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## THE APPROACHING ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE first election of the year in connection with the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys takes place on Monday, the 21st instant, on which occasion twenty-three vacancies will be filled from a list of fifty-two candidates.\* As usual, the number who will be turned away "unsuccessful" after this Election is greater than is the case with the Sister Institution, for whereas there we find, as we pointed out last week, that about two-thirds of the candidates will be elected, here there will be considerably over one-half of those seeking admission rejected, on account of the inability of the Institution to provide them with the necessaries of life. Still, we have reason to be proud of what the Committee, backed up by the generosity of the Craft, are able to do, and feel we may congratulate the subscribers to the School, both on the number of vacancies and the comparatively speaking small number of applicants. Of the fifty-two candidates five are parentless; one a member of a family of six, two of five each, and two are the only children dependent. No. 48, Harry Protheroe Jones, is the lad who, with five other children, form the dependent family of the late Bro. R. P. Jones. Six children left to the care of friends, unprovided for, fatherless and motherless, is a claim which few can pass over without experiencing a feeling of sympathy for them in their helpless position, and yet, alas, how few are there who are in a position to help them? Were it not for our Schools and similar Institutions established throughout the kingdom, such families would frequently sink beyond all hope of recovery, whereas, with assistance to one or more of the number, all may be raised to a position, not only of ultimate independence, but of great utility to the world at large. The lad Jones has staunch friends in the Masonic brethren of his father's Province—Northamptonshire; and we only hope, for the sake of the six parentless children, and for the sake of maintaining the good name of Masonic Benevolence, that it may be possible to speedily obtain such a number of votes as will place him on the books of the Institution. No. 13, Thomas Edwin Pawsey, and No. 19, Harry Robert Graves, are little, if any, better off. They each form one of families of five dependent parentless children. The former is accredited to the Masonic Province of Somerset; he has already stood three elections, and now brings forward a total of 510 votes. The latter (Graves) now appears for the third time, with 25 votes already polled on his behalf. No. 21, William Ernest Habgood, third application, has a sister in the Girls' School, and is himself, at the present time, the only member of the family unprovided for. He is accredited to Devon, and brings forward 128 votes. No. 41, John Doyley, is the other parentless child—the only one of the family dependent. His father was initiated in a New Zealand Lodge, but beyond that fact we can gather nothing of his Masonic career from the ballot paper.

The last application cases are five in number. No. 1, Charles Brown Cummings, now comes forward for the seventh time with but 110 votes already polled on his behalf. His father is still living, and no reason is given as

to why the case is considered eligible. It seems very hard that this lad, and others, should suffer in order to benefit those who come after them; but we wish we could induce all brethren to withhold their votes from cases where no particulars are furnished why a child is considered eligible during the lifetime of the father. Doubtless, a good answer can be given. Why, then, should not all the subscribers be in possession of it? Such particulars would remove a doubt which is occasionally expressed as to whether the candidates for the Institutions are really worthy or otherwise. No. 5, Arthur Frederick Williams, one of three fatherless children, stands a fairly good chance on this, his fifth and last application, as he comes to the poll with 2173 votes to his credit. It would, indeed, be unfortunate if he were not elected; but his is just one of those cases in which hard work is needed, as most of his friends, imagining him safe, will give their votes to others, with the result, perhaps, of leaving him out in the cold after all. No. 27, Arthur Blunt, one of seven children left to the care of a widowed mother, secured 1322 votes at the election in October last—a result which augurs well for his ultimate success. No. 38, Harry P. O. Gloster, a candidate for the second time, has 245 votes to his credit, he is one of five dependent children. Great efforts will be needed to secure his election, but we suppose those who have the case in hand have some reasonable hope of success, or they would not have risked the loss of so many votes as were polled last time.† No. 40, Edward Bramble Green, completes the last application list; his is a first appeal, the case being accredited to the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight. He is one of nine fatherless dependent children.

There are ten children dependent both in the case of No. 9, Reginald Beaumont, and in that of No. 30, John A. M. Bailey, but in each case both parents are living, and no reason being assigned why the cases are deemed eligible (in face of the many who are left without either father, or father and mother) it is best, from our point of view, to omit any further reference to them. We want a reason given why the children of a living brother are deemed dependent, and until it is supplied we can do no service for such candidates, even if they are really deserving, except by simply mentioning them. We shall be glad if those brethren who take the same view on this subject will unite with us in endeavouring to bring about an alteration. The same remarks apply to No. 6, Alfred Pratt, whose parents also are both living, while in this case the lad has a sister in the Girls' School.

No. 22, Benjamin M. Hildred, one of eight fatherless children, brings forward 167 votes from the two elections of last year. He also has a sister in the Girls' School.

Seven children dependent, are the details given in four cases, three of them old candidates and one fresh. No. 11, Frederick F. Colman, fourth application, has 1339 votes to his credit; No. 18, James P. Seagrave, third application, 649, and No. 39, Stanley W. Gibson, second application, 8. The other, No. 46, Frank Perkins, is the fresh candidate. A widowed mother left with six children is given as the reason for appealing, in the case of No. 31, Arthur Warner, who polled 157 votes last October; also in those of No. 42, Stanley C. Dawson, and No. 49, Donald F. G. McGill, both first applications.

\* The ballot papers issued for this Election contain the names of fifty-three candidates; but that number has been reduced by the withdrawal of No. 38, Harry Percy Owen Gloster.

† Since the above was written, this lad's application has been withdrawn, as already announced in an earlier portion of this article.

