edward	480	407	887
27	Booker, Herbert Walter	164	592	756
32	Seagrave, James Pullen	161	488	649
54	Manby, Lionel B J		633	633
25	Pawsey, Thomas Edwin	277	233	510
11	Gale, Horace	330	72	402
21	Beaumont, Reginald	218	172	390
63	Gloster, Harry Percy O		245	245
56	Cooper, Charles Bernard		242	242
61	Sharland, William F		219	219
31	Lillywhite, Herbert J M	62	155	217

39	Hildred, Benjamin Meeds	81	86	167
57	Besly, James Campbell		161	161
53	Warner, Arthur		157	157
43	Gishford, William Taylor		147	147
38	Habgood, William Ernest	25	103	128
59	Canty, William George		127	127
10	Douglas, Francis C A	7	104	111
47	Jarvis, Henry Maurice		111	111
7	Cummings, Charles Brown	106	4	110
50	Gore, James Ambrose		86	86
51	Bailey, John Augustus M		81	81
44	Barber, Christopher W G		77	77
26	Longman, Frederick W	28	9	37
34	Graves, Harry Robert	5	20	25
28	Green, James Murray	4	12	16
*9	Bell, Frank William	5	9	14
*45	Westlake, Thomas Percy		13	13
24	Mitchell, Reginald A L	8		8
64	Gibson, Stanley Watts		8	8
49	Allan, John Sinclair B		5	5
62	Anderson, Ernest Harold		3	3
37	Davis, Frederick Teilo	2		2
46	Lyon, William Beresford (withdrawn)		2	2
41	Crutchett, Albert Edmund		1	1
42	Simmons, George John (withdrawn)			

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

Votes to the Scrutineers and the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

THE GRAND LODGE TEMPLE.

IT appears that the proposed re-building of a portion of the Grand Lodge property will necessitate the entire obliteration of that grand old hall which has been the pride of the English Craft for upwards of a century, and the scene of the most important events in the history of English Masonry, and, as doubtless many of our readers may never have had the privilege of viewing its noble proportions and beautiful and appropriate decorations, it may not be considered out of place to reprint the following description of the old hall in its earlier days, which we extract from "Preston's Illustrations of Masonry":—

The hall is as elegant and highly finished a room as the metropolis can show. The entrance into it is from the committee room, through a small gallery, on the right of which is a commodious flight of steps leading to the undercroft, or ground apartments, and on the left a small room appropriated for the reception of wines on grand festivals; above this is a large music gallery, capable of containing three hundred spectators, exclusive of the band of music, supported by pillars and pilasters of the composite order. The length of this building, within the walls, is 92 feet; it is 43 feet broad, and upwards of 60 feet high. At the upper end of the hall there is a place allotted for the Grand Officers and their attendants, when the Grand Lodge meets, which takes up about one-fourth of the whole length, and which is higher than the rest by two steps; at the extremity of which is a very beautiful alcove of a semi-circular form, in which is fixed a fine organ. On the right and left of this elevated place are two galleries, supported by beautiful fluted pillars of the Corinthian order, either for music, or to admit ladies to the sight of such ceremonies as the laws of the Society will permit. The remaining part of the hall is for the use of the Grand Stewards and brethren in general, when the Grand Lodge assembles. The pilasters on each side of the hall are fluted, and otherwise most beautifully decorated. Between these pilasters are places appropriated for the reception of full-length paintings of the Grand Masters, &c. Those at present fixed are the Prince of Wales, the Earl of Moira, the late Dukes of Cumberland and Manchester, and the late Lord Petre. Above them are places for such historical paintings as have some affinity to the royal art, or are expressive of the virtues of Freemasonry. All the other intermediate spaces are elegantly decorated with the most beautiful emblematical, symbolical, and hieroglyphical figures, and representations of the mysteries of the royal art.

Round the top of the side walls runs a small balustrade, or rather a kind of ornamented iron palisade, capable of holding a vast number of spectators, above which a number of semicircular windows are placed, so contrived as to open and shut with the greatest ease and facility, to let in fresh air as often as may be required.

The roof of this magnificent hall is, in all probability, the highest finished piece of workmanship in Europe, having gained universal applause from all beholders, and has raised the character of the architect beyond expression. In the centre of this roof a most splendid sun is represented, in burnished gold, surrounded by the twelve signs of the Zodiac, with their respective characters. Whenever the Grand Lodge assembles, this hall is further ornamented with five brilliant and rich cut glass chandeliers, the most magnificent of which hangs over that part of the hall allotted to the Grand Officers; the other four are distributed in pairs at equal distances. These lustres, with a sufficient number of sconces, in which only wax lights burn, illuminate the hall with a great brilliancy.

MASONRY IN WAR TIME.

A CURIOUS Masonic incident is related by Bro. Charles Du Val, in his work entitled "With a Show through Southern Africa," as having occurred in Pretoria, while beleaguered by the Boers during the late war in the Transvaal. The writer says:—

A meeting of Freemasons was held towards the end of January, and under circumstances so entirely novel that it may be worth while to recount them. In the first place the members of the Craft had to obtain permission from their various Commanding Officers or respective Ward Masters, to attend the meeting. These passes, countersigned by the Garrison Adjutant, were granted at the bearer's own risk—the Masonic Hall of the town of Pretoria being the place of assembly. Slightly at variance with the motto of the brethren—"Peace, Love, and Harmony"—was their appearance, clad in the various costumes of war, many carrying their rifles and bandoliers; a group of horses standing outside the Hall, while the Master and Officers of the Lodge went through the various rites of the ancient Craft in an apartment through which the breezes freely blew, entering a line of loopholes knocked out of the wall at the one side to escape by a similar set at the other—possibly the most novel system of ventilation that ever admitted the fresh air to participate in the mystic ceremonies of the Free and Accepted ones, in either South Africa, or wherever else the maul has resounded or the compasses been extended in open Lodge.

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THE LATE FIRE AT FREEMASONS' HALL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest the letter of Bro. Sadler in reference to the destruction of the portraits of the former eminent Masons, which formerly adorned the walls of the Masonic Temple, and which were entirely destroyed at the calamitous fire that occurred in the early part of this year. Bro. Sadler, in his communication, observes that it was with regret he stated there were neither copies nor engravings of the lost pictures. I presume he has the authority of the Grand Secretary for making this statement. He enumerates the titles of these Masonic dignitaries, with whose full-length portraits every member of Grand Lodge was familiar, and suggests that some readers of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE may be fortunate in the possession of some engraved or other reminiscences of those illustrious Masons whose portraits have been irretrievably lost in the fire which destroyed the Masonic Temple in common with the beautiful and elaborate decorations which enriched its ceiling and walls. I am happy to say that I am in possession of a large engraved portrait of the Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master to the former Prince of Wales (the late George the Fourth), who occupied that position from 1790 to 1813, and to whom the Craft voted a jewel of the value of £1000 on his quitting the Grand Lodge to assume the dignified position of Governor General of India. The portrait from which the engraving was taken was painted by Bro. J. Hopner, of the Royal Academy, and not by Sir Joshua Reynolds, as Bro. Sadler supposes. It is a beautiful line engraving, drawn from the original by Bartolozzi, and engraved by Henry Landseer. The noble Earl is represented as seated in the same chair as that now occupied by the Grand Master during the meetings of the Grand Lodge, but which for so many years was unknown to many of members of the Lodge, having been stowed away with many other things as lumber in the cellars of the tavern, and only brought to light at the building of the new hall attached to the tavern. The portrait is dedicated by permission to his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, and the Right Hon. Francis Earl of Moira, Acting Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons. The portrait is in fine preservation, and has been in my possession for many years.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours truly and fraternally,

H. THOMPSON,

P.M. 177, 1158, and P.Z. 619.

Brother W. W. Morgan, S.W. 211, will deliver his Lecture "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," at the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144, at the White Hart, 49 Kings Road, Chelsea, on Friday, the 26th instant. Lodge will be opened at 7.30. Brethren are invited to attend.

At a meeting of the United Brothers' Lodge, No. 1069, held on Monday evening last, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, Brother C. J. E. Mumby was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Saturday, 13th instant, at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C., and, as is customary with the meetings of this Lodge, was numerously attended, both by members of the Lodge and Visitors. The W.M. of the past year, Bro. W. F. Kibble, opened the Lodge, and was supported during the proceedings by the following Officers:—Frederick T. C. Koeble S.W., William Baber J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Heaton P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, P.M.'s Jas. Stevens, J. Seex, James Freeman, Richard Stanway, T. Hamer; Robert Fendick S.D., F. W. Potter J.D., H. Durrant M.C., G. Jenkins Organist, J. T. Skinner I.G., H. J. Bertram Steward, &c. The business of the evening comprised, among other matters, the initiation of Mr. Dottridge, after which the W.M. elect was duly inducted into the chair, the ceremony being performed in a really impressive manner by the outgoing Master. In due course, the new ruler of the Lodge appointed his Officers, conferring the collars on the following brethren:—Kibble I.P.M., Baber S.W., Fendick J.W., Heaton Treasurer, Blackie Secretary, Simpson Chaplain, Potter S.D., Skinner J.D., Durrant I.G., E. H. Cadiot M.C., Jenkins Organist, H. J. Bertram and L. J. Hudd Stewards, and R. Potter P.M. Tyler. The work of installation having been completed, the report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted. Several letters of regret at inability to attend the meeting were read by the Secretary, among them being apologies from the Lord Mayor, J. Derby Allcroft, T. Fenn, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, &c. The company then adjourned to the large hall, and sat down to banquet, under the presidency of the newly-appointed W.M. At the conclusion of the repast, and after grace had been sung, the Chairman proceeded with the toasts of the evening. The first, he said, was one of which it was impossible to say too much, and at the same time it was one of which the least said the better. He should copy a speaker he had heard at one of the oldest Lodges, which he had recently visited, and propose "The First Lady in the Land; the First Brother in the Craft—the Queen and the Craft." The toast was well received, and was followed by the National Anthem. The next toast was the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Their Grand Master, the Chairman remarked, was certainly the most popular man of the day in England, as he was also the greatest man of the day. As the head of the Craft he was all that could be desired, never being tired of devoting himself to the promotion of the Order. This toast was followed by that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. The way in which the Officers of the Grand Lodge of England performed the duties of their respective offices was, as was well known, a credit to them, one and all. The members of the Craft were very proud of their rulers, and justly so. Those who had been present in Grand Lodge when the Revision of the Constitutions was under consideration could bear testimony to the patience and kindly attention of the Earl of Carnarvon during the five hours that meeting lasted. The Great City Lodge was fortunate in numbering among its members many Officers of Grand Lodge—there was Alderman Stone, Thomas Fenn, and, last, but not least, their worthy Chaplain—the Rev. R. J. Simpson. They could but regret the absence of the two first named, but, having the pleasure of the latter's company, he should couple his name with the toast. Bro. the Rev. R. J. Simpson, in responding, regretted there were no other Grand Officers present. He considered the time had arrived when the Grand Master might be advised to appoint a member of The Great City Lodge to an office in Grand Lodge; such a compliment would be an honour to the brethren of The City, and a gratifying acknowledgment of the efforts of the members of the Lodge to promote the true interests of Freemasonry. If the Grand Officers of England had been present, and seen the way in which the brethren had received the toast proposed in their honour, they could but consider their health had been much promoted. Small Lodges were plentiful, and harmony in them was not to be wondered at, but in such a one as The Great City, with a membership running into hundreds, and nothing occurring to ruffle the good feeling existing among the members—that was indeed a pleasing state of things, and the Lodge where it existed was raised high in the esteem of the world. The speaker referred to the manner in which the retiring Master had performed the ceremony of installation, and justly complimented him on his work, feeling assured that the way in which he had conducted the ceremony would be to the advantage of the new Master, who could hardly forget his induction into the chair. The I.P.M. next assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the W.M. He could say with truth that in their new Master they had one of whom they might be justly proud. He had been known in the Lodge for many years, and had always been courteous and willing to assist any who might be in need of help. He had served the minor offices with credit, not only making himself conversant with the work required in each, but going far beyond, and qualifying himself for any duties he might be called upon to perform. He felt he might justly say the brethren of The Great City Lodge had never had a more worthy brother in the chair, or one who could better maintain the dignity of the Lodge; indeed, he was convinced that Bro. Kibble would add to it during his term of office. The W.M. considered his position the most difficult a man could possibly find himself in. To speak of oneself was certainly among the hardest tasks which fall to public men. Nine years previously—on the anniversary similar to that they were then celebrating—he had occupied the position of initiate in that very room. If the ceremony their brother had just gone through had made a similar impression to what the same did on him nine years ago, then he felt that The Great City Lodge had done its best to make a good Mason. The W.M. remembered how, on his first visit nine years since, he was all but a stranger among them; so much so, that he asked the

