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THE QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION
OF GRAND LODGE.

IT is fortunate that Grand Lodge meetings are rarely so well attended as was the one held on Wednesday night, at Freemasons' Hall, or a grave scandal would arise. To cram 1200 brethren into a space calculated to hold about half the number, was beyond the skill of the executive, the result being a crowded room, discomfort, and a somewhat maimed ceremonial. Not only was the great banquetting hall crammed, but the gallery over the entrance was filled, as well as rooms adjoining the improvised Temple. This large room really belongs to the hotel, and there were many signs that it either had been, or was about to be, used for a Scottish gathering. Over the main entrance door was a banner, on which was inscribed, "Welcome to the Marquis of Lorne," and on the walls were bannerets, containing shields, bearing the devices of Scottish noblemen. There was little to suggest the purpose to which the hall was to be devoted on Wednesday night until the brethren began to assemble, which they did very early, and then the character of the meeting was put beyond doubt, and the scene soon became animated and interesting. The doors of Grand Lodge were closed long before the time appointed for the commencement of business, and those who had no special right to admission had to be content with a seat up aloft or in an adjoining room. It was with difficulty that a passage was made for the procession of Grand Officers to the platform. On the appearance of the Pro Grand Master Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon, a cheer went up, which was renewed when he took the Grand Master's chair. He was supported by Bro. the Earl of Limerick as Deputy Grand Master, by Bro. W. B. Beach, Prov. G.M. Hants., Bro. General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B., Prov. G.M. Surrey, and a host of eminent brethren, who filled the dais. Bro. the Earl of Milltown, Senior Grand Warden, occupied his appointed chair, and Bro. the Right Hon. Col. Stanley, Grand Junior Warden, presided in the south. The Pro Grand Master took in the situation at a glance, and his experience and thoughtfulness enabled him to meet the difficulty that presented itself at the outset. Order followed the sound of the gavel, and the Pro Grand Master, in a clear voice, welcomed the brethren, especially those who had come from a distance to take part in the proceedings. This reference to the country brethren had an excellent effect upon them, and his after remarks put the whole assembly in good humour, and satisfied their sense of justice. He reminded them that it was impossible to accommodate all who had assembled on that occasion within the four walls of the Temple, and that exceptional circumstances needed exceptional treatment. The brethren who had come to record their votes were not to be deprived of their privileges nor denied the opportunity of satisfying their consciences; he had, therefore, arranged that overflow gatherings should be held in other rooms, to whom would be submitted the resolutions discussed and agreed upon in Grand Lodge, and the collective vote would determine what resolutions should be carried. There would be no discussion allowed out of Grand Lodge, but effect would be given to all motions as if the brethren had met

in one room. That was the best arrangement that could be made on the spur of the moment for a difficulty for which he was in no way responsible. The remarks of the Pro Grand Master were received with great satisfaction, and business proceeded with less friction than might fairly have been anticipated.

The minutes of the Quarterly Communication, held on the 5th September, having been read and confirmed, the first conflict of the evening began in real earnest. On the motion of Bro. the Earl of Limerick, the minutes of the two Special Grand Lodges held on the 29th June and 8th August respectively, were taken as read. The motion for the confirmation of the minutes in their entirety was rejected by an overwhelming majority, and the points of objection were taken in detail. We do not intend to go fully into all the matters discussed; it is not necessary if our readers will refer to the agenda paper that appeared in last week's issue, and follow the results as now recorded. Bro. Budden succeeded in getting Article 80 of the Revised Rules nonconfirmed, and in carrying the one he had substituted. Bros. Le Feuvre and Tombs were equally successful with their motions. The same was the case with the resolutions that stood in the names of Bros. the Hon. Mr. Justice Prinseps, Sir John B. Monckton (No. 11), and Rev. Herbert G. Morse. Bro. Prinseps had no difficulty in convincing Grand Lodge that if English Freemasonry is to hold its own in India, the fees must not be in excess of those charged under other jurisdictions. Bro. Budden's resolution (No. 12) was lost, as was also Bro. Tew's (No. 13.) The tug of war came after Article 18 of the Revised Rules, referring to the status of Past Masters, had been nonconfirmed. Bro. the Rev. C. W. Arnold moved the resolution standing in his name, to the effect that a joining Past Master may, by a vote of the Lodge, have a position assigned to him among the Past Masters of the Lodge, provided he has complied with the usual conditions as to subscriptions. He set forth the arguments with which the brethren are now familiar in a clear, forcible, and very temperate speech. The motion was vigorously assailed by Bro. Sir John B. Monckton, and, after a sharp but short debate, it was put and lost by a very large majority, whereat there was a great shout. The Pro Grand Master stated that in consequence of the vote just taken, the resolution, notice of which had been given by Bro. Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, could not be put. Thus ended the long fight over the question of the status of Past Masters, which at one time threatened to become a serious cause of disturbance. We are not sure now that mischief will not arise out of the course that has been adopted. We presume the question stands just where it did in the old Book of Constitutions, and that some Lodges will continue the doubtful practice of giving honour to joining Past Masters, taking it for granted that what is not expressly forbidden is tacitly permitted. It seems almost impossible that those provincial brethren, who fought so ardently, and at one time so successfully, for their view of the question, will be content with the present aspect of matters, but we trust that, as loyal Masons, they will accept the decision that has been arrived at, and bide their time when a more favourable opportunity may arise for them. Although defeated on this question, they had their success later on. Bro. Fenn

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moved that Article 209, referring to the responsibility of a Lodge for the arrears of a joining member due to the Lodge from which he had been excluded, be nonconfirmed, on the ground that other rules met the case. The motion was lost. Bro. H. H. Riach, S.W. 1118, moved the nonconfirmation of Article 297, carried at the instance of Bro. Lord Holmesdale, and which provided that the blue collars should be worn under the Provincial Grand Collars. Bro. Riach contended for the priority of the light blue collar; and Grand Lodge, by a very large vote, endorsed his view. Bro. Sir John Monckton then moved that the Revised Book of Constitutions be confirmed as a whole, which was carried amid strong manifestations of approval. The Pro Grand Master remarked that he had the satisfaction to state that the vote had been carried without contradiction, meaning that the new rules had received the unanimous assent of the brethren present.

Bro. Major Harding, P.M. 231, nominated H.R.H. Bro. the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year, and gave notice that he should formally move his re-appointment at the next Quarterly Court of Communication. The brief remarks of Bro. Harding were cordially received, and the fate of his motion is not only a foregone conclusion, but a most agreeable anticipation.

Bros. John Derby Allcroft and Horace Brooks Marshall were nominated for the office of Grand Treasurer. Some doubt was felt whether the nominations could be made at that meeting, but the Pro Grand Master observed that, as the new rules had been passed, he was of opinion that they were in order. We presume it will be competent to nominate any other brother for this post of honour between this and the next Quarterly Communication, but probably the better plan would be to limit the contest to two brethren—that is, if the friends of Bro. Allcroft persist in running him,—one being the present holder of the office, and the other a brother equally eligible, such as we take Bro. Marshall to be. We cannot help feeling that the promoters of Bro. Allcroft's candidature are taking an unwise course in setting up a claim to the monopoly of an honorary office, against an understanding well understood, if not expressed, in a formal manner.

Bro. James Brett P.G.P. having been nominated Senior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence, he was elected unopposed. There was a contest for the post of Junior Vice-President, which resulted as follows: Brother C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P.—322, Bro. J. H. Matthews P.M. 143—237, Bro. H. Garrod P.M. 749—207, Bro. Cottebrune was therefore elected. The names of the Twelve Past Masters elected to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence will be found in the Agenda paper already referred to. The grants recommended, amounting to £645, were confirmed.

The report of the Board of General Purposes was taken as read, was received and entered on the minutes, and the action recommended agreed to.

The despatch of business, considering the crowded state of the Hall and the many inconveniences attendant thereon, had been excellent up to this period, thanks to the tact and good management of the Pro G. Master, nor was it now to be hindered by any unseemly wrangling or opposition. Nevertheless, the subject of the re-building of the Temple was approached with some apprehension, nor was this feeling lessened by the speech Bro. Sir John Monckton made in moving the resolution (No. 2) which stood in his name. Virtually it proposed to embody in action the report of the Special Building Committee, and although this view was challenged, it was generally accepted that the mover, as Chairman of that Committee, had at least the courage of his convictions, and was prepared to recommend that the costly scheme suggested by the Committee should be carried out. Bro. Sir John Monckton claimed to act in his own personality, and not as a member of the Committee, which was defunct. He referred in detail to what had been done, and in the course of his remarks observed that Messrs. Spiers and Pond, so far from seeking any alteration, desired nothing better than to be left alone. Brother Raynham Stewart seconded the motion. Then Bro. G. E. Webster moved the amendment (No. 3) that stood in his name. He made a temperate and well-argued speech, and was received with such approval as to make it an augury of success. Bro. Havers seconded the amendment in a speech that completely settled the fate of the motion. Without being personally offensive, it was as strong a rebuke as could well be administered. He pointed out that Grand Lodge were asked to lay out £30,000 from which the Craft was to get no advantage. He alluded to

the recommendations of the Special Building Committee, such as the enlarging of the Temple, the building of a new banquetting hall, removing the kitchen to the top of the building, converting the present kitchen into a supper room, and the purchase of Bacon's Hotel, and observed that although they would get an increased rental of £800 per annum, they would lose £350 received from Mr. Bacon, thus reducing the total increase per annum to £450, being about one and a quarter per cent. upon the outlay. He ventured to say that no business man in the City would enter upon such a speculation. He was well acquainted with the cost of Freemasons' Hall, from experience. The original outlay was £27,000, and in exchange they got £5,000 premium, which reduced the capital cost to £22,000. At first they received £1,200 a year rental, afterwards increased to £1,800, but subsequently reduced to the original sum; why he did not know. They got then seven per cent. for their outlay, and now it was proposed to lay out £30,000 for no real advantage, to say the least, with the prospect of getting one and a quarter per cent. for their money. Bro. Havers objected to granting a lease for fifty years, and said that all experience was against erecting immense halls in which people could not hear. The old Temple was large enough for all ordinary purposes, and he hoped that the brethren would pause before sanctioning an outlay, the extent of which was only problematical. Those familiar with building operations did not need to be told that estimates were generally exceeded, and if the outlay of £30,000 was sanctioned Grand Lodge might find that it was necessary to supplement it with nearly as much again. There was no answer to this speech, and Bro. Webster's amendment, with the exception of the last sentence referring to the leasing of property belonging to Grand Lodge, which was withdrawn, was carried with loud cheers. This was looked upon as a victory for the country members, who have worked so assiduously in this matter, and may be regarded as a set-off to their defeat with regard to the status of Past Masters' question. Bro. Havers then moved that the Special Building Committee be re-appointed to carry out the resolution arrived at, and that the following brethren be added to the Committee:— Bro. T. W. Tew S.G.D. Dep. G.M. West Riding of Yorkshire, Bro. Clement Royds, and Bro. Sir Jabez Goldney, M.P., Dep. P.G.M. Wiltshire. We believe this motion was agreed to; if so, it was *sub silentio*, for it certainly was not put, although there could be no doubt as to its acceptance. The proposition was well received, especially by the Provincial members, who could see in it a further recognition of themselves as an important factor in Masonic affairs. Bro. Stevens' motion (No. 1) was rejected by an overwhelming majority, and Bro. Smith withdrew his resolution, although he was informed that it could not be put, as ten o'clock had arrived and no fresh business could then be entered upon. There was a motion by Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton relative to the granting of £70 for providing the Institution at Croydon with coals during the winter, but it was not put. We presume the money will be taken from the Fund of General Purposes, and an indemnity asked for at a future meeting.