No. 4, Richard William Delafons, one of five fatherless children still dependent on their mother, brings forward 1049 votes on this, his fifth application. He has many friends in the Masonic world, and will no doubt eventually secure enough votes to place him within the coveted portals of the School. He has a sister in the Girls' Institution. No. 12, Reginald A. L. Mitchell, also one of five dependent children, has stood three elections, but so far has but 8 votes to his credit. The father served the office of W.M. in his mother Lodge. No. 17, Herbert J. Mc. L. Lillywhite, has 217 votes to the good from the two contests in which he has taken part; we gather from the remarks on the list, that this lad's father is still living, though, being paralysed, he is incapacitated from earning a livelihood for himself and family. No. 20, Frederick T. Davis, from the Eastern Division of South Wales, has two votes to show for the two elections in which he has taken part. There is little fear, however, of his being left in the cold if there is any possibility of the brethren of his father's Province taking his case in hand. No doubt his time will come, and then, in all probability, his mother will be repaid for having waited. No. 24, Albert E. Crutchett, has even less to show for his two elections, as he has but one vote standing to his credit; his case is a Devonshire one, and no doubt his turn for support from that Province is already decided upon. Let us hope it may come ere the limit of age law excludes him from the contests. No. 34, James C. Besly, a London candidate, has been somewhat more fortunate as regards votes, he having had 161 polled on his behalf at the last election; that number, however is but a very small modicum of what will eventually be needed. He has a sister in the Girls' School; but this statement has, through an error, been omitted from the Balloting Paper. No. 37, Ernest H. Anderson, also a second application case, has three votes to his credit; while the other, and last of this series, No. 51, Frank K. Manning, is a new application.

Seven of the remaining candidates are members of families of four dependent, while one other is described as being of a family of which three are wholly, and two partially unprovided for. Of these, No. 10, John E. Walters, a fourth application case, has a sister in the Girls' School, and has himself polled 887 votes for the Boys'. No. 23, Robert H. Whiting, stands as good a chance of election as any one of the fifty-two candidates, from the fact that he has 2181 votes already polled. This will be the third ballot in which he has taken part, and no doubt the last he will need to attend. His case is accredited to Kent. No. 28, John S. B. Allan, polled 5 votes last October; No. 29, James A. Gore, 86 votes; No. 32, Lionel B. J. Manby, 633 votes; No. 33, Charles B. Cooper, 242 votes; and No. 36, William F. Sharland, 219 votes, all on the same occasion. Perhaps it is wrong for us to refer, in such an article as this, to our personal acquaintances, but we cannot allow the name of Manby (No. 32) to pass us without recalling old times. This lad's father was among the first to enrol his name on the list of subscribers to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and his orders reached us half-yearly until within a very short time of his decease. Under these circumstances we ask for some little recognition from the readers of our journal to help the orphans of an old and esteemed friend. If any of our readers have votes to spare, we ask them to kindly remember the cause of one who in his lifetime did as much as he was able for those who appealed to him. No. 43, Arthur Moore, is the case we have already referred to, in which, of five children, two only are partially provided for. The present is the first application in this case, which is accredited to Dorset.

It is not our intention to individualise the remaining cases, of which there are sixteen. In twelve of them the families consist of three children. In three there are two dependent, and in the other, the applicant for the benefits of the Boys' School is an only child, for which a widowed mother has to provide. No. 14, Frederick W. Longman, perhaps, requires some notice, his father and mother being both alive, but the former is described as incapacitated, so that our objection to this class of case does not apply. We do not wish to infer, by curtailing our remarks, that some of the cases where three, two, or one child are dependent are not as deserving, or perhaps more so, as are the members of large families, but our space, and perhaps the patience of our readers—although we must remind all that our comments are written in a good cause—has a limit, and we have been obliged to stop. We can only again hope that the most deserving cases will receive

the most support, and that each of the candidates may meet with success as his turn comes.

## THE SCOPE OF MASONRY.

WE do not desire to startle the reader by any remarks that might be justly characterized as unduly laudatory, but we do wish to do justice to Freemasonry, and if in so doing we go beyond the views of some, we trust they will fairly weigh our remarks before they assume to cast them over among the rubbish.

The Masonic Fraternity is a wonderful one in whatever aspect it is viewed, the most wonderful that has come down to mankind through the ages. It is an elect society, and in numbers the elect are a great army. They could do anything they would; they choose to do only that which is for the highest and best advantage of themselves, and at the same time, and only in a less degree, for the advantage of their fellow-men; for whatsoever lifts up, morally and mentally, any class of men, indirectly benefits every other class. It is an ancient society. No one can locate, in time or place, its beginning. It has existed since a time beyond which the memory of man runneth not to the contrary. We find evident landmarks of its existence back through the ages, even where little else is found. There is a charm to many minds in searching for evidences of its material works, and its labours of love. They feel that they are *en route* to an "undiscovered country," from which the traveller may return. They are encouraged by frequent "finds," and they thus go on, enlarging the boundaries of knowledge, and completing the history of the Craft. It is a charitable society, charitable in its best sense. It does not merely dole out pecuniary aid; the world can do that, and often does it. Whenever it gives it gives feelingly, fraternally. In giving to a Brother, it feels that it is giving to itself. All that it has belongs to the Brotherhood, and from its members in distress it can withhold none of its possessions. The charity of Freemasonry is merely incident to its Brotherly Love. It is a moral society. Its morality is that of the First Great Light. All of its symbols and working-tools are instrumental in teaching its "beautiful system of morality." It does not supplant the church; it assumes only to be the "handmaid of religion." But it is a powerful ally. Its teaching is always and everywhere the same, and always and everywhere for good morals. It is an intellectual society. The philosophic system of Freemasonry, in its principles and teachings, is to the thoughtful observer its most remarkable characteristic. There seems practically to be no end to the beauty, force and variety of its philosophic systems. Men of the largest culture and the profoundest thought find pleasure and profit in its studies. No one can give it attention without having the field of his reflections enlarged, and deriving intellectual pleasure of the highest character. The many may be satisfied with the spectacular exhibition of what is termed the "work of the floor." Even this they may see without comprehending more than its merest surface-meaning. In doing so they throw away opportunities for the most satisfying and delightful instruction. Indeed, it is scarcely too much to say, that they gather the husk and throw away the corn. This is owing, in part, to the Officers of the Lodges, and other Masonic bodies, themselves. They do not explain, they do not illustrate. But this knowledge, which the Brethren cannot at times gather within the tyled doors, is not all contraband. Some of it, at least, nay, much of it, may be found in the acknowledged literature of the Craft. Freemasonry now has a literature of which it may justly be proud. The Proceedings of its different Grand bodies, and the Reports on Foreign Correspondence therein contained, are replete with instruction. The published works of such Brethren as Mackey, Fort, Lyon, Woodford, Hughan and Gould, are worthy of the most careful reading. They give facts and principles that are truly Masonic. They are logical, accurate and entertaining. The Brother who has them in his Masonic library has an unfailing source of literary pleasure. He may know all of Freemasonry, and thereby become a complete Freemason. He becomes also, as a consequence, practically more regular and punctual in his attendance on his Masonic bodies, and more useful as a member. He is an intelligent member. He advises wisely, and acts promptly. He not only knows the work, but he understands its meaning. He comprehends the entire scope of Freemasonry. To