then Secretary at what part of the table he should sit; he was immediately taken by the hand, informed that he was the guest of the evening, and placed in the position of honour at the then Master's right hand. He distinctly remembered, when seated there, wondering whether he should ever rise to the position of Ruler of a Lodge; he even went so far as to hope he might; and now that he had attained the position, and looked back on the way in which he had been appointed to it, he felt he must consider that he had given some amount of satisfaction, otherwise his election would not have been so unanimous. He felt, indeed, that he had done what had been expected of him. Ever since his connection with Freemasonry he had been possessed of the laudable desire of becoming the Master of his Mother Lodge, and now that he had secured that honour he was satisfied. Whatever further honours might be in store for him, he felt none could approach that of his present position, which he hoped he might be able to do justice to. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, expressing the pleasure he felt in welcoming a new brother on the night of his own installation. He considered their initiate had selected the best time to join the Lodge—the day of the annual gathering, as on such an occasion he was likely to get a better idea of Freemasons than was possible at any other time. The initiate tendered his thanks. He took it that all of those present had gone through a similar ceremony as that he had taken part in that night, and, therefore, they could imagine his feelings. He could but thank them most heartily, and hope he might prove himself an acquisition to the Lodge. The Visitors next came in for attention. The W.W. gave each a hearty welcome, and was pleased to see so many well known faces among them. Such a feature was evidence that the members of The Great City pleased those who came to visit them. Bro. Latimer and several others having replied, the Master proposed the toast of the Installing Master and the Past Masters. There had been some ten installations performed in The Great City Lodge, but not one had been better worked than that of 1883. It gave him great pleasure now to perform a duty which he had intended to perform in Lodge, viz.—to present his predecessor with the jewel which had been voted him by the members, and which, as had just been evidenced, was well deserved. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

"THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.
Presented to Bro. W. F. KIBBLE,
with the thanks of the brethren, on the termination
of his year of office as
Tenth Worshipful Master.
13th Oct. 1883."

He was also pleased to see so many of the other Past Masters present, and was gratified in being called upon to propose their health. The I.P.M. considered his career in The Great City Lodge had been one marked by kindness and encouragement. He had tried to do his best, and felt, when he received their mark of approval, that he had pleased them. Bro. James Stevens replied in a very brief manner on behalf of the other Past Masters—so briefly indeed that we could hardly believe our own ears. His reply consisted of three words, and these he said represented his feelings—"Factor non verba." Such brevity is most commendable, and we trust will be adopted in the future. The health of the Treasurer, the Secretary, and the rest of the Officers, brought the proceedings to a termination, after a most successful gathering. The musical arrangements were under the management of Bro. N. F. Frost, who was assisted by Bros. W. A. Frost, A. Kenningham, F. E. Walker, and T. Kempton. There was a numerous array of visitors, the list comprising representatives from many London, Provincial, and Foreign Lodges, as follow:—Bros. C. Ellright I.G. 1460, Henry Baldwin Sec. 1777, C. J. Axford 1949, E. A. Smith 1326, J. Lawrence J.D. 1326, F. Page 1414, G. H. Atkinson 1622, E. J. Williams 1539, T. O. Kelsey J.D. 931, G. H. Gardner No. 1 U.S.A., Frederick Walters P.M. 73 P.P.G.D. Middlesex, &c., William Henry Chalford W.M. 1425, D. Belinfante I.G. 435, Geo. Alcock P.M. 1149, W. Whyte jun. P.M. 125 (I.C.), W. Sanl P.M. 1201, A. D. Kerrell W.M. 145, Charles J. Fox M.C. 1743, W. Poupard 9, W. Gowland J.D. 206, A. M. Catling 1579, T. Harper I.P.M. 1216, John M. Draper 1702, Adolphus Nicols W.M. 1974, Samuel Benton W.M. 1657, Adolphus Buck 179, W. Medwin W.M. 1613, C. P. McKay P.M. 720, E. C. Percy-Stevens 1326, Thomas Glover 181, Isaac Latimer P.M. 189 P.P.G. Secretary Devon P.P.G.J.W., Frank Herold W.M. 1056, W. G. Gribbon 34, G. H. Blackmore 45, W. Styles late 1426, George Read P.M. 511, H. Dehane W.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex, Leonard Benet P.M. 179, E. J. Jolliffe J.W. 1647, W. A. Frost 1728, A. Kenningham 1706, T. Kempton 1706, Thomas Poore P.M. 720, Fred Walker, &c.

STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Lodge was held at Harwich, on 9th inst., and was of an unusually interesting character. At about 3.30 the brethren assembled in Lodge for the purpose of the Installation of Brother Harry G. Everard S.W., which ceremony was ably performed by Brother the Rev. E. H. Crate P.G.C., who is a member of 650, and who kindly acted in the unavoidable absence of the D.P.G.M. of the Province, W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D. At the close, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Richard Clowes P.G.S.W., I.P.M., F. R. Hales S.W., M. L. Sanders J.W., the Rev. E. H. Crate P.G.C. Chaplain, Wm. Groom Treasurer, Richard Clowes I.P.M. P.G.S.W. Secretary, A. Kinsey Morgan S.D., A. C. Parsons J.D., Bede Hutchinson M.C., C. R. Salter Organist, G. Helsdon I.G., T. Dunn Steward, R. Barlow Tyler. Brother R. Clowes was elected as representative on the Provincial Charity Committee. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented to W. Brother Richard Clowes I.P.M. a handsome Past Master's jewel, and took the opportunity to thank Brother Clowes for the many kindnesses they had received at his hands, both as a Lodge and as individuals. Brother

Clowes heartily thanked the brethren for this mark of their goodwill, and promised to continue his efforts for the prosperity of Masonry generally, and Lodge 650 particularly. A vote of thanks was passed to W. Brother the Rev. E. H. Crate for so kindly undertaking the day's duty; and he was presented with the Lodge jewel as a token of the esteem in which the brethren hold him. A vote of thanks was also passed to Brother Bede Hutchinson for the zeal and ability he had shown as Secretary to the Lodge Charity Association, through which no less a sum than £63 had during the year been contributed to the R.M. Institution for Boys, Lodge was afterwards closed and, later in the evening, between 40 and 50 brethren dined together at the Pier Hotel, a splendid repast being well served by Brother Rule, the host. After dinner, the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. In giving the I.P.M. and P.M.'s of No. 650, the W.M. took occasion again to refer to the eminent services Brother Clowes had rendered to Lodge 650 during his year of office. It was chiefly owing to his energy and hard work that the son of their late Secretary—Bro. Basham—had been elected to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys; he had borne the entire expense of the entertainment of Provincial Grand Lodge, and had rendered signal services in hundreds of ways both to the Lodge and also its members as individuals. It had consequently been thought by some of them that the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel was not a sufficient expression of the kind feeling they all entertained to Brother Clowes, and the matter having been warmly taken up, had resulted in the purchase of the silver goblet which he now had the great pleasure to hand to Brother Clowes, and trusted he would live long to continue his services to Masonry. The cup, which had only a few minutes before been brought into the room, was then, amid great applause, handed to Brother Clowes, who in acknowledging the gift spoke with considerable emotion. He said he had been so thoroughly taken by surprise at this extremely warm token of their kind feeling that he did not know how to reply. He could assure them, however, that he should value their handsome gift most highly, and so would his family; and his three boys, who he hoped one day to see Masons, would, he felt sure, point with pride to that cup on the sideboard and say—That's what our father received at the end of his year of office from the brethren of the Star in the East Lodge, 650. The cup, which is of solid silver, gold lined, bears the following inscription:—

“Presented to W. Brother Clowes I.P.M. P.G.S.W., by the members of Star in the East Lodge, 650, as a token of their appreciation of his valuable services to the Lodge, and as a mark of their personal regard. October, 1883.”

Among the brethren present during the day were—W. Brothers Thomas J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Secretary, R. D. Poppleton I.P.M. 433 P.G.S.D., J. J. Cavill I.P.M. 1312 P.G.J.D., Thomas G. Mills I.P.M. 697 P.G.P., E. Hennemeyer P.M. 51 P.P.G.S.W., Alfred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., John J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., C. Osmond W.M. 51 P.P.G.O., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S. of W., Thomas Rix P.M. and Secretary 697 P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Eustace W.M. 1977 P.P.G.S.B., G. A. Eustace W.M. 697 P.G.S., A. A. Bennett W.M. 376 P.P.G.R. Suff., W. O. Ward P.M. 650 P.P.G.P., J. H. Weston P.M. 1536. Brothers C. H. Snelgar 697, John Smith 225, J. T. Bailey I.G. 697, J. Steer 1536, C. D. Marshall S.W. 697, Turle Lee I.G. 766, Charles Beckett 1300, George F. Smith 1839, George F. Smith jun. 1977, F. Atkinson 376, S. Munson Tyler 51, &c.; and the following members of 650—Bros. Rixon Ford, O. Broadberry, George Helsdon, Edgar Bonner, Thomas Dunn, and J. R. Watson.—*Essex Standard.*

