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CASTE.

OFFICIALISM is, unfortunately, but too often another name for cliqueism, and we strongly suspect that the action taken by certain brethren with regard to the re-election of Brother J. D. Allcroft as Treasurer will still further tend to prove the identity of the two terms. A circular has been issued from 28 Golden-square, to which is attached a formidable array of signatures. Many who have permitted their names to be appended to this document are held in the highest esteem by the Craft; their motives cannot be questioned, and their characters cannot be impugned. It is this factor in the subject that makes the duty of criticism not only difficult, but painful. We approach the matter, therefore, with regret, but with no misgivings as to the justice of our position. On reading the list of names, which fills a considerable space in the columns of our contemporary, it cannot fail to be observed that a large proportion of them are of those who hold, or who have held, official positions in Grand Lodge, or in Provincial Grand Lodges. Sympathy prevails in official as in private life, and we are doing no injustice to the signatories in saying that most of them would append their names to any document that was not harmful on the face of it, if put forward in high quarters, and with the sanction of those who form a section of Grand Lodge, always, of course, excepting those of the very highest grade. Many accept the assurance of brethren in authority for argument, and are ready to back them up without pausing to inquire too closely into the object in view. We believe this course has been followed in the case before us, hence we find the names of brethren attached to a circular, the contents of which are strangely illogical, and, by inference, offensive. Let us look at this strange document, which contains an admixture of arrogance and humility. At the beginning Bro. Allcroft is described as "a man of good means," a liberal supporter of our Charities, and as having the inclination and leisure to assist in their working. No one desires to question this description; we have never disputed the excellent qualities of Bro. Allcroft, if he had not possessed them, he would not have been elected, and no brother would stand any chance of succeeding him unless he were similarly endowed. This obtrusion of character and personal fitness, then, is beside the question, and is intended to create a favourable prejudice in the outset. What Bro. Frank Richardson and those who are actively supporting him have to do is to disprove the assertion that Bro. Allcroft was elected for one year only, and to prove that the Craft would suffer were he displaced. There is an effort to do something of the kind, with what effect we leave to our readers to determine. As a specimen of reasoning, the following is, to say the least, rather peculiar. We are told that the Grand Treasurer "is *ex officio* a Trustee, and as such a member of all our Charity Committees. . . . It would be most unwise to remove a brother from his office just at the time when he has made himself thoroughly qualified to perform its duties." Surely this is a reason against any change whatever, and in favour of making the office of Grand Treasurer perpetual in the person of Bro. Allcroft. This intention is disclaimed in

another part of the circular, which says, "We by no means desire to keep any such Officers in place for a long series of years, because"—mark the phrase—"we believe that it is good to have fresh blood, which is always to be found when the necessity arises." Put it in the form of a syllogism, it comes to this: Experience is necessary to discharge the duties associated with the office of Grand Treasurer, Bro. Allcroft has gained that experience, therefore he ought to be continued in that office. So far so good; but then there is the fatal admission that it is desirable to have "fresh blood" occasionally, so that the experience theory is abandoned for expediency. A few questions are here suggested. For instance: What is the determining cause of the necessity? Who are to estimate its value, and fix the time for its operation? Had the necessity arisen when Bro. Colonel Creaton was superseded; if so, what was its nature? The answer to this latter question is to be found in the fact that the majority of Grand Lodge felt that the office of Grand Treasurer was purely an honorary office, that belonging to it was the only collar it was in their power to bestow, and that they were determined to choose the brother yearly upon whom they wished to confer honour. This principle was shadowed forth when Bro. Col. Creaton was elected, and it was put into practice last year when Bro. Allcroft succeeded him. We pass by, as *pærole*, the argument of experience. There are no duties attached to the office of Grand Treasurer. The brother appointed has nothing whatever to do with either money or accounts, and, so far as they are concerned, he might be an automaton. His connection with the Charities is no closer than that of any other member of the several Boards; he cannot influence them by virtue of his office. His power would come in consequence of the interest he took in the Institutions as a generous member of the Craft. We venture to say that no one would be elected to the office of Grand Treasurer who had not like sympathies. Nay, it is because we have so many brethren who take a deep and abiding interest in the welfare of the Charities that the Craft desire to pay the only tribute to worth it is in their power to give. They know all about the office, and they are as good judges of the fitness of men as are these self-elected guides, who, to be logical, should advocate the perpetuity of the office, or, to be thoroughly ingenuous, should state that their desire is to make it a terminable sinecure, the time of change to be determined by the official voice, and not by the votes of the Craft.

The promoters of the circular deprecate the idea of a yearly canvass, the division of the brethren into parties, and the splitting up of the Craft. They think it "impolitic for any section of Grand Lodge to call upon any brother to pledge himself that, if elected, he will only serve for one year." Then we are treated to a charming specimen of simplicity. "It is clearly to be understood that we have no party motive." Oh dear no! that is all on the other side. We, say these would-be dictators, scorn to canvass, we would not split up the brethren, we would not exact a pledge, we are of no party. All these sins belong to those who differ from us. Was there ever a clearer case of Phariseism? How has the list of names attached to the circular been obtained? Have not the

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

signatories pledged themselves to a given course? And is not that party warfare which seeks to upset the deliberate resolve of Grand Lodge when it asserted the right of appointing a Grand Treasurer yearly? The begetters of strife are the first to condemn its existence; by this means they hope to cover motives they are afraid to disclose, because they know full well that their occupation would soon vanish were the real truth realised. Near to the close of this curious manifesto "all those who have the interests of the Craft *solely* at heart" are exhorted to give their support to the fighting movement. The italics are ours, and we emphasize the word because of the imputation it implies. Such language is the justification for the boldness of our position, and accounts for the plainness of our speech. It ought to nerve every independent member of Grand Lodge to action, in order to uphold a principle already unmistakably affirmed, and to maintain that right of judgment which rests in majorities, against the influence of cliques and the exclusiveness of officials.

### IMMORALITY AND MASONRY.

OUR attention has of late been called to the matter of immorality as practised by certain brethren of the Fraternity, and especially the open boastfulness of several as to their deeds, which should be concealed with shame.

We would not take up the pen to note so glaring an outrage on decency and society were it not that the ribald parties glaringly wear Masonic jewels, a slipper, Square and Compasses, and Keystone, and when remonstrated with, and advised if their course was to continue to remove the symbols of our Fraternity, that it might not be disgraced, the friend and counsellor was informed in reply, they had a right to wear such jewelry, that in addition to their being ornaments, they were found to be a source of protection in emergency, and finally that their objectionable course in Society had nothing to do with the Institution of Freemasonry, which had no control over their social life so long as the law of the land was not violated nor revelation of the hidden secrets of ancient Freemasonry made by them. In brief that their morals were not subject to review by the Fraternity, much less to a trial and upon conviction punishment.

Discussion led to inquiry, and so our attention has been attracted thereto more especially when, in looking for others' thoughts expressed in print, we turned up a fragment of a number of the Masonic Review published by Cornelius Moore, in 1849, and of which we will avail ourself of extracts herein. Brother Moore says, he heard it asserted by a Mason in Open Grand Lodge, that, as an organised association, the Lodge had no jurisdiction over the moral character and conduct of its members. A Mason had been charged with a breach of the moral law, which was also a violation of the laws of the land. In defence of proceedings instituted against him, it was said by his friends that he was not guilty, and, "if he was, it was no violation of Masonic law, and he could not be dealt with for it by the Craft." This is a case in print, and worthy of thorough understanding. Moore says, "If this be correct doctrine, the sooner it is known the better; and if the Craft has no right to exercise a wholesome discipline over the moral conduct of its members, the sooner the organisation is dissolved the better. But Masonry does recognise, and require an observance of the moral code as taught in the Holy Scriptures: and Lodges have not only the right, but it is their duty, to enforce that observance and inflict Masonic punishment for disobedience.

We can depend upon the argument of Bro. Moore, and will proceed to quote in part. "Every man gives his solemn pledge that he will 'conform to all the ancient established usages and customs of the Fraternity.' Now, is the observance of the moral code an 'established usage or custom of the Fraternity?' Why, what are the facts? Masonry is founded upon the Bible, and connected in its origin with one of the most interesting and important facts recorded in the Bible, . . . and to inculcate by symbolic teaching the great moral precepts contained in the Bible. The ancient charges and regulations, which have come down to us from antiquity, require as follows: 'A Mason must observe the moral law.' It is not a mere recommendation, it is an absolute command. It is hardly necessary to ask the question, are drunkenness, profanity, adultery, gambling, obscurity, &c., violations of the moral

law? Every man who takes the Sacred Writings as the rule and guide of his conduct and practice knows they are, and it were an insult to common sense to discuss such a question. A Mason, then, who is guilty of any of these offences against the moral law violates the laws of the Masonic Institution, and is answerable to those laws for that violation.

Let us consider further, every intelligent Mason will bear out the assertion that a violation of the moral law is as much a transgression of the rules and usages of Masonry as it would be to reveal the secrets of that Fraternity. A Mason is under no greater obligation in one case than he is in the other. In violating the laws peculiar to Masonry the individual sins only against the rules of an association of his fellow men; though after passing the solemn rites of his degrees this were a crime of damning turpitude. But in the commission of adultery and its kindred crimes he violates the laws, not only of the fraternal association to which he belongs, but also the laws of his country, and the laws of God.

Let there be no divided opinion upon this subject; every one who loves and venerates our Ancient Order should watch against the introduction of such opinions into the Lodges. As to the wearing of Masonic jewelry that is a matter of taste, but certainly vulgar as well as in ill taste when worn in certain places and on sundry occasions. The blatant bravado needs no reply. But Masonry has jurisdiction and the right of discipline in cases of immorality.—*Hebrew Leader.*

### THE TRESTLE-BOARD.

AMONG the symbols of Freemasonry the trestle-board holds a prominent position. It is introduced in the first degree, and its use is there explained to be for the Master workman to draw his designs upon. In Operative Masonry it is thus made the medium of communication between those who lay out plans for the work and those who are to execute it. It was thus used at the building of King Solomon's Temple, and in this manner the immense number of Craftsmen employed received the necessary instruction by which they were enabled to erect that magnificent edifice in all its wondrous splendour. So true were the designs placed on the trestle-board, and so well skilled were the workmen in following them, that when completed it is said the Temple had more the appearance of being the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than that of human hands.

It must be evident to every one that a trestle-board without designs upon it possesses no value, and it is only by connecting the two together that it becomes of service to the Craft. Of this Masonic tradition furnishes a striking illustration in connection with the building of Solomon's Temple. The absence of the necessary designs on the trestle-board at the proper time produced great confusion among the workmen, and for a time the work ceased. The trestle-board was there in its place, but the men were idle, and must remain so until new designs were placed upon it.

In Speculative Freemasonry there is in every Masonic Lodge a representation of King Solomon's Temple. Every Mason is a builder. As at the building of the Temple so at the present time there are Entered Apprentices, Fellow Crafts and Master Masons. Now, as then, there are skilled workmen, and those who need instruction in their work. There must be a trestle-board in every Lodge, and proper designs upon it, for the Craft to pursue their labours, otherwise there will be confusion and idleness among them. This is as true Speculative Masonry now as it was when the stones were hewed, squared and numbered for its prototype on Mount Moriah six thousand years ago.

In the government of Masonic Lodges the time has just passed for the annual election of officers. Many changes have been made in those who hold official positions, and many brethren for the first time hold the emblem of authority in their hands. They have been promoted to a high and responsible position, and each one has taken a solemn obligation to discharge the duties of his office to the best of his ability. Every Worshipful Master thus becomes a Master workman, or Overseer of the work in his Lodge. Upon his ability and skill will largely depend the prosperity and happiness of his Lodge during the year 1884. Did you think of this, my brother, as you turned your

eyes longingly toward the East, and nervously awaited the result of the ballot that placed you at the head of your Lodge? Did you note particularly the ancient charges and regulations to which you were required to give assent previous to your investiture with the insignia of your office? Did you give that assent honestly and truthfully, or simply as a form that was required by the established ceremony of installation? Did you then resolve that your Lodge should be none the less honoured by the preferment given than you were in receiving it? If so we may safely congratulate your Lodge as well as you upon your promotion to the East. An honest effort on your part to perform all you have promised, in the end will be crowned with success.