him it is no longer a mystery. It should not be a mystery to any of its members. Yet, alas, how many Master Masons are there in name, that are only Entered Apprentices in fact. They have been "brought to light," but afterwards have wandered into darkness. You must remain in the light, and use that light, if you would receive its proffered advantages. Welcome the day when initiates shall no longer *play* Masonry, but fairly and honestly *work* it. It is not a plaything. It is not a show. It is a Fraternity with unlimited capacities for enlarging the understanding, purifying the heart, and elevating the character of its Brethren, while at the same time it ministers to the healthy development of their social and convivial propensities. Whoever forgets this, or neglects it, voluntarily resigns a part of his noble heritage as a Craftsman.—*Keystone.*

## MISCELLANEOUS SUBJECTS.

By BRO. JACOB NORTON.

WITHOUT circumlocution I shall proceed to throw out a few hints upon several disconnected topics.

1st. A Massachusetts judge and P.D.G.M., after reading in this journal of 23rd February the comments of Bro. Q. upon my letter in the previous number, remarked, "With Q.'s mode of reasoning, he could prove anything and everything." The mere facts of Cox's Deputation of 1730, and the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia soon after, does not necessarily prove that the authority of the latter was derived from the former. Within three weeks Bro. MacCalla discovered a record extending from 24th June 1731 to 1738. This discovery proves (what no one hitherto doubted) the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1731. Brother MacCalla further informed me that he hopes to discover soon the charter of Henry Bell's Lodge. But as the said record is minus of the name of Cox, and of £2 10s paid for a warrant, the legitimacy of the Lodge is still doubtful. When, therefore, Bro. MacCalla will produce his hoped for charter, then I shall cheerfully congratulate him, thank him for it, and I will beg him a thousand pardons too. But until then, *I cannot put faith in any one's mere hopes.*

2nd. To show that I am not ashamed of acknowledging an error, I freely confess that the statement I made in a subsequent letter, that the Grand Lodge of England had no Chaplain before 1813, was wrong. My reason for that supposition arose from the following cause. About fourteen years ago I copied, from the 1784 Constitution, the list of Grand Officers from 1717 to 1784; this list is minus of a Chaplain. After which I learned from several publications, of 1762 and later, that the *Moderns* used no prayers in their Lodges. The records here in Boston of the last century (as already explained) seem to confirm the statements in the said publications; hence, I came to the above conclusion. But a few days after I mailed the letter, I wrote to Bro. Henry Sadler that I found that in 1775 Dr. Dodd was appointed Grand Chaplain. Upon further research, I found that Dr. Dodd was, for well known reasons, expelled in 1777. In 1781, there was again a Chaplain among the Officers of your Grand Lodge, which was, however, discontinued in the ensuing years, to the end of the volume. But after all, it is evident that the Grand Lodge of England had no permanent Chaplain before 1813; then, and then only, the Chaplain became a constitutional officer of the Grand Lodge.

3rd. Anderson, in the 1738 Constitution, ascribes the preliminary meeting of the Four Lodges to the year 1716. Preston has it February 1717. It is possible that Anderson meant according to the *Old Style*. But where did Preston learn that the said first meeting of the four Lodges took place in February?

4th. Some years ago I was hunting for information about the birth and death of our Dr. Anderson. Among other books I consulted Chambers's Scotch Biographical Dictionary. I believe it consisted of four volumes, and to the best of my recollection there was very little in it about Dr. Anderson. Recently I consulted the second edition of that work, viz., of 1854, and therein I found something new, that is, it was new to me. First, that he was a brother of Adam Anderson, author of the *Commercial History*. The said Adam was born in 1692 and died in London in 1765. Furthermore (which is new to me), after stating that he (Dr. Anderson) was for many years minister of the Scots Presbyterian Church in Swallow Street, Piccadilly, it goes on thus:—

"And was well known among the people of that persuasion in London by the nick-name of Bishop Anderson. He was a learned but imprudent man, and lost a considerable part of his property from too deep dabbling in the South Sea Scheme."

After some very favourable comments upon Dr. Anderson's work, viz., "*Royal Genealogies*," &c., the writer says, "The dates of this worthy man's birth and death are not ascertained; he lived in a house opposite Saint James Church, Piccadilly." From the *Gentleman's Magazine*, 1739, I afterwards ascertained that Anderson died on 28th May that year. Now, cannot some brother ascertain whether the Presbyterians in those days had a burying ground of their own, or whether they used to be buried in the parish churchyards? and in either case, I think that the grave of our old brother might still be discovered, and the grave-stone may, perhaps, reveal the date of Dr. Anderson's birth. Nay more, the newspapers and magazines of the time of our Dr. Anderson's death may perhaps throw light upon the desired subject.