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on 3rd instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, High Holborn. Bros. W. C. Parsons W.M., E. Duret S.W., Green sen. J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, Docker P.M. Secretary, Valeriani S.D., Green jun. J.D., Mole I.G. Smith M.C. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Brother Duret S.W. and W.M. elect was presented; a Board of Installed Masters opened, and he was duly installed into the chair by the I.P.M., Brother W. C. Parsons, who was deservedly complimented by the brethren and visitors. The newly installed Worshipful Master, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. W. C. Parsons I.P.M., Green sen. S.W., Valeriani J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Green jun. S.D., Mole J.D., Shaw I.G. Applause followed the investiture of the several Officers. A candidate was proposed for initiation, and soon afterwards Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet, superintended by Brother Gosden. Grace having been said, the Worshipful Master in eloquent terms proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. Brother Parsons I.P.M., in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master said, they were pleased to have Bro. Duret occupying the chair; from his general ability they might rest assured the Lodge would prosper under his direction. The Worshipful Master briefly and appropriately returned thanks. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Visitors said, the Rothesay Lodge was always pleased to see Visitors; when he looked around and saw so many familiar faces, several of whom had done him the honour to come from Warwick and Leamington to see him installed, he felt a great compliment was paid him. With the toast he would couple the names of Bros. Boddington and Coombs. These brethren responded; and in the course of their remarks allusion was made to the respect in which the Worshipful Master was held, not only in London, but also in the Gays Lodge, at Leamington. The toast of the Past Masters came next; the Worshipful Master was sure it would meet with a hearty reception. Before they honoured the toast, however, he had great pleasure in presenting Brother W. C. Parsons with a gold Past Master's jewel. He (the W.M.) hoped Brother Parsons might live for many years to wear it. Brother Parsons in a charac-

teristic speech thanked the Worshipful Master and the brethren for their valuable gift. He alluded to the pleasing fact that the Master now occupying the chair was the first initiate of the Lodge. Brother L. Beck P.M. followed. The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of the Officers said, this was a very important one; he hoped the selection he had made would be for the advantage of the Lodge. The Officers were known for their Masonic ability; attendance at the Lodge of Instruction had gone far towards perfecting them. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was ably responded to by Bros. Green sen. and Valeriani. The Tyler's toast closed an agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. Stalward, Percy, L. Beck, Coombs, and Frankton contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors were Bros. Boddington P.M. 567 P.P.G.D.C. Warwick, Ruf P.M. 12, Coombs P.M. 12, Franklin P.M. 567, Noel G, Monck 567, Johnston 1608, Levey 231, Shaw 1471, Madell 1201, H. Harvey 749, Dally 1475, Oswald 1670, Walby 395, Deacon 25, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE annual meeting of this young, yet prosperous Lodge, was held on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at the Inns of Court Hotel, and the fact that Bro. Hedges, the respected Secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was to be installed in the chair of K.S. had the effect of securing a more than ordinarily large attendance of members, while among the visitors there was an unusually strong muster of past and present Grand Officers. The chair was taken at the appointed time by Bro. Festa W.M., and Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last stated meeting, as well as of an emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The Auditors' report showed the financial state of the Lodge to be most satisfactory, and this having been submitted and accepted, Bro. Festa entered on the duty of installing his successor, Bro. Hedges, and this duty he carried out in a highly commendable manner, and with great earnestness. After the customary salutations, Bro. Hedges proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his officers for the year, namely—Brts. H. J. Capon S.W., H. Slyman P.M. J.W., W. H. Dean P.M. Treasurer (elected), J. D. Collier P.M. Sec., W. H. Gardener S.D., S. Brooks P.M. J.D., G. M. Doble I.G., C. M. Tait M.C., W. H. Staff Org., H. N. Pratt Steward, and Banks Tyler. The next duty that devolved on Bro. Hedges was that of presenting the I.P.M., Bro. Festa, with a very elegant Past Master's jewel, set with brilliants, together with a collar and solid silver square, in recognition of his valuable services during his tenure of office as W.M., the inscription on the jewel being as follows:—“Viro ornatissimo Johanni Paulo Festa, pro Liberalitate ejus et Urbanitate et Fidelitate, curato munere, sodales sodali; D. D. Montague Guest Societas 1900, D. D. Oct. MDCCCLXXXIII.” Bro. Hedges having expressed the pleasure with which he fulfilled this particular duty, and Bro. Festa having feelingly acknowledged the compliment paid him by the brethren of the Lodge, the other business was dispatched, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and honoured, that of the “Grand Officers” being acknowledged by Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, who expressed the pleasure which he felt sure his brother G. Officers, present and past, experienced at being present on that occasion. There were, he remarked, three reasons which conduced to this feeling. There was, in the first place, their desire to show their sympathy with the Lodge which, albeit one of the youngest of the Lodges, was very vigorous and energetic in its work. Then they were able to show their sympathy with, he might almost venture to say, the most engaging of their Charities; and lastly, they could evince their respect for Brother Hedges, the able Secretary of that Institution, and now W. Master of the Lodge. It was this third reason which had prompted him to attend, though at some personal inconvenience, so that he—and with him the other Grand Officers—might show their respect for a most excellent Mason, and also a most excellent servant of the Craft. True, they were all of them servants one way or another, and he was one himself in another sphere, and he felt that those who faithfully discharged the duties entrusted to them merited recognition: hence the pleasure they experienced in bearing testimony to the ability and faithfulness of Bro. Hedges. Bro. Festa I.P.M. briefly proposed the health of the W.M., remarking that, in such an assembly, and especially after the speech with which they had just been favoured, there was no necessity to speak upon it at any length. Bro. Hedges, in reply, thanked them very heartily for their kindness, though he confessed he felt some difficulty in doing so. He considered the Master-ship of the Lodge was a great honour. He had long desired to occupy such a position, and he trusted he should succeed in discharging its duties with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. And as it was to Bro. Festa that he was indebted for his introduction into the Montague Guest Lodge, he felt that he might take that opportunity of thanking him for his kindness and telling him how much he appreciated it. In conclusion, he gave the toast of the I.P.M., whose services to the Lodge were known to all the brethren. It had afforded him the greatest pleasure in presenting him with the jewel he was then wearing, and he cordially invited the brethren to supplement the presentation of the jewel by giving the toast a cordial welcome. The request having been complied with, Brother Festa expressed the gratification he had derived from his connection with Freemasonry, and the pleasure he had felt in installing a brother for whom from the moment he joined the Craft he had formed a sincere friendship, which had lasted ever since, and which, he trusted, might last for many years. He admitted he was very enthusiastic, and he had striven to do his duty and be a credit to the Order as well as to afford all possible pleasure to the brethren of the Lodge. Any faults or shortcomings he might have shown they must kindly set down to his nationality and to the greater sensitiveness of his temperament. However, he was glad that what had been done

had given them satisfaction, and their handsome acknowledgment of his services would act as an incentive to him to do if possible even more in the future than he was glad to hear he had done in the past. To the toast of the Visitors Bros. J. A. Rucker P.G.D., and Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. replied, the former remarking that he was proud to see Bro. Hedges in his present position, and from his knowledge of that brother's career he was persuaded he would fulfil his duties well and with a will; while Bro. Stewart, as uncle of Bro. Hedges, was equally confident the latter would have a successful year of office. The toast of the Charities was entrusted, for obvious reasons, to other hands than the Chairman's, and Brother Dean P.M. and Treasurer, in proposing it, spoke briefly, but earnestly. Bro. Terry, in his reply, said he was not surprised at the favour bestowed on the Girls' School, as it was only natural they should look kindly on the Girls. He also complimented Brother Binckes on the amazing success which had attended his last Festival. Still, as it was the Old Men who had built up the Schools and kept them going long before they bethought themselves of raising a Fund for themselves and the Old Women, he trusted that the Institution with which he was connected would secure its fair measure of support. He hoped the time would never come when there would be undue rivalry among the Institutions, but that each in turn would stand by and help the others as much as they could. He congratulated Brother Hedges on being Worshipful Master, and also for the help he had given the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The rest of the customary toasts followed. Among those present were the following, namely—Bros. Sir John B. Monckton Pres. Board of General Purposes, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Col. J. Peters Grand Sword Bearer, Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, Frank Richardson, Robert Grey, Peter de Lande Long, John A. Rucker, Raynham W. Stewart, J. H. Matthews Past Grand Deacons; Joshua Nunn Past Grand S.B., J. Terry P.G.W. Herts, H. A. Dubois P.G.W. Middlesex, W. Lake Past Prov. Grand Registrar Cornwall, J. P. Platt P.G.W. Cheshire, A. H. Tattershall P.M. 140, D. M. Dewar P.M. 1415, A. E. Gladwell P.M. 172, A. Tisley P. Grand Steward, Herbert Dicketts P. Grand Steward, Thomas Arnold 780, J. F. Waest P.M. 753, R. Loftus Wetherall 741, and H. Massey P.M.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE members of this popular Lodge celebrated their Eighth Installation Meeting on Wednesday. The brethren assembled at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. Powell, who was supported by Bros. Tayler S.W., Johnson J.W., Isaacs Treasurer, Beckham Secretary, Bottle S.D., McRay Steward, Egerton Organist. Past Masters Bros. Fisher, Vincent Prov. Grand S.B. Middlesex, Jones, Flatterly, Hunt, and MacLeod. Visitors—Bros. Cullingford 35, Thorne 1194, Freeman 1416, Butt 1791, Gee 1571, Furber 754, Vine P.M. 173, Stuart 948, Waley 172, Bond W.M. 1314, Stark 1194, Minnis P.M. 157, Ayling W.M. 975, Goffin 1695, Folsom 1604, Roberts 393, King 1929, Whales 172, Tunnell 1791, Sanders 1257, Briggs P.M. 157, Bell 1207, Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, Scott, Wrangham P.M. 619, Burleton P.M. 860, Larner 858, Bankel 378, Davis 87, Brindley 1604, Hollyman 27, Shepperd 140, Dobbs P.M. 1150, West P.M. 1815, Sadler 172, Keen W.M. 1426, Wyatt 1044, Elliot 1772, Poulton 1791, White 1772, Schartau 1549, Cantle P.M. 1441, H.M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, the Auditors' report was read and adopted. The financial statement as regards the Benevolent Fund showed there was a balance in favour of the Lodge of upwards of £50. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. Tayler S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and in due course, in the presence of fifteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., who conducted the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. W. Vincent P.M. efficiently acted as M.C. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. was saluted, according to ancient custom. He then, in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. E. Powell I.P.M., H. J. Johnson S.W., R. Bottle J.W., J. Isaacs (re-elected) Treas., A. W. Beckham (re-appointed) Sec., Coulthard S.D., Johnston J.D., Moorman I.G., Ray and Watkins M.C.'s, Egerton Org., Hooper and Weston W.S.'s, Thomas Reece Jones Tyler. Ballots having been previously taken for the admission of Messrs. T. Salter, J. Pride, and C. J. Forder, and the result being unanimously in favour of these candidates, they were duly initiated into the Order by the newly installed W.M., who evidenced his capability for office by performing the ceremony in a manner that augurs well for his conduct of the Lodge. Bro. W. Vincent proposed that the name of the Lodge should be used in connection with the annual ball of the members, and a dispensation be applied for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing on the occasion. Any surplus that may accrue to be devoted to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge. This proposition having been seconded, was carried unanimously. The brethren, to the number of 104, sat down to a sumptuous and *vécherché* banquet provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Madell. The W.M., who in the Lodge had performed his duties admirably, made a very genial president; he proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Brother E. Powell I.P.M. was entrusted with the gavel to propose what he described as the toast of the evening, the health of the Worshipful Master. Brother C. Tayler, was the first initiate of the Lodge; he had worked up through every office: he had attained the proud position he now occupied by sheer merit and perseverance, and all felt sure he would do his duty satisfactorily. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Powell for the kind manner in which he had spoken of him; whatever he had done had been a labour of love. On the first night of his initiation he made up his mind to go forward in Freemasonry, and when he was raised to the degree of Master Mason he went into office. With pleasure he saw the result. By the kindness of the brethren he now occupied the chair. At the next Festival of