It is no easy thing, however, to discharge the various duties incumbent upon a Worshipful Master. They require on his part hard study and patient, perseverant labour. It is to him that the members will look for instruction and guidance. He must place such designs upon the trestle-board as will produce perfect work, and give such instructions as will enable each one to perform the part assigned him. Let each newly installed Master look well to his designs, and may the trestle-boards in all Lodges for 1884 produce work that shall have more the appearance of being the handiwork of the Supreme Architect of the Universe than that of human hands.—*Masonic Advocate*.

The common saying, some years ago, that "no Irish need apply," was a pet theme for writers in the comic papers and music hall singers. Mr. J. Kermack Ford, late a solicitor at Portsmouth, has enlarged the list of the proscribed. This shrewd limb of the law has gone the way of all flesh: he has left behind him, we believe, a considerable amount of property. To most people it will appear that he has made one very peculiar bequest. He has left £2,000 to the Portsmouth Grammar School for the establishment of a scholarship, with the conditions that Jews and the sons of Freemasons are to be excluded from the competitors, unless they happen to have fathers who have served in the Army and Navy. The Governors of the School are anxious to accept the gift, conditions and all, but there is some doubt as to their powers under the endowment scheme, and until that point is settled, the matter remains in abeyance.

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Whatever else Mr. Ford may have been, he was patriotic. Even the poor Jew would be eligible for the scholarship were his father a soldier or a sailor. We believe such a conjunction of affairs has not happened, nor is likely to happen, in the case of the Jew, so he is completely ostracised. With Freemasons it is different, and the ban will not apply with the same force. We will not pause to attempt to discover the hidden motives that swayed Mr. Ford, those on the surface are sufficient for our purpose. He doubtless knew that the Jews take particular care of their own poor; they are as exclusive in this matter as in their religion, and need none of Mr. Ford's help. The Craft hitherto have managed to maintain their own Institutions, and can afford to laugh at the petty spite this Plymouth solicitor could indulge in, even in the face of death. Should the Governors of the Portsmouth Grammar School be able to accept this gift, we hope the circumstance will be commemorated. We would suggest that "Charity" should form one of the subjects of the competition, taking Mr. Ford's gift as the text. We should say that the papers would afford curious examples of moral science, and would be fit company for some of those productions so forcibly illustrated in that excellent journal, the *Civil Service Candidate*.

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Success has stimulated enterprise. The Fisheries Exhibition of last year was a great triumph; it opened up many questions of a social character, and if not out of it, certainly in connection with the inquiry it provoked, another exhibition has been arranged to be held in the same building. No one can doubt the value of fish as food, nor question the importance of the fishing industry; but in interest and moment the proposed International Health Exhibition of the present year will exceed it. The Queen takes an interest in the movement, as she does in all things affecting the comfort and progress of her subjects, and our Royal Brother the Prince of Wales is the President of the new undertaking. The Exhibition will open in May, at South Kensington, and will continue for six months. It will be divided into two main sections, repre-

senting Health and Education, and these will be sub-divided into six principal groups. These groups will embrace the food resources of the world, and dress, in which illustrations of the clothing of the chief peoples of all nations may be expected, thus combining the picturesque with the practical. Then there will be exhibits pertaining to the healthful construction and fitting of the dwelling, the school, and the workshop, also all that relates to art education. Such an exhibition ought, and doubtless will, command the sympathy of all who desire free intercourse between nations, the development of the resources of the world, and the progress of humanity. Those who desire specific information can write to the Secretary, Mr. J. R. S. Vine, at the Offices, Exhibition-road, S.W., or at 27 Great Winchester-street, E.C.

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The monthly meeting of the Board of Benevolence was held, on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, President, James Brett, Senior Vice President, and C. A. Cottebrune, Junior Vice President. The number of cases on the list for relief was small, there being only twenty petitioners. This latter circumstance arose from the fact that the new rules requiring provinces to enquire into the cases of petitioners coming from them had caused several petitions to be sent back. Grand Secretary informed the Board that the new Constitutions would be ready in three or four weeks' time. The brethren first confirmed recommendations to the amount of £475 made at the December meeting. Out of the new list two cases were deferred, and one case was dismissed. The remaining petitioners were relieved with amounts as follow:—One £150, one £75, one £50, two £25 each, eight £20 each, two £15 each, and two £10 each, making a total of £535.

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A Committee has been formed to make arrangements for a Ball in connection with the Manchester Lodge, No. 179. It will be held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's Inn Fields, on Wednesday evening, 13th February. Applications for tickets can be made to any of the following Stewards:—

L. Dettmer, 19 Poland Street, W.  
W. Dickeson, 157 Drury Lane, W.C.  
W. Hughes, 54 Huddleston Road, N.  
A. Hughes, 52 Acton Street, W.C.  
F. Hughes, 5 Moore Terrace, Highgate, N.  
R. Hughes, 18 Millman Street, W.C.  
W. T. Day, 47 Bloomsbury Square, W.C.  
H. Brinkmann, 253 Oxford Street, W.  
J. Ford, 31 Endymion Road, Brixton Rise, S.W.  
J. W. Cain, 36 Drury Lane, W.C.  
L. Benét, 19 Langham Street, W.  
J. H. Kew, 42 St. John's Villas, Upper Holloway, N.  
W. Hopekirk, Crystal Palace, Upper Norwood, S.E.

Gentleman's Single Ticket 12/6, Lady's Single Ticket 8/6, Double Ticket (to admit Lady and Gentleman) 21/-. The charge for tickets will include Supper and Light Refreshments during the evening.

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At the North London Chapter of Improvement, at 8 o'clock, on the 24th inst., at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Pauls Road, Canonbury, Comp. Gregory filled the chair of Z., Comps. Dean H., Knight J., Strugnell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. After the Chapter was closed Companion Meekham the host entertained the Comps. of the Chapter; the evening was spent very pleasantly Comp. T. Meekham as usual doing all in his power to make his guests comfortable. There were several good songs sung throughout the evening.

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Bro. James Terry P.P.G.W. Norths and Hunts, &c., Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, will be present at the regular meeting of the Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949, on Tuesday evening next, the 29th inst., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, and will rehearse the ceremony of installation. Lodge will be opened at 8 p.m. prompt, and the early attendance of brethren is solicited.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather strenuous exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution, to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## GRAND MASTER'S LODGE.

AT the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on Monday, Brother the Right Hon. Robert Nicholas Fowler, M.A., M.P., P.S.G.W. Wilts, P.M., the Lord Mayor, was duly installed as Worshipful Master of the highest English Lodge on the list, numerically speaking; this is styled the Grand Master's Lodge, deriving its title not simply from the fact that his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales is a member of it, but for other reasons. There was a numerous assemblage of the Craft, there being present, besides the Officers of the Lodge, nearly all of whom have attained high rank in the Order, Brothers Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Colonel Philips, Hall and Clark Past Grand Chaplains. The ceremony was performed by the out-going Master Bro. Bradshaw Brown. Upon the Lord Mayor taking the chair of K.S. he invested the following brethren as his Officers for the following year: G. Martin P.G.S. as Senior Warden, Ralph Mowland Bishop P.G.S. Junior Warden, R. Herve Giraud P.G.D. P.G.S. P.M. Treasurer, Ralph Gooding, M.D., B.A., S.G.D. P.G.S. P.M. Secretary, James W. Fullar G.S. Senior Deacon, James Holar Junior Deacon, G. R. Steel I.G. At a banquet which followed the Lord Mayor, in felicitous terms, returned thanks for the honour which had been paid to him, and the kindly and fraternal feeling evinced. The health of the Prince of Wales and the Earl of Carnarvon was given and honoured, and the proceedings were closed with the Tyler's toast.

## UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THE installation meeting took place at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Tuesday, 15th instant. After the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising had been worked in favour of the respective candidates, the W.M. invited Bro. Charles Davey P.M. to instal his son, Bro. Thomas Edward Davey (who we believe to be one of the youngest Masters of the present day). Bro. P.M. Davey said it gave him great pleasure, under the circumstances to instal the Master. The ceremony was performed in the most able manner, and Bro. Davey was highly complimented by the many distinguished visitors. The following were appointed Officers:—Bros. Joshua Shipley I.P.M., James Linscott S.W., L. Steingraber J.W., J. Harling P.M. Treasurer, J. Driscoll P.M. Secretary, A. Couldrey S.D., C. Fassheber J.D., S. Lampen I.G., W. Boyce M.C., C. Davey P.M. W.S., H. Meyer A.W.S., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler. The after proceedings were of a most harmonious character, and the evening was enlivened by a capitally-arranged programme, which was well carried out.

## TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THIS exceedingly prosperous Lodge which, although almost too rapidly increasing in numbers, is yet careful to maintain the select quality of its members, met at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., on Monday, the 21st inst. There were about seventy brethren present. Bro. A. Staley W.M. presided, very ably assisted by the I.P.M. Bro. T. W. C. Bush, as well as by the S.W. Bro. S. Barnett, and the rest of the Officers, who in this Lodge are prompt in their attendance and apt in their work. The business of the evening necessitated the working of the whole of the Craft ceremonies, as there were candidates for the three degrees. This somewhat difficult, and certainly onerous, task being completed by the W.M. in his quiet yet efficient manner. Bro. W. D. Bayley P.M. and Treasurer, in pursuance of a previous notice of motion, proposed "that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to present a testimonial to the Worshipful Master upon his retirement from the chair." This was carried with acclamation. The election of W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler resulted as follows: Bros. S. Barnett S.W. as W.M., W. D. Bayley Treasurer, and J. Potter P.M. Tyler. The Worshipful Master, addressing Bro. Phil Levy, late Secretary of the Lodge, said that he felt very much pleasure in presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a slight testimonial of their esteem and regard. For more than a quarter of a century Bro. Levy had performed the duties of his office with intelligence and assiduity, to the most complete satisfaction of the Lodge, and by his genial kindness and readiness to oblige, had secured for himself the sincere regard and fraternal affection of all its members. The reason for the step Bro. Levy had thought proper to take was, of course, best known to himself, and was accepted by the Lodge with the profoundest regret. The testimonial consisted of an address elegantly illuminated on vellum, suitably placed in a richly-gilt frame, which was decorated with appropriate Masonic emblems. The W.M. then added that, by a unanimous vote of the Lodge, Bro. Levy had been elected honorary member, with the full powers and privileges of a subscribing member. The late Secretary, in feeling and eloquent terms, declared his appreciation of the kindness which prompted the brethren to overwhelm him, for which he could scarcely find words to express his gratitude. The Lodge then adjourned to refreshment, which was most creditably served by Bro. Silver. After grace, the W.M. said: The proceedings in the Lodge having necessarily been prolonged, and the hour being late, he would, in giving the toasts, be as brief as possible. The first would be a comprehensive one, including the Loyal and Masonic, namely, Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests and prosperity of the Craft. This was received with enthusiastic cheers. After giving the health of the Initiate, the W.M. proposed the toast of the evening, namely, the W.M. elect, whose popularity was indicated by the warmth, and, as the W.M. described it, boisterous manner in which it was received. The loyalty and assiduity, the W.M. continued, with which the W.M. elect had

performed his duties in the various stages of his advancement towards his present position, was a sufficient guarantee of his fitness to occupy the Master's chair, which he was sure would be filled to the satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. elect, responding, said he could not fail to be extremely gratified at the hearty and "boisterous" manner in which his name had been received. It was only consistent with the kindness bestowed upon him ever since he had the happiness of being a member. He felt proud of being elected Master of the Lodge, and could assure them that his best energies and abilities would be exerted to further the prosperity and uphold the prestige of the Lodge. He was not unmindful of the support he had invariably received during his occupancy of the minor offices, and was assured that the same would be extended to him during his coming year of office. It would be his business and pleasure to promote the comfort and happiness of the brethren, who, he had no doubt, would forbear and make allowance for any shortcomings that might appear in the performance of his duties. Bro. Bush I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., whom he described as one who, by his fidelity and distinguished abilities, as a worthy successor to the many able brethren who had preceded him. The W.M., in reply, thought Bro. Bush too partial in his laudations, and that if his conduct in the chair had given satisfaction, the brethren of the Lodge were not difficult to please. The Visitors', P.M.'s, and Officers' toasts were speedily disposed of, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. Bros. John Ross, Bayley, Tipper, and Reeves contributed to the entertainment of the evening by their vocal efforts, assisted by Bro. J. D. Barnett, who presided at the piano. The visitors were Bros. Thomas I.G. 753, J. Staley 1597, Riddle 173, Lancaster 1668, Isaacson 188, James Hartley 1426, Julian Hartley 1426, Oppenheim 1306, Phillips 471, Hewlett 193. The P.M.'s were Bros. T. W. C. Bush, J. Croaker, John Ross, J. D. Barnett, S. Moss, N. Moss, Harfeld, Z. Bloomfield, Bayley, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil.