While writing about Dr. Anderson I was reminded of a photograph of an engraving, said to be a portrait of Dr. James Anderson. The picture looks more like a portrait of a German or French nobleman,

dressed up with an effusion of lace, &c., for the purpose of holding a grand levy; and it certainly does not look like a portrait of a Presbyterian minister. But who knows whether his nick-name of *Bishop* may not have originated from his trying to ape some dandy bishop in wearing gaudy apparel? But be that as it may, I think it is high time to make an effort to learn something more than we know about the author of the original Freemasons' Constitution.

5th. I pointed out in the letter wherein the Chaplain blunder appeared that Solomon Mendez and Benjamin Da Costa were respectively Grand Stewards in 1732 and in 1737, which old brethren, I believed, were Jews. Since then I found that Moses Mendez was Grand Steward in 1738, and about the latter I found a brief sketch in the "*Biographia Dramatica*," Vol. I., Dublin 1782, which I think will not be uninteresting to the general reader.

"MOSES MENDEZ, ESQ. This gentleman was a Jew, and, if I am not mistaken, either a stock broker or a notary public. He was a person of considerable genius, of an agreeable behaviour, and entertaining in conversation, and had a very pretty turn for poetry. He was what poets rarely are—extremely rich—being supposed to be at the time of his death, which happened the 4th day of February 1758, worth one hundred thousand pounds. He wrote three little dramatic pieces, all of which met with good success, and some of the songs in two of them still justly continue favourites with persons of poetical and musical taste."

Mendez's compositions are—1st, *Chaplet, M.E.* (Musical Entertainment), 8vo, 1749; 2nd, *The Shepherd's Lottery, M.E.*, 8vo, 1751; 3rd, *Robin Hood, M.E.* 1751; and 4th, *Double Disappointment, a Farce*, 8vo, 1760. The last was published after his death. From *Alibone's Dictionary of Authors*, I further learned that Moses Mendez was "the friend of Thompson." And that "a collection of his most esteemed pieces of poetry that have appeared for several years, with a variety of originals, was printed in London in 1767, intended as a supplement to Dodsley's collection of poems, in which some of Mendez's poems will be found."

It seems that there was a family connection between the Mendez's and Da Costa's. In the "*Gentleman's Magazine*," Vol. LXXXIII. p 428, I found a letter giving the names of twelve Jewish families, who resided in London in 1663, which the writer copied from a manuscript left by *Moses Mendez Da Costa*, originally copied from the records of the Portuguese Jewish Synagogue. After giving the names of the families, and their respective places of residence, the writer adds:

"Mr. Lyson, in his account of Stepney, mentions Emanuel Mendez Da Costa, as buried in the old burial grounds belonging to the Jews in Mile End-road in 1791, and has also given dates of burial of several other branches of the family." See "*Environ's of London*," Vol. III. p 478.

The above Emanuel Mendez Da Costa was Foreign Secretary to the Royal Society; he was a very learned mineralogist: his recommendation for membership to the above-named Society was signed by the Duke of Montague, Martin Folkes, and five other gentlemen, and is as follows:

"A gentleman, well skilled in philosophical learning and natural knowledge, particularly in what relates to minerals and fossil parts of the creation; one exceedingly diligent in his inquiries, and who by applying himself with great assiduity to the study of Natural History, is likely to be a useful member of the R.S. and a zealous promoter of Natural Knowledge for the advancement of which the same is provided."—*Alibone's "Dictionary of Authors."*

In the same volume of the "*Gentleman's Magazine*," another letter, referring to a communication in the previous October number about an old Hebrew MS. of the thirteenth century, I believe translated by a Mr. Da Costa, and I have every reason to believe that a pedigree of the Da Costa family can be found in the "*Gentleman's Magazine*" in the last century. These items, though not strictly Masonic, have nevertheless a historic value to a Masonic student; for they disprove Oliver's assertion that there were no Jewish Masons before 1752 or thereabouts. Should this meet the eye of a Bro. Mendez or a Da Costa, it may send him hunting for further information. And who knows whether we may not soon read in this journal some further evidence upon this subject from the pen of a lineal descendant of one of the old worthy Hebrew Grand Stewards of 1732, 1737, or 1738?

Boston, U.S., 14th March 1884.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday, 5th inst., Brother Raynham W. Stewart in the chair. Three candidates were placed on the list of "approved" for the October election. Grants of £5 each for outfits were made to four of the former pupils of the Institution, and a conditional grant of £20 was made to another ex-pupil. The results of what had been done by the House Committee in relation to the proposed establishment of a Junior School were communicated. The House Committee recommended the Quarterly Court of next Monday week to adopt the plans and suggestions of Bro. Berridge for a School for fifty boys, while recommendations for the purchase of extra property adjoining the site of the new School were also made, the whole cost coming within the amount placed at the disposal of the Committee by the Craft. Two notices of motion for the Quarterly Court were given before the meeting adjourned. There were present Bros. Dr. Ramsay, Matier, Hunt, Bowyer, Roebuck, Berridge, Hogard, Mann, Williams, Gladwell, Tyrrell, Ruf, Saunders, Dr. Morris, Dicketts, Hacker, Godson, Adlard, Webb, Gillard, Venn, Maple, Massey, Martin, and Belton.

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## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, PHILADELPHIA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad you have reproduced from the *Keystone* the records relating to this Lodge. I do not think they were needed to establish the fact of there having been meetings of the brethren in Philadelphia before 1733, because I think the contemporary evidence previously adduced in support of this is sufficiently strong of itself without farther testimony from other sources. Still these records, as confirmatory of the fact, must possess a very great value, and it seems to me the point which has now to be settled is, as to the trustworthiness of the newly-discovered minutes or accounts. I do not wish any of your readers to imagine that I am disposed to cast doubts on the *Keystone* itself, which has submitted its discovery in perfect good faith. But is the *Keystone* justified in accepting the records, and if so, what are the grounds of the justification? It has so frequently happened that even experts have been deceived in similar circumstances that I must ask your forgiveness for suggesting that what is wanted now is some corroborative evidence of the undoubted value of these new discoveries as records of the years to which they appear to relate. The inventive powers of man are great, and it has again and again happened that worthy people of great ability have been imposed upon by others who possessed far greater ability, but considerably less of the other quality—worth. In short, it is known that archives, like family portraits, have been manufactured and passed off on the unwary as genuine old original records. If it can be established that what the *Keystone* so fully describes are genuine, then the brethren it so worthily represents are to be congratulated.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

"Q."