the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, which would be held in June next, under the presidency of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, he would serve as a Steward, and he thought opportunity might be taken by the members of the Lodge to make their mark on the Charity Roll of the Order. In conclusion, he again thanked the brethren for the reception they had given him. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the I.P.M., and referred to the excellent manner in which Bro. Powell had carried out each and every of his duties. It might indeed be said he had crowned all by his working of the ceremony of installation. It was gratifying for him (the W.M.) to be the medium of presenting Bro. Powell with a testimonial of the respect the Lodge entertained for him, in the shape of the Past Master's jewel, which he had the pleasure of placing on his breast; he hoped he might live for many years to wear it. Bro. Powell rose with a great amount of diffidence. He hoped he had given the brethren satisfaction during his year of office. As one of the Founders of the Lodge, he took a deep interest in its well-doing. With respect to the handsome jewel they had presented him with, he regretted he had no son to hand it down to, but he had a grandson, who doubtless would appreciate the honour conferred upon him. The other toasts given were the Past Masters, the Initiates, the Visitors, the Press, the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers, &c. Some capital responses were elicited. Finally, the Tyler gave the parting toast. To Bros. I. Cantle, Schartau, Davis, Lee, and Moorman great credit is due for the musical ability they displayed, while Bro. Vincent P.M. was most energetic in ministering to the comfort and entertainment of the Visitors.

UNITY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore, Middlesex, on Saturday, 13th inst. Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Joseph Adkins, who was supported by Bros. Stephens P.M. Treas., T. W. Cooper P.M., S. A. Cooper P.M. Sec., Slyman S.W. W.M. elect, John Woodmason I.G., Linscott S.D., Gordon, Webster M.C., Davies, Larkin, Jefferson, Parsons W.S., Clarkson, and Parsons. Visitors—Bros. R. Green Urban Lodge, W. H. Dean P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Dorset, S. Smout W.M. 1642, W. F. Packer 1571, E. Childs 538 P.M., R. J. Taylor W.M. 1922, and R. Coulthard 144 and 1632. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had received confirmation, the installation of Bro. Henry Slyman S.W. W.M. elect was proceeded with. The ceremony was capitally performed by the outgoing Master. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. Linscott S.W., Woodmason J.W., Stephens P.M. Treas., S. A. Cooper P.M. Sec., Webster S.D., Parsons J.D., Jefferson I.G., Gordon M. of C., Miller W.S., Larkin A.W.S., Middleton Tyler. At the conclusion of the labours of the day a capital banquet was served by host Veal, and the after proceedings were of a most harmonious character.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE, No. 1695.

THE anniversary meeting was held at the Highbury Station Hotel, better known as the Cock Tavern, on Tuesday last, the 16th instant. Lodge was opened by the Worshipful Master, Brother J. N. Thompson, supported by Bros. Edmunds S.W. and W.M. elect, Bastable J.W., Eldridge P.M. Treasurer, Frampton Secretary, Berry acting S.D., Tibbits J.D., Lone acting I.G., W. Hollis P.M. M.C., Very Tyler; also Bros. Press P.M., Swinyard, Cattermole, Hawkes, Scott, Canfer, Lewin, Richmond, Ayden, Bouts, Lone, &c. The Visitors were as follow:—Bros. Follitt 45, Rothschild 1288, Pigot 753, Forge 619, Fenner 1693, Wilkinson 167, Manger 1260, Dawes 619, Hartnett 813, Ashton 1929, Tremere 1929, Leipold 1929, Phillips 1185. Minutes were read and confirmed, and the Auditors' Report was adopted. After the obligation had been taken, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Edmunds was regularly installed by Brother Thompson. The brethren being readmitted, saluted the W.M. in the three degrees. The Officers were appointed as follow:—Bros. Bastable S.W., Tibbits J.W., Eldridge P.M. Treas., Frampton Secretary, Berry S.D., Lewin J.D., Lone I.G., Hollis M.C., Very Tyler. Brother Thompson then gave the addresses in a very impressive manner; and was unanimously applauded. We congratulate him on this excellent finish to his term of office. Lodge was then closed in regular form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was served by Brother Baker in his usual satisfactory manner. Grace was sung by Bros. Ashton, Colson Phillips, and Tremere. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured by the brethren. The before-named brethren then sang a trio. The W.M.'s health was proposed in a very neat speech, in which the Immediate Past Master stated that the honour of the Lodge would be upheld in all its integrity by Bro. Edmunds, who had worked hard to fit himself for his position. He (Brother Thompson) trusted that the brethren would find him plenty of work to do. The toast was cordially received by all present. In thanking the brethren, the W.M. stated that he would strive to do his best to give satisfaction while he had the honour of being their W.M.; he trusted his endeavours would meet with the approbation of the Past Masters of the Lodge, to whom he would look with pleasure for instruction; he considered the Past Masters as the guiding stars of the Lodge. He also hoped that Brother Thompson, the esteemed I.P.M., would always be at his elbow to give him assistance should occasion require it. He trusted he might vacate the chair of K.S. in as graceful a manner as did his predecessor. The I.P.M.'s toast was next proposed, and the Wor. Master in giving it stated the brethren knew that Bro. Thompson was one who could not slur over his duties. He had done them in a very masterly, as well as graceful manner. He had great pleasure in presenting him with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members of the Lodge, and sincerely trusted that Bro. Thompson would

be spared for many years to wear it; he was very proud of the opportunity of having the honour of presenting the jewel, as both Brother Thompson and himself were initiated together; had worked together; and followed each other step by step in the Lodge to the present proud position he then occupied. The toast was received with acclamation. In reply, Bro. Thompson assured the brethren he had the best interests of the Lodge at heart, and would exert his utmost to foster a genuine Masonic feeling of good fellowship among the brethren of the Lodge, and would ever remember with the kindest feelings the occasion of his having the P.M.'s jewel presented to him. He concluded by thanking the brethren for the kind mark of their approbation. The Past Masters, Treasurer and Secretary's toasts were proposed, and responded to by Bro. T. Press for the P.M.'s, Bro. Elridge for Treasurer, and Bro. C. R. Frampton for Secretary. The Visitors' toast was responded to by Bros. W. Wilkinson W.M. 167, R. P. Forge W.M. 619, H. Follett P.M. 45, J. H. Leipold 1929, and A. W. Fenner P.M. 1693, each of whom eulogised the I.P.M. for the excellent manner he had performed the duties of Installing Master, and thanked the Worshipful Master and brethren for the hearty reception accorded them by the Lodge. Bro. Fenner made a few remarks on the value of Lodges of Instruction. Without them, Masons would never be able to carry out the duties of Office. He impressed upon all young Masons who aspired to distinction in the Craft to avail themselves of the benefits to be derived by attending as often as possible. At the same time, he called the attention of the brethren to the fact that an excellent Lodge of Instruction, working under the warrant of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, meets every Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, at the New Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' road (opposite Finsbury Park). The Officers' toast was proposed, and received due honour; the Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to a close. Bros. H. Ashton, Colson Phillips, and T. Tremere enlivened the proceedings with some admirable songs and trios, while Bro. Leipold kindly presided at the pianoforte, and gave some brilliant fantasia, with which all the brethren were delighted.

DUKE OF CORNWALL LODGE, No. 1839.

THE first regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge since the installation was held on 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bro. A. Stokes W.M., J. W. Dewsnap S.W., Smith sen. J.W., J. W. Brooke P.M. Secretary, T. C. Corpe P.M. Treasurer, A. Williams S.D., Cattermole J.D., Marcus I.G., Gent M.C., Trego Organist, &c. Visitors—John Woodman 22, J. L. Culpen 749, G. F. Williams 1791, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of former meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. Wright, having been balloted for and accepted, was duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. conducting the ceremony in a very perfect way, each Officer contributing to the impressiveness of the ceremony. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, thirty-four in number, sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited) and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Smith I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. The brethren were pleased to see how ably he had performed the ceremony of initiation; they hoped on the next occasion to have another new member, and thus keep the W.M. in working order. He hoped the brethren would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it deserved, and wish the W.M. a prosperous year of office. Bro. Stokes, in reply, thanked Bro. Smith for the kind manner he had spoken of him; however, he felt he could hardly come up to the standard of the Past Masters, and was sure he could not excel them; at the same time he would do his utmost to equal them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the newly initiated brother. From the attention he had paid to the ceremony he felt Bro. Wright would be a good Mason and a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Wright acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bros. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, and Culpen 729, who severally responded. The I.P.M. Bro. Smith was next complimented, and then the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. After suitable response had been made, other toasts followed, and were duly acknowledged: the Tyler's closed a very harmonious and agreeable evening. Bros. Footo, Marcus, Garrett, Lowry, Corpe P.M., Smith I.P.M. and the W.M. contributed some excellent songs, accompanied by Bros. Trego and Smith.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 18th October, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. B. R. Banks W.M., J. W. Freeman S.W., Penrose J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Ingram S.D., Millington J.D., J. B. Williams I.G., P.M. Hutchins Preceptor, and several other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of the third and second degrees, Bro. Millington candidate. Lodge was then called off. On resuming, and after collection of the dues, Bro. J. W. Freeman was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are cordially invited to attend.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, S.E., on Friday, the 5th inst., was exceedingly well attended. The Lodge was opened precisely at 7:30, and amongst those present were—Bros. J. B. Sarjeant W.M., J. N. Bate S.W., Henry Baldwin J.W., H. H. Hughes S.D., G. H. Chapman J.D., B. P. Jesse I.G., James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, Richard Poore Secretary, and Bros. C. J. Oxford, J. C. Rhind, J. W. Tomkins, A. J. Styles, Henry, Stokes, &c. The first section having been worked by the brethren, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in the most able manner, Bro. Styles acting as candidate. At the request of the brethren explanations of sundry points in ceremonial were given by the Preceptor, who also delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Bate rendered the charge at

initiation, with considerable effect. Lodge was called off for entry drill, in which all present took part, and was then called on. Bro. Bate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the Lodge will work in the second degree with part sections and lecture. In consequence of other pressing engagements Bro. F. Thurston was reluctantly compelled to resign the office of Treasurer. The resignation was accepted with much regret, and honorary membership conferred on Bro. Thurston as some slight acknowledgment for past services. Bro. J. N. Bate was then unanimously elected Treasurer. Congratulations were expressed on the evident progress this Lodge of Instruction is making, and meeting as it does in a Temple prepared for and devoted solely to the purposes of Freemasonry, and worked without any distracting accompaniments, we cannot be surprised that, amongst intelligent brethren, caring more for mental improvement than bodily enjoyment, there are to be found an increasing number of staunch supporters. After two hours of most profitable instruction on this occasion, the Lodge closed in due form and the meeting adjourned.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting of the above Lodge was held at Brother Langdale's, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate Road, on Wednesday last. Bro. Lone occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Marks S.W., Ferrar J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Jones S.D., Western J.D., Gadsby I.G., Allsop, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of initiation, having Bro. Allsop as a candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bros. Allsop and Gadsby answered the usual questions leading to the third degree, but were not entrusted, they only being F.C. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Ferrar, who rehearsed the ceremony of passing. Brother Lowe resumed the chair. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—On Tuesday evening last, at Prince Regent Hotel, (Bro. Monk's) Dulwich-road, East Brixton. Albert W.M., Poore S.W., Lucas J.W., Francis Preceptor, Williams Secretary, Axford S.D., Phillips J.D., Banks I.G.; also Bros. Farrington S.W. 1949, Martin 1949, Richardson, Hill, Hudepohl, and Green 1687. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Brother Hill as candidate. Bro. Richardson gave the charge of the degree. Brother Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, on Saturday, 27th October, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. Bros. A. W. Fenner P.M. 1693 W.M., D. Moss J.W. 1275 S.W., J. A. Powell 186 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Ashton, Robinson, Hall, Percy, Lorkin, Cull, Gush. Second Lecture—Bros. Bird, Moss, Trewinnard, Powell, Fenner. Third Lecture—Bros. Gribbell, Galer, Cohen. Bros. R. Percy P.M. 228 I.P.M., R. W. Galer J.D. 1366 Secretary. Lodge will be opened punctually at 7 p.m.