As will be seen from the foregoing, the business transacted was of a very onerous character, and although we have already called attention to the tact and judgment displayed by the Pro Grand Master, we cannot refrain from again saying that but for his courtesy and firmness, his knowledge of the conduct of public business, and his unwearied exertions, it would have been impossible to get through the work. Notwithstanding the inconvenience endured by most of those present, good feeling prevailed, and a disposition existed to overcome the difficulties that presented themselves. In this matter, too, the officers exerted their influence with praiseworthy diligence, and deserve all credit for their courtesy and efficiency.

Our space is filled, and we cannot enter upon the question of the reinstatement of the Temple in its details. The course is somewhat cleared by the action already determined upon, but there yet remain matters of interest that ought not to be overlooked. There is the library and museum question, the portrait gallery, and improvements in the Temple. We fear that these things will be overlooked, and that simple rebuilding will be entered upon only. At present, however, we must defer further reference.

THE MASONIC ELECTIONS.

IN the Masonic as in the profane world the largest throngs of individuals are congregated at an election season. It would seem, at first thought, as though in Masonry it ought to be otherwise; that the current business of the Craft, and the frequent specially interesting proceedings, should attract a large proportion of the membership at the various meetings prior to "election night"; but when we reflect that, after all, the most weighty consideration is, Who shall rule the Fraternity, in its various Masonic bodies? it seems right and proper that the December meeting should draw together the largest number of members. There is no reason, of course, why they should remain away in January, and thereafter, but there is every reason why they should be present in December. The officers of a Masonic body to a large degree stand for the body itself; it is judged by their conduct, it is measured by their ability. If the W.M. be a thoroughly competent and estimable Freemason, he ensures for the Lodge over which he presides a year of concord and prosperity. Brethren should remember this before they determine how they shall cast their votes. The question should not so much be, will my friend be elected? as, will one be elected who will be an honour to the Lodge, a credit to the Fraternity, a capable worker, and a generally efficient officer.

For better or worse, "election night" is one that draws out many of the stay-at-homes. They come in throngs. Sometimes they are so little known as to require introduction all around—the Secretary and a few of the older members only knowing them. These brethren should be very careful how they vote. Some of them go at the request of personal friends, who expect their votes; others go on general principles, to observe once a year what is doing in the Lodge, and to vote for "the best man" for Junior Warden. After all, to the majority, this is the vital question "Who shall be Junior Warden?" Here, we submit, they beg the question. The most important consideration is, "who shall be W.M.?" The J.W. is only a prospective W.M., and until he becomes such, rarely takes part in the government of the Lodge. The fact should never be lost sight of that the Lodge is a microcosm—a little world, *imperium in imperio*; and most important of all is that it should be wisely and ably governed. The Master should have a governing head and a governing hand, be able to think, decide, and act promptly, be skilled in ruling men as well as making Masons. If such a brother has been presiding over you during the present Masonic year, you cannot do better, nor so well, as to re-elect him for the succeeding term. In the Grand Lodge it has long been customary to have the Grand Officers each serve for two terms in their respective stations, and it would be well for subordinate Lodges to adopt the custom in every case in which their officers have served them diligently, faithfully and skilfully. Ordinarily a W.M. goes out of office just as he has become thoroughly fitted for exercising the prerogatives of his station for the best advantage of the Fraternity. The practised worker and presiding officer must step down, as soon as he has qualified himself for the most skilful performance of his duties. This ought not to be. We trust to see the day come, and it will be a fortunate one for Freemasonry, when the rule shall be that the officers of a subordinate Lodge shall be re-elected, where they have proved efficient in their respective stations. Rotation in office when pushed to an extreme becomes injudicious. At an early period, in this jurisdiction, and generally also in other jurisdictions, all the officers of a Lodge were elected *twice a year*, prior to each St. John's Day. How absurd was this paltry six months service! How little did the practice thus attained qualify the officers for the best service of the Craft! A year's service does but little more, while two years' service, in meritorious cases, would redound in every way to the benefit of the Fraternity. Brethren, make a break in the present custom, for it is more honoured in the breach than in the observance.

But, supposing a new J.W. is to be selected, whom shall he be? He should be a brother who not only promises well, but has been seen to perform well. He should have already served his Lodge in a subordinate capacity. While exercising the duties of his place, he should have displayed that manliness, energy, whole-heartedness, and manifest ability to do something better in a more responsible position,

so as to at once indicate to his brethren that he is worthy of promotion. Then again it sometimes happens that an old member, who has often served the Lodge, in and out of season, but who modestly has kept himself always in the background at the election season, deserves to be honoured. Whoever it is, let his merit speak for him, let his manifest ability command your votes. Above all, see to it that you do not elevate one whose electioneering skill is his predominant ability. Of course every brother may acquaint his personal friends with his willingness to serve as an officer, but this is a very different matter from making a canvass of all the voters, by himself or his friends. Again and again has electioneering been decided to be un-masonic. The most competent, high-minded brethren will not resort to it. When a comparative stranger solicits your vote, it is always safe to say no, and vote against him. He has yet to learn a radical truth in Masonry, that merit is the only passport to official station. We trust that such care will be exercised in the choice of officers in all our Masonic bodies at this season, that the ensuing year shall prove one of unalloyed prosperity.—*Keystone*.

THE OLD AND NEW.

ONE of the divinest qualities in man is his ability to love the old and the new. The Athenians whom Paul met, and who spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or hear some new thing, lived in the days of Athenian decay and ruin, and do not stand as fair specimens of the human family. That marvellous pageant of learning and art which passes before us at the mention of the name of that city, had marched along and had disappeared almost five hundred years before the Apostle walked the streets, which had once rumbled with the chariots of heroes, or had been marked with the steps of orators and philosophers. Paul knew Athens in its faded age. It had groups of idlers on each corner, and on the steps of each temple, and they loved to say and hear nothing except the sensation of the day. Had the Apostle lived when Socrates and Pericles and Xenophon, and thousands of great men and great women were living for every form of knowledge and for every art, he would have left us a different estimate of Athenian taste and customs. Perhaps in other lands and other times the desire to hear and to tell only some new thing may be a sign of a decaying country.

But was it not, and is it not, a mental merit to be eager for something new? Is not progress itself the fruit of this anxiety to meet with a new fact, or a new idea, or a new emotion? The negative answer is the better one to be given to such inquiries, for that is only a half-mind or a half-heart which looks to the new alone. All narrowness of thought and sentiment must be reckoned among the defects of man rather than among his virtues. To watch for only new appearances is to leave half of the spiritual sky unseen. It is as though one had hope and no memory. To seek ever to hear, or see, or possess some new thing is to make the soul undergo a great reduction of resources and happiness. The evil of the last days of Athens is the evil of our country, as truly, but not as widely. We have a limited number of citizens and strangers always who demand that each day bring them some new excitement. Not some new good or new duty, but the delight of something that had not hitherto come to pass. To these a day would be heavy as lead should it come only in the quiet dress of remembrance, or in the common toilet of simple time—time destitute of conflagration, or murder, or romance, or war, or calamity, public or private. Existence alone is not sweet—they ask for something startling. Could we reach some correct conviction as to this chase after the new, how ardent that chase should be; we should, beyond doubt, be able to lead lives of more scope and of less vicissitude. It is a rather dreadful thing to have our happiness or activity dependent upon a procession of startling events. This is a form of intemperance. Each year more novelties are demanded by this kind of demoralized soul. As the glutton, by his long devotion to his low appetite, increases his capacity and his hunger, and becomes at last as voracious as a carnivorous beast, so the mind can seek and love the new until half the days in the year are made dead days by the absence of amazing events. The gluttonous soul almost wishes some calamity would come, to somebody else, so as to disturb the becalmed

sea of its life. To all these we can say: "Behold men gluttonous and wine-bibbers over things new."

Let us discuss our theme only in its relation to things spiritual. Let all else illustrate only the mingling of the new and old that must take place in the temple of worship. In the economy of earth the old and new are inseparable partners. Memory and hope are parts of one chain. The old doctrines are not something to be moved away from as society moves away from ignorance, and as famishing people move away from an exhausted country, but they are like old friends or old jewels, unaffected by time. The old truth must enter into the accumulated capital of each heart and seem to be always increasing by a high spiritual interest. The reason why so many clergymen are not today preaching the doctrines you heard in early life is because they assume that you are perfectly familiar with them and the arguments upon which they rest. The world of thought is so immense, so many questions are thrown upon society by its peculiar times, that pulpit and pew alike are borne onward by the current and discuss the topics of the hour, because there are not hours enough for a perpetual review of both the present and the past.

When a man plans a new house he does not give his thoughts to the earth which is to hold his home, and the heavens which are over it. He already has the globe and the sky, and now his mind turns towards a simple dwelling-house. He is not tired of earth and sky; he simply forgets them, so full of assurance on that point is his heart. The former pulpit, when building up its house each Sunday morning, assumed nothing, but always went back to the creation of all things from nothing, and having accounted for the existence of the world and the human race, it at last built up a little residence upon a few square feet of this terrestrial sphere. It revealed its affection for the past by going back to it each Sunday. But in those years creation was not far away. Science may have done us all a favour by placing the origin of things so far back that we clergymen are less willing to make a pilgrimage each sermon to a date so remote. But the fact of the creation is not the less noble or sublime because it is not made a perpetual starting point. The old, old story lies before the mind, the greatest in all record or dream. What can be more thrilling than that far-off horizon which was seen by the first man as marked out by the primeval forest or the primeval ocean? For there was a first ocean and a first wood and a first blue sky. And they appeared in company. For when our burning planet cooled off to such a degree that steam and vapours could condense, then soon came ocean and dews and rains; and then came vegetable life, and then came clear blue sky above. Thus, in rich companionship came the grand landscape of our world, made up of sky and cloud and water and hills and trees. And if you will look closely at the old picture you will see man appear and gaze at all in a spirit of joy and wonder. Some choose to note man as coming up from some inferior creature, but there seems little ground for such a marring of the old spectacle. The lowest forms of life known, the *protozoa*, the sponges, are the same to-day they were a million years ago; the roaches which ran and the snails which crawled in the far-off cycles of time are the roaches and snails which now run and crawl. A distinguished geologist of Montreal alludes with irony to the jump which the evolutions must make to produce from their monad the whale of the sea.

Reading all the recent arguments against evolution, many, once halting between two opinions, are giving up that theory as hopelessly lost. But passing by all variations of mode, and simply assuming a Creator, and at once there lies before us that sublime scene—the making of our world. No vision before man, unless it be the open gates of Paradise, can equal that old event—the rising up of this beautiful earth. With eyes thus turned toward the past, all the love of the new, such as moved the later Athenians, dies out in the heart, and the soul, lost in wonder, does not know which is the deeper mystery—the realm before the cradle of man, or the realm after his grave.—*Masonic Review*.

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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

DOMATIC CHAPTER, No. 177.