## THE ST. JOHN'S LODGE LEDGER OF A.D. 1731

We reproduce the following interesting letter from the *Keystone* :—

To the Editor of the *Keystone*.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The great value to the Masonic Fraternity in America of the recently discovered Account Book of one of the several Lodges established in the city of Philadelphia about 1730-31, cannot be too highly estimated.

We have for some years known, without a shadow of a doubt, the following: That Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, was by his own application and that of "several other Brethren residing and about to reside" in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, appointed, on June 5, 1730, Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. By this preamble to the Deputation the fact is established, not by any evidence particularly in this country, but by the highest Masonic authority, the Archives of the Grand Lodge of England, whose Grand Master granted the Deputation, and where the copy was on file in 1863. It is safe to infer that Coxe acted under the powers granted him within a short time after he had received the Deputation, allowing the usual delay of several months for transmission to this country, and we may safely conclude that the Lodge St. John's, whose accounts we have examined, was established late in the fall of 1730, and that William Allen, Button, Thompson, Hart, Nicholson, Emerson, Hart Boude and Pringle, were Masons prior to its formation, and that Benjamin Franklin was the first initiate, as he is charged with an entrance fee.

It has been admitted by Bro. Norton and others, that there was no doubt of the existence of a Lodge in Philadelphia, but they seem to question its legality, or that it was in correspondence or communication with Provincial Grand Master Coxe.

That this Lodge of which the account book has been discovered, was a lawful assemblage of Masons, duly formed into a Lodge as fully and legally as any Masonic Lodge at that day, cannot be to our mind questioned. We think Bro. Norton and others do not bring to mind the state of Masonry from its organisation in 1717 to the date in question. There were no warrants in those days to attest its lawful origin. It will be interesting to know when the first warrants were issued to Masonic bodies—not deputations to individuals or Provincial Grand Lodges, but to Lodges, and the power and authority granted in these first warrants. But for evidence as to the legality of this Lodge under discussion, let us turn to the Coxe deputation.\*

First, Coxe was authorized to constitute the Brethren (Free and Accepted Masons), now residing, &c., into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges, as he shall think fit, or as often as occasion may require. This was authority to open Lodges at any time and place he saw fit, and as often as occasion required. The records of the Grand Lodge of England, 29th January 1731, show that Coxe visited the Grand Lodge, and was greeted as Provincial Grand Master of North

America. Again, we examine the Deputation and find that it was to continue for the period of two years from the Feast of St. John the Baptist, next ensuing after 5th June 1730. In strict accordance with this authority, we find, by the first printed record we have, that on St. John's Day 1732, the Grand Lodge met, and Wm. Allen was elected Grand Master, William Pringle Deputy Master, and Thomas Boude and Benjamin Franklin Wardens. Through the discovery of the account book we are not at a loss to know to what Lodge these Brethren belonged, for in the book we find their accounts, with the dues, &c. Allen's is the second, Pringle's the ninth, Boude's the eight, and Franklin's the tenth account, as therein written.

Again, that this was a regular Lodge is evident from the fact that Franklin reprinted Anderson's Constitution of 1723. If there had not been a sufficient number of Masons here at that time, 1734, Franklin would not have risked the publication of a work that would have been of interest only to Free and Accepted Masons.

Again, further recognition is found on the appointment in 1749, by Thomas Byron, of Benjamin Franklin Provincial Grand Master of Pennsylvania, and in 1750 William Allen presented his commission from the Grand Lodge of England, appointing him Provincial Grand Master.

We find further, from the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, that several of the members whose accounts are recorded were called by election to be Grand Masters of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

The library of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania has the original subscription list of 1754 (March 13), for a fund to build a Masonic Hall by the members of the Grand and first Lodges. Among the subscribers we note the names of William Allen, No. 2 on the list; Thomas Hart, No. 4; Thomas Boude, No. 8; Benjamin Franklin, No. 9; James Hamilton, No. 32; William Plumstead, No. 38; Thomas Bond, No. 35; and Thomas Cadwallader, No. 56, in the account book and ledger.

At the Grand Anniversary and General Communication held in the Lodge-room, Philadelphia, 24th June 1755, we again find the names of Allen, Franklin, Bond, Plumstead, members of the Grand Lodge, Hamilton, Boude and Cadwallader. At this meeting, Bro. William Smith, D.D., delivered the annual sermon before one hundred and thirty Brethren. Bro. Wm. Smith was Grand Secretary for a number of years.

The discovery of the minutes of this Lodge would be of the greatest value to the Craft. We have heard of chests of old books and papers, some Masonic it is said, which the owner, an old man (we cannot learn his name), will not have touched. Death will remove the obstruction some time, and we can then learn if there is anything of value to this Grand Lodge.

There are wanted to complete the history of Masonry in this country the minutes from 1730, "Moderns;" the possession by the Grand Lodge of the Bell letter, which is still in existence we believe; yet that is of no great consequence now, since the old account book has been found; the minutes of Lodge No. 3, from 1758 to 1769; and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, "Ancients," prior to 29th July 1779.

Brethren coming across any old Masonic writings will confer a favour on the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Lodge itself, if they will at once notify any of the committee or the Grand Lodge Officers. Anything bearing marks of antiquity may be of the greatest value.