At the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, on Sunday, 28th October, at the Blue Posts Tavern, 54 Charlotte Street, Fitzroy Square, W. Bros. J. Hemming M.C. 1287 W.M., J. Paul I.G. 1472 S.W., F. Sillis M.C. 1744 J.W., Wm. Stiles P.M. P.Z. 1507 I.P.M., L. Solomon W.M. 1732 Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. Bower, Kauffmann, Harvey, Gilby, Koester, Paul, Sillis. Second Lecture—Bros. Robinson, Burgess, Guyer, Agar, Whiting. Third Lecture—Bros. Davis, Emblin, Smith. At 6:15 o'clock precisely.

The Annual Festival of St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday evening, 29th October, at seven o'clock precisely, at the Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington, on which occasion the Ceremony of Consecration will be rehearsed by Brother Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey, the Preceptor; the musical portion by Bro. J. Mallett Jones Organist, and Brother Ambrose W. Hall P.G.C. has kindly consented to take the chair at the Banquet, that will follow.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, Comp. Edmonds occupied the chair of Z., R. Bird H., Gillard J., Knight S.N., Buckhurst P.S. The Companions mustered in goodly numbers from the Metropolitan Chapters, thereby proving that the Royal Arch is making rapid advance with good workers.

The Companions of the North London Chapter will rehearse the Ceremony of Installation of Principals on Thursday evening, 1st of November, at eight o'clock, at the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury.

The Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, the Right Wor. Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and his Officers, will conduct the ceremonies at the inauguration of the new Masonic Hall, which has been erected at Woolston, by Brother Chapman P.M., for the accommodation of the rapidly increasing Clausentum Lodge. The opening will take place on Monday, the 19th of November, the tenth anniversary of the foundation of the Lodge.

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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 13th October 1883,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of 8 Girls into the Institution, from a list of 32 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
9	Sutcliffe, Ethel Maden	3101	1
10	Hutton, Edith	2902	2
7	Heastie, Isabelle Sophia	2481	3
5	Henshaw, Helen Mabel	2465	4
12	Gibson, Kathleen Alice	2228	5
15	Smith, Lucy	1818	6
16	West, Alice Garton	1805	7
1	Hayes, Ellen	1682	8

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

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 15th day of October 1883,

Col. J. CREATON, V. Pat. and Trustee (P.G.D. and P.G. Treas.), in the chair.

A ballot took place for 20 Boys, from an approved list of 64 Candidates, reduced to 62 by the withdrawal of

No. 42, Simons, George John.
No. 46, Lyon, William Beresford.

the following being declared to be successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	35	Steed, Ernest Arthur	3237
2	2	Stanford, William Bryant	3107
3	58	Lane, Hal. y Richard	2881
4	13	Sykes, Richard Alfred	2879
5	6	Willett, George Cross	2858
6	1	Liversidge, Charles Percy	2827
7	17	Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	2695
8	10	Hooper, Lionel Charles	2682
9	3	Stewart, Charles Edward	2678
10	8	Wyatt, Augustine William	2619
11	36	Carré, Emile E. P.	2619
12	30	Bevis, Samuel Harman	2538
13	16	Hare, Harold Malcolm	2509
14	5	Skelton, Frederick Francis	2475
15	33	Herring, Frank Alexander	2458
16	29	Rose, Frederick Joseph	2457
17	4	Windross, John Benjamin	2450
18	60	White, Thomas William	2414
19	52	Cordingley, Walter E	2319
20	55	Gane, Harold R H	2285

Lists of Candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election, in April next.

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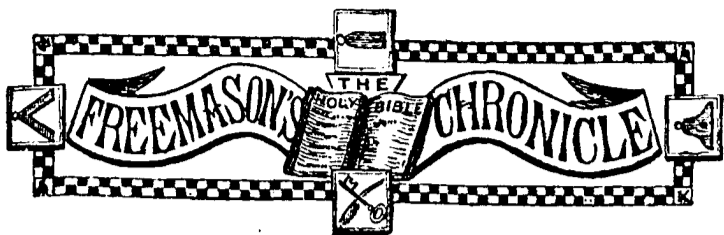
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GRAND LODGE OF THE PROVINCE OF BERKS AND OXON.

THE members of this Provincial Grand Lodge, accepting the invitation given at Maidenhead last October, assembled on Tuesday, the 9th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, under the banner of the Leopold Lodge, No. 235, and transacted the annual business. The General Purposes Committee, presided over by the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, the Earl of Jersey, met in the morning at the Great Western Hotel, and dealt with various matters requiring attention, and at two o'clock Provincial Grand Lodge was close tyled at the Masonic Hall, where the brethren had an opportunity of inspecting the newly-opened suite of ante-rooms. Although the Province has only been formed since 1879, and notwithstanding the fact of many brethren being prevented attending through the press of other engagements, nearly every seat in the Lodge was occupied, and Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, designated the assemblage as one of the largest and most satisfactory he had ever witnessed in the Provinces in connection with Mark Masonry—a fact largely due to the popularity of the Provincial Grand Master and the unflagging energy of the Provincial Grand Secretary. Among those present were the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey the M.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. C. Stephens the V.W. Deputy Prov. G. Master, Bros. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Provincial Grand Master of Middlesex and Surrey, John Walker Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, Donald M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, James Jenkins ex-Mayor of Oxford and P.G.S.W., Captain W. C. Golding P.P.G.J.W., Thomas J. Pulley Past Grand Senior Deacon and Prov. G. Secretary, F. W. Ansell P.P.S.O., Christopher Park P.P.G.J.W., F. Ryman Hall P.P.G.D.C., Walter Thompson P.P.G.S.O., Harry G. W. Drinkwater P.G.S., James Rutland P.G.O., Charles G. Butler P.G.I.G., R. Glasspool P.P.G.A.S., Maurice Wheeler P.G.S.B., W. Hickie P.G.Org., John Tomkins P.P.G.S.W., W. Ravenscroft P.P.G.J.W., A. Wheeler P.G.S.D., J. Fisher, Samuel Bradley P.G.M.O., Richard Eve P.G.W. Hants, George Boyer P.G.S.B., H. Creed, Edwd. L. Shepherd P.G.S.W., J. M. Dormer P.P.G. Assist. Secretary, E. Nichols P.G.S.D., W. Brett P.P.G.I.G., J. T. Stransom P.P.G.O., Edward Margrett P.G.S.D., George J. Cosburn P.P.G.S.B., W. T. Dupree, F. H. Cozens P.G. Org., W. G. Flanagan, F. Marsh, W. J. James, W. W. Ridley, W. Morris P.G.J.W., F. H. Marychurch, Robt. Rastrick P.P.G.M.O. Hants and Isle of Wight, John Dew P.P.G.I.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. H. Trollope, J. Harvey, R. Croisdale P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, Sidney Payne, Rev. R. P. Bent P.G. Chaplain, W. Hinckley P.P.G.S., Thomas Benham P.P.G.S.D. Hants and Isle of Wight, J. W. Lindars P.G.A.S., W. B. Farr Mayor of Maidenhead P.P.S.W. Bengal, P.P.S.W. Berks and Oxon, Robert Nicholson P.P.G.St.B., F. R. Spender, H. Howard Hodges P.P.G.M.O., H. Smith, Edwin Hewitt, Richard Pattick, C. H. Tench P.G.S., J. Westfield, &c.

The business transacted was of the usual character, and the finance and other reports were adopted. Bro. E. Trendell (Abingdon), who was absent through domestic affliction, was again elected as Provincial Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Stephens, seconded by Bro. Jenkin. Bro. Pulley announced that letters of apology for non-attendance had been received from a large number of distinguished Mark Masons in different parts of the kingdom. The Provincial Grand Master invited the brethren to give in their names as Stewards for the Mark Benevolent Fund Festival, and Bro. Pulley consented to represent the Province on the occasion. The Prov. Grand Master spoke very highly of the services of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and re-appointed Bro. Stephens to that office. Bro. Stephens thanked Lord Jersey for the honour he had again conferred upon him, and assured the Provincial Grand Lodge of his unabated interest in Mark Masonry. The appointment of the rest of the Provincial Grand Lodge Officers for the ensuing twelve months was then proceeded with, Lord Jersey investing them with their insignia of office in the following order:—