## MANCHESTER LODGE, No. 179.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 17th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, and was numerously attended by the members and visitors. The chair was occupied by the W.M. Bro. Dettmer; Bros. W. Dickenson S.W., W. Hughes J.W., Hopekirk P.M. Treasurer, Kew P.M. Secretary, Eastman S.D., Ellwood J.D., Hearne I.G.; P.M.'s Green, Lovett, Benet, &c. Visitors—Bros. Stuart P.M. 141, Graham 975, Gilbey 1194, Large 1984, Weston P.M. 1602, Smith 1744, Lambourne 87, Smeed 1585, Potter P.M. 11, Quitman I.P.M. 1969, Marx P.M. 957, Hans 511, Woodruff J.W. 957, Binney 1305, Blundell P.M. 742, F. W. Sillis 1744, Smith, Botting P.P.G.R. Berks and Bucks, Von Joel S.W. 957, Edwards 766, Murdoch 6, Alderman Floyd (of Croydon) Upper Norwood Lodge 1546, Ross 1744, Blunt 764, H. Dickey 744, Dingle, J. H. Johnson, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. Holah was passed to the second degree. A ballot was successfully taken for the admission of Mr. T. H. Kew, son of Bro. Kew P.M. and Secretary, who afterwards initiated the candidate into the Order, performing the ceremony with great ability. Bro. E. J. Gittins, De Sharland Lodge, No. 1089, was elected a joining member. In due course, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Dickenson S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. Kew P.M., who was warmly congratulated by the brethren and Visitors at the conclusion of the ceremony. There were nineteen Worshipful Masters and Past Masters present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the Worshipful Master was saluted according to ancient custom, and he in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. Dettmer I.P.M., Hughes S.W., Ellwood J.W., Hopekirk Secretary, Eastman S.D., R. Webb J.D., Hearne I.G., Hughes Asst. Secretary, A. Hughes M.C., Parsons W.S., T. Webb Assistant Organist, Day Musical Director, Koester P.M. Tyler. W. Stuart P.M. 141 acted as M.C. The applause that followed the investiture of each Officer showed the W.M. had made a selection in every way satisfactory to the Lodge. The newly-installed W.M. exhibited his capacity for work by very ably initiating Mr. H. Ludwig into the Order. It is very rarely we see the ceremony so well rendered by so young a Mason. The Audit Committee was next appointed, and then the W.M., in a very excellent speech, in the name of the Lodge, presented Bro. Dettmer with a very elegant and artistically designed gold jewel, with suitable inscription. He had great pleasure in placing it on Bro. Dettmer's breast; the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair gave every satisfaction to the members. He hoped he might live long to wear it. Bro. Dettmer suitably acknowledged the valuable gift. Hearty good wishes were given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, eighty-five in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. F. Clemow. Great satisfaction was expressed with the way in which it was served. The W.M., who genially presided, briefly proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. Dettmer rose; he had now with great pleasure to propose the health of the W.M., who had performed his duties in the various offices he had held in such a way that warranted his being elected to the chair. The brethren had seen his working since he had occupied that position; the ceremony was rendered perfectly and impressively, and was a credit to the Lodge. Brother Dickenson also, in investing his Officers and as President, showed his capacity, and he (Bro. Dettmer) was sure that a happy and prosperous year would be the result. It might be urged their W.M. had inherited his good qualities from his respected father. If he practised those duties out of the Lodge that he proposed to do in it, the result would be beneficial to all. He hoped the brethren would give a hearty response to the toast. The W.M., in reply, said in occupying the position of W.M., he felt he had realised a great ambition. Those nearest and dearest to him had occupied that chair, and this night was a very happy one to him, as he had been surrounded by so many happy and genial spirits. He hoped that during his occupation

of the chair of this old Lodge nothing would arise to mar the success it had always enjoyed; the Lodge had been a subscribing one to Grand Lodge for one hundred and twenty years; this was a proof of its antiquity. He hoped it might long continue its career. He thanked them heartily for the reception they had given the toast. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Initiates. The first of the two brethren they had initiated that evening he had known for many years, and had looked upon him as a rising man. His father, Bro. Kew, was their Secretary, and he (the Worshipful Master) was indebted to him for installing him into the chair that day. It must have been gratifying to Bro. Kew to have to perform the initiation ceremony in favour of his son. Bro. Ludwig also was one from whom great things might be expected. The brethren had doubtless noticed the attention he had paid to the ceremony, and would agree he was in every calculated to be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Kew said he was proud to have his respected parent to initiate him; the ceremony would never be forgotten by him. The W.M. had been his friend from childhood, and he trusted he might long continue so; he thanked them for their kind reception of the toast. Bro. Ludwig followed; he thanked Bro. Brinkman for proposing, and the Lodge for accepting him; he was pleased to have been the first Initiate of the W.M. The toast of the Visitors came next. The W.M. said to-night they had both quantity and quality; he would mention the names seriatim. Bros. Reynolds, Pratt, Evans, and H. M. Levy responded to the toast. The toast of the Installing Master and the P.M.'s was next on the list—viz. Bros. Dettmer, Hopekirk, Lovett, and Benet. Bro. Dettmer responded. He should never forget the kindness he had met with from the Lodge. The jewel presented to him he should always wear with pleasure and pride. Bros. Hopekirk and Kew also replied. The latter said he had to thank the W.M. for the honour and privilege of initiating his son. He was also proud of having had to instal the son of a very old friend into the chair. From his knowledge of the capacity of the W.M., this old Lodge would not lose its prestige while he occupied the chair; it was one they were proud of. After a few words from Bro. Benet, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers. He might say no better ones could be found than Bros. Ellwood, Eastman, Webb—the latter an old and valued friend. They had also Bros. Hearne, Parsons, and T. Webb. The toast was ably responded to by Bros. Hughes, Ellwood, Eastwood, Hearne, Parsons, &c. All promised their energies should be exercised to work for the benefit of the Lodge, and to support the W.M. The members all respected the memory of the late Bro. Dickenson; yet it was a proud thing to say they had a worthy successor in the person of his son, now the W.M. The Tyler's toast was then given, and the brethren separated after a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Some excellent songs were given by Bros. Hagan, Hearne, Monkhouse, and Blundell.

#### ISRAEL LODGE, No. 205.

AN excellent muster of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Tuesday evening, at the Cannon Street Hotel, City, to discharge certain business that comes but once a year, and to instal Bro. J. A. Gartley W.M. elect. The Visitors were numerous, and several of them had received high Masonic honours. Bro. H. M. Harris, the retiring W.M. presided, and having submitted several formal matters to the brethren for their approval, he proceeded to instal his successor. He performed his duties well, and now awaits the honour which the Lodge proposes to confer upon him. This is the second time he has filled the chair in the Lodge, and a special recognition of his services will be made at the next meeting. Bro. Gartley having taken charge of the Lodge, he proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow: Bros. E. H. Norden S.W., Alf. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502 J.W., A. M. Cohen Treasurer, C. F. Hogard Secretary, Solomon Jacobs S.D., R. J. Paton J.D., A. L. Gartley I.G., I. P. Cohen M.C., Rawles Tyler. The W.M. then installed the Rev. Marcus Haines and Mr. Joseph Lichtenfeld in an efficient manner. The sum of ten guineas was voted by Lodge to the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Hogard's list. The latter brother returned thanks, and subsequently he read letters of apology for non-attendance from Bros. Sir Albert Wood, Col. Clerke G. Secretary, Fenn, and others. Hearty good wishes having been given by the Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form. Those present included P.M.'s A. H. Bassington, M. J. Emanuel, P. Williams, H. G. Phillips, L. Norden, I. P. Cohen, J. Da Silva (the recent I.P.M.); Members—L. Nathan, J. B. de Musquito, G. Saling, W. Hunter, J. Jacobs, E. J. Hart, W. Fischer, S. Zucker, Thos. Houghton, T. Schmerl, H. G. Lonsdale, E. Schumann, E. T. Loewe, B. Hyams, Henry Hart, E. J. Ehrenberg, T. Hart, A. Landon, Sam. Samson, Chas. Lazarus, A. Abrahams, W. Biggs, M. Cohen, J. Salaz, B. M. Nathan. Visitors—Edgar Bowyer G.S.B., S. Lazarus P.P.S.W. Wilts, G. F. Busbridge P.P.G.A.S. Kent P.M. 1163, E. A. Cottelbrune P.G.P., J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., H. Kemp 11, F. J. Vanderhamfe 162, W. H. Causton 162 S.W. 1726, E. W. Whinns 169, C. H. Webb P.M. 174, Geo. Bean W.M., C. W. Cox 188, C. Hunt P.M. 194, J. Lazarus P.M. 205 1007, H. J. Garry 296, W. Fieldson P.M. 548, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, J. Skeffington 749, H. H. Myers, J. Gaunham, D. M. Davis 1017, J. Gaskoll P.M. 1076, A. Smith 1275, F. Delevante W.M. 1319, G. F. Meads J.W. 1321, J. Framo 1348, H. Cohen 1658, J. W. Baker P.M. 1767, J. Da Silva P.M. 1839, Rev. Dr. Maguire 1964. A banquet succeeded the work of the Lodge, which was given in the Pillar Room of the Hotel. The menu had been well chosen, and several courses were served with a due regard to time and comfort. The hotel arrangements were really perfect, and reflect great credit upon the management. Grace before and after meat was said in Hebrew and English, and after the removal of the cloth, the toasts of the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales the M.W. Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past, followed in sequence, and were right loyally received. Bro. Edgar Bowyer responded for the Grand Officers. The printed programme, if not