THE usual meeting of this flourishing Chapter took place on Thursday, 22nd November, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the direction of Comp. F. Harrison M.E.Z., supported by Comp. T. Cubitt P.Z. as H., J. T. Briggs P.Z. as J., C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. S.E., T. Noton S.N., C. Buckhurst P.S., A. Hubbard 1st A.S., F. C. Austin 2nd A.S., and the well known and highly respected Comp. H. G. Buss P.Z. Treasurer. The business of the evening comprised the reading and confirming the minutes of the last convocation; Bro. H. Woods I.G. Acacia Lodge, No. 1309, Sheffield Club, Sheffield, proposed by Comp. T. Noton S.E., seconded by Comp. J. R. R. Lawrence P.Z.; Bro. W. Thomas 103 Talbot-road, Bayswater, W., J. H. Lewis 22 Great Portland-street, W., T. C. Thomas Osborne Villa Broughton-road, Acton, W., all of the Caxton Lodge, No. 1853, proposed by Comp. G. H. Hill P.Z., and seconded by Comp. C. A. Cottebrune P.Z. and S.E., were then balloted for, elected, and duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. After this lengthy business had been completed the Chapter was closed in the usual solemn manner, and the brethren retired to a sumptuous repast, which had been prepared in the well known manner of this favourite hostel. After the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts had been disposed of, the I.P.Z. rose to propose the health of the M.E.Z., to whose illness he alluded in a most sympathising manner, hoping the Comps. would overlook any little falling off in the working, as the M.E.Z. had hardly recovered his usual strength and vigour. The M.E.Z. in returning thanks said he was much obliged for the kindly feeling of the Comps., and hoped on a future occasion that no lapse should occur. He was very proud to say that in the Domatic Chapter there were no cliques, and that all was peace and good feeling. He next proposed, in a few suitable words, the health of the exaltees, and hoped that they would prove useful additions to the Chapter. Comp. Thomas who returned thanks for the honour done to himself and the other Comps. who were brethren of the Caxton Lodge, alluded to the feelings which he had first experienced when made an E.A., but how much more had he been impressed with the grandeur of the ceremony he had witnessed that evening; he should always endeavour to do everything to add to the lustre of the Chapter to which he had the honour of being elected. Several Comps. added to the harmony of the evening. The following visitors were present—Comp. T. C. Walls P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Comp. the Prov. G.J. East Lancashire, and Comp. Dr. Corrie Jackson P.S. Polish National Chapter, No. 534.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular convocation and installation meeting of this Chapter, so justly celebrated for its perfect working, was held on the 26th ult., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. H. P. Isaac Z., S. M. Lazarus as H., A. Henochsberg J., M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Dewsnap S.N., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer; P.Z.'s M. Lazarus, E. P. Albert, L. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, W. Littaur, P. Dickinson. Visitors—J. E. Sheffield 733, B. Lyons 733, G. A. Gattley 174, M. Emanuel P.Z. late 188, F. Eastwood 1257, Round 1839, Eckstein 1196. The Chapter was opened and minutes of last Convocation confirmed. Bro. H. J. Phillips P.M. 205 was exalted in R.A. Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z. and Officers was perfect. A Board of Installed Principals was now opened, and Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z. was inducted into the chair of M.E.Z. Comp. A. Henochsberg was installed as H., and Comp. W. Littaur P.Z. was installed as J. On re-admission of the Companions, the Z. invested his Officers: Comps. M. J. Emanuel P.Z. S.E., Da Silva S.N., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, J. Dewsnap P.S., Meiter 1st Assistant, Fearn 2nd Assistant, Goddard Janitor. The resignation of three Companions was accepted with regret, and a letter of apology was read from Comp. Ald. Isaacs, regretting his inability to be present at the installation of the M.E.Z. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Comp. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z., in brief and appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. The M.E.Z. next rose, with great pleasure, to propose the toast of the Exaltees; he had had the pleasure of knowing Comp. Phillips from his youth; he is a Past Master of Lodge No. 205, and had conducted the duties of the chair so satisfactorily that he (Comp. Isaac) was sure he would be a credit to the Joppa Chapter. In the course of events he would doubtless be appointed to office, where he would carry out all duties required of him. Comp. Phillips, in a brief and appropriate speech, responded. Comp. H. P. Isaac I.P.M., in proposing the toast of the M.E.Z., said he had a pleasing duty to perform—to ask them to drink health and prosperity to Comp. Lazarus, who had so ably fulfilled the duties before, and the Companions were assured he would do so again. The M.E.Z. thanked the Companions for having placed him in so proud a position for the second time; he hoped that he might have many opportunities during his year of raising exaltees; he was convinced their prestige for good work would not fall off during his year of office. The toast of the Visitors came next on the list. The Companions were all pleased to see Companion M. Emanuel P.Z., late of the Chapter, as well as the other guests. Comp. Emanuel responded, and said he was much pleased with the working he had seen; he did not think it could be excelled. He was followed by Comp. Eckstein and the rest of the visiting Companions. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, who had rendered important services to the Chapter; he hoped the Companions would give the toast a hearty reception; he would couple with it the name of Comp. H. P. Isaac. After the toast had been ably responded to, the H. and J., and the Junior Officers were complimented, and Companions Henochsberg and Dewsnap responded. The Janitor's toast concluded the proceedings. Companions Dickinson P.Z. and Eckstein contributed to the harmony of the evening.

ST. PETER'S CHAPTER, ROSE CROIX, BOLTON.

A MEETING of this Chapter was held on Saturday, the 24th November, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Present—Ill. Bro. W. J. Thomson (30) M.W.S.; Bros. Arthur Middleton 1st Gen., J. M. Sinclair 2nd Gen.; Ill. Bro. G. P. Brockbank (32) Treasurer; Bros. J. D. Murray Grand Marshal, T. H. Glendinning Dir. of Ceremonies, A. H. Jafferis Capt. of Guard, John E. Lees Organist, W. M. Wylde, R. H. Swindlehurst Stewards, J. M. Kerr, John Barrett; Past M.W.S.'s Ill. Bros. Rob. Harwood (30), J. W. Taylor (30), and Thos. Morris; Ill. Bros. C. J. Bannister (33) S.G.J.G. North Eastern District, C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds (33) S.G.J.G. North Western District. Visitors—Ill. Bros. Thos. C. Thorburn (M.W.S.) Liverpool Chapter, H. Krauss Past M.W.S. Leeson Chapter. The Chapter was opened in due form, after which the Inspectors-General of the two Northern Districts were received under the arch of steel. Four candidates were balloted for and unanimously elected, and three of them—viz., John W. Edwards of the Affability Lodge, Edwin Eveleigh of the Strangeways, and William Joseph Canliffe of the Affability, having presented themselves, were duly perfected as Rose Croix Masons, Ill. Bros. G. P. Brockbank (32) presiding at the 1st point, Rob. Harwood (30) at the 2nd point; the duties of Raphael and Grand Marshal being ably conducted by Bro. J. D. Murray. The entire ceremony was quietly and decorously worked, the officers having taken considerable pains to perfect themselves in their respective parts. The older members were much gratified to notice the steady progress of the juniors, whose working was faultless. Letters of apology were read from several of the members, who were unable to attend from sickness and other causes. The brethren were pleased to be again visited by their veteran friend and former Inspector-General, and a resolution was proposed by Bro. Brockbank, seconded by the M.W.S., welcoming the illustrious brother on his return home after a tour in Canada, and expressing gratification at meeting him again in their Chapter, in whose progress and prosperity he has always evinced the warmest interest. Ill. Bro. Bannister suitably replied. Ill. Bro. Royds, Inspector-General of the District, invested the newly obligated brethren, explained to them the symbols of the Order, and completed the ceremony of perfecting the candidates. Considerable structural alterations and additions have been made to and in the house where the meetings of the Chapter are held, and much pleasure was evinced on this occasion to find that greater accommodation had been given for working the beautiful ceremony of this Order, and as the Chapter is one which has always been distinguished for its good working and its neat and appropriate furniture and general appointments, it may be fairly considered one of the most useful and harmonious Chapters in the Northern District. Shortly before dinner a telegram was received by Ill. Bro. Brockbank from Ill. Bro. C. F. Matier (31), Secretary to the Shadwell Clerke Lodge, Holborn Restaurant, London, conveying the hearty good wishes of Colonel Clerke and all the brethren of that Lodge then assembled to the M.W.S. and members of the St. Peter's Chapter at Bolton. This expression of fraternal good will was much appreciated by the brethren, and a return message was sent, reciprocating the kindly sentiments conveyed in the message from the Lodge. The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the best way of showing their appreciation of the manner in which Bro. Bannister has discharged the duties of Inspector-General since his appointment to that office, made a report to the brethren, and it was agreed, as the proposal made would be in full accord with the feelings of Bro. Bannister, that the same should be adopted, and the presentation made on a suitable occasion at an early period. Hearty salutations having been given from the visiting brethren, the Chapter was closed at 6 o'clock and the Companions adjourned to banquet.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE installation meeting of this excellent working and flourishing Lodge was held on the 22nd ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. A. Hammond W.M., T. W. Eastgate S.W., G. P. Jones J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. as Secretary, H. S. Lee S.D., W. C. Smith J.D., F. Hill I.G., E. H. Hoare Organist, Waugh P.M. Visitors—Bros. T. Smith 1656, J. Hooper 1515, Meliger 1855, R. Pinstead 84, W. S. Cutler W.M. 715, Fitzgerald W.M. 1364, J. H. Scott 1765, S. Dicketts 193, W. Land P.M. 742, De Leliva 1426, E. C. Massey P.M. 1397, C. F. Matier P.S.W. Greece, Stedman W.M. 1765, G. F. Smith 1839, Smith P.M. 1839, Nowakowsky P.M. 534, Rev. Bonavia Hunt P.M. 1765, E. Andrews P.G.O. Cheshire, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Hicatt, Christo Jonnadis, and G. Lefort, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. H. J. Smith was raised to the third degree. Both ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M. The Report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. The Benevolent Fund had in hand a balance of £55 15s 2d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Eastgate W.M. elect was presented, and in the presence of sixteen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters duly installed in the chair by the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. Hammond, who did his work in a perfect and impressive manner, that well warranted the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the ceremony. Bro. Farwig P.M. 180 acted efficiently as M.C. On readmission of the brethren, the customary salutations were given. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Jones S.W., Lee J.W., Hammond I.P.M. Treasurer, Shand P.M. Secretary, Smith S.D., Hill J.D., Cox I.G., Hoare Organist, Durant M.C., Brander W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The selection met with unanimous approval. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at next meeting. A letter was received from the Right Worshipful Bro. Colonel Sir Francis Bardett P.G.M. Mid-