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The Prov. Grand Master, accepting the invitation of the officers and brethren of the Alfred Lodge, announced that the Provincial Grand Lodge would meet next year at Oxford. This completed the business and the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The banquet was served at the Great Western Hotel by Bro. W. G. Flanagan P.G.J.W., who was much complimented on the arrangements made for the comfort and entertainment of the company. In the course of the evening a number of interesting speeches were delivered in carrying out the list of toasts, the first honoured being, of course, that of the Queen and Mark Masonry. The M.W. G.M.M.M. (the Right Hon. Lord Henniker) and Past G.M.M. Masons was then proposed by the Prov. Grand Master, who bore his personal testimony to the great interest which Lord Henniker takes in Mark Masonry. The Prov. Grand Master next gave the health of the R.W. Deputy G.M.M.M. (the Right Hon. the Earl of Kintore) and Grand Officers Past and Present, coupling with the toast the names of Bros. Sir Francis Burdett and Donald M. Dewar, of whose services to Masonry his Lordship spoke in enlogistic terms. Sir Francis Burdett said it gave him pleasure to return thanks for the post. He had been connected with this degree a great number of years, longer, perhaps, than any Mason present; still he had seldom realised more pleasure than on this occasion, inasmuch as this was one of the largest Provincial gatherings of Mark Masons he had had the privilege of attending. Indeed, he had never seen a Provincial Grand Master more heartily or thoroughly supported than his friend Lord Jersey had been to-day. He had never seen the work performed more satisfactorily, and it would certainly have done credit to any Provincial Grand Lodge in England, and he felt sure that when any of the Provincial Grand Officers were called upon to officiate in Grand Lodge they would discharge their duties satisfactorily. Sir Francis then proposed the health of the Provincial Grand Master, and remarked that although Lord Jersey had been re-appointed for a term of three years only, they all entertained the hope that he would continue to reign over the Province for a great many years. The longer they knew Lord Jersey the more they liked him. There could be no doubt that under his genial and able presidency the Province would long continue to flourish. The Prov. Grand Master, in reply, said he highly valued the kind expressions of Sir Francis, and also the warm and hearty reception given to the toast. It gave him sincere pleasure to find himself supported by so many of the brethren, and he earnestly hoped the Provincial Grand Lodge would long continue to flourish. His Lordship concluded by proposing the health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, thanking him for the kind interest he had taken in the affairs of the Province, which he felt were perfectly safe in Bro. Stephens' hands. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he wished he could feel he was entitled to the kind words used and the good feeling manifested towards him. He was willing to render such service as he could, and should feel it to be his duty to visit the Lodges in the Province and see the work performed during the ensuing year. Bro. Stephens gave the health of the "Wardens, Treasurer, and other Officers of the Province, Present and Past," and Bro. Ansell responded. Bro. John Walker Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Gloucestershire, proposed the health of the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren of the Leopold Lodge, for whom Bro. Samuel Bradley W.M. returned thanks. Bro. Pulley, in the course of an able speech, proposed the Mark Benevolent Fund, remarking that he did so with very great pleasure, the subject of the toast being connected with his dearest thoughts of Masonry—charity. He thought he might say, without any egotism, that no member of the Mark Degree had taken more interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund than he had done. He had spared no effort to ensure its prosperity and promote its success whenever he had had the opportunity, not only by advocating its claims to their support, but also by ensuring, as far as possible, the thorough working of the benevolent objects which they had in view. He referred to the good work being carried on by means of this fund, and expressed his hope that the Province would continue to accord its liberal support, and that he would be in a position to present a very substantial amount at next year's Festival. Bro. Donald M. Dewar, in reply, said he took the greatest possible interest in the Mark Benevolent Fund, and they were fortunate in having such a splendid advocate and supporter of the fund as Bro. Pulley, who was not a man of mere words, but a man of action as regards every degree of Masoury to which he belonged. Bro. Pulley's name appeared in the lists of many stewards, and he was undoubtedly the right man to advocate the claims of the fund. Brother Dewar then gave a history of the fund, and the excellent objects carried out in connection therewith, and concluded by remarking that he felt extremely glad they would have the advantage of the able Stewardship of Bro. Pulley for the next Festival. The health of the visiting brethren was then proposed by Bro. Tomkins, and acknowledged by Bro. Eve in an eloquent speech, the speaker observing that the more the brethren made themselves acquainted with the Masonic Charities the greater would be the support given to them. The Prov. Grand Master then gave the health of the Host, remarking upon Bro. Flanagan's excellent catering. Bro. Flanagan having returned thanks, the Provincial Grand Master took his departure for home, being much cheered as he withdrew. A smoking concert followed, and proved a splendid success, the arrangements devolving upon Bro. W. Hickie P.P.G.O. An attractive programme was rendered with great taste by Madame Worrell, and Bros. Cozens, Ashton Nettleship and Tower, and the applause was hearty throughout. Bro. Pulley was warmly congratulated upon the unqualified success of the days' proceedings.—*Berkshire Chronicle.*

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, 20th OCTOBER.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1367—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1627—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow
 R.A. 1197—Royal Middlesex, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton
 M.M. 1—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 47—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 17—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1427—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 17—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1626—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 833—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halfax-road, Dewsbury
 900—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1447—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 331—Loyal Columbian, Masonic Hall, Turin
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford

TUESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moira, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Jopna, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 826—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Peckham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1045—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1366—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1406—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jersey-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)
 1557—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1609—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N. at 8.30 (In)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Fleener, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1299—St. Albion, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 M.M. 2—Keystone, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1016—Fikington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1099—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Earl of York, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 113—Unanimity, Bull Hotel, Church Street, Preston
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 168—Keystone, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 751—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)
 863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1058—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 220—Hannony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 727—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1267—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Browrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1867—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 K.T. 10—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 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)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 858—South Middlesex, Beaumont House, North End, Fulham
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1155—Southern Star, Phœnix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1658—Skelmerdale, 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.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington
 R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Can at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1623—West Smithfield, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 256—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bac up
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 897—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer Street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle
 1692—Wellington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 279—Fortitude, Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester
 R.A. 394—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 R.A. 424—De Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1094—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 R.A. 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

FRIDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 80—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)

507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 790—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)
 1158—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)
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Loadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 749—Belgrave, Ship and Turtle, Loadenhall Street
 R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 223—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard
 K.T. 74—Harcourt, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
 1821—Atlingworth, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 690—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel, Eastbourne
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1621—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 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. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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LODGE OF CONFIDENCE, No. 193.

THE members of this popular Lodge met for the first time since the recess on Monday evening last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, when there was an unusually numerous attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. James Smith, the genial Worshipful Master. Amongst those present we observed:—Bros. Walter Wood S.W., W. A. Cubitt J.W., J. Shackell P.M. Sec., W. Saint S.D., F. Silvester J.D., Geo. P. Nightingale I.G.; Past Masters F. Bonney, S. Webb, H. Webb, T. B. Biddle, G. F. S. Warne, B. D. Kershaw, Birch, H. Reed, and J. Brock; Bros. G. Master, J. G. Gilderslen, W. M. Covell, J. H. Clare, S. Smither, E. W. Pithian, C. H. Davis, W. A. Colyer, H. D. Alston, H. Freeman, W. G. Walker, J. H. Bayley, B. McMillan, J. J. Crake, S. Dicketts, T. Wright, E. Carey, J. W. Garwood, H. Doubleday, W. Buckley, J. G. Desane, T. J. C. L. Boardman, W. Kedge, J. Williams, H. Norris, D. Macdonald, E. H. Walden, H. Meyer, J. Passingham, W. Hall, E. H. Walden, H. Meyer, J. Passingham, W. Hall, E. J. Davey, J. D. Collins, L. G. Reinhardt Tyler, &c. The visitors included Bros. Stephen Crane 933, W. Fieldsworth P.M. 1364, J. F. Haskins Org. 1364, J. Sleeman W.M. 15, J. Silvester 177, T. Staton 1287, C. A. Harvey P.M. 795, F. Mansfield 21, Joseph Cox 1766, H. J. Amphlett 1511, and others. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to meet an unusually formidable agenda of business, the first being to raise Bros. Edmund Cary, Thomas J. C. L. Boardman, and William Cave Hisirlidge Buckley to the sublime degree. The ceremony was worked in admirable manner by the W.M., assisted by his Officers, the recital of the solemn charges eliciting expressions of general appreciation from all present. Lodge having been resumed in the second, Bros. Thomas Wright, William McMillan, William George Walker, and William Alex. Colyer, were passed to the second degree, this rite being also executed in a manner that reflected much credit upon the working of the Lodge. Subsequently Mr. James William Garwood was initiated, on the proposal of Bro. J. H. Clare, seconded by Bro. W. M. Covell; and at the conclusion of a heavy lot of work, which occupied over four hours in transaction, the brethren and visitors sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in a style for which Bro. F. H. Clemow has long been proverbial. The customary loyal toasts having been disposed of, reference was made by the Worshipful Master to the zeal and ability with which the Grand Officers administered the affairs of the Craft, a sentiment that was cordially echoed by the whole company. Bro. S. Webb P.M., in the absence of the I.P.M. (Bro. J. E. Fells), said the task had devolved upon him of asking them to drink the health of their esteemed W.M. He congratulated Brother Smith upon the large attendance on the first night after the recess, and observed that it augured well for the remainder of his term of office. During the time he had occupied the chair he had discharged his duties uncommonly well, and the brethren were eminently satisfied with him. If he continued to do so to the end of his first year—though he (the speaker) was not going to hold out any hope to Brother Smith that he would be re-elected—the brethren would be exceedingly pleased with him, and it would tend very greatly to the prosperity of the

Lodge. They had a right to say they were satisfied with their W.M.; and when he looked around, and saw the number of Officers who were coming along, he had no fear for the continued proficiency and success of the Lodge of Confidence. The W.M., in acknowledging the compliment paid him, thanked the brethren for attending in such goodly numbers after the recess, and for the support they had accorded to him during his year of office. Since he had occupied the chair he had experienced, to a greater extent than he had ever anticipated, the cordial support and assistance that had been given him by the Past Masters, and his Officers and brethren. Whether Freemasonry was getting better, sinking deeper into their minds, making them brighter men, and more honourable—or whether they were living out the grand and glorious principles of Masonic virtue—he knew not. He hoped it was so. At all events, he felt, as Master of this Lodge, that those principles were worth living for, and carrying out, and that if they practised those principles, the better men and better citizen they must become, the more honourable towards each other, and the more deeply impressed with the reality of Masonic charity and virtue. In taking that chair, with their approbation, he thoroughly appreciated the responsibilities of the position, and was deeply sensible of them now. Freemasonry was no farce; it was a solid principle, that was not like a passing shower; it must be for their life's practice, or it was of no use whatsoever. He was more than ever convinced that as they impressed upon the brethren the usefulness and great importance of the Order, the better men they would become. He thanked the Lodge for what they had done for him. He assured them that his heart had been rejoiced more than once since he had been Master of the Confidence Lodge. More especially when he went up as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he felt the money he was enabled, by the liberality of the Lodge, to hand over towards relieving the sufferings of the aged and the infirm, he felt the value and the happiness of putting into practice the distinguishing characteristic of the Craft—Charity. After he had considered his list closed, he received a substantial sum towards that Institution, much to his surprise and pleasure, and he hoped such Charity might long continue to be evoked. The Institutions of the Craft were worthy of all support, and their Masonry was but of little avail unless they felt it touched their pockets as well as their stomachs. He concluded by expressing the hope that the G.A.O.T.U. might make the Craft a terror to evil doers, and a praise to all who thought and acted aright. The health of the Initiate was next most cordially received, Bro. Reid P.M. giving the A. E. song, and Bro. Garwood briefly acknowledged the reception given to his name. The Worshipful Master next proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge, whom he designated as beacons to guide the Master and his Officers on the road—as finger posts to direct the brethren in the right path, so that they might always walk straight. He looked upon the Past Masters as the backbone of the Institution and the pillars of the Temple of K.S. Bro. Birch P.M. suitably replied, in doing which he admitted that he had never heard the ceremonies more fairly—he might say reverentially—given than they had been that evening by their excellent W.M. In saying this he knew he should be upheld by all who were fortunate enough to have been present. It afforded the Past Masters great delight to know they had had in the past such apt pupils as Bro. Smith, and he trusted the same abilities would be displayed by others who should follow him in the chair. The Visitors were next cordially welcomed, and in response these brethren expressed the great pleasure it had afforded them to witness the excellent work done in the Lodge room, and to participate in the splendid hospitality provided for them by the brethren of the Lodge. Several other toasts, including the Officers, were honoured, the speeches throughout being interspersed by some excellent songs, Bro. Haskins kindly rendering admirable and efficient assistance as accompanist on the pianoforte.

PERCY LODGE, No. 198.