a novelty altogether, was at least interesting. Quotations from Shakespeare were placed round the borders of the pages and between each toast. Of the suitability of some of these there can be no doubt. What could be more beautiful and appropriate than the following just after the toast of the Queen? "God and His angels guard your sacred throne, and make you long become it." Here is another that will suggest thoughts avert the mixing up of business and music as to make the latter all-important and the former of no account: "I pray you sit down, for now we sit to chat as well as eat." Some arrangements make a chat impossible; this was not so in the Israel Lodge, where the art of social enjoyment seems to be thoroughly understood. There was music, and good music, too, but it was subordinate to the toasts of honour and courtesy. Bro. Harris I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and alluded to the way in which he had discharged the duties of the several offices he had filled, and to the example of his powers he had shown that evening in the initiation ceremony. The toast was welcomed with applause, and in reply the W.M. observed that he had been spoken of in too flattering terms. He would do his best, and he felt sure he should receive that support from the Past Masters which made the work of the Lodge an agreeable duty. He had worked in various positions in the Craft, by which he was reminded that Masonry was like a diamond, the more it was worked upon, the more polished it became. This illustration would apply to those who were aspiring to office; the more they knew of Freemasonry the better they would like it, and the higher they would hold it in estimation. The health of the Initiates having been proposed and honoured, Bro. the Rev. Marcus Haines replied in a long and eloquent speech. He recognised the warmth of feeling that had been shown, and expressed the diffidence he felt in responding. He asked the indulgence of the brethren if he used any term that was not in accordance with the Craft, and promised that his sincerity would fully compensate for any slip of the tongue. He looked upon that day as one of the most important of his life, and the remembrance of what he had heard would never be effaced from his memory. His knowledge of Freemasonry was limited; for five or six weeks he had endured much anxiety before he could gather up courage to join the Order. The suspense between the time of his proposition and initiation was very great, and he prayed that some one would give the requisite number of black balls to exclude him. His friends made many inquiries after his health; he never had so many friends before. They asked if he was going abroad, and he replied, very much abroad; but now he felt quite at home—much more so than he had done a few hours before. After referring to certain contrasts which he understood occasionally prevailed between the exercise of courtesies in and out of the Lodge, Bro. Haines said he believed that Freemasonry meant peace and goodwill to all men, a drawing closer of the bond of brotherhood, so that they should approach nearer to the Divine likeness. It was usual to close a speech with a quotation, and his would be from a very old book and by an old writer, who has written—"Keep well thy mouth, for out of it cometh the issues of life." He felt assured that the Lodge had secured a W.M. who would act up to that advice. After further remarks of a complimentary kind, Bro. Haines resumed his seat amid applause. Bro. Lichtenfeld also briefly replied. The toast of the Visitors brought forth several responses. Bro. Thomas was happy in having his name associated with many "other illustrious brethren;" Bro. Cottelbrune referred to the interest the Jews took in Masonic and other Charities, and alluded especially to the venerable Brother Sir Moses Montefiore. Bro. Bean having also acknowledged the compliment, the replies were brought to a close by a very happy speech by Bro. the Rev. Dr. Maguire. He said he had received many invitations, more than he could accept, but there were special reasons why he was present there that night. Jews and Christians were separated by certain divisions, but there was much common ground they could occupy together. The Jews held two Sabbaths, while many did not hold one; and if they were not agreed upon the time, they were upon the fact, of the Messiah coming. He was but a novice in Freemasonry; he had, however, gone through all the stages, and he reminded Bro. Haines that he had little idea of what he had yet to endure. He had better retain his anxieties, for he was only now being fattened up for the slaughter. Bro. Maguire then alluded to some Jewish neighbours, with whom he had been on terms of amity for years. Only a middle wall of partition separated one of them from himself, but it was not so lofty as to prevent them shaking hands and conversing together. Another neighbour made a tabernacle at the bottom of his garden, and at the close of the feast he would send him (Bro. Maguire) some of the choicest fruits. The speaker then dwelt upon the character of the Great Architect of the Universe, urging that he was the author of the moral as well as the material world, and that all his teachings inculcated the lesson of charity. Bro. Maguire concluded an eloquent speech, which was much cheered during its delivery, by thanking the brethren for the kindness and hospitality they had extended towards him. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Harris, saying that it would be impossible to describe his many good qualities. It was sufficient, however, to state that he had been made Master of the Lodge a second time. The I.P.M. having replied in a short and pithy speech, Bro. A. M. Cohen Treasurer proposed success to the Masonic Charities and the Lodge Benevolent Fund. The result of Bro. Cohen's remarks was a liberal subscription in the room. The other toasts were the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, closing with that of the Tyler. Bro. Delevante acted as Organist in the Lodge, and during the banquet Bros. Zucker, D. M. Davis, H. Cohen, and H. G. Lonsdale favoured the company with some instrumental music, recitations, and songs.

#### LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

THE members of this Lodge held a regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, Reading, on 15th inst., for the purpose, amongst other matters, of installing Bro. Samuel Wheeler as W.M.

of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and the investiture of the other Officers of the Lodge. There was a very large number of brethren present, including many distinguished Visitors from long distances, as the following list of names will show:—Bros. Francis J. Ferguson W.M. 414 and other Officers of the same Lodge, namely, Bros. Samuel Wheeler S.W. the W.M. elect, M. J. Withers J.W., A. W. Parry Secretary, D. H. Witherington S.D., E. Blackwell J.D., J. W. Martin M.C., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, C. G. Butler I.G., G. W. Webb, and G. G. Hawkes Stewards; P.M.'s C. Stephens, R. Bradley, C. Oades, J. T. Blowers, W. W. Moxhay (the Installing Master), J. W. Hounslow, Edward Baker, and Samuel Bradley; Bros. T. J. E. Howlett, G. H. Stubington, F. J. Wellman, Cyril B. Tubbs, H. Higgs, George S. Galt, H. P. Knill, F. H. Furnival, C. T. Rayner, J. Hopkins Walters, J. E. Sydenham, &c. Visitors—J. Studholme Brownrigg D.P.G.M. Berks and Bucks, the following Officers and members of the sister Lodge of Greyfriars 1131, namely:—Bros. W. W. Ridley W.M., J. H. Hawkes S.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, T. J. Pulley 340 and 1101, Arthur Welch P.M., Edward Margrett P.M., J. T. Brown P.M., and Bros. Oliver, Egginton, C. Slaught, &c. Among the other Visitors were Bros. W. Morris 1566, R. Nicholson 1566, W. Wells 777, T. Lawler 1297, Rev. Dr. Leighton Coleman, of the Carbon Lodge 242 U.S.A., R. Payne 1328, A. Mount 1328, F. A. Jones 1566, Albert R. Pritchard Chaplain Thames Lodge, H. W. Pritchett 1261, C. Franklin Simmons 694, Thomas Cooke jun. 1060, H. W. Marshall 303, W. Brown 597, G. R. Faulkner 592, C. A. B. Bignold 52, W. Heath 1767, J. Ashby 771, J. Goddard 771, E. Dalzell 1549, A. Brakspear 1895, &c. &c. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. W. W. Moxhay in a most able and impressive manner, and the investiture of the Officers followed. The following are the names of the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Samuel Wheeler W.M., F. J. Ferguson I.P.M., M. J. Withers S.W., D. H. Witherington J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, R. C. Mount Treasurer, A. W. Parry Secretary, F. Blackwell S.D., C. G. Butler J.D., J. C. B. Tirbutt Organist, J. W. Martin I.G., G. W. Webb M.C., C. H. Hawkes, J. E. Sydenham and J. H. Walters Stewards. The banquet took place at the Queen's Hotel, Reading, and was a most brilliant and successful gathering. About seventy-three brethren were present, and the Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with the usual honours. Bro. R. Bradley responded to the toast of the Prov. Grand Officers Present and Past, and remarked that although no new Lodges had been added to the roll, still the affairs of the Province were in a satisfactory condition. He considered the multiplication of Lodges was not an unmitigated good, but would rather see the Lodges already in existence maintained in a high degree of efficiency. The last year had been an exceptional one as regarded the special Masonic Charitable Institutions, the greatest amount ever known having been given in their support. The last Provincial Grand Lodge held in Windsor was, he was glad to say, a very successful one, and he hoped the next Lodge, which would be held in High Wycombe, would be equally successful. He concluded by wishing the Officers of the Lodge of Union a very prosperous year of office. The toast of the I.P.M. Bro. F. J. Ferguson was received with exceptional cordiality, and mention was made of the valuable services rendered by him in connection with the additions recently made, and the increased accommodation thus provided in the reception rooms at the Masonic Hall. Bro. C. Stephens, as Prov. Grand Treasurer, in acknowledging the toast of his health, which was most cordially received, spoke of the satisfactory condition of the funds of the Province, and said that speaking generally the Province of Berks and Bucks stood very well in comparison with the other Provinces. A party of musical brethren attended, and gave a capital selection of songs, &c., under the direction of Bro. J. C. B. Tirbutt.

#### UNIVERSAL LODGE, No. 181.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at Freemasons Hall on the 17th inst., when Bro. W. R. Norris was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by the retiring Master, Bro. T. C. Fryer, in a masterly manner. His eloquent and impressive delivery of the various addresses being universally approved. There were present at the ceremony Bros. P.M.'s Moring 9, W. Batchelor 548, E. Bolton 862, W. G. Lemon 1601, G. A. Taylor 217, J. Hillhouse 228, J. C. Parkinson 181 P.G.J.D., R. G. Glover 181 P.G.S., Rev. W. T. Jones 181, A. T. Layton 181, H. A. Reed 181, E. W. Stanton, H. D. Wood, W. B. Roberts, and numerous other brethren. At the conclusion of the installation the brethren were re-admitted, and the W.M. proceeded with appropriate addresses to invest his Officers as follows:—T. C. Fryer I.P.M., F. Low S.W., E. J. S. Layton J.W., Rev. W. T. Jones Chaplain, A. T. Layton P.M. Treasurer, H. A. Reed P.M. Secretary, T. J. Hanley S.D., E. B. B. Reed J.D., T. Adams I.G., P. N. Harrower and W. R. Davidson Stewards, G. J. Dunkley Organist, J. Daly Tyler. The Officers having been appointed, the W.M. rose and said: Brethren, before we adjourn from labour to refreshment, I have one other and a very pleasing duty to perform. It will be in your recollection that at our last Lodge meeting a sum of money was unanimously voted to purchase a P.M.'s jewel for the out-going Master, now our I.P.M., Bro. T. C. Fryer. Brethren, that jewel has been purchased, and it now falls to my lot to make the presentation, and in doing so I feel the greatest satisfaction, for I am convinced that no Master of the Lodge ever deserved such a recognition of services more than does Bro. Fryer. Throughout his year of office he has worked both hard and conscientiously. Speaking for his Officers, and more particularly for himself, he would say it had been both a pleasure and an honour to work with such a Master. The brethren had evinced their appreciation of his great abilities by voting the magnificent jewel he was about to pin on his breast. The inscription ran thus:—

Presented to

Brother T. C. FRYER Past Master,

By the brethren of the Universal Lodge, No. 181, as a mark of their esteem for his ability and courtesy during the year 1883.

He (the W.M.) would only add, the fervent hope that Bro. Fryer might be long spared to wear the jewel, and that he would look upon it, not merely as an article of intrinsic value, but as a pleasant souvenir of the year he spent among the brethren of the Universal Lodge. Bro. Fryer I.P.M. responded, in suitable terms, and after thanking the brethren for the great kindness he had received at their hands, added, he should never forget the happy year that had just passed away. The brethren then adjourned to a most *récherché* banquet in the adjoining hall. After the cloth was cleared, and grace was sung. In speaking to the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master said during the forty-seven years Her Majesty had ruled the English nation she had striven to uphold the dignity of her station. Had Her Majesty belonged to the rougher sex doubtless she would have been more closely associated with Freemasonry. This might be testified to by the fact that soon after her marriage she expressed a wish that her husband, the late Prince Consort, should join the Order. The late Duke of Sussex, however, who at that time occupied the Grand Master's chair, opposed this wish, on the ground that the husband of the Queen of England should have no secrets that he could not disclose to his wife. It is said that on Her Majesty being told this, she rejoined, that as it was deemed advisable Prince Albert should not become a Freemason, she hoped that if she had any sons the same objection might not be brought to bear on them, as she should like them to follow the example set by her father, the late Duke of Kent. The toast was enthusiastically received, and the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the second toast, the W.M. said, where we to search the country through it would be impossible to find a man more popular than the Most Worshipful the Grand Master. He is ever ready to devote his time to any movement that will tend to the advancement of the nation, and he enters upon his public duties in no perfunctory spirit, but with a firm desire to carry them out successfully. This was fully exemplified in the case of the Royal College of Music and the late Fisheries Exhibition. Without further preface he would call upon the brethren to drink to the continued health of the Immediate Heir of England. On rising to propose the third toast—The Right Honourable the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon; the Right Worshipful the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom; and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present—Bro. Norris said he approached this toast with some amount of temerity; they had with them two members of Grand Lodge, and he might perhaps say too little or too much. Yet on the Pro Grand Master too much praise could not be bestowed. In the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master it would indeed be difficult to find a more competent president, or one who displayed more courtesy. The interest he took at the last Quarterly Communication fully evidenced this, and all appreciated the efforts he made to provide accommodation for those who, from want of space, were shut out from the sacred precincts of the Temple. In all the Earl of Carnarvon did for Freemasonry he was ably seconded by the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom. In fact, all the Grand Officers testified, by the zeal they displayed, that the best interests of the Order were ever foremost in their thoughts. This had been proved by the two brethren—Bros. Parkinson and Glover—with whom he would more immediately associate the toast. The Worshipful Master then made reference to the many services Brother Parkinson had rendered the Lodge, and to the interest he had taken in the establishment of the Universal Chapter, and concluded by calling on the brethren to do full honour to the toast. Brother J. S. Parkinson Past Grand Deacon responded in an eloquent and well-considered speech. After thanking the brethren for the hearty reception they had given the toast, and to the names of distinguished noblemen who are at the head of affairs, he stated the Grand Officers prided themselves upon being the representatives of the Craft, and in being able to further the interests of the great Order of Freemasonry. He could not, after a period of six and twenty years association with this Lodge, but be satisfied with the evidence of strength and stability it now showed. The Officers who had been appointed that night were connections of, and would doubtless prove worthy successors to, the long line of Past Masters of whom they all had good reason to be so proud. Personally he confessed to the deep interest he took in sustaining the prestige the Lodge had so long enjoyed; he then made reference to the blood relationship existing between several of the Officers and old members of the Lodge, and called attention to the fact, as evidencing the interest so well maintained by those long connected with it, and who desired to introduce those members of their families who wished to join the Order. Brother Parkinson next touched upon the other branch of Freemasonry to which the Worshipful Master had alluded, viz., the establishment of a Royal Arch Chapter in connection with their Lodge. He had spoken of shoals and difficulties they had had to encounter; these, he was pleased to say, had all vanished, and the Universal Chapter was now in sound working order. After speaking in most eulogistic terms of the qualities and ability displayed by the Worshipful Master, Brother Parkinson indulged in some pleasant reminiscences and compared the present with the past. Thirty years ago the members had to join other Chapters, entirely distinct from this Lodge; this happily was not the case now, and concluded by remarking that it needed no spirit of prophecy to foreshadow a continued prosperity under the rule of the present Worshipful Master. The Masonic Charities was the next toast brought under notice by the W.M., who stated that though the amount of £56,000 which had been collected during the past year was a large one, it was but as nothing in comparison with what might be raised did all enter fully into the spirit of what they professed. Brother Norris urged that a Mason is nothing if not charitable, and made an urgent appeal on behalf of the Institutions. At this stage of the proceedings the charity box was passed round, and on the completion of its peregrinations the W.M. announced that the sum of £8 3s 6d had been collected. The I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Brother Norris, by his working that night, had testified his desire and shown his ability to uphold the traditions the Universal Lodge could boast for being governed by capable Craftsmen. It was with great pleasure he (Bro.