In reply to many letters, I would say that a personal examination of the St. John's Lodge account book satisfies me that it is one of the most valuable contributions to the past history of Masonry in this city. It furnishes us with the names of the early or first members. It may be the means of finding other important papers, among the descendants of these first members.

Fraternally,

CHARLES E. MEYER, P.M. 295,

Chairman Library Com. G.L. of Pa.

## SUMMER FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The commencement of the holiday season reminds me of a little trouble I and a few others, lovers of nature, occasioned our worthy W.M. last summer. It had been the custom of many of our members, whether good or bad I will not now argue, to attend our Lodge meetings, which are held in a delightful part of the suburbs of London, just long enough to hear the minutes read, and then leave the Master and his Officers to get through the work while we enjoyed ourselves in the open country. This arrangement had continued so long that it was almost looked upon as an institution, when, to our amazement, our new Master expressed his determination to put a stop to it. We resented the innovation and, as I have already said, some little trouble resulted. Since then I and my friends have had time for reflection, and we have come to the conclusion that our new W.M. was right in the main, although we think perhaps he will be able to adopt a happy medium during the coming season, by giving us an hour or two in the fresh air away from the duties of the Lodge and the pleasures of the banquet table. My reason in writing to you, Sir, is, not so much to record our grievances or our reconciliation as it is to ask you if you can suggest a way in which we may perform our duties and yet have time to enjoy ourselves in the fresh air. We do not wish to curtail our Lodge work, that we know should be done thoroughly and with due regard to decency, but are we justified in curtailment the usual speeches? For instance, is it bad taste or does it show any disrespect to ignore all complimentary toasts except perhaps "The Queen and the Craft" "The W.M." and "The Visitors." If we have official sanction for this course of proceeding we think our W.M. will adopt it, and we shall be happy.

I am, yours, &c.

RUSTICUS.

\* See copy of Coxe's and Price's Deputation in Part I., Early History of Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, pages 8, 9 and 10. Prepared by Charles E. Meyer, and published by Library Committee, Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania.

## UNITED GRAND LODGE

OF

## Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

His Royal Highness ALBERT EDWARD, PRINCE OF WALES,  
K.G., &c., &c., &c.,  
MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER.

IN consequence of the much lamented death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, an event which has filled the breast of every Mason with grief, it is ordered that the Grand Lodge and all subordinate Lodges be placed in Masonic mourning for the space of three months from this date.

The mourning to be worn by Brethren individually to be as follows:—

Grand Officers Present and Past—Three Rosettes of Black Crape on the Badges and one at the point of the Chain or Collar just above the Jewel.

Masters, Past Masters, and Master Masons—Three Black Crape Rosettes on Badge.

Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices—Two Black Crape Rosettes at the lower part of the Badge.  
White Gloves.

By Command of the M.W. Grand Master,

SHADWELL H. CLERKE, G.S.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
4th April 1884.

An Especial Grand Lodge will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Thursday, the 24th day of April instant, at Twelve for One o'Clock punctually, to consider and resolve upon Addresses of Condolence on the much regretted death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G., Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, Past Grand Warden, and to arrange for their presentation.

As a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased Duke of Albany, the Supreme Council, 33°, for England, Wales, and the Dependencies of the British Crown, direct that mourning shall be worn in all Rose Croix Chapters under their obedience for a period of three months.

The Rev. Canon G. R. Portal, Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, summoned a Special Grand Lodge at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, for Wednesday afternoon, to adopt addresses of condolence with Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.P.G.M., and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany, on the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany P.G.M.

At the regular meeting of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 309, at Fareham, on Thursday the 3rd inst., the W.M. (the Rev. A. C. Hervey) moved a vote of condolence with H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany.

Amongst the floral tributes sent to Windsor on the occasion of the funeral of the late Duke of Albany was one presented by the Masons of the Province of Oxford through their Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Reginald Bird. It represented the jewel of a Provincial Grand Master, and measured four feet across outer ring; it was composed of choicest white flowers—lilac, lily of valley, eucharis, gardenias, callas, polyanthus, acacia, &c., &c., and maiden hair foliage; the name "Oxon" was composed of forget-me-nots, the centre square and compass with triangle or five pointed star; this latter in forget-me-nots, the compasses golden jonquils, and the square purple violets; the whole surmounted by a very graceful spray of acacia, fully carrying out the traditional history of a Masonic grave. The wreath was a perfect specimen of the Florist's art, and to Masons was specially interesting. It was made by Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co.

## ROYAL CLARENCE LODGE, No. 1823.

MAJOR GENERAL Cecil Ives, D.W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, has received the following communications from Her Majesty and the Duchess of Albany in reply to the resolutions of condolence passed at the last meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge:—

From General the Right Hon. Sir Henry Ponsonby, K.C.B.

[Copy.]

Windsor Castle, April 2nd, 1884.

Dear General Ives,—I am commanded by the Queen to request that you will express to the Officers and Brethren of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons, Her Majesty's sincere thanks for their kind address of condolence.—I am, &c.,

(Signed) HENRY F. PONSONBY.

Major-General Ives, D.M., Moyns Park.

Mr. R. H. Collins is commanded to thank the Royal Clarence Lodge of Freemasons for their kind letter of sympathy addressed to the Duchess of Albany.

Claremont, Esher, April 5th.

In consequence of the death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the annual Freemasons' Club Masonic Ball, which was to have taken place on the 24th instant, at Cawte's Hotel, Southsea, will not be held this year.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## OLD KING'S ARMS CHAPTER, No. 28.