THIS ancient and flourishing Lodge, the number of whose members is limited to thirty, met for the first time since the vacation on the 9th inst., under the presidency of Bro. Orchard W.M.; Bros. G. Lambert P.M. P.G.S.B. Grand Lodge England S.W., Carr J.W., H. Lambert P.P.G.W. Herts Treasurer, Heath P.P.G.S.D. Herts Secretary, Rowell S.D., Leigh as J.D., Cox Organist, Read P.M. as Organist; Bro. Dr. G. Cowell I.P.M. P.M.'s Bros. Dr. Cross, Winter, J. J. Caney, and Rowe. Visitors—Bros. Macarthy 21, W. Roofe, H. Lowe 1364, H. C. Cross 176, C. Waters 1627, A. Rumsey 1627, W. Hatch 771, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. G. Lambert proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to their respected Bro. Heath, who has been Secretary for 15 years. Bro. Heath had lately met with a severe accident, but he was present that evening. The brethren had to thank him for his catering for them at Gravesend. He (Bro. Lambert) trusted they might see him among them in renewed health for many years. Bro. Heath feelingly responded; he fully appreciated the remarks of Bro. Lambert, while the kind feeling of the brethren would never be effaced from his memory. He had been Secretary for fifteen years, and hoped to be spared to be with them for fifteen years more. After the loyal toasts, Brother Cox, Organist, sang the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales." In speaking of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said they had the honour of having a Grand Officer belonging to their Lodge—Bro. George Lambert. The post of a Grand Officer is no sinecure, but their worthy brother, it was well recognised, was equal to all that was demanded of him. Bro. Lambert P.G. Sword Bearer eloquently responded to the toast. He referred to the various matters that will be brought forward at the next Grand Lodge meeting; these he hoped would be for the future benefit of the Craft. Brother Cowell I.P.M. now took the gavel. This was the first meeting since April; all were pleased to see their W.M. present, and they trusted he had so far recouped his health that he might be among them for many years yet to come. The W.M. in reply thanked Brother Cowell for

his kind expressions, and the manner in which the toast had been received. If there was any work before the Lodge, it would be done, he was sure, to their satisfaction. The toast of the Past Masters was the next on the list, and then the health of the Visitors was proposed by Bro. Lambert P.M., and Bros. Walters and Macarthy responded. Several other toasts followed, and suitable responses were made. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character.

BELGRAVE LODGE, No. 749.

THE annual election meeting of this Lodge was held on the 10th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, when the Worshipful Master (Bro. W. C. Hall) was surrounded by a very large gathering of the brethren, whilst the Visitors' list was of gratifying length. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which a rather heavy agenda, including three raisings, and one passing, was got through. The working of the ceremonies was admirable throughout, and reflected the highest credit upon the Worshipful Master and his staff of Officers. Subsequently the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and the choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. Augustus Leech, who had discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair to the utmost satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Leech was warmly congratulated on his election, and suitably acknowledged the honour that had been conferred upon him. Bro. J. Painter P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, with thanks for his past services, and Bro. Joseph J. Marsh was re-appointed Tyler. Some other business was transacted, after which the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet served in Bro. Clemow's best style, and the ordinary Loyal and Masonic toasts were discussed. Special reference was made to the ability and zeal displayed by Bro. Hall during his year of office, and the satisfactory manner in which he had at all times acquitted himself both in Lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. Leech was felicitated upon his election by so unanimous a vote of the brethren, who wished for him a happy and prosperous year on his accession to office. Several complimentary toasts followed, and amidst an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music a thoroughly agreeable and harmonious evening was enjoyed.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge, for the election of Master, was held on Monday evening. The Lodge room was crowded, amongst those present being Bros. M. Millington W.M., G. Simpson I.P.M., P.M.'s T. B. Whytehead, J. S. Cumberland, C. G. Padel, J. T. Seller, G. Balmford Treasurer, W. P. Moat (Auckland, New Zealand), Rev. W. C. Lukis 837, J. Benkin S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., and many other members and visiting brethren from the York and Agricola Lodges. The first business after a successful ballot for a candidate was the raising of Bro. Wigglesworth to the degree of a Master Mason, which was performed by the Worshipful Master, the traditional history being given by Bro. T. B. Whytehead. The report of the Auditors was brought up and adopted, the Worshipful Master congratulating the Lodge upon its excellent financial position. The report of the Hall Proprietary Fund was also brought up, and was considered satisfactory. The election of Master then took place, and the unanimous vote of the Lodge fell upon Bro. J. Blenkin S.W. Bro. G. Balmford P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Brother P. Pearson Tyler. On the motion of Brother Whytehead, seconded by the W.M., Brother the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Past Grand Chaplain, and editor of the *Freemason*, was elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A congratulatory telegram was ordered to be sent to the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, Hull, which was that night celebrating its centenary of existence. After the close of the Lodge the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, the health of the newly-elected W.M. was drunk with enthusiasm, as also that of the outgoing Master, who had during his year of office acted most generously and done credit both to the Lodge and himself.

United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30.—On Tuesday night the members of this old and popular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons assembled for the first time after the summer recess, at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Brother Joshua Shipley W.M., who was well supported by his Officers and brethren. The only business before the Lodge was to ballot for Mr. Alfred Lane, who had been proposed by Bro. Howard, and seconded by Brother Hiram Cosedge P.M. The voting was unanimously in favour, and the candidate will be initiated at the next meeting.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—The regular meeting of the season was held on the 4th inst., at the Mason's-avenue Tavern, Basinghall-street, under the presidency of Bro. W. A. Humphries I.P.M., the W.M., Bro. H. G. Ball, being absent in Canada. Bros. J. Smith S.W., H. T. Nell J.W., H. Follett P.M. Treas., Heall Sec. Fountain S.D., Hunt I.G., H. P. Thomas A.S.; P.M.'s Driver and Symonds. Visitors—Bros. H. J. Dean 1260, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After preliminaries, Bro. John Phillips was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Hymns were sung throughout, and the Kyrie Eleison used is taken from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah*. A letter was read from the W.M., stating that he had visited the *Rehobam Lodge in Canada*, where, after a careful examination, he was admitted, and had the honour of being present with the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master; there were 250 brethren present. He was enthusiastically received, and in the name of his Lodge thanked the *Rehobam Lodge* for the cordial reception he had met with. The report of the committee respecting the revision of the bye-laws was received. It was proposed,

seconded, and carried that a gold centenary jewel be presented to the I.P.M., Bro. W. A. Humphries, for his exertions and kindness on behalf of the Lodge. Notice of motion was given by Bro. G. G. Symonds P.M., seconded by Bro. Smith S.W., "That no banquet take place unless the requisite funds are in the hands of the Treasurer." Several matters were then discussed, and the Lodge was closed.

Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130.—On Thursday evening, 11th inst., the R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. W. Hickman), with the Grand Lodge Officers, paid a visit to the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130, on the invitation of the W.M. Bro. J. Robertson. There was a large attendance of Grand Lodge Officers, Past Officers, and other Brethren, including the W.M.'s and Wardens of the Lodges Economy and William of Wykeham (Winchester), all of whom received a very cordial greeting. At the banquet which was subsequently held the P.G.M., in responding to the toast of his health, referred to several propositions which have been submitted to the Lodges in regard to matters affecting the Province, and pointed out that certain of them were diametrically opposed to each other, while the most important, emanating from Portsmouth, and suggesting the division of the Province, could not be carried out, even were it desirable, under the Book of Constitutions. Bros. Frost and Rastrick (Portsmouth), both Grand Lodge Officers, repudiated the idea that the movement for the division of the Province had any general support among the brethren forming the Lodges in that important town.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday, the 16th instant, when the brethren attended in unusual strength, at their new quarters, the Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. H. Cox W.M. 144, assisted by Bros. T. D. Dutton W.M. Elliott Lodge S.W., Swaine J.W., Macefield S.D., Christmas J.D., R. J. Taylor P.M. 144 I.G., Cottebrune P.G.P. Preceptor. There were also present Bros. Bassington P.M. Treasurer, Cross P.M. 1194 Secretary, Baker P.M., Gardner W.M. Granite, Flattely P.M. 1624, C. Tayler W.M. elect 1624, Cobham P.M., Vincent P.M., Skinner W.M. 338, and many other brethren. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. C. Tayler candidate. Bro. Powell then took the chair of W.M. and rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. T. Dutton was placed in the chair of K.S. After the return of those below the rank of Installed Master, the brethren saluted. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. C. Tayler then invested the Officers. Bro. Powell W.M. 1624 and Bro. Bottle S.D. 1624 were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Powell for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, after one of the most successful meetings the Lodge has ever had.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the meeting held on Saturday last, at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N. Present—Bros. Jenkin W.M., Powell S.W., Gilderslen J.W., Galer Secretary, Robinson S.D., Parkes J.D., Weeden I.G.; R. Pearcy (Preceptor), Fenner, Gush, Pilley, Ockelford, Langdale, Morgan, &c. Business:—Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Fenner offered himself as a candidate for the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Brother Fenner worked the second, and Brother Gush the third sections of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Brother Fenner then worked the fourth, Brother Powell answering the questions of this section in a most eloquent style. In the fifth section, which followed, the questions were answered by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and then Brother Robinson answered the questions of the second section of the first lecture. Bro. Powell was appointed Worshipful Master for Saturday, the 20th inst., and after a vote of thanks had been passed to Brother Jenkin, Lodge was closed.

United Strength Lodge, No. 228.—The members of this old and substantial Lodge assembled for the first time after the recess on Tuesday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a numerous attendance of brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, under the presidency of Bro. H. W. Alford W.M., who was well supported by his Officers, a large number of the brethren, with a sprinkling of visitors. After the transaction of the usual formal business, it was announced that the only work named on the agenda paper was the raising of Bro. Lobb (a member of the London School Board) to the third degree; but a letter had been received from that brother to the effect that, having suffered a severe domestic bereavement, he found it impossible to attend. Mrs. Lobb died on Thursday last week, and was interred on Monday in Abney Park Cemetery, in the presence of a large number of friends, who attended to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The brethren joined in united expressions of sympathy with Bro. Lobb in his sad bereavement, and it was resolved that a letter of condolence should be sent. There being no business to claim the attention of the brethren they adjourned at an early hour to the banquetting room, where an admirable repast awaited them, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In consequence, however, of the circumstance alluded to, the after proceedings were of a somewhat subdued and quiet description.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—There was a crowded gathering of the brethren on Monday night, at the