dlex, regretting his inability to be present. Hearty good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a very sumptuous and recherché banquet, provided by Bro. Nicols, and superintended by Bro. Eugene Delacoste; this gave every satisfaction. The W.M. most genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Hammond I.P.M., in proposing the health of his successor, said the W.M. was an Institution in this Lodge. Bro. Eastgate was perfectly competent to take the chair, to which he had been unanimously elected at the last meeting; the members were all pleased to see him in his present position. Here Bro. John Stedman W.M. 765 sang "Good Company." The W.M. then rose to reply; he could not control the diffidence he felt in responding; he hoped by his deeds, not words, to show he was worthy of the office they had elected him to. The health of the Installing Master, Bro. J. A. Hammond, was next proposed by the W.M.; he felt he need not remind the brethren of the excellent way in which Bro. Hammond had conducted the duties of the chair; by great exertions he had won the respect and esteem of all. He had now to place a jewel on his breast, which he thought might be considered worthy of his acceptance. Might he live long to wear it, and be among them for many years yet to come. Bro. Andrews P.G.O. Cheshire played a selection on the piano,—a march of his own composition. Bro. J. A. Hammond I.P.M., in responding, said it was a great satisfaction to him, after going out of the chair of a Lodge like the one he had had the honour of presiding over, to know his efforts had been appreciated. In wearing the jewel, gratitude for their gift would predominate. On any occasion the Lodge should require his services they would always be at its command. He thanked the Officers for their assistance; and he now left them in the hands of the W.M., feeling assured no better could be found. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the initiate, whom they were pleased to see among them. He was sure when they had passed the other degrees they would show their appreciation of our noble Institution. Bro. Hammond I.P.M. then sang the E.A. Song. Brothers Hicatt and Jonnadis severally responded. The toast of the Visitors was next given. As there were so many present the W.M. would call on the three Masters of Lodges, Bros. G. Seymour Cutler W.M. 715, Fitzgerald W.M. 1366, and Stedman W.M. 1765, to respond. Brother Polt having favoured with a very excellent song, Brother Cutler in an eloquent speech responded. He was followed by Bros. Fitzgerald, and E. Farwig P.M. 180. Bros. Rev. Bonavia Hunt, Andrews, and Matier also severally paid just compliments to Brother J. A. Hammond I.P.M. for his admirable working, and fully recognised the able and genial manner in which the Worshipful Master had presided. Brother Hoare then, with great humour, sang "The Little Fat Grey Man." The P.M.'s were next complimented. There were not many present; the brethren knew their capabilities, and he (the Worshipful Master) was sure he could rely on them on every occasion. Brother Hammond I.P.M. said the Past Masters were getting smaller by degrees and beautifully less. However, those who were left were always ready to do their duty. Brother J. E. Shand P.M. followed; he was the senior member of the Lodge; he was present at its consecration, and he had never missed a meeting. The Past Masters would strive to sustain the prestige of the Lodge. He earnestly desired the Lodge might be a success, and he thought he might say it had been while he had had anything to do with it. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given. In the present Treasurer they had secured an Officer who would have the interest of the Lodge at heart. To Brother Shand especial thanks were due; he is well qualified to fill the office. Bros. Hammond Treasurer and Shand Secretary responded; the former Brother said he and his colleague had always worked amicably together, and they would continue to do so; he hoped for many years, and for the benefit of the Lodge. The toasts of the Wardens and the rest of the Officers came next, and Brother W. C. Smith S.D. eloquently responded. Brother Hammond sang "In Cellar Cool" splendidly, and then the Tyler's toast was given, and a very agreeable evening was brought to a close. Bros. Durant and Brander paid every attention to the comfort of the Brethren and Visitors.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, 1723, BOLTON.

THE last meeting of this Lodge prior to the vacation was held on Wednesday evening, the 23rd November, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at 5.30. Present—Bros. Robt. Latham W.M., Wm. Court I.P.M., John Barratt S.W., E. G. Harwood J.W., Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. Secretary, Geo. Ferguson Prov. G. Supt. of Works Treasurer, Alex. Cosgrave S.D., Thos. B. Tong J.D., J. E. Smith Organist, W. E. Bardsley I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler, Naylor and Derham Stewards; P.M.'s Thos. Morris, G. R. Brockbank P.P.S.G.D., J. W. Heywood, Job H. Greenhalgh; Fogz, Bolton, Whitaker, Morris, Goulburn, Kershaw, Parkinson, Arden, Brierley, Miles Settle, Joel Settle, Hall, Priestley, W. Newell. Visitors—Bro. W. Forrest 221, Siddorn 221, T. Alfred Martin 678, Naylor 37, Higson 348. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Edwin Kershaw passed a satisfactory examination as to his proficiency as an Entered Apprentice, and being thereon entrusted, retired. The Lodge proceeded to second degree, when Bros. Joel Settle and Robert Gorraulock were examined as to their proficiency as Fellow Craft Masons, and the same being satisfactory, were likewise entrusted, and they also retired. The Lodge opened in third degree, when Bro. Joel Settle was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by Bro. Jas. Heywood P.M.; Bro. Gorraulock also received the third degree at the hands of Bro. G. P. Brockbank Grand Steward of Scotland, and the working tools of the degree were explained to the candidates. The Lodge closed to the second, when Bro. Kershaw was re-admitted and passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, by Bro. Latham, Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Bro. Miles Settle, who recently had a narrow escape from an untimely death by reason of an accident which occurred at the colliery at which he is the managing partner, in Staffordshire, received the hearty congratula-

tions of the brethren on his return home and to his Lodge, and deep sympathy for his sufferings during the illness which ensued therefrom. Bro. Matthew Fielding, formerly of Lodge Affability, was elected a joining member. It was announced that the W.M. (Bro. Latham,) the S.W. (Bro. Barrett,) and the J.W. (Bro. Harwood,) with Bro. Jas Heywood P.M., had agreed to serve as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and their Widows. A circular was read from the Prov. Grand Secretary requesting the attendance of the duly qualified brethren at the Grand Lodge meeting, to be held on the 5th December. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren, and the Lodge closed in peace and harmony at 8 p.m.

ALBERT EDWARD LODGE, No. 1714.

ON Wednesday, 28th ult., the ceremony of installing the newly-elected Master of the Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1614, took place at the Cambridge Hotel; there was a large attendance of brethren. After the ordinary business of the Lodge had been gone through, the Worshipful Master (Bro. E. Nichols), was duly installed according to ancient custom. The Installing Master was Bro. T. J. Pulley P.M., and it is scarcely necessary to say that what he had to do he did in admirable style. After the ceremony of installation, the Worshipful Master invested his Officers, amongst whom were the following:—Bros. W. Lindars S.W., A. Higgerty J.W., T. J. Pulley Treasurer, Bunce Secretary, R. Nichols S.D., J. Linney J.D., Serjt.-Maj. Bunting I.G., Serjt.-Maj. Lindrin and W. T. Price M.C.'s, Serjt. Lee and G. Tice Stewards. One of the pleasing incidents of the meeting was the presentation of a very handsome jewel to the Immediate Past Master, Bro. J. F. Latham. After the proceedings in Lodge had been cleared, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a capital dinner was served by Mrs. E. S. Hallett, the proprietress of the hotel. Amongst those present were Bros. the Rev. C. W. Arnold D.P.G.M. P.G.C., H. Haacker, G. Westall, W. W. Ridley, S. Bradley, G. Payne, J. Howson, J. Hickley, R. J. Lapham, J. Dean, G. Nichols, H. Nichols, S. Nichols, J. Olds, W. Dupree, J. Dormor, W. Collins, W. Bayliss, E. Pope, R. McLaughlin, R. Tozer, W. Kelsey, &c.

SHEPHERD'S BUSH LODGE, No. 1828.

THE members of this popular little Lodge celebrated their annual meeting on Monday, the 26th ultimo, when the fifth year of the Lodge's existence was entered upon with very agreeable anticipations for a continued flow of that prosperity which has hitherto attended it. The W.M. of the past year, Bro. R. Pierpoint, opened his Lodge at the "Athenæum," Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush, at 4 p.m., and during the evening he was supported by the following brethren:—P.M.'s L. Bryett, A. B. Baker, G. Harrison, W. Game (Treasurer), A. C. Alais (Secretary); R. Josey S.W. (W.M. elect), P. Burton J.W., W. Williams S.D., C. Breitbart J.D., &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. S. W. Sharler 1567, J. Tidmarsh Org. 1636, W. C. Williams J.D. 1585, H. Shaw P.M. 834, J. J. Lewis W.M. 1477, T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. Essex, J. F. Maidment 1685, R. Fraser I.G. 1705, G. J. Symons P.M. 45, J. Baker Org. 571, D. F. Gillion P.M. 1425, J. R. Walter P.M. 1158, G. Whittaker 1792, William Cubitt J.W. 193, A. Love 1387, H. Philipps 1642, W. H. Hobbiss 858, Geo. Read P.M. 511, J. Hepburn W.M. 1702, G. Hazell 697, W. Crowhurst J.W. 1894, A. Turner M.C. 1894, L. Lichtwitz 1642, G. Gardner J.W. 2012, J. R. Roberts 1612, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was received and adopted. Bro. Weinell was then raised to the sublime degree of M.M. There were two candidates who desired to be enlightened; one, Mr. Hill, was ballotted for and approved at the last meeting of the Lodge; the other, Mr. James Rosdale, was proposed by Bro. Vandyk, seconded by Bro. Alais P.M. and Hon. Secretary. In this case the ballot was favourable, and both gentlemen having been announced, they were admitted and received the benefit of Masonic light, the W.M. giving a very careful rendering of the ceremony. The W.M. elect was now introduced, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The Board of Installed Masters in due course completed their portion of the work of the day, and the brethren below the degree of I.M. were readmitted, and the Worshipful Master was formally saluted in the three degrees. Bro. Baker acted throughout as Master of Ceremonies, while the Father of the Lodge, Brother L. Bryett, presented the working tools. The Officers were appointed as follows:—Bros. Burton S.W., Williams J.W., Game P.M. Treasurer, Alais P.M. Secretary, Breitbart S.D., Fisher (named as) J.D., House M.C., Paul I.G., Wyatt Senior Steward, White Junior Steward, Schofield P.M. Tyler. The address to the Worshipful Master was given by Brother Baker; that to the Wardens by Brother Harrison; while Brother Bryett gave the one to the members with intense fervour and with admirable effect. The Past Master's jewel of the Lodge was now presented to Bro. Pierpoint; this had been voted by the brethren at last meeting. Bro. Josey, who made the presentation, complimented Bro. Pierpoint on the way he had carried out his duties. In acknowledgment Bro. Pierpoint said, if he had given satisfaction he felt amply repaid. He had striven to the best of his ability, and it was gratifying to know his efforts had been appreciated. He hoped to be associated for many years with the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Harrison offered his services as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and it was proposed by Bro. Baker that ten guineas be voted from Lodge funds to be placed on Bro. Harrison's list. This was seconded by Bro. Pierpoint and carried unanimously. Bro. Clarke P.G.P. thanked the Lodge on behalf of Bro. Terry, who, he stated, was prevented by another important engagement from being present. Lodge was shortly afterwards closed. A very elaborate banquet was provided by Brother Ward, who is the recognised caterer for this Lodge. Brother Ward brings considerable experience to bear on the proper carrying out of his arrangements, but on the present occasion we cannot compliment him; the time taken up by the service