THE installation meeting of this old established Chapter was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Monday, 7th inst., when Comp. Terry performed the ceremony in his most able manner. Comps. Farnfield Z., Thomas H., W. Thomas J., W. Paas S.E., Money P.S.; Comps. Baron de Ferriere, M.P. for Cheltenham, Maudslay P.G.S.B. P.Z., and Miller were present, with the following Visitors:—Comps. Terry 174, Edmonds 1507, Griffiths 907, and Dr. Corrie Jackson P.S. 534. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably performed by the acting M.E.Z. After the usual tender of hearty good wishes from the Visitors, the rest of the business, which included the appointment of Officers for the ensuing year, was attended to, the Chapter was closed in the usual manner, and the Companions retired for refreshment, and thoroughly enjoyed the excellent fare which had been prepared by Comp. Dawkins. After the usual interval the M.E.Z., in proposing the health of Her Majesty, asked the Companions to join him in drinking the health of the Queen, who had so lately had a dear son taken from her in so sudden a manner; he hoped she might be endowed with resignation and health to bear the trial which had been placed upon her. With the next toast, that of the Grand Z., the Grand H., and the Grand J., was coupled the name of Comp. Maudslay P.G.S.B. This Companion thanked the members of the Chapter for the honour they had done him in associating his name with the toast; it gave him much pleasure to be present amongst them and rejoin his old Chapter. Comp. Maudslay also spoke very feelingly as to the loss which the Grand Z. had sustained in the death of his brother. This trial had been borne with that Christian fortitude which it was to be hoped all Royal Arch Masons would strive to secure. Comp. Farnfield P.Z. then proposed the health of the M.E.Z., to whom many thanks were due for the manner in which he had played the host that evening. The M.E.Z. in responding said that, unfortunately, for the last 18 months his health had been in a very bad state; feeling, however, somewhat better, he would strive to properly perform his duties during his year of office. He then proposed the health of the Exalte; he felt sure their new Companion would do credit to the Chapter, and hoped he would be a constant attendant. On responding, the Exalte thanked the M.E.Z. for his kindness. He had been most impressed with the ceremony. He could assert that he loved the Craft dearly; and during his short experience he had endeavoured to attain that knowledge which every Master Mason should acquire. He would continue to use the same exertions in the Royal Arch. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the 2nd and 3rd Principals; this was responded to by Baron de Ferriere, M.P. for Cheltenham, who expressed the pleasure it always gave him to meet the Companions. He thanked them for having placed him in office; he had already passed through the Rose Croix and Mark degrees; but he was most deeply interested in the Royal Arch. The next toast was that of the Visitors, namely, Comps. Terry, Edmonds (Metropolitan Chapter) 1507, and Dr. Jackson 534, who had all kindly assisted that evening. The thanks of the Chapter were also due to Comp. Griffiths, who had been obliged to leave early in the evening. This Companion very ably exalted their candidate. This was severally responded to by the Visitors, after which the health of the P.Z.'s was proposed, namely, Comps. Farnfield and Collis; especial allusion was also made to Comp. Paas S.E. and P.Z., who had done much good work for the Polish National Lodge and Chapter, and also their own Chapter. Comp. Paas, in responding, thanked the Companions for having so especially alluded to him; he was very glad to find that they were getting younger members to join the Chapter. After this the Janitor's toast brought to a conclusion a very pleasant evening's entertainment.

## MARK MASONRY.

## LEOPOLD LODGE, NO. 235.

ON Monday, 31st ult., was to have been held the annual Installation Festival of this Lodge, at Reading, but on receipt of the news of the lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, it was decided to postpone the Festival, and hold a regular Lodge instead, for the purpose of passing suitable resolutions expressive of the sorrow of all M.M. Masons and the members of this Lodge in particular at the untimely death of the Prince, whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members and after whom the Lodge was named. The Lodge, which was well attended, was held at the Masonic Hall, Greyfriars-road, under the presidency of Bro. S. Bradley W.M., and the following resolution was moved by Bro. Edward Margrett P.M., seconded by Bro. T. J. Palley P.M., and carried unanimously. "That the Leopold Lodge of M.M.M., No. 235, deeply deploring the loss which Mark Masonry in general, and this Lodge in particular has sustained by the untimely death of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., P.G.M.M.M. (whose name stands first enrolled on its list of members), desires to offer a floral wreath at his funeral as a last fraternal token. The Lodge also desires to offer to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany a humble tribute of condolence and sympathy in this their sudden bereavement." The floral wreath, which was a most handsome one, was supplied by Mr. Phippen, of Broad-street, Reading. It measured about thirty inches in diameter, and was composed of a fringe of ferns and a very effective arrangement of splendid gardenias, white tea roses, camellias, lilies of the valley and other choice white flowers. The name of the Lodge was worked in the circle, in the centre of which was a special emblem of the Order, a triangle, formed of purple hyacinths and red azaleas—the Mark Masonic colours. Within the triangle the number of the Lodge, 235, was worked. The wreath was on view in Mr. Phippen's shop window on Thursday, and attracted a great deal of attention. On the 5th inst. a deputation from the Leopold Lodge, consisting of Bros. S. Bradley and T. J. Pulley, attended at Windsor and presented the floral wreath at the Castle.

## FITZWILLIAM LODGE, No. 277.

ON Tuesday afternoon, the 8th instant, the annual festival of this Lodge was celebrated at Freemasons' Hall, Malton, when the installation of Bro. W. Constable, the W.M. elect, took place according to ancient custom. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.G.M.O., and the W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. S. Chadwick P.P.G.J.O. I.P.M., John Hudson S.W., J. W. Marshall P.P.G.O. J.W., A. W. Walker M.O., J. B. Nicholls P.G.S.B. S.O., T. M. Goldie J.O., Rev. W. G. Chilman P.G. Chaplain, A. W. Walker Treasurer, James Buckle Secretary, W. Heckley Registrar of Marks, W. J. Marshall Organist, George Fitchett D.C., R. J. Smithson S.D., M. F. W. Williamson J.D., W. R. Metcalfe I.G., Spiegelhalter and T. C. Clough Stewards. At the conclusion of Lodge business, a grand banquet was served up at Bro. Fitchett's, the Talbot Hotel, the repast being of the usual first-rate description for which this house is noted. The newly-installed W.M. presided, and was supported by a goodly number of Officers and brethren, as well as by several distinguished visitors. After the banquet the usual toast list was gone through, and a most agreeable evening was spent. The visiting brethren included Bros. C. F. Matier Grand Master's Lodge G.W. P.P.D.G.M. Lancashire, Charles Lane 319 Grand Master's Lodge P.M. 39 and P.G.D. England, T. B. Whytehead York P.G.M.O., M. Lackenby S.D. York Lodge T.L., and Edwin Greenwood 95, Scarborough.