Fryer) offered the toast. In replying Brother Norris said, on account of the lateness of the hour he should be very brief in his remarks. He felt the honour that had been conferred upon him. He could honestly state he yielded to no one present in his love for the Craft. He would strive to do in the future, as he had in the past, all in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The next toast brought under notice was the health of the Immediate Past Master, Brother Fryer. Any doubts as to the ability he possessed had been dispelled by the way in which he had carried out the work of the Lodge. His had not been an idle year; he frequently had had to work the three ceremonies, and in all cases he had ably acquitted himself. He (the Worshipful Master) felt he might assert that no better Master had filled the chair of the Universal Lodge. This toast having been acknowledged, the other toasts on the list were briefly introduced, but with pertinent comments on the merits of the brethren extolled. Bros. Batchelor 548 and Bolton 862 replied for the Visitors. Bros. Glover, Roberts, and Reid for the Past Masters, while Brother Senior Warden did duty for the Officers. The musical arrangements of the evening were entrusted to Bro. Chaplin Henry, who gave the greatest satisfaction by the way in which he conducted and carried out the following programme:—Grace, "Deum Laudate," Dr. John Smith; National Anthem; Baracolle, "Ou voulez-vous aller," Gounod, Miss Phillippine Siedle, with Violin Obligato, Miss Marie Schumann; New Song, "Only once more," F. L. Moir, Bro. Sidney Tower; Part Song, "When evening's twilight," Hatton; New Song, "Pierrot," W. M. Hutchinson, Miss Lena Law; Ballad, "Cherry Ripe," Horn, Master Frank Charlton; Song (with a burden) "Love ye one another," H. Fase, Bro. Montem Smith; Solo Violin, Fantasia "La Fille de Regiment," Sainton, Miss Marie Schumann; Song, "That's the Man for me," Hobson, Bro. Chaplin Henry; Glee, "It is our opening day," Sir H. R. Bishop; Provincial Ditty, "A diss, a diss of green grass," Beaumont, Miss Phillippine Siedle; New Song, "John Olden," Diehl, Miss Lena Law; Irish Song, "The birth of St. Patrick," Lover, Bro. Lester; Duet, "Excelsior," Balfe, Bros. Sidney Tower and Chaplin Henry; Glee, "Here in cool grot," Lord Mornington; Humorous Song, "The intoxicated fly," H. Leigh, Bro. Kift; Glee, "Life's a bumper," Wainwright. In addition to those already named there were present as Visitors—Bros. Dunbar J.D. 142, Vicary 180, Hillhouse P.M. 228, Runtz 534, Ward 796, Bond 860, Bolton I.P.M. 862, Williams P.M. 905, Trick 1306, &c.

#### ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 16th inst., at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon. There were present Bros. John Isherwood W.M., Edwin Melrose S.W., Peter Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treas., Charles Crompton S.D., James Walker J.D., J. W. Taylor M. of Cer., W. F. Chambers I.G., H. J. Briscoe Organist, William Siddon and Richard Cuerden Stewards, Thomas Higson Tyler; P.M.'s Jabez Boothroyd, Thomas Morris, George Ferguson Prov. G. Supt. of Wks., J. M. Rutter P. Prov. G. Steward, Thomas Whitaker; M.M.'s R. J. Chirside, John Swarbrick, J. R. Haslam, J. F. Elliston, H. B. Truman, Jonas Fletcher, William Forrest; F.C.—Wm. Crompton. Visitors—Bros. John Booth W.M. 37, Henry Broughton W.M. 146, J. F. Skelton S.W. 146, Thos. Nightingale 146, R. H. Swindlehurst P.M. 320, A. E. Chambers I.G. 430, Ebenezer Melrose S.W. 1144, Robt. Latham W.M. 1723, John Barrett S.W. 1723, E. G. Harwood J.W. 1723, Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. Secretary 1723, Alex. Cosgrove S.D. 1723, James Parkinson 1723. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. On Lodge being advanced to the second degree, Bro. G. P. Brockbank Senior Past Master took the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed. The W.M. elect (Bro. Edwin Melrose) was presented by Bro. Isherwood, the retiring Master, and forthwith installed, proclaimed and saluted in ancient form as Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Thos. Morris P.M. was re-appointed Charity Representative and Bro. Thos. Higson re-elected Tyler. Bro. Boothroyd P.M. invested, for the W.M., the following brethren as the Officers for 1884, and instructed them severally as to the nature of their duties:—Bros. Peter Bradburn S.W., Charles Crompton J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, Thomas Mitchell Secretary, James Walker S.D., W. F. Chambers J.D., Wm. Siddon I.G., J. W. Taylor P.M. M. of Cer., J. H. Haslam Organist, R. Cuerden and H. C. Briscoe Stewards. The final addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank. Hearty good wishes were expressed by the visiting brethren. The S.W. read a portion of the ancient Charges, after which Lodge was closed in peace and harmony.

#### BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

THE annual Festival of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Rooms, Brecon, on Tuesday, the 22nd instant, when Bro. H. O. Aveline Maybery S.W. was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The installation ceremony was performed by Bro. J. A. Whittle P.M. The following Officers were appointed:—Bros. T. L. Lewis I.P.M., T. H. Price S.W., E. A. Wright J.W., M. Powell Williams Chaplain, David Evans Treasurer, J. A. Whittle P.M. Secretary, Robert Owen S.D., J. P. Lidstone J.D., Rees T. Heins M.C., John Tudor Organist, Lewis Williams I.G., John Meredith and H. W. Rowe Stewards, and John Evans Tyler. Bro. Webb P.M. was appointed Almoner of the Lodge. After the ceremony of installation, a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to Bro. Thomas Lawrence Lewis, as a small acknowledgment of the valuable services he had rendered the Lodge for several years. The banquet was held at the Castle Hotel, the W.M. being supported on his right by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant, the able and popular Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, who, in responding

to the toast of his health, stated that it was his intention to recommend to the Province a scheme by which children of deceased brethren could be educated easily. A pleasant evening was spent.

#### EMBLEMATIC LODGE, No. 1321.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 17th inst., at the Horns Assembly Rooms, Kennington Park, when there were present Bros. Forrest W.M., who presided, supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Fendick S.W. and W.M. elect, Hunter J.W., Willson P.M. (the newly-elected Treasurer), Swan P.M. Secretary, Meads S.D., Englefield J.D., Kirkaldy I.G., Boyell Stwd., Esling M.C.; Bros. Breary, Edington, Barrow, Monks, May, Palmer, Newas, Edwards, Bannell, Salisbury, Parker, Busch, Monks; also the following Visitors:—Bros. Rogers 1670, Dixon 209, Thiellay, Cooper 507, Conlson 27, Large, Kellaway 957, Room 1159, Harrington 1563, Mace 45, Ponicolet 957, Buxton 1831, Powell 1558, Wyld 72. The minutes were read and confirmed, and the W.M. Bro. Forrest initiated two candidates, viz., Mr. Millar and Mr. Price. Bro. G. Willson then very ably installed Bro. Fendick S.W. and W.M. elect into the chair of K.S. The report of the Audit Committee having been distributed amongst the members, was ordered to be placed on the minutes. The newly-installed Master having appointed and invested his Officers, with a few appropriate remarks, presented the Immediate Past Master Bro. Forrest with a Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge. After which Bro. Fendick Worshipful Master in addressing Bro. Breary Past Master (the late Treasurer), said he now had a very great pleasure in presenting him with a testimonial, unanimously voted by the Lodge. From the remarks made by the brethren at the last meeting, he (Bro. Breary) could not be insensible to the very general feeling of regret expressed by the members; how sorry they one and all were at the thought of losing him as their Treasurer, an office which he had held from the formation of the Lodge to the present time, the duties of which he had so efficiently and satisfactorily carried out. He sincerely trusted that Bro. Breary would still remain with them, in fact he might say the Lodge would appear quite lost without the familiar face of Bro. Breary. The address, which was beautifully inscribed on vellum, was to the following effect:—Emblematic Lodge of Ancient, Free, and Accepted Masons, England, No. 1321. This testimonial was presented to Bro. Plummer Thomas Breary Past Master, No. 26, Past Grand Steward, Treasurer and Founder of the above Lodge, on the 17th January 1884, on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a record of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members, as a testimonial to his unvarying urbanity and integrity, and in appreciation of the long and valuable services he has rendered to the Emblematic Lodge.

Walter John Forrest W.M.  
William Barnes Fendick S.W.  
Henry Samuel Hunter J.W.

When the applause of the brethren had subsided, Bro. Breary rose to acknowledge the testimonial. He thanked the Worshipful Master for his too flattering remarks, and the brethren for their very handsome testimonial. His labour had been a labour of love; he had constantly been assisted by the Officers, especially the worthy Secretary; it was not without a pang he relinquished his official duties, but a time must come when he would have to sever himself from the office. He thought that a Treasurer ranked as a sort of permanent Cabinet Minister, and that in advising the Past Masters and brethren, he ought always to be one actively and sincerely interested in the welfare of the Lodge. The testimonial he should always prize, and leave it as an heirloom to his children as a record of acknowledgment that he had tried to do his duty. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren afterwards sat down to a very excellent banquet, served by Bro. Buxton, the worthy host, in a very satisfactory style. Thus ended one of the most successful and pleasant meetings this Lodge has ever held.

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**ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.**

FROM THE EAST ANGLIAN DAILY TIMES.