sadly marred the enjoyment we look for in the after proceedings. On the removal of the cloth Brother Josey, however, lost no time; the preliminary toasts were dismissed with a few but very pertinent remarks. Brother Clarke P.G.P. replied to the toast of the Grand Officers, and made allusion to what may be termed the burning question of the day, and which he reminded would come on for settlement at approaching meeting of Grand Lodge. Brother Pierpoint proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. All the brethren were well acquainted with Brother Josey's genial qualities. He was fully capable of undertaking all the duties required of a Master of a Lodge. Personally he (Brother Pierpoint) felt assured that at the end of his year the brethren would have full cause to compliment Brother Josey on the result of his labours. In reply the W.M. said he was grateful to Bro. Pierpoint for the kindness he had shown in proposing the toast, and he thanked one and all for the reception they had given it. After a song by Brother Pierpoint—We yet may meet again—which was enthusiastically encored, the health of the Initiates was proposed by the W.M. and the E.A. Song was given by Bro. Bryett. Bro. Rosdale sincerely thanked all for the cordial way in which they had received the toast. Bro. Hill assured the brethren he had fully appreciated the reception he had met with; he trusted he might long be associated with the Lodge and the members present. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and after Bro. Reynolds had given a capital recital, Bro. Ralling replied; he fully appreciated the kindness of the W.M. in calling on him to respond first for the Visitors. Bro. Lewis was the next who responded, it was only a short time since he himself was installed. He was gratified at seeing the prosperity of the Shepherds Bush Lodge, Brother Reed and Brother J. Tidmarsh also acknowledged the toast. The health of the I.P.M. was next on the list. The members were much indebted to Bro. Pierpoint, and he (the W.M.) felt they could not possibly have had a better Master. Bro. Baker here sang a capital song, in which he was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Hobbis. In reply Bro. Pierpoint said he had found his yoke easy and his burden light. However, the result to him had been a most agreeable one. He had received the undivided support and assistance of the brethren. He felt, if he might be allowed to say so, it was with great regret he left the chair. He tendered his thanks to all, especially for the testimony of the regard shown for him by the members. In replying for the Past Masters Brother Bryett said this was the fourth anniversary of the consecration, and he felt he could recommend what had been done to the notice of members of many other Lodges. There was a spirit of good feeling existing that made everything pleasant and agreeable. All did the best they could for the advancement of the Lodge. Brother Baker was always present at the meetings, in fact all take a part, and might be described as a working staff of Past Masters. Brother Harrison also replied; he made an urgent appeal for the Institutions, and recounted how at the last Elections so many deserving candidates were left out in the cold. Brother Harrison's remarks were eloquently supplemented by Brother Bryett, who, in proposing Prosperity to the Masonic Institutions, forcibly described the good work being done. Brother Clarke replied to the toast, again regretting the absence of Brother Terry. Several other toasts followed, but the late hour to which the proceedings had been prolonged, necessitated the departure of many who had trains to catch. We tender our congratulations to the brethren on the progress this popular Lodge is making.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. delivered his interesting lecture, "Knobs and Exercises," explanatory of the rituals and ceremonial of the First Degree, to a large assemblage of brethren, members and visitors, in the above Lodge of Instruction, on Tuesday, the 20th ult. Amongst those present were Bros. G. J. Jones W.M., F. Knippler S.W., H. Lee J.W., J. Carter P.M. and Preceptor, Higgerty Secretary, Harman S.D., Ellis J.D., Cowley I.G., Foot, Cleaver, Black, Joyce P.M., Bain, Hardiman, Shearman, W. Carter P.M., Marshall, Hurr, G. R. Smith, Bate, R. Bell, W. H. Jones, C. Tarry 1790, F. J. Cuthbert 1815, H. Ackermann 1815, Montague Shearman 1146, H. Kendrick 1044, &c. Lodge was opened at 7.30 and minutes were read, after which the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, whose able lecture gave the greatest satisfaction to all present. For upwards of two hours the brethren gave earnest attention to the remarks of the lecturer, frequently expressing their cordial agreement therewith, and, at its conclusion, Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst loud applause. Bro. Carter P.M. and Preceptor proposed that a vote of thanks and honorary membership should be accorded to the worthy lecturer, at the same time expressing his decided opinion that the lecture should be heard by all those who desired a clearer insight into Masonic working than they at present enjoyed. Bro. Knippler S.W. seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Bro. Stevens, in returning thanks, stated his readiness to repeat the lecture whenever and wherever invited to do so. Bro. Montague Shearman 1146 and Kendrick 1044 were elected members, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

NORTH LONDON MASONIC BENEVOLENT BALL.

A COMMITTEE has been formed, who announce to their friends that a ball will take place at Myddelton Hall, Upper-street, Islington, on Tuesday, 8th January 1884, in aid of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The tickets, which will admit either lady or gentleman, 6s each, will include refreshments throughout the evening. Bro. T. Meekham P.M. 619, 1288, and Bro. P. Forge W.M. 619, P.M. 1950, will officiate as M.C.'s on the occasion, while Bros. S. Price P.M. 1288, H. Sprake 813, J. Baker 1471, C. Dearing 1602, C. F. Snook 1693, H. Huggins 1288, and H. Harding 1471 will act as Stewards. Dancing to commence at 9 o'clock. Bro. C. Hammond 820, 1471, Upper-street, Islington, N., has undertaken the duties of Treasurer, and Bro. E. Woodman J.W. 1950, 50 Marquess-road, Canonbury, will act as Secretary.

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THE HIGH GRADES OF ANTIENT AND PRIMITIVE MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have no intention of embarking in a controversy with Bro. Yarker; it would serve no useful purpose. I have fulfilled the task you entrusted me with, of reviewing his "Historical Lecture," and your readers are in a position to form their own opinion of my work. I have carefully looked through the two articles I devoted to his pamphlet, and nowhere do I find that I have overstepped the limits of civility. The brief I received from you did not contain on its outside, "no case; abuse the plaintiff's attorney,"—I should have written "defendant's attorney," but it matters not,—your one suggestion being, that there was no need to parade the writer's titles. It is impossible I could have any grudge against a man I had neither seen nor spoken to, while I take no credit to myself for not having disgraced my review by an uncalled-for reference to "pot-house scrapings and comic songs,"—that is the style of writing in which innately vulgar people delight.

I will, however, claim your indulgence while I make a few remarks. The effect of Bro. Yarker's letter—as long almost as his lecture—has been to confirm me in my opinion as to the utter worthlessness of what he has been attempting to palm off on a few deluded brethren as Masonic history. It strikes me, he is very much like the man who is said to have written an essay on "Chinese Metaphysics," having previously studied all the articles he could find in Encyclopædias and elsewhere on "China" and "Metaphysics" respectively, and then jumbled them up together. If I may judge Bro. Yarker by his own estimate of himself, his reading must have been various and extensive; if I judge him by the result of such reading—knowledge—I find it a curious compound of propositions either long since exploded, or never worth the paper on which they were printed.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

YOUR REVIEWER.

BRO. YARKER AND GRAND MASTER PAYNE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Yarker, in his pamphlet reviewed in recent issues of your paper, says, on p 10—"It can be proved that there was in existence in 1717 certain Craft Lodges which had no participation in the formation of the Grand Lodge of London, and even the Grand Master was prohibited from visiting these Lodges." In a foot note he gives as his authority for this statement, or a part of the statement—which part he does not indicate—Leon Hyneman's "Ancient York and London Grand Lodges," published at Philadelphia in 1872. Your Reviewer seems to cast doubt upon the value of that authority, but that I pass by. Bro. Yarker, in last week's CHRONICLE, asks the following, among other questions: "Does he [Reviewer] not know that G.M. Payne was censured by G.L., and was requested not to attend their so-called Lodges?" meaning, of course, other Lodges than those of which G.L. was composed. Now I do not wish to enter into a contest with Bro. Yarker, nor do I desire to impart any heat into a dispute sufficiently strained already. I venture to point out, however, that in Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," p 34, there is the following: "In 1730, Anthony Sayer, the Premier Grand Master, was publicly admonished and well-nigh expelled for taking part in illegal assemblies of dissatisfied Masons, who were seeking to undermine the authority of the Society they and others had so recently constituted." Has Bro. Yarker confounded Bro. Payne's name with Bro. Sayer's? If so, foot notes to the paragraph from which I have quoted in Bro. Gould's work partly prove the offence, which does not bear out Bro. Yarker's contention, for which Brother Sayer was censured, and as a friend reminds me that, as the matter occurred "in 1730, there were then no 'Ancients' in existence."

Yours fraternally,

S. J. B.

With one exception the meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, held at Freemason's Hall, on Saturday last, was of a formal character. Permission was given in the case of a boy, whose times expires in January next, to remain until June 1884, owing to his unavoidable absence for a year, during which time he was under medical treatment for an accident, caused by no fault of his own. The usual outfit of £5 was granted to three late pupils of the Institution. The case of the boy Herring was again brought on, and Bro. Binckes said, from a letter he had received from Bro. H. S. Alpass, Grand Sword Bearer, he could state the lad, one of three children, would be entitled, when he attained the age of twenty-one years, to a third share of £1,598. From this it will be seen that the former state-

ment as to the amount was not true, and Bro. C. H. Webb now apologised for any share he might have had in spreading an exaggerated report. He still felt, however, that the case ought never to have been entertained, and gave notice of motion as follows: "1st. That the resolution of the Quarterly Court of April last be rescinded, so far as relates to the candidature of Frank Alexander Herring. 2nd. That Frank Alexander Herring be ineligible for the benefits of this Institution (except by purchase), and that his election in October be declared void. 3rd. Subject to the above being carried, that the highest unsuccessful candidate at the election in October last be declared elected." Brother C. H. Webb also gave notice of the following motion:—"That the General Committee have power to place to the credit of every accepted fatherless candidate at each election any number of votes, not exceeding the number the father was entitled to at the time of his death, multiplied by the number of years he had been so qualified."

CREMATION IN DORSET.

THE first full Masonic funeral ceremony that has occurred in England for nearly a century took place at Mauston, near Sturminster-Newton, Dorset, on Tuesday afternoon, when the remains of the late Captain Hanham were deposited in the family mausoleum to await the cremation he in his will provided for. The invocations were read, and addresses were delivered by Provincial Grand Master Montague Guest, M.P. There was a very large attendance of Masons and the public generally.

The remains of the late Captain Thomas Barnabas Hanham, who died last week, aged fifty-eight, were cremated at Mauston on Tuesday night last, in the furnace or "cremator" built close to the deceased's house, immediately on the banks of the river Stour, partially from the designs of Captain Hanham, in whose lifetime the building was commenced. When the late Mrs. Hanham, the wife of the deceased, was cremated, more than a year ago, a great deal of iron was used in the furnace; but on account of the warping and partial fusion on that occasion, metal was in the present proceedings only employed where absolutely necessary. The masonry of the furnace is very solid, the exterior being of common brick, and all parts exposed to the flames being composed of firebrick. The place in which the coffin was deposited was some four or five feet from the base of the brickwork, and in the clear was 7 feet long by 2 feet 6 inches wide. The coffin rested on firebrick bars 10 inches thick and 9½ inches apart. These bars had sloping sides, down which the ashes and remains fell on the firebrick plates or pockets. These plates slanted from a central ridge to the sides of the brickwork, and were so arranged that although the fire could play all round the coffin not a particle of the ashes or other burnt remains of the body could escape. The height of the recess containing the coffin was 2 feet 3 inches from the arched roof to the bars before mentioned, and in the roof were three apertures, having a chamber from which the smoke escaped in a low, square chimney. There were four peep-holes ranged at regular intervals round the recess, so that the medical men could, when necessary, watch the process. The brickwork at the back of the recess was twenty-two inches thick, and in the front fourteen inches. A short distance above and below the coffin chamber the brickwork was strengthened by thick angle-shaped iron. There were three fire-boxes a short distance from the ground, the ash-pans of which were level with the ground.