Fountains Abbey Hotel, Praed-street, Paddington, to listen to the rehearsal of the ceremonies of consecration and installation. Lodge having been opened in the three degrees by the Preceptor, Bro. G. Read P.M. 511, Bro. J. Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts and Secretary of the R.M.B.I. was invited to the chair to perform the ceremonies referred to above. He was most ably supported by Bro. J. Stevens P.M. as S.W., and the following brethren, holding offices as indicated. Bros. F. T. C. Keeble P.M. 1426 J.W., R. E. Cursons S.D., A. Harding J.D., C. R. Wickens I.G., H. Dehaue W.M. 1543 P.P.G.S.D. Essex Sec., C. S. Mote and W. Death Stewards, G. Davis P.M. 176 M.C. and M. S. Rubinstein Organist. In addition to the foregoing brethren were also present Bros. Capt. A. Nichols P.D.S. West Punjab, G. Hesse 167, M. S. Spiegel P.M. 188, W. A. Cnbit J.W. 193, J. Peile 198, G. J. Earney 511, W. Fieldson I.P.M. 548, J. Evens W.M. and J. T. Westley 753, T. Artaud 1305, W. J. Mason 1328, W. H. Chalfout W.M. 1425, W. Newton 1541, W. Rowe 1543, H. Davey 1608, W. Honeyball W.M. elect 1681, E. Stevens 1826, G. P. Festa I.P.M. 1900, and about fifty others, most of whom belonged to the Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction. Nine new members were made in due course, thus strengthening this already strong and popular Lodge. We need not describe the ceremony of consecration; most Masons are familiar with it, and those who are not cannot do better than be present at the next opportunity that presents itself, especially if Bro. Terry presides. He is *facile princeps* in all that relates to the ceremonial of the Fraternity, and the way in which he consecrated the Lodge and rehearsed the ritual of installation on Monday night was calculated to increase his reputation. The charms of Bro. Terry's working consist in earnestness, clearness of utterance, and directness of purpose. While he observes all the technical points of the ceremonies, he never fails to go beneath the shell and lay bare the kernel—the spiritual basis of the Craft. He was particularly impressive on the occasion we are describing, and those who think lightly, or do not think at all, of the religious character of the Order had better make the acquaintance of Bro. Terry's working. They would learn much of the real essence of Freemasonry, and could not fail to have a higher estimate of its functions and a nobler conception of the G.A.O.T.U. We were sorry that a portion of the installation ceremony was omitted, owing to want of time, and in deference to the wishes of the majority of the brethren. Past Masters require to have the rust rubbed off now and then, and no one is more fitted to give the polishing touch than Bro. Terry. We should have liked to witness the conferring of the "Master's degree"—if we may be permitted to use the term—at the hands of Bro. Terry, but under the circumstances the omission was perhaps wisely made. Music, as is well known, forms a conspicuous part in the ceremony of consecration, and this division of labour was ably sustained by Bro. Rubinstein. The whole proceedings were conducted with due solemnity, and were listened to with rapt attention and joined in with reverence and heartiness. Before the Lodge was closed, Bro. J. Stevens S.W. said it was seldom that the brethren heard the ceremony of installation given in any manner, and still more rare to hear it given in such a way as it had been rendered that night. Bro. Terry was an old acquaintance of his, an honour he, and all who knew him, prized. The ceremonies they had listened to had been very carefully rehearsed, and he (Bro. Stevens) thought they ought not to separate without conveying to Bro. Terry an expression of their esteem for him, and the high estimation in which he is held by the Craft—not in mere words only, but from the heart. Bro. Terry filled an important post, the duties of which were well discharged. There were many claims upon his time, yet he was always willing to go among the brethren to instruct and please them. Bro. Stevens moved that a hearty vote of thanks be given to Bro. Terry, and that it be entered on the minutes of the Lodge. This was seconded by Bro. Read, and carried unanimously. Bro. Terry, in reply, expressed his gratification at the remarks of his old friend, Bro. Stevens. He was only carrying out one of the obligations he had undertaken—to communicate instruction. It was true he was engaged in heavy work; he had been particularly busy that day, owing to the election for the Boys' School, but he always endeavoured to find time to keep engagements with the brethren of the Craft outside the claims of his immediate duties. The highest reward to him was to know that his services were appreciated, and in thanking the Lodge for their vote, he said he should be happy to visit them again, should they desire his help and he could make it convenient to attend. The remarks of both Bro. Stevens and Bro. Terry were received with much approbation by the brethren present. It was announced that Bro. Stevens would be present on the 3rd December next, and give an explanation of the second degree. The same brother will explain the first degree at the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, Ebury Bridge, on Saturday evening, 3rd November.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 15th instant, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Brook W.M., Jordan S.W., Clark J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Crosbie J.D., Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor, Rhodes I.G., and other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form in the first and second degrees, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. The ceremony of the third degree was also rehearsed, Bro. Hall P.M. acting as candidate. Brother Hall will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 22nd October, at 8-30.

THE LATE SOCIAL SCIENCE CONGRESS.

IN the Health Department Bro. George Smith, of Coalville, read two papers. One paper relating to the sad condition of the canal children, and the steps he proposes for bringing about a free education; and also to secure, without inconvenience and with but little cost, the better sanitary condition of their floating homes, for which power is taken in a Bill he has had before Parliament during the last four sessions to amend the Canal Boats Act of 1877.

Upon one of the clauses of the Bill, to which some objection has

been taken, Bro. Smith said: Sub-section 2 of section 3 says, "a child or young person under the age of 16 years shall not be employed for hire or profit in or for purposes of a canal boat on Sunday;" what is the object of that Sub-section 2 of Clause 3 of the Bill? I may say that the principal objects of this section are threefold; First, the gradual lessening of Sunday traffic without the boatmen and boat owners experiencing any loss or inconvenience thereby. Second, to enable those boatmen who, with large families, in order to conform to the requirements of the Act, and the regulations of the Local Government Board, divide their families and work a pair of boats, putting the girls to sleep in one cabin and the boys in another, cannot afford to have a home on land immediately the Act comes into operation, but whose children are required to make the number of attendances at day schools per quarter. To put it in another way, the children living in a canal boat will be required to make 200 attendances in a day school in the year, or 50 attendances per quarter, to enable them to pass the Third Standard before they can work, which would not be a great hardship, as the boats, vans, shows, and like places are stationary, on an average, fully one-third of the year. To prevent the infliction of what at first sight may appear hardship on the boating parents—to compel them to tie up their boats on week days till the boat children have made their attendances—I propose, as you will see in my remarks, that the children should be allowed to make 50 out of 200 attendances required in a Sunday School; and, thirdly, the gradual lessening of child slavery; which the canal children have to endure, in toiling and trudging on and after the canal boats, from fourteen to sixteen hours daily, winter and summer, from the year's beginning to the year's end while their fathers are generally, to say the least of it, taking matters quietly. Most of the work in connection with boating, when the women and children live in the cabins, devolves upon those least able to bear it. It has been said more than once that the restrictions which I propose would be interfering too much with traffic and individual liberty, and consequently lessening of canal trade would be the result. This I deny *in toto*, again and again, that is, if we put in contrast the restrictions our factory laws, mining laws, &c., exact from the property owner and manufacturers, and the results that have been achieved by factory legislation and the spread of sanitary laws. The passing of the Bill in its present form will admit of the boat children of nine years old (who pass the second, third, or such standard as the Education Department may think well to fix), working all the hours in the week, without cessation of toil from Monday morning to Sunday morning round and round again. Surely, then, it is only just, fair, and honest, to give the poor canal and van children of tender years a few hours rest out of 168 in the week. Even when this easy and simple bill has passed, a boatman can compel a boat child of ten years to work 144 hours in the week, while straw-plait manufacturers, silk weavers, tile-makers, and others, of any class, grade, and employment, light and heavy, can only compel a child of thirteen years, or a young person, to work 56 hours per week out of 168. Bro. Smith explained how the annual registration of the boats, for a fee of 5s, is to be brought about, without any inconvenience to either boatmen or boatowners. Without the annual registration of the boats Bro. Smith stated that the Act of 1877 would continue to be a failure in its main features, as would any other Act dealing with the education and welfare of the canal and gipsy children, who live in moving and temporary homes.

In the other paper read by Bro. George Smith, of Coalville, relating to the condition of our gipsies and their children, Bro. Smith stated that there are among us at the present time nearly 50,000 men, women, and children, living in tents, vans, shows, carts and wigwams, tramping the country as gipsies and vagabonds of the deepest dye, attending fairs, feasts and fêtes, 30,000 of whom will be children of school age, not five per cent. of whom can read and write a sentence, and who—with some bright exceptions—are a disgrace to civilisation, and an encouragement to those who predict the downfall of Christianity, and the spreading of the darkest heathenism upon its ruins. Bro. Smith referred to some of the leading features of the present day gipsyism, which are at work among the lower grades of society, working out peril, mischief, poverty, and degradation to themselves, and the darkest, direful evils for the country's welfare, the sad consequence of which it is impossible to estimate or form any idea of. Bro. Smith stated that 75 per cent. of the gipsies living together as man and wife are not lawfully married, and that during his visits for many years to the gipsies and other travelling vagabonds in various parts of the country, he has come upon men, women and children of all ages and sizes, huddling together upon rotten straw and bags, full of vermin and filth, that would cause the heart of the nation to ache and bleed rivers of sympathy and help, if Englishmen did but know the depths to which our present-day gipsies have sunk. Bro. Smith also said that he had recently seen 17 families of gipsies pigging together, numbering close upon 100 human beings, in ten wigwams, not three out of the number could tell a letter. He also gave instances how small-pox has been and is carried about the country by means of gipsy vans, tents, and wigwams. Only a few days ago Bro. Smith said small-pox was carried to Ashton by a gipsy van, and more than twenty persons were ill of this dreadful disease at that time at Ashton. Brother Smith proposes to bring about an improvement in the condition of the gipsies and other children by extending the provisions of the Canal Boats Act of 1877, and his Amending Bill.

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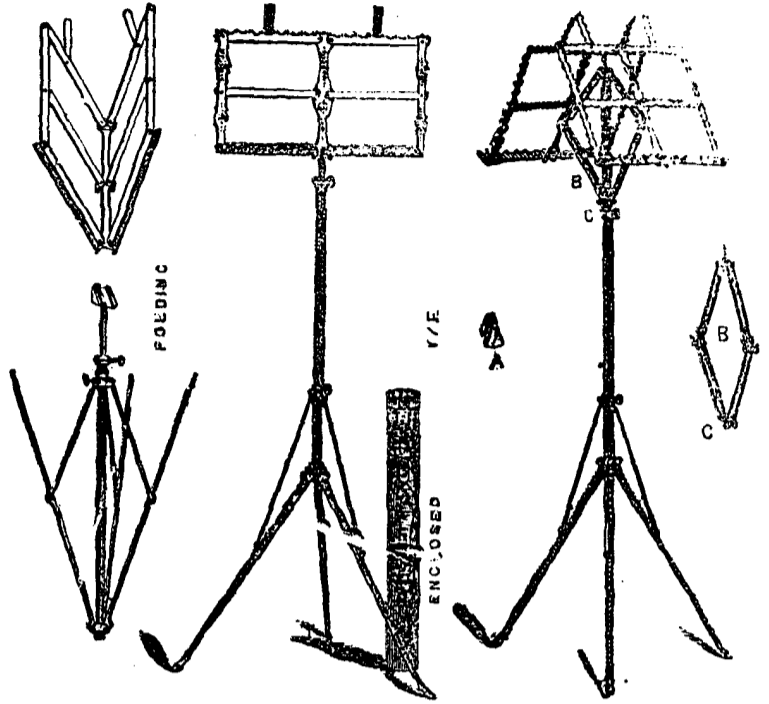
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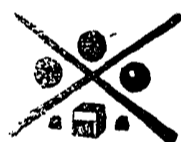
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