THE members of the Royal Clarence Lodge at Clare are now to be congratulated upon the distinguished honour of having H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to preside over them, his Royal Highness having graciously signified his acceptance of the office of Worshipful Master, and appointed Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, the S.W. of the Lodge, to act as his Deputy. The Royal Clarence is comparatively a new Lodge, being numbered 1823 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England; but it has upon its books many old and valued members of the Craft who have done good service, not only for their Lodge, but also for the Province of Suffolk, and for Freemasonry in general. Amongst these we trust we shall not be invidious if we name Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, the highly esteemed Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwick P.G. Chaplain of England, Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives P. Prov. Grand Steward of Oxon, and many other prominent Masons. The Lodge takes its name from the Earl of Clarence, a title which the Duke of Albany derives from the Clare family, from which house the ancient and interesting town of Clare, obtains its name, and it will therefore be seen that there was a fitness in the choice which the Lodge made, as well as a graciousness in the acceptance of the office of W.M. by His Royal Highness. The installation of Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives as Deputy Master took place on the 8th inst. The Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Clare, and was largely attended. Lodge was opened in ancient form, after which the business was proceeded with. At its conclusion the retiring W.M., Bro. Chas. Henry Vincent, thanked the Officers and members for the manner in which they had supported him during the past year. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master then proceeded to instal Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives as Deputy Master under a Warrant from Bro. H.R.H. the



Duke of Albany W.M., which was read to the Lodge. The ceremony of installation was performed with marked and characteristic ability. The Deputy Master having been duly installed and saluted, proceeded in the name of Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany to invest the Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. E. Barnes S.W., Rev. B. B. Syer J.W., Rev. J. Sedgwick, D.D., P.G.Chap. Eng. Prov. G. Chap. Oxon. Chap., C. H. Vincent I.P.M. Secretary, Thomas Stokoe M.C., C. S. Goodchild S.D., W. L. Fenner J.D., A. Boa I.G., F. C. Wayman and Rev. B. B. Syer Stewards, D. F. Glazin Tyler. Bros. C. Goodechild and T. Buckney were elected Auditors. The Deputy Master then said he had been instructed to convey to the I.P.M. Bro. C. H. Vincent the thanks of the Lodge for the manner in which he had presided over it during the past year, and to present him with the Lodge jewel, as some small recognition of the admirable way in which he had conducted the business during that period. Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M. thanked the brethren very heartily for the presentation, which he received most gratefully. The Installing Master said he had been requested by Bro. Fisher, one of the original members of the old Lodge formerly held at Clare, to present to the W.M., in trust for the Lodge, two jewels which had come into his possession. They were jewels that belonged to a Clare Lodge of the olden days—one of them he could not make out at all, but from the appearance of it it would seem that their ancient brethren used to wear scarves or belts, or something of that kind. The other jewel he was much more clear about. The only fault he had to find with the investment of the Officers that day was that one of the collars of the Deacons had no jewel attached to it. That omission could now happily be supplied. This old jewel was a representation of Mercury, who it was well known used to assist the gods by carrying their messages for them; therefore the jewel could very appropriately be attached to the collar of the Senior or Junior Deacon. In the name of Bro. Fisher he presented the jewels to the Lodge. The Deputy W.M. proposed that the jewels be accepted, and that a resolution conveying the thanks of the Lodge to Brother Fisher be drawn up and entered upon the minutes. Bro. the Rev. J. Sedgwick seconded the proposition, which was carried. A letter was read from the P.G.M., Lord Waveney, expressing his regret at his inability to be present, and similar communications were received from numerous Worshipful Masters in the province. The Deputy W.M. received hearty good wishes from the Grand Lodge of England, the Province of Suffolk, the Province of Oxon, Stour Valley, Perfect Friendship, Westminster and other Lodges, and, in acknowledging them, said he felt the proud position he then occupied was due not to any merit of his own, but to the kindness of the members of the Lodge. He had taken upon himself, thinking it would be as agreeable to the Lodge as it was to him, to suggest to His Royal Highness the Worshipful Master that it would be a very acceptable and honourable favour if His Royal Highness would present his portrait to the Lodge, and he was happy to tell them that he had promised to do so. He was in hopes he should have received it that evening, but he had a letter in his hand to say that it would be sent as soon as it could be conveniently despatched. It was resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be presented to his Royal Highness, not only for the great favour he had done them in presenting his portrait, but also for having graciously accepted the office of Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge. The Deputy W.M. expressed the hope that in the course of the summer his Royal Highness would be pleased to visit the Lodge, and in that event he was sure he would receive a hearty welcome, not only from the Royal Clarence, but from the whole Province of Suffolk. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, a hymn commencing—

Now the evening shadows closing,  
Warn from toil to peaceful rest;  
Mystic arts and rights reposing,  
Sacred in each faithful breast.

being sung with organ accompaniment. After Lodge the brethren proceeded from labour to refreshment, which was provided in the shape of a splendid banquet, admirably served by Mrs. Fish, the hostess of the Half Moon hotel. The Deputy Master (Bro. Major-General Ives) presided, and was supported on the right by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M., and many other brethren. The Chairman then proposed the Queen and the Craft, which was drunk with the customary honours. The Chairman next proposed the Grand Master of England H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, and subsequently that of the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers present and past. He coupled with the latter toast the name of his dear friend Bro. Dr. Sedgwick P.G. Chaplain of England, and also that of his dearest and oldest friend he had in the world, Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Suffolk and P.G. Chaplain of England. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick, in responding, said, like their Worshipful Master and the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, he had been connected with the Pro Grand Master of England and other Officers of Grand Lodge for many years, and he could speak of their high qualities as Masons. No one could have the interests of Masonry more deeply at heart than they had, though he said this with a little diffidence in the presence of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, than whom no better Freemason ever existed. He was delighted to welcome their Worshipful Master in Prince Leopold's chair, and thanked him for the kind way in which he had coupled his name with the toast. The D.P.G.M. the Rev. C. J. Martyn also responded. The Chairman proposed the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, Bro. Lord Waveney. Lord Waveney was one of the best Prov. Grand Masters in England. He was a most conscientious worker, and in all matters relating to Freemasonry in the county of Suffolk he took a deep personal interest. In all his dealings he was most courteous and gentlemanlike, and was at all times willing to entertain any suggestions which appeared to him reasonable, and for the good of the Craft. He had additional pleasure in proposing the toast on that occasion, because Lord Waveney was an honorary member of that Lodge. He had

written a very kind and gracious letter, saying how extremely sorry he was that he could not be with them. The toast was honoured with enthusiasm. The Chairman next proposed the health of the D.P.G.M. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, and in felicitous terms spoke of their early association at college, remarking that all the honours he had attained in connection with Freemasonry, from the time when he was led round as an Entered Apprentice, had been conferred upon him by his dear, good friend, Charles Martyn—he begged pardon, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of Suffolk, and the Installing Master. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. The D.P.G.M. Bro. C. J. Martyn in response said it had been an immense pleasure to him to be present that evening to instal his old friend General Ives to the chair of that Lodge. They had been associated for many years. They went up to Christ Church as freshmen in the same term—they were in rooms quite close together; they joined the Apollo Lodge within two months of one another—ever since that time the very closest friendship had existed between them, and he hoped it would continue to the end of the chapter. He was exceedingly pleased with the way in which he had presided over the Lodge, and was quite sure that in having General Ives as their Deputy Worshipful Master, they had the right man in the right place. It was not every man who could have done for the Lodge what their friend and brother had done. The great honour that had been conferred upon the Lodge that year was entirely due to the exertions of General Ives, who had placed the Lodge in a position of which no other Lodge in the Province could boast,—of having a Royal personage to preside over it. He need not ask the Lodge to render every help and assistance they could to General Ives during his Deputy Mastership, because he believed that in doing so they would feel they were doing their duty, and in discharging their Masonic duty they would have the great advantage of getting a closer personal acquaintance with him. He hoped frequently during the Mastership of General Ives to have the pleasure of attending the Lodge. He again thanked them for the very kind way in which they had received the mention of his name, and said wherever he went throughout the Province of Suffolk he always met with the very kind and hearty welcome which they had extended to him that evening. Bro. the Rev. Dr. Sedgwick proposed the Officers past and present of the Prov. Grand Lodge, and spoke of the gratification he experienced in meeting the Officers at the Prov. Grand Lodge Ipswich. Bro. J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and having referred in eulogistic terms to the Prov. Grand Master, Deputy Prov. Grand Master, and the other Officers, said it was a matter of congratulation that one of the Lodges in the Province had the honour of having a member of the Royal Family to preside over it. Bro. W. Wheeler P.P.G.R. also responded. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn said he felt it a great honour to be asked to propose the health of the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, Bro. H.R.H. the Duke of Albany. He had had the pleasure of knowing His Royal Highness for several years—he had met him many times, and on every occasion had received from him the greatest amount of kindness and courtesy. He considered it was a very distinguished honour for the Royal Clarence Lodge to be able to say that the Duke of Albany was their Worshipful Master, and, as he had tried to explain to them, it was entirely due to their Deputy W.M. Having expressed the hope that during the coming summer His Royal Highness would be able to visit the Lodge, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master said he was quite sure, if he did come, not only would the Royal Clarence Lodge give him the warmest welcome in their power, but the whole Province of Suffolk would try to show how much they appreciated his kindness in having consented to preside over one of their Lodges. They all knew what a lively interest His Royal Highness took in everything that was for the advancement and intellectual welfare of the people of England. He hoped it would please the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him for many years, and that he would never regret having accepted the post of Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge. The toast was drunk with the greatest possible enthusiasm. The Chairman said it would be his pleasing duty to convey to His Royal Highness not only the substance of the remarks of the D.P.G.M., but also to tell him of the exceedingly cordial way in which they had received the mention of his name. Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M., proposed the health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Major-General Cecil Ives, and having spoken of his long connection with Masonry, said the Royal Clarence Lodge was never Royal until now, but it was now Royal indeed. Their Worshipful Deputy Master had the good of the Lodge thoroughly at heart, and they all knew what he had done for the good of that Lodge in particular and Freemasonry in general. He gave them, with all honours, the health of the Deputy Worshipful Master, Major-General Cecil Ives. The Chairman in response said, he felt the kind words and the reception they had given him were quite unmerited, but he assured them that whenever he could do anything for the good of Freemasonry he should be most happy to do it. He acknowledged the great kindness he had received from every member of the Lodge, and trusted he should be able in some degree to merit it during the coming year. Bro. Charles Cooke P.M. proposed the Visitors, coupled with the names of Bro. Elwes, who had come all the way from Lowestoft in order to be with them, and Bro. Jennings of Sudbury. Bro. Elwes, in response, said he felt it a great honour that his name should have been coupled with the toast of the Visitors. He considered it his duty as Master of one of the Lodges in the Province, as soon as he heard that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany had consented to become the W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, to be present at the installation of General Ives, who represented His Royal Highness. He should always remember the kind reception he had met with, and if it should be proposed to hold the Prov. Grand Lodge at Clare, although he felt Lowestoft had a prior claim, he would willingly forego that, and do his utmost to secure the holding of the Lodge at Clare. Bro. Jennings also responded. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn proposed, in eulogistic terms, the health of Bro. C. H. Vincent I.P.M., and expressed the hope that the jewel with which he had been presented would remind him of

the happy days he had spent in the Royal Clarence Lodge. Brother Vincent I.P.M., in response, thanked the Lodge most heartily for the kind manner in which they had acknowledged his humble services during the past year. He was one of the founders of the Lodge, and he felt in attaining the position he had, he was greatly indebted to the Stour Valley Lodge, who kindly initiated him in order that he might take part in the consecration of that Lodge. They would be very pleased indeed if it fell to their lot to entertain Prov. Grand Lodge, and their Worshipful Master the Duke of Albany, who would be sure to receive a right loyal reception. The health of the Officers of the Royal Clarence Lodge having been drunk, Bro. the Rev. B. B. Syer and Bro. Stokoe M.C. responded. The other toasts were hearty good wishes to the Stour Valley Lodge, and the Masonic Charities. The brethren separated at midnight, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

#### SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday, the 19th inst., the brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, for the purpose of considering sundry matters, and to hear read, and if expedient, alter and amend the Bye-Laws as at present constituted. Punctually at the time named the Lodge was opened in due form. There were present Bros. Middlemas, Reynolds, Brinton, Willarsden, Forbes, Hernaman, Reynolds, Wilson, Mansell, Sugden, Bryant, &c. After the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, a protracted discussion arose, the result being that Brother Brinton proposed and Brother Dr. Gross seconded the motion that the consideration of the Bye-Laws be referred to a committee consisting of the Officers and Past Masters of the Lodge, to report thereon previous to the next meeting. After this had for the time been so far settled, sums of money were voted in aid of the Masonic Charities, and to assist a distressed brother who had met with an accident at the installation meeting in the Hall, which had eventuated in the loss of a finger. At rather a late hour the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and an adjournment was made to an adjoining room, in which Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent Road, had in readiness a most excellent substantial repast, which was more than usually appreciated. On the removal of the cloth the toasts were given. These included the Queen and the Craft, the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers present and past; all of which were loyally pledged. The I.P.M. Bro. Mansell then proposed the health of the W.M., who responded in a forcible and eloquent speech, and concluded by proposing the Visitors, alluding more particularly to Brother Grummant who had just gone through his year of office with success. Bro. Grummant, acknowledged the compliment, and expressed the pleasure he had in being present. He knew that the Officers of the Sphinx Lodge were conversant with their duties, and therefore he should have liked to have seen more work done in the temple that evening. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge, and most feelingly alluded to the fact that his only son, who had been out of health for a considerable time, acting under medical advice, was at that moment in New Zealand. When the fact of his intended and enforced voyage was bruited abroad, several brethren consulted him in reference thereto, among whom was their respected P.M. Sugden, who has friends residing in that Colony. He (the W.M.) knew no one there, and therefore was delighted to learn that on the landing of his son he would be received by friends. This was a fact, inasmuch as his son found himself among those who treated him as a relative in every respect. He read a letter received that day from New Zealand, which expressed the unreserved kindness his son had received on all sides from brethren. This, added the W.M., was one of the outcomes of Freemasonry, and had made an impression on his mind which would remain indelibly written for all time. After alluding to other matters, the toast was pledged, and P.M.'s Mansell, Sydney, and Bryant responded. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge, whom he eulogised in warm terms for the manner in which they discharged their respective duties. Bros. Reynolds, Forbes, and Wilson responded. At intervals several of the brethren gave some excellent songs and recitations. Altogether a most agreeable evening was spent. The proceedings closed with the Tyler's toast, at a late hour.