The coffin, which had been placed in the mausoleum near the house with Masonic ceremonies during the afternoon, was removed to the "cremator" soon after seven o'clock in the evening, and having been placed in position, under the directions of Dr. Comyns Leach, the front of the chamber was closed with thick firebrick slabs or doors, which, together with the peep-holes, before mentioned, were made air-tight with mortar.

Everything having been got ready, the fires were lighted at exactly twenty minutes to eight, in the presence of Mr. J. C. S. Hanham, Dr. Comyns Leach, of Sturminster Newton, Mr. Montague Guest, M.P., Colonel C. J. Hambro, Mr. Bennett Stanford, Dr. C. Parkinson, of Wimborne, Dr. Tarzwell, of Sturminster-Newton, Mr. E. T. Budden, of Wimborne, and a few privileged friends of the deceased. The dense volume of smoke which followed the immediate lighting of the fires was soon succeeded by flames from the top of the chimney, spreading a glare around which could be seen for a considerable distance. The flames, however, at no time reached a very great height, owing to excellent arrangements made for internal combustion.

The best Forest of Dean coal was used, and in a very short time the thick firebrick slabs in front of the coffin chamber were red hot. At twenty minutes to ten the peep-holes before referred to were opened alternately by Dr. Comyns Leach, who pronounced cremation even then to have been to all practical purposes completed. Nothing of the coffin remained excepting the handles and screws and small pieces of white hot charcoal. The limb bones had fallen apart and had become highly calcined, but as some carbon still remained to be consumed, the peep-holes were accordingly reclosed. The fires still burnt with unabated vigour, but the brickwork was so solid that little of the heat was felt under the awning by which it was covered. So far the proceedings had been perfectly successful. Not the least offensive smell could be detected, and so far as sanitation was concerned nothing further could be desired. The fires were kept up till nearly eleven o'clock, by which time the cremation may be said to have been completed, and that very satisfactorily.

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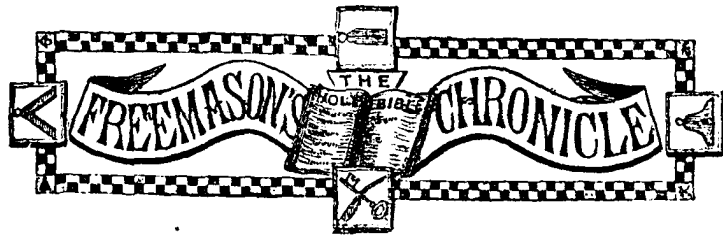
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PROV. GRAND LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE
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THE Annual Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Wednesday, the 28th ult., under the auspices of the Commercial Lodge, No. 1391.

In the absence of the R.W. Provincial Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl Ferrers, the R.W. Past Prov. Grand Master Brother William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., occupied the chair, and was supported by W. Bro. George Toller jun., P.G.S.B. England, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and a large number of Provincial Grand Officers, amongst whom were W. Bros. C. E. Stretton P.S.G.W., M. J. Walker P.P.J.W., Revs. J. Bird and A. P. Dawson P.G. Chaplains, R. Waite P.G. Treasurer, S. S. Partridge P.G. Sec., J. Halford and J. O. Law P.G.D.'s, R. Bradshaw Smith P.G. Supt. of Works, J. Young P.G.D.C., E. Taylor P.G.A.D.C., G. Oliver and J. Hassall P.G. Pursuivants, C. Oliver, E. Jeeves, B. A. Smith, R. R. Cole, and R. Michie, P.G. Stewards, and Bros. Dunn and Tanser P.G. Tylers, also W. Bros. Rev. W. Langley and W. B. Smith P.P.G.S.W.'s, J. T. Thorp P.P.J.G.W., Revs. F. H. Richardson and C. Henton Wood P.P.G. Chaplains, W. S. Allen and F. J. Baines P.P.G.D.'s, S. Clever P.P.G.A.D.C., Captain J. G. F. Richardson P.P.G.S.B., H. Nicholson and W. Vial P.P.G. Organists, M. H. Lewin and C. J. Wilkinson P.P.G.P.'s, C. Gurden P.P.G.S.B., E. Watson W.M. 1391, D. Challis W.M. 523, F. Griffith W.M. 1265, J. Wiggins W.M. 1330, A. H. Burgess I.P.M. 1560, R. S. Toller W.M. 1560, and many others. Amongst the visitors were W. Brothers J. Terry Secretary R.M.B.I., J. S. Cumberland P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, and John Featherston W.M. 1656.

The Rolls of Lodges and of Provincial Grand Officers having been called and duly responded to, the minutes of the previous annual meeting of P.G. Lodge, which had been previously printed and circulated amongst the members, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

The Prov. Grand Secretary read the Report of the Provincial Committee of General Purposes, which presented a very satisfactory account of the condition of Masonry in the Province, and alluded particularly to the great interest shown in Masonic matters in the county town, to the rapid increase in the number of members during the past few years, and to the consequent want of additional Lodges in order to satisfy the claims of the many competent deserving brethren aspiring to take office. At the present time Leicester, having a population of somewhere about 130,000, only numbers four Lodges. The Report after dealing with some other local matters, referred specially to the Revision of the Book of Constitutions and to the desirable alterations and additions which have been made in the interests of the Provinces, and urged upon the brethren to support to the utmost those alterations and additions when they came before Grand Lodge at the December Quarterly Communication. An exception, however, was made in reference to the revised clause (No. 186), relating to the status of joining P.M.'s of Craft Lodges, the Committee, so far as their knowledge and experience in this Province extends, failing to perceive the existence of any hardship in the present position of such P.M.'s, and it was therefore considered that failing any reasonable compromise the present amendment ought not to be confirmed.

The Report was, on the motion of Bro. Langley, seconded by Bro. C. E. Stretton, duly adopted.

The following Report of the Provincial Charity Committee was read by Brother the Rev. W. Langley.

The Charity Committee are again glad, in presenting their Annual Report, to register the fact that their candidate, at the April election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, Caroline Louisa Weare, was elected eighteenth on the successful list of 22. The number of votes polled by the Leicestershire Province was 1275, which may be thought by some to be largely in excess of the requirements of the case, seeing that one of those elected only polled 878; but upon examining the list it will be found that the lowest of the first 21 out of 22 polled 1208, and that No. 22 must consider herself exceptionally fortunate in securing election at a figure so very much lower than those well versed in the matter predicted it safe to stand at. The large number of 1275 polled by this Province was made up as follows, votes in hand 458, votes borrowed 748, votes given to the Secretary by W. Bro. Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire 65, and 4 polled by unknown subscribers. The debts of the Province at the present time are as follows:—Boys: To Derbyshire, 485; less owing to us, 70—total 415. Girls: To North Wales, 50; Derby, 108; Monmouth, 265—total, 423. The thanks of the Committee are due to Worshipful Brother Captain Homfray D.P.G.M. of Monmouthshire, and to Worshipful Brother William Nott, of Wilts, for kindly co-operating with their Secretary in securing the election of Bro. Weare's child. No brother having offered his services as Steward at the ensuing Festival for the Girls' School, the Committee propose that Bro. S. S. Partridge P.P.S.G.W. and Prov. Grand Secretary be nominated as Steward to represent this Province at the forthcoming Festival of the Benevolent Institution for Aged Masons and their Widows, and the Committee have voted the sum of £21 to be placed on his list for the Widows' Fund.

The Committee have great pleasure in commending the Charity Association to the brethren of the Province, and point to the large

increase of voting power as the fruit of its successful working. They cannot close their Report without rendering their hearty thanks to Worshipful Bro. Captain Richardson, who so successfully represented the Province at the last Festival of the Boys, when the magnificent sum of £405 was given in as his list.

The accounts have been examined and duly audited, showing a sum of £53 15s 4d to the credit of the Committee.

(Signed) G. TOLLER jun., D.P.G.M.
Chairman.

Freemasons' Hall, Leicester,
6th November 1883.

The D.P.G.M., in moving the adoption of the Report, and of a vote of thanks to Bro. Langley referred, in eulogistic terms, to the services of that brother as Secretary to the Charity Committee, the skill with which he discharged the duties of the office, and the great amount of thought and labour which he brought to bear in carrying out the arrangements for, and bringing the election of the local candidate to, a successful issue. The motion and vote of thanks were seconded by Bro. Thorp, supported by Bro. Capt. Richardson, and carried unanimously, the latter taking the opportunity at the same time of referring to the grand result of his Stewardship for the Boys, and pointing out the absolute necessity for continued exertions in face of the increasing number of applicants year by year for admission to the various Masonic Charities. Bro. Richardson hoped that the brethren would not stem the tide of their benevolence in coming years, but would cheer the efforts of future Stewards by according to them at least an equal measure of support to that which it had been his good fortune and privilege to receive. It should be observed that Bro. Richardson's list for the Boys', which amounted to about £405, averaged, as nearly as possible, £1 per head on the total number of members in the Province, such number being 406, as shown by the last annual returns to P.G. Lodge.

Bro. S. S. Partridge P.G. Sec. was unanimously elected to represent Provincial Grand Lodge as Steward at the ensuing Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The P.G. Registrar's report was submitted, showing the number of members returned as 451, but which, after making allowances for members subscribing to more than one Lodge, was reduced to an actual membership of 406.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer's account, an abstract of which had been printed with the summons for P.G. Lodge, was submitted. The account showed a balance in hand on the General Fund of £92 4s 3d, and on the Charity Fund, £23 15s 4d. It was unanimously resolved that the account be passed, and the best thanks of the P.G. Lodge be given to Bro. R. Waite P.G. Treasurer for his services. Bro. R. Waite was then re-elected P.G. Treasurer.

The P.G. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follows:—

Bro. J. T. Thorp P.M. 523	...	...	P.S.G.W.
W. S. Allen P.M. 779	...	...	P.J.G.W.
Rev. A. P. Dawson 1560	...	...	P.G. Chaplain
Robert Waite P.M.	...	...	P.G. Registrar
A. H. Burgess I.P.M. 1560	...	...	P.G. Treasurer
S. S. Partridge P.M. 523	...	...	P.G. Secretary
S. Cleaver P.M. 279	...	...	P.S.G.D.
E. Watson W.M. 1391	...	...	P.J.G.D.
F. Griffith W.M. 1265	...	...	P.G.S. of Works
J. Young P.M. 523	...	...	P.G.D.C.
C. Gurden W.M. 279	...	...	P.G.A.D.C.
J. Wiggins W.M. 1330	...	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
T. B. Laxton 1391	...	...	P.G. Organist
B. Wood P.M. 1007	...	...	P.G. Pursuivant
R. R. Cole 50	...	...	P.G.A. Pursuivant
D. Challis W.M. 523	...	...	P.G.S.B.
R. R. Bellamy 779, R. S. Clifford 1007, H. J. Goodall 1130, L. P. Chamberlain 1265, J. E. Beazeley 1391, J. B. Fowler 1560	...	...	G. Stewards
T. Dunn 523	...	...	G. Tyler
J. Tanser 279	...	...	G. Tyler

A Report of the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Committee, on the subject of certain proposed additions to the Hall, was then brought up, and after a very long discussion was referred back to the Committee for reconsideration, with a recommendation that an alternative scheme for an entire reconstruction of the Hall premises or the erection of a new building on another site should be submitted for the approval of Provincial Grand Lodge.