#### UNITED SERVICE LODGE, No. 1428.

THE annual installation meeting of the second oldest Lodge in this borough was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, on 16th inst., when there was present a large gathering of the members of the Craft. The outgoing W.M. (Councillor H. Croucher), in an admirable manner, installed his successor, Mr. John Buck, and was greeted with hearty applause by the members on the completion of his term of office. The newly-installed Master then appointed and invested the following members as his Officers:—Bros. Henry Croucher I.P.M., F. Sanders S.W., W. Gunnell J.W., J. T. Craven Treasurer, C. W. Rand Secretary, J. S. Dyer M.C., Wm. Bentell S.D., A. W. Hewett J.D., J. H. Bracey I.G., Thomas J. Faber Organist, W. E. Leamy and J. Hewitson Stewards. The brethren then adjourned to a *recherché* banquet in the spacious banquetting hall of the premises, when the customary toasts were given, and a very enjoyable evening was spent.

Amongst interesting events that have been celebrated during the week are the installation meetings of the Industry, No. 186; the Prudent Brethren, No. 145; the Gladsmuir, No. 1385. We will give reports next week.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday last. Bro. Sainte W.M., Walker J.W. and Sec., Haynes S.W., Rich S.D., Valentine J.D., Bonrne I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Roberts, Daniel, Goodman, Marshall, Greenhut, Hagland. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Greenhut candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first and second sections, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Greenhut 27, Goodman late 211, Hagland 317, were elected members. Bro. Haynes was appointed W.M. for ensuing Tuesday.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—The usual weekly meeting was held at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday. Bros. G. Bolton W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Greener J.W., J. J. Hatchings Preceptor, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Penrose S.D., Catt J.D., Ingram I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with the same candidate. Lodge was closed to the first degree, and after other business, was closed in due form.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 18th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., F. Botley S.W., Weeden J.W., Tucker Treasurer, Cammell S.D., C. Botley J.D., Snee I.G.; also Bros. Birch, Wing, Turner, Strong and Sperring. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tucker candidate; and that of raising, Bro. Sperring candidate. Bro. Wing 1585 was elected a member. Bro. F. Botley was appointed Worshipful Master for 25th January.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Smyth W.M., Robinson S.W., Jenkins J.W., T. Clark S.D., Baker J.D., Clark I.G., Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. acting Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Macklin, Watkinson, Christian, Willson, East, Caperoe, Dignam, Banister, Polak, Oly. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Macklin candidate. Bros. Caperoe and East answered the questions leading to the second degree and retired from the Lodge. It was then opened in the second and third degrees, and resumed to the second. Bro. Wardell, in the absence of the Preceptor, rehearsed the ceremony of installation, installing Bro. Murphy into the chair of K.S., who afterwards invested his Officers. Bro. Wardell then gave the addresses in a most perfect manner. Bro. Robinson was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing week.

**Burgoyne Lodge of Instruction, No. 902.**—At Bro. Austin's, Victoria Hotel, 25 Charterhouse-street, E.C., on Wednesday. Bros. Jefferys W.M., Bundy S.W., Cross J.W., Williams S.D., Castell J.D., Bean I.G., Frost Preceptor, Field M.C., Batty Secretary, and several other brethren. After all formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and a candidate as W.M. elect was presented and duly obligated. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the installation ceremony ably rehearsed. The W.M. invested his officers in usual Masonic form; the addresses were well delivered by the Installing Master, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Jefferys had performed the ceremony.

**Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.**—On Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Rhodes S.W., Brock J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Western J.D., Treadwell I.G., &c. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Simons candidate. Bros. Turner, Simons, and Youngusband answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was called off and on, and closed in the second degree. Bro. Rhodes S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for Monday, 4th February. Bro. Garrud, No. 1677, was elected a member. On Monday next, 28th January, Bro. Hurdell I.P.M. Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, will rehearse the ceremony of installation. A good assemblage of the brethren is invited on that occasion to support Brother Hurdell.

**Ravensbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 1601.**—Held at Bro. Walter Smith's, George Inn, Lewisham, on Tuesday, 22nd instant. Bros. Walter Smith W.M., Charles Lamb S.W., Hughes J.W., Williams S.D., Robson J.D., Atkins I.G., Shaw P.M. and Preceptor, Batty Secretary, and other brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Later on, the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Shaw, by whom the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. The W.M. closed the Lodge in the third and second degrees. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the following brethren for very handsome presents made to the Lodge:—Bros. Wadsworth 1790, Tracing Boards; Bonner 1601, Warden's Columns; Ovenden 700, Tripod and Rough and Perfect Ashlar; Smith 902, Gavels; Shaw 834 Officers' Collars; Lucroft 871, Pedestals; Wright 1601, and Carline S.W. 1601, Officers' Jewels; West 548, Sounding Boards; Atkins 1790, Ancient Dirk; Tuck 834, Plated Square and Compasses for V.S.L.; Batty 902, V.S.L.; Broadbridge 1790, 24 inch Gauge and Compasses. The above articles are of superior quality and workmanship, nearly all having been made specially for the Lodge. The labours of the evening having been ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

**FUNERALS.**—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

## ARCHITECTURAL.

THE mentally cultured Freemason, of any degree, whether or not in religious faith or opinion a Christian, finds food for thought in the contemplation of Temple and Church structure. The analogies that symbolically link or draw parallel with material and spiritual, or character building, are so plain, if apprehended, so significant and instructive, that one of the undisguised, although guarded, purposes of the noble Order and Brotherhood, is to uphold a banner of progress on which, if lettered or not, may be read, *The Master Builder Works for Eternity*.

Presumably, the Mason, who, on occasion, wears a memorial plume of a modern knight, feels a peculiar, possibly a poetic, interest in architecture as an art of arts, which, almost equally with printing, is a "preservative of art."

In general terms, architecture is superstructure of whatever form or "style." It must rest on a foundation or base, whether upon rocks of the Cyclades as nature laid them, on the pressed sands of Tadmor, or on artificial and mechanical masonry, deep and firm. It may have been sculptured of the marble of Paros, with its exquisite waxy granulation, almost imperishable in texture, or of classic Pentelic, whiter and firmer still; it may be modernly constructed of Carrara, or of American Berkshire stone; it may be granite, or perishable sandstone.

Definitively the design and the result of material construction, architecture is also, in completion, a triumph of thought and strength. One of the necessary phases and expressions of civilisation, it also is the one art that, both in detail and perfection symbolizes the templed universe and all its features. The humblest human builder symbolizes the Almighty Architect and Worker.

The monosyllable arc, with or without the third consonant, *arc* or *arch*, suggest many images. The archons, of Greece, were chief magistrates; the high priest of the Persian fire worshippers was an archmagus; historic records of nations and the repositories for them are archives; archery is the use of the bow and arrow; a chimney "mantel piece" is, as well as that section of an entablature that rests on the columns, an architrave.

The pensive imagination may invest the rudest arch of stone with eloquent grace. In Grecian fable, the Cyclopean wall of unhewn and uncemented stones was religiously idealized.

The derivation of *arch* seems long to have been accepted as signifying beginning, or chief. Its use to designate cunning, as in Italian phrase, is a singular contradistinction.

Again, the use of the prefix in *architecture* appears to be arbitrary although dignified. The foundation of an edifice is *beginning* and *chief*, literally, if not visually. Herein we must reason by an inversion of ideas, or a metaphysical flexibility which concludes that an architectural accomplishment of a design, a superstructure upon a foundation, is an *excess* of the beginning, the *chief* above the base.

Hebrew and Christian have believed that church and temple architecture was primitively of divine origin and revelation. To the chosen people the Temple was built by Jehovah. No cabalist of the Jews would have dared other explanation of its mystery.

An earnest and scholarly critic has said: "Gothic architecture is emphatically Christian Architecture, either from a historic or a symbolic point of view." Acceding to this statement, the student may recognise positive distinctions or differences between temple and church building, in their earliest and not heathen expression.

The beauty and the awful grandeur of divine thought and teaching manifested in the Temple of Solomon and Hiram is, after intervening ages, more inconceivable to the imagination than was the typical scope of its truth to the simple and trusting Levite priests, the wise king and the Tyrian architect. Pagans, in time, attempted to copy its form and proportions—its spirit they knew not. Even the temple built at Samaria, a supposed imitation of Solomon's Temple, was heathen and Christian, to use the most modern term for the one true religion.

This "heaven-descended temple," as Templar Knights believe, was God's perpetuation of types expressive of eternal truths, thus given in substantial form to man. It was also a prefiguration and an educator.

The calm, colossal repose of the Athenian Parthenon has been, perhaps, as incomprehensible to multitudes of would-

be scholars as the Temple at Jerusalem. Each structure was a thought and right centre of its own proud nationality in the early scale of civilisation. Although now, to the Christian mind, the origin and significance of one structure seems to have been more mystical than the other, both were mighty expressions of immortal life.

The peripteral masses of the Parthenon, ante-dating Masonic history, made a *square* chamber in architecture for ever magnificent—super-grand. Those Doric columns have inspired artists and poets of all ages since the Grecian "Golden," when statues of mythological deities and heroes were enshrined in hollow trees, or under canopies of verdure, when trees were God's first temples on earth.

The Majesty of Solemon's Temple has been called overwhelming by art scholars. "It exerted that power of subduing and winning, which all true beauty," and all beautiful truth exert, whether the force and the influence be by the individual recognised or not.

A competent judge has declared that only the purely Doric *style*, which admitted inner Ionic columns, ought to be called Grecian Architecture—the Order of Greece. "The real Greek never thought of building a large temple in other than the Doric." A single instance is mentioned of a Grecian consecrated (heathen) edifice wherein windows were constructed; namely the triple temple on the Acropolis, "in itself a piece of sacred symbolism," built with three windows.

Egyptian scholars have found the Doric prototype in an earlier civilisation than the Hellenic; and the Ionic seems to have originated in the Assyrian. The Corinthian, later, chiefly resulting from the two first named, is poetically styled "the dream of Calimachus." The pathetic picture from which a sculptor of this name invented the acanthus-twined capital is well known.

Only one temple with exterior Ionic columns is mentioned as having been erected by the real Greeks. This exception is peculiarly interesting to intelligent Masons. It stood on the island of Teos, consecrated to heathen religious rites. "Though very beautiful, it was not large."

At some period, unknown to the writer, this edifice was employed by Freemasons for Lodge purposes. "Its style and porches were similar to the triple-temple at Athens, with variety of detail."

"The porticoes of the Literary Halls of the College of New Jersey represent the two ends of that architectural gem of Teos, so far as it could be shown under the circumstances."

An anonymous writer, evidently not a Mason, said, twenty years ago: "If the society (Order) of Freemasons should desire a place of common gathering to hold their great conclaves, a peripteral like Diana of the Ephesians might not be much out of place, but even that would excite the pity of a real, cultivated Greek."

It appears that this pleasantry alludes to the supposed inconsistency of classing that "world's wonder," the Temple of Diana at Ephesus, in the Ionic Order of Architecture.—*Masonic Review*.

Bro. Charles Greenwood jun., Past Prov. G. Registrar Surrey, was, on the 18th inst., elected, by a large majority, Vestry Clerk of the parish of St. Saviour's, Southwark. Some nine months since our esteemed Bro. was elected Vestry Clerk of the adjoining parish of Christ Church, and it may be remarked here that these are the only parishes where the office of Vestry Clerk is kept up in the Borough of Southwark. We congratulate Bro. Greenwood on his appointment.

The Province of Surrey is much to be congratulated on the celebration which occurred at Reigate last Saturday. Perhaps such incidents have never before concurred as the fiftieth anniversary of a Lodge and the fiftieth year of the initiation in the same Lodge of its Worshipful Master. But such was the case last Saturday; the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall Past Grand Chaplain and Master of the Surrey Lodge, No. 416, enters on the fifty-first year of Masonry next June. The late Lord Monson initiated him, and the brethren elected him in 1875, and again last year, as their Master. There was a grand gathering at the festival of Saturday, and the work of the Lodge was splendidly done. Brother Lees, the Secretary, initiated his nephew, and Brother Lloyd, the Immediate Past Master, delivered the "antient charge" and the lecture of the tracing board in exceptional style. The Master presented the Lodge with a silver loving cup; Brother Thompson gave eight chairs to match the Master's and Wardens' chairs given by the late Lord Monson; and Brother Lees, the Secretary, presented a history of the Lodge. A more delightful meeting could not have been held, and all the brethren thoroughly appreciated the efforts of the Past Masters and Officers whose exertions had made it a great success.—*Evening News*.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

We shall be obliged if the Secretaries of the various Lodges throughout the Kingdom will favour us with a list of their Days of Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

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## SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- 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, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1670—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 R.A. 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone  
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 70—Pythagorean, Shio Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-Jane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1480—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield  
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 149—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough  
 R.A. 180—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.  
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle  
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse  
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare  
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 111—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 189—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1321—Emblematic, Rose, Jermyn Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1411—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road  
 1416—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Finsbury, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plainerton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 R.A. 418—Staffordshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley

## WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crownndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Popoin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 902—Burgoyne, 25 Charterhouse Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1534—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmor St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 994—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester  
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

## THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 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)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masora's Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1632—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. (Instru.)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 986—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull  
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal  
 R.A. 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth  
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

## FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 107—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instru.)  
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 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)  
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lowndes-hall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wreckin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford  
 83—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal

1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax  
 R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth  
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

### SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1024—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1049—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acro Lane, Brixton  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

## MARK MASONRY.

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### PORCHESTER LODGE, No. 27.

AT the quarterly meeting of the members of this Lodge of Mark Master Masons, held at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, on Friday afternoon, the 18th inst., Bro. Edmund S. Mackrill, of the Longleat Lodge, Warminster, was advanced to the Mark degree, the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Bance P.M. The Senior Warden of the Lodge (Bro. Geo. J. Cosburn) was then installed as Worshipful Master for the ensuing twelvemonths by the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master (Bro. Charles Stephens, of Reading, High Sheriff of Berks for 1884), after which the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. F. H. Lyon, M.D., I.P.M., Head S.W., Plenty J.W., Stephen Knight M.O., Montagu Palmer S.O., George Boyer J.O., Head Treasurer, Marychurch Secretary, Walter Graham Registrar of Marks, E. S. Mackrill Organist, W. T. Toms S.D., S. G. Hunt J.D., Bance M.C., Hamlen I.G., Dodd Tyler. The thanks of the brethren were presented to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for having visited the Lodge and installed the W.M., and also to Bros. E. Margrett and S. Bradley, of Reading, for the assistance they had rendered in carrying out the ceremonies. The Worshipful Master read letters he had received from a number of distinguished Mark Masons, expressing their regret that previous engagements prevented their attendance, and wishing the Worshipful Master and the Lodge a happy and prosperous year of office, the writers included the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon and the Rev. Canon Portal Past Grand Masters, the Right Hon. the Earl of Jersey Provincial Grand Master, Bros. Donald M. Dewar Assistant Grand Secretary, T. J. Pulley Provincial Grand Secretary, the Worshipful Masters of other Mark Lodges in the Province, and other brethren. The Lodge business, which occupied upwards of two hours, having terminated, the brethren adjourned to the Queen's Hotel and partook of a banquet served in a most satisfactory style by Bro. Hamlen. The tables were adorned with a profuse display of the choicest flowers, and the room had been tastefully decorated with evergreens, flowers, and Masonic emblems by Mr. S. Knight jun., of Cheap-street. There were present in addition to the brethren named, Bro. F. G. Hall (who has been a member of the Porchester Lodge since the date of its consecration in 1858, and whose health was drank in connection with the toast of the Founders of the Lodge), Bro. G. M. Knight P.M., &c. The toasts of the Grand Officers and also the Provincial Grand Officers past and present were duly proposed by the W.M. and honoured, and the health of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master was drank with much enthusiasm, Bro. Stephens being warmly thanked for his valuable services as Installing Master. Bro. Stephens assured the brethren that it had afforded him great pleasure to re-visit the Porchester Lodge and instal as W.M. Bro. Cosburn, whom he had known for many years. He felt quite satisfied from his knowledge of Bro. Cosburn that whatever duty he undertook he would endeavour to perform to the best of his ability, and that under his presidency the Porchester Lodge would enjoy a pleasant and prosperous year. The health of the I.P.M. (Bro. Lyon) and the W.M. (Bro. Cosburn) were respectively proposed in complimentary terms, and suitably acknowledged. Bro. Margrett Past Grand Deacon of England ably proposed the Mark Benevolent Fund, to which Bro. Bance P.M. replied. To the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Bradley W.M. Leopold Lodge responded. The health of the newly-advanced candidate (Bro. Mackrill) was cordially drank; as was also that of the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, who severally returned thanks. Some capital songs were well rendered, and the company separated shortly before eleven o'clock, having spent a most pleasant evening.

General Lord Wolseley has been offered, and has accepted, the Senior Wardenship of the Wolseley Lodge at Manchester, which was consecrated on 28th March last year. Lord Wolseley will visit the city during the spring, to be invested.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the 19th inst. Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Ashton S.W., Sheppard J.W., G. Ferrar S.D., Parkes J.D., Turner I.G., Percy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Fenner, Woolveridge, Payne, Weeden, Dixie, Recknell, Williams, Cross and Powell. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Cross offered himself as a candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Dixie, as candidate, was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Dixie worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ashton was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Sheppard, of the Highgate Lodge, No. 1366, was elected a member. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 26th inst., at 8 o'clock, when the Lodge will close at 9.15, and the Masonic Association in connection will hold its third monthly meeting. Any brother wishing to join is invited to attend, or to communicate with the Secretary, Bro. R. Galer, 12 Green Lanes, N.

**Euphrates Lodge of Instruction, No. 212.**—Held at the Mother Red Cap, Camden Town, Monday, 21st inst. Bros. Trick W.M., Underwood S.W., Wilson J.W., Recknell S.D., Chamberlaine J.D., Besley I.G., Galer Preceptor; also Bros. Gregory P.M., May P.M., Wood, O'Donnell, Boyden and Finch. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was very efficiently rehearsed, Bro. Bowden candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and was called off and on. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed, Bro. O'Donnell candidate. Bro. Gregory P.M. of St. Martin's Le Grand Lodge 1538 and Bro. Besley of the Emulation Lodge 1505 were elected members. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Monday, the 18th inst. at 8 p.m.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—A meeting of this Lodge of Instruction will be held in Bro. Myers's Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel-road, on Monday evening, the 28th of January, at seven p.m. punctually, on which occasion the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren:—Bros. W. Musto P.M. 1349 W.M., B. Cundick P.M. 1421 S.W., W. McDonald W.M. 1445 J.W., W. H. Myers P.M. 1445 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Kimbell, Hirst, C. Robson, West, Pavitt, McDonald. Second Lecture—Dale, B. Cundick, Musto jun., Richardson, Myers. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Stephens. Those brethren who are opposed to Lodges being held at publichouses, should avail themselves of this opportunity. Bro. Myers deserves, and doubtless will receive, the thanks of the brethren for the opportunity he affords the brethren of attaining proficiency in Masonic knowledge.

**Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922.**—At the Station Hotel, Camberwell New-road. The above Lodge, which was started last winter by several members of the mother Lodge, re-opened their session on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when the W.M., Bro. J. S. Eidmans, was supported by Bros. J. D. Johnson I.P.M., Smith S.W., Thompson J.W., R. J. Paton Secretary, E. H. Norden S.D., C. Sims I.G.; also Bros. Johnson P.M., Forster P.M., Gardner, Treacher and Temple. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Johnson worked the second and third sections of the lecture. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Temple acting as candidate. Seven brethren were proposed as members of the Lodge, and elected. The brethren returned thanks. Lodge was then closed.

The following Festivals were held at Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 26th January:—

21st January—Rose Lodge Ball, Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, Caledonian Society (Stewards), Mount Moriah Lodge Audit, Furniture Brokers; 22nd—Royal Savoy Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Lodge of Industry, Lodge of Prudent Brethren, Urban Lodge Audit; 23rd—Lodge of Antiquity; 24th—London Ross-shire Ball, St. George's Chapter, Grenadiers' Lodge, Mount Moriah Lodge, Polish Chapter; 25th—Caledonian Society Festival, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge; 26—Stella Cricket Club Ball; London, Chatham, and Dover Railway Employés.

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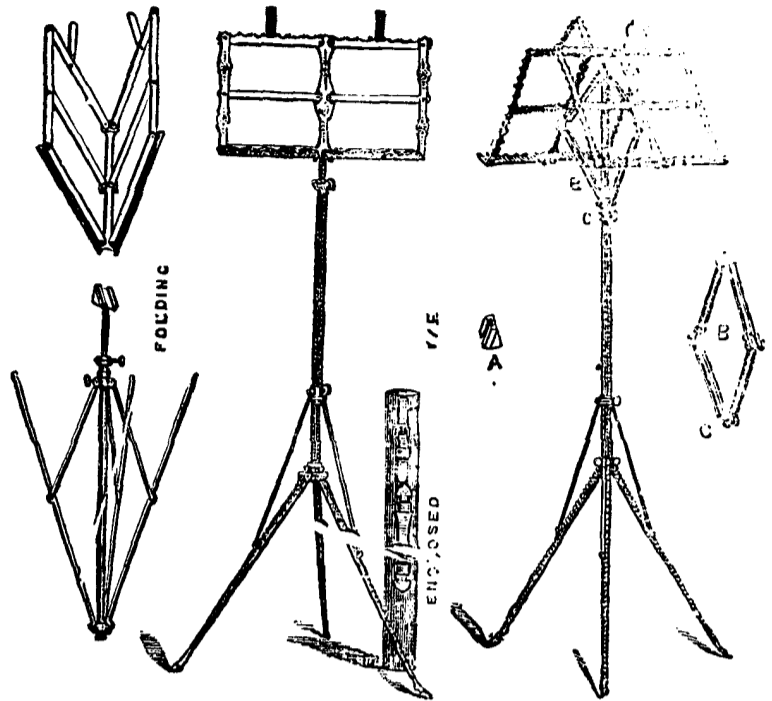
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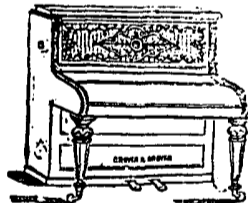
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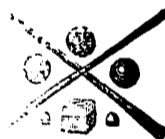
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