The valuable services of Bro. C. C. Stretton P.P.S.G.W., as Honorary Secretary to the Leicester Freemasons' Hall Committee, were duly recognised by a cordial and unanimous vote of thanks to him, which was proposed by the Right Worshipful Grand Master, and seconded by Bro. M. J. Walker P.P.G.J.W.

Several communications were read, including letters from Bro. H. Smith Prov. Grand Secretary West Yorkshire, on the subject of Resolutions passed by the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire with reference to the proposed re-building or reinstating of the old Masonic Temple at Grand Lodge, and from Bro. T. B. Whytehead Prov. S.G.W. N. and E. Yorkshire, on the subject of the proposed testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D.

On the proposition of Bro. S. S. Partridge, seconded by Bro. W. Kelly, it was resolved that Provincial Grand Lodge should contribute to the proposed testimonial to Bro. Hughan.

Letters of apology for absence having been read from Bros. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., W. Nott Secretary Wilts Charity Committee, Fred. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex, J. M. Moore P.P.G. Reg. Derby, and others, Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in form.

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GRAND MARK LODGE.

ON Tuesday evening the Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the Crown was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker M.W.G.M.M.M., R.W. Bro. Rev. Thos. Robinson Prov. G.M. Kent acted as D.G.M.M., Colonel Gough, LL.D., Prov. G.M. Staffordshire as G.S.W., Hon W. T. Orde-Powlett P.G.M. North and East Yorkshire as G.J.W. There was a very large assemblage of the brethren, and the proceedings throughout were more than usually interesting. After the minutes of the last Half-yearly Communication of the 5th June, and of the Special Grand Lodge of 30th October, had been read and confirmed, Lord Henniker moved a resolution, of which due notice had been given, as follows:— "That the rank of Most Worshipful Grand Master be conferred upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales; and that the name of His Royal Highness be placed at the head of the list of Past Grand Masters of the Order." Lord Henniker congratulated the brethren on the accession of the Prince of Wales to their ranks, and thought it right that they should do the highest possible honour to him. The motion having been seconded, it was carried unanimously. Although His Royal Highness was unable to be present at that meeting, he has promised to be present to-day (Saturday), at three o'clock, to receive the rank of Past Grand Master which was agreed to be conferred upon him. The Earl of Kintore Dep. G.M. was elected Grand Master for the ensuing year. Upon the application of Bro. Woodall, of Scarborough, Prov. G.M. North and East Yorkshire, Lord Henniker said that he had fixed the next moveable Grand Mark Lodge to be held at York on some convenient day in May. Charity jewels were awarded to a number of brethren. From the report we gather that 694 certificates have been issued in the half-year ended 30th Sept., and that the total number of registered advancements was 18,165; warrants for four new Lodges have been granted during the same period. In the degree of Royal Ark Mariner 43 certificates have been issued, and the total registered elevations was 1393. The Fifteenth Anniversary Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, held at the Crystal Palace on 28th July, resulted in the sum of £729, the largest amount yet realised. The educational branch of the fund is increasing its benefits; at present nine boys and three girls are under its care, and fresh applications are being received; the election for two boys and two girls will shortly take place. The sum of £20 each was granted to two brethren of the Adams and Roberts Lodges. The balance-sheet records progress. The General Fund shows that during the half year £500 New Zealand Bonds have been purchased. The Benevolent Fund has been advancing; £305 has been transferred to the Educational Fund, and £100 Queensland Bonds have been purchased, leaving still a better balance at the bankers than was there in March. The invested funds are as follows:—General Fund £2,600, Benevolent Fund £1,800, Educational Fund £900. A further sum of £200 in each case has been ordered to be invested on behalf of the Benevolent and Educational Funds. After the closing of Grand Lodge, the brethren adjourned to banquet, and as Lord Henniker was unable to stay, the chair was taken by Bro. Binckes, who discharged the duties of the office in a very able manner.

Medina Lodge, No. 140.—The installation of the W.M. of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, West Cowes, on Thursday, 29th ult., Brother T. W. Faulkner P.M. ably performed the ceremony of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. C. J. Airs S.W. The following officers were appointed by the W.M.—Bros. Faulkner I.P.M. and Treasurer, Mursell S.W., the Rev. G. Pickering J.W., Haxthausen Secretary and R.M., Robertson M.O., Rutland S.O., Sullivan J.O., Poland S.D., Hurst J.D., Patch I.G., Lawrence Tyler. The brethren then sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Brother W. Lawrence, and served in the banqueting-room.

The members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, announce that a ball in connection with their Lodge will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Wednesday, 9th January 1884. Tickets can be had of Bro. George T. Brown P.M. and P.Z., Hon. Sec., 4 Beaufort-street, Chelsea, S.W.; they will include supper and light refreshments during the evening. Double, to admit lady and gentleman, 21s; single, to admit gentleman, 15s; single, to admit lady, 10s 6d.

THE HUGHAN TESTIMONIAL.

ON Wednesday, 5th inst., a meeting was held at Freemasons' Tavern, for the purpose of appointing a Committee and transacting other business in connection with the proposed testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. Both London and the Provinces were influentially represented, and the utmost unanimity prevailed as to the object for which the meeting was convened. Bro. Rev. Thos. Robinson P.G. Chaplain occupied the chair, and, in introducing the subject to the meeting, spoke in the highest terms of the merits and claims of Bro. Hughan, and of the esteem and affection in which he was universally held. He called on Bro. Whytehead to explain what had been already done to further the objects they had in view, and the subsequent steps the promoters proposed to take.

Bro. Whytehead stated that the idea of a testimonial on an extensive scale had been suggested to him by the one that had been so successfully carried out in Cornwall. He felt that the merits of their worthy brother were as highly appreciated by Masons in different parts of the country, and in fact wherever English Masonry existed, as they were in the Province which had so largely benefited by his services, and the letter he forwarded to the *Freemason* suggesting that such a fund should be raised was a spontaneous act on his part, without consultation with any one, and with no idea of prominently putting himself forward as the leader of the movement. But in consequence of that letter he received personally a number of communications sympathising with the movement and volunteering help. He, therefore, willingly undertook the duties of Secretary until a meeting could be called to formally appoint a Committee, &c. He had much pleasure in proposing that a fund be opened for the purpose of presenting a suitable testimonial to Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D., in recognition of his literary and other services to the Craft.

This was seconded by Bro. J. McKay Prov. Grand Secretary for Cumberland and Westmorland, and carried unanimously.

The following resolutions were then proposed and carried.

Proposed by Bro. E. D. Anderton Prov. G. Sec. Cornwall, and seconded by Bro. J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M. Kent:—"That the brethren mentioned on the printed list which appeared in last week's *Freemason* be a Committee for carrying out the above suggestions."

Proposed by Bro. George Kenning, and seconded by Bro. Whytehead:—"That the Earl of Zetland Prov. G. Master of North and East Yorkshire be President, and Bro. J. D. Allcroft Grand Treasurer be Vice-President."

Proposed by Bro. E. D. Anderton, and seconded by Bro. McKay:—"That Bro. George Kenning be Treasurer, and Bros. T. B. Whytehead and W. Lake joint Honorary Secretaries."

Proposed by Bro. George Kenning, and seconded by Bro. Eastes:—"That in addition to those already published, the names of the following brethren be added to the Committee: Bros. Edgar Bowyer Grand Standard Bearer, N. B. Headon P.M. 1426, R. Muckle Past Grand Treasurer Penn., Capt. Colville P.G.S.W. Cornwall, J. S. Cumberland P.G.S.W. North and East Yorkshire, J. Todd P.P.G. Reg. North and East Yorkshire, Hon. F. J. Townshend, LL.D., K. of the Grand Chapter Ireland, Canon Tristram, D.C.L., Prov. G.M.M.M. Northumberland and Durham, R. C. Else D.P.G.M. Somersetshire, Colonel Adair P.G.D. Grand Supt. Somersetshire, E. D. Anderton P.G. Sec. Cornwall.

It was further resolved, after some discussion, that the subscription be not limited to one guinea, as had been first announced.

A petition is about to be presented to the Grand Master for a warrant for a new Lodge, to be styled "The Abbey Lodge," and to meet at the Town Hall, Westminster, the foundation stone of which was laid in 1882 by the Baroness Burdett Coutts. It is to be formed out of the parochial bodies meeting at that place, comprising the joint vestries of St. Margaret's and St. John, and District Board of Works for Westminster. The first Master recommended to the Grand Master is Bro. W. Burdett-Coutts, who was initiated in the Apollo University Lodge of Oxford; Bro. W. H. Baker to be the first Senior Warden, and Bro. Frederick Seager Hunt the first Junior Warden. Bro. J. E. Shand P.M. of the City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563, is to be Secretary. The names of several highly influential brethren in Westminster are appended to the petition.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION.—The new hall of this most deserving charity, at Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, was, on Wednesday last, filled again and again with hundreds of the miserable little children, with whom the East End of London swarms, and who stood outside shivering in the bitter northern blast and waiting their turn for their welcome weekly dinner of hot Irish stew. This is the second time there has been a "dinner Wednesday" this season, and it is sincerely to be hoped, for the sake of the hungry little folks of Limehouse, Stepney, and the neighbourhood, that the exertions being made to keep them going during the coming winter will be crowned with success. But for this to be so, funds are most urgently wanted, indeed, it has been already a task of no small difficulty to provide the Irish stew needful to send the crowd of ragged little urchins away full and happy for their one day in the week. To aid in such good work many a kindly heart will doubtless be willing, and all who would lend a helping hand can send in their contributions forthwith to the Bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7 Fenchurch Street, E.C.; the Lady Superintendent, Miss Napton, 304 Burdett Road, Limehouse, E.; or Mr. Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., who will thankfully receive and acknowledge all subscriptions and donations.

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.

SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1428—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1812—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Picnic, at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 9
303—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
R.A. 1235—Phoenix of St. Ann, Court Hotel, Buxton

MONDAY, 10th DECEMBER

- 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderson's Fleet-street, E.C.
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1435—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1459—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
R.A. 59—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1118—University, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.C. 53—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
76—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
282—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Rodruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montagu, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
803—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pontangle, San Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 156—Et mony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 379—Hope and Charity, Masonic Hall, 128 Mill Street, Kidderminster
R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
K.T.—Jerusalem, Queens Hotel, Manchester
K.T. 56—Hugh de Papens, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.C. 22—Victoria, Ipswich

TUESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

- 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
66—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
188—Joppa, Champ'on Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)

- 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
940—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 9 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1448—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
1688—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 185—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
R.C. 71—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
465—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkoaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Welnesbury
728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
802—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Calderonia-road, Batley
1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
1465—Ockendon, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1673—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 205—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
R.A. 324—Reason, Wellington Inn, Caroline Street
R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
R.A. 540—Stuart, Bedford
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
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)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Ealham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Courts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1305—St. Marylebone, Larcham Hotel, W.
1308—Lodge of St. John, City Arms Tavern, St. Mary Axe
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)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1610—Northern Bar, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
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. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Jowling Green Hotel, Denton
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Atholgaum, Lancaster
283—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon

666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 753—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Sterne Hotel, Worthing
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewisea, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaitwhaito
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 1947—Stanford, Town Hall, Hove
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 88—Pythagoras, Red Lion Hotel, Cambridge
 R.A. 251—Loyalty and Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Barnstaple
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool
 R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank Street Hall, Ashford
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick

THURSDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 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)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 R.A. 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London

35—Medina, 55 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 341—Wellington, Cinqe Ports Hotel, Rye
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxtheth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Acrrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire

1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1633—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1637—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 213—Perseverance, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport

FRIDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 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., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 569—Fitzroy, Headquarters Hon. Artillery Company, City Road, E.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)

36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1087—Beauesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 355—Wiltshire, Masonic Hall, Victoria Street, Swindon
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—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.
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 311—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Bros. Sainte W.M., Walker S.W., Ansbecker J.W., Valentine S.D., Dyson J.D., Buggins I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Daniel, Roberts, Harris, Mann, Rich, Posener, Schadler. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Harris candidate. Bro. Posener answered questions leading to second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in second, when Bro. Sainte vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Rich, who rehearsed the ceremony. Bro. Sainte resumed the chair, and Lodge was closed in second degree. Later in the evening it was proposed by Bro. Moss, and seconded by Bro. Dyson, that one guinea be taken from the Lodge funds, and given to Bro. Daniel towards entertaining the Old Folks at Croydon during the Christmas time. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able and efficient way in which Bro. Sainte had performed the duties of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge. Bro. Schadler announced that he would rehearse the ceremony of installation on Tuesday, 18th December. Brethren are invited to attend.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 6th December 1883, at the Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford. Bros. J. W. Freeman W.M., Banks S.W., Sringer J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Good J.D., Ingram I.G., Hutchins P.M. Preceptor. After preliminaries had been duly observed, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Good personating the candidate. Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Lodge was resumed and after dues had been collected was closed in due form. Both ceremonies were ably worked; this will be the work to be performed in the regular Lodge on Wednesday the 12th inst. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are most cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-

street. Bros. I. Benjamin W.M., Martin S.W., G. Bean J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., G. S. Lyon Treas., A. Botibol S.D., L. Wall J.D., J. Dewsnap I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. M.C., J. Wynnmann Steward; P.M.'s L. Lazarus, A. Dodson, L. M. Myers, H. M. Levy, R. Baker, S. Hickman; Visitors—J. W. Smith W.M. 1839, A. J. Hands 1227, J. St. Gert 1744, W. S. Lyon 185, W. R. Davis S.D. 87, G. Smith I.P.M. 1839, Honey 1017. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The election for W.M. then took place, the result being in favour of Bro. Bean J.W. The Senior Warden, Bro. Martin, is the present Master of the Blackheath Lodge. Bro. J. S. Lyon was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard P.M. Tyler. Five brethren were elected to serve on the Board of Management, and two as Auditors; while eight brethren were recommended to serve on the Benevolent Fund. Bro. M. Alexander P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be given from the funds of the Lodge as a nucleus for presenting the outgoing Master with a testimonial on his retiring from the chair, and a committee be formed for that purpose. This was seconded by Bro. L. M. Myers, and carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren then sat down to a very excellent supper provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited).

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at Bro. Langdale's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 1st inst. Bros. Gellen W.M., Parkes S.W., Bullock J.W., Williams S.D., Ashton J.D., Gildersleve I.G., Fenner acting Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Flack, Woolf, Williams sen., Weeden, Dixie, Chant, Shawbe and Gush. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Flack offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Bro. Fenner worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Ashton, and the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Parkes was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Gellen for the manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, it being the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. A letter was read from the widow of a deceased brother, thanking the members for their prompt assistance in his hour of need. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, the 8th inst., at eight o'clock.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—A numerous attendance of the brethren were present on the 27th ult., at the Cannon-street Hotel. They met under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. H. M. Harris; Gartley S.W., Norden J.W., A. M. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, A. Henochsberg S.D., S. Jacobs J.D., Lonsdale I.G., H. J. Paton Organist, I. P. Cohen P.M. M.C.; P.M.'s A. Basington, L. Norden, H. J. Phillips, M. J. Emmanuel, I. P. Cohen, S. M. Harris, W. Littaur. Visitors—Sidney Myers P.M. 130, G. L. Moore P.M. 169, M. J. Emanuel P.G.R. Hampshire, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. S. London, M. A. Fischer and M. Brommett, who were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. H. and T. Hart were passed to the second degree; both the ceremonies being perfectly rendered. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Gartley was unanimously chosen. Bro. A. M. Cohen P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Rawles Tyler. The election for President, Vice-President and four members of the Committee took place. Bro. A. M. Cohen was elected President, and the W.M. Bro. H. M. Harris Vice-President. Bro. J. Da Silva P.M. proposed, and Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. seconded, a motion that a testimonial be presented to the retiring W.M.—£5 5s to be given from the Funds of the Lodge—as a mark of respect for the able manner in which Bro. Harris had discharged his duties during his year of office. A candidate was proposed for initiation at next meeting, and after hearty good wishes were tendered Lodge was closed, until the fourth Tuesday in January. The brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Rand, and superintended by Bro. A. Cohen. The W.M. eloquently proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, in terms of the following sentiment—Loyalty to the Throne and Devotion to the Craft. Bro. J. Da Silva P.M. said, for the last time he claimed the prerogative of proposing the health of the W.M. Brother Harris's heart and soul had been in his work, and all wish him health and future happiness. The Worshipful Master, in reply, said he had done all in his power for the good of Freemasonry in general and this Lodge in particular; he had to thank each member for the way he had contributed to his success. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, and Brother London in a very able speech responded. Bros. Fischer and Brommett followed. The Worshipful Master then proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master elect, who, by his urbanity, had secured the good will of every member in the Lodge. The brethren might be sure of good working from the subject of their choice; all wish him a prosperous year of office: The Worshipful Master elect thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks; he hoped to have the assistance of the Past Masters; he would strive to do his duty, and trusted he might have candidates to shew how he could do the work required of him. The toast of the Visitors was replied to by Bro. M. Emanuel, late P.M. of this Lodge, P.G.R. Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, said no better could be found; they were ready and willing to fulfil every duty, either as Deacons or anything else required of them. Brother A. M. Cohen P.M. and Treasurer responded to the toast. He referred to the ability of Brother C. F. Hogard P.M. and Secretary; no better worker or one more capable could be found in the Craft. The Worshipful Master in proposing the toast of the Wardens and Officers said, the brethren had seen their working; the Worshipful Master elect might congratulate himself on having efficient Masons to assist him. He (Brother Harris) begged to thank them for the valuable assistance they had given him. This toast having been responded to, the Tyler gave the signal for departure.

St. John's Lodge, No. 328.—On Monday evening last the election meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons was held at the Masonic Hall, Torquay, where there was a goodly muster of the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. H. Mortimer, Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bro. W. Taylor S.W., Bro. J. Grant J.W., and other Officers. There were several visitors present, including Bros. J. Lane P.M. 1406, Geo. Pepperell W.M. 1406, Dr. Searle, of Brixham, &c. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, and some formal business transacted, the brethren proceeded to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Mortimer. Their choice fell unanimously upon Bro. W. Taylor, who had well discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past twelve months. Bro. C. J. Harland P.M. consented to retain his office as Treasurer for the year, and Bro. J. Newton was re-appointed Tyler. There was no other business on the agenda, and the brethren separated at an early hour. The installation meeting will take place on Thursday, the 27th inst. (St. John's Day), to be followed by the annual banquet at the Royal Hotel.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The usual meeting was held on 28th ultimo, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, when Bro. Glass occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Trick S.W., Weeden J.W., Dixie S.D., Ashton J.D., Lone I.G., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary; also Bros. Williams, Ockelford, Galer, R. M. Jones. The usual preliminaries having been observed, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. O'Donnell answered the questions leading to the third, and retired, he not yet having gone beyond the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Jones acting as candidate. The W.M., in a very able manner, delivered the traditional history. Lodge was resumed, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Ockelford acting as candidate. Bro. Trick was in due course elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. Lodge was closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Wednesday, 5th December. The annual supper in connection with this Lodge of Instruction will be held at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on the 12th December. Tickets, 4s each, can be had of the Secretary, 41 Durham-road, Manor Park, Ilford. This promises to be a success. Bro. Tiddiman W.M. 813 will preside. Bro. James Terry has also accepted an invite to attend.

On Wednesday last, Bro. Trick ably occupied the chair; he was supported by Bros. Ashton S.W., Galer J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Dixie S.D., Weeden J.D., McMillan I.G.; also Bros. Gadsby, Ockelford, O'Donnell, Patten, and others. The usual preliminaries having been observed in opening, Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. O'Donnell having proved himself efficient to be raised, was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising ably rehearsed, Bro. O'Donnell acting as candidate. Lodge was afterwards resumed, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. McMillan, of the Keith Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Ashton was elected to preside on 19th December. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until that date.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Watkinson S.W., Smyth J.W., Jenkins S.D., T. Clark J.D., Hunt I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Banister, Capers, East, Allen, Catlin, Brasted, Baker, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Baker candidate. Lodge was called off, and resumed its Masonic duties by Bro. Christian working the first and Bro. Bristow the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Capers and East, of Lodge 1524, were elected member. Bro. Watkinson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

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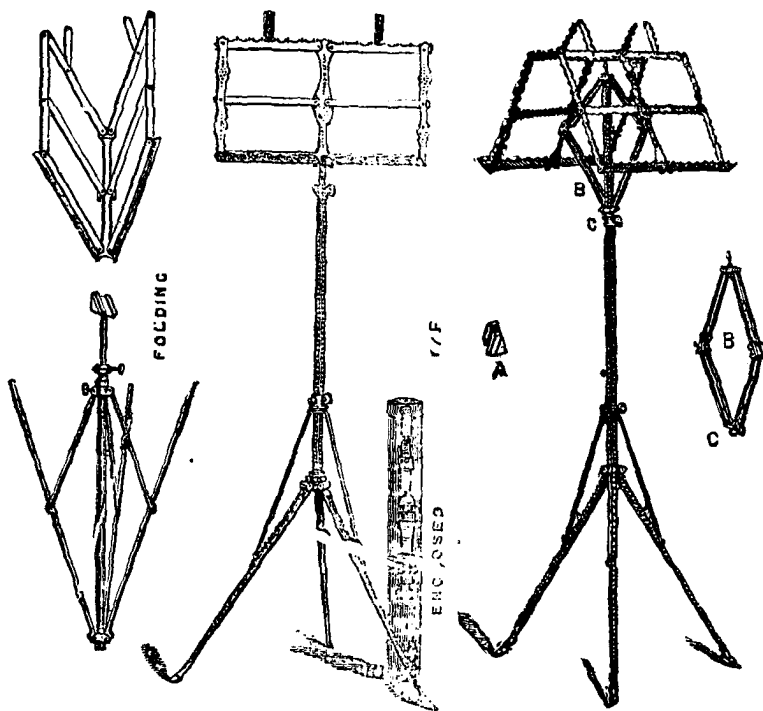
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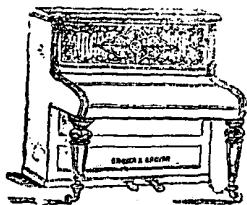
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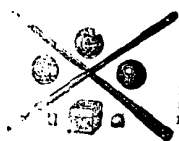
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