## DRIFELT LODGE, No. 291.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at the Masonic Hall, Driffield. Bro. Chadwick the I.P.M., in the absence of Bro. M. M. Reynard the W.M., took the chair, and opened the Lodge in accordance with ancient formalities, after which the chair was assumed by Bro. Walter Reynolds P.M. 12 P.G.D.C. of England, the Installing Master, and Bro. John Dunn, who had discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past year with exemplary zeal, was presented as the W.M. elect and was duly installed. Bros. J. R. Ansdell W.M. 182 P.P.G.S.B. Lincolnshire, E. Bryan W.M. 281 P.G.J.O., and A. P. Wilson P.M. P.P.G.S.W. N. and E. Yorkshire assisting. The newly installed Master having been saluted with honours invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. M. M. Reynard I.P.M., J. Elgey S.W. and Treasurer, J. Scott Wilson J.W., S. Chadwick Chaplain, Hy. Hargreaves M.O., John T. Kirby S.O., Geo. S. Highmoor J.O. and D.C., Walter Highmoor Secretary and Reg. of Marks, Robinson S.D., Hy. Watson J.D., T. Bowman I.G., and G. H. Potts Tyler and Steward. A vote of condolence was passed, on the motion of Bro. G. S. Highmoor, to Her Majesty and H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany. After Lodge was closed the customary toasts received full justice; that of the newly installed Master being especially most heartily given and responded to. Bros. A. P. Wilson and Bryan acknowledged the toast of The Provincial Grand Officers, Bros. Reynolds the Installing Master, Bros. Smith, Hind and others the Visitors, Bro. J. Scott Wilson the Officers. Bro. J. Ansell acted throughout as, and proved himself a most excellent, D.C. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable meeting to a termination.

Brother Thomas, Bull P.M. 145, will be pleased to meet any brethren who are interested in securing the election of Lionel Blenkinsop Manby, on Wednesday next, the 16th instant, at the Union Tavern, Air Street, Regent Street, at 7.30 o'Clock.

The usual Committee Meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. J. M. Case P.G.D. presiding. The death of two male and two female annuitants was announced by the Secretary, and a letter read from Bro. Sir J. B. Monckton, acknowledging the thanks of the Committee tendered him for his presidency at the last Festival. The report of the Audit Committee was submitted, and adopted. It shows that there is a balance of upwards of £7000 in favour of the Institution, and of this sum it was arranged that £2000 should be invested—£1000 each for the Male and Female Funds. It was arranged that the customary visit of the Stewards of the Institution should take place, and a Committee having been appointed to draw up the annual report, and some formal business having been disposed of, the meeting was brought to a conclusion.

Our readers, and indeed members of the Craft generally, will regret to learn that Bro. H. G. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, is prevented from attending to his official duties through ill health. We hope that Bro. Buss will, ere long, be restored, and that he may long be found in his customary place in the Grand Secretary's Office.

The meetings of the Industry Lodge of Instruction, No. 186, will be resumed at the Railway Hotel, West Hampstead (close to the West Hampstead Station, Metropolitan Railway), on Wednesday, the 16th inst., when the ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. John G. Horsey W.M. 186, P.M. 1892, P.M. 1619, P.G.D.C. Surrey. The Lodge will be opened at seven p.m. precisely.

We have pleasure in announcing that Bro. John Probert will give a Concert at Myddelton Hall, Upper Street, Islington, N., on Thursday evening, 24th instant, to commence at 8 o'clock. Among the vocalist who will support our worthy brother on this occasion are Miss Ambler, Miss Woodhatch, Miss Clara Myers, Madame Jenny Pratt; Messrs. Bicknell Young and W. H. Brereton. Messrs. Humphrey J. Stark, Mus. Bac., and Fountain Meen will act as conductors.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 3rd instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Banks W.M., Freeman S.W., Pitt J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, Williams S.D., Penrose J.D., Ingram I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hutchings Preceptor, Good, and J. W. Freeman; also Bros. Smith and Catt. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith candidate. Lodge was advanced to the third degree and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Smith again personating the candidate. Lodge was resumed in the first degree and closed in due form. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are most cordially invited to attend this Lodge of Instruction.

On 10th April, Bros. Milbourn W.M., J. Bedford Williams S.W., Fisher J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Dale S.D., Pitt J.D., Ingram I.G., Good P.M. and several others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, Bro. Ingram candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Milbourn performed the duties of the chair, and then Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—A meeting was held on Monday, 7th instant, at Bro. Baker's, Cook Tavern, Highbury. Present—Bros. Hunt W.M., Clark S.W., Turner J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Treadwell J.D., Ware I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor; also Bros. Alford, Killick, Godolphin, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rhodes candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Brother Trewinnard was unanimously re-elected Preceptor, and Bro. Moreland 1693 a member. Bro. Clark, W.M. 141, will occupy the chair of K.S. during Lodge work on the annual supper night, 21st April. The brethren will assemble at 7 o'clock prompt, and supper will be placed on table at 7.30. Tickets can be had of the several Stewards, or of Bro. Isaac P.M. 1693 P.Z. 188 who will occupy the chair; Bro. Forge P.M. 1950 W.M. 619 will take the vice chair.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Present—Bros. Mercer W.M., Hall as Preceptor, Giller S.W., Oldis J.W., Berry Secretary, Moon S.D., Haynes J.D., Knight I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Little having offered himself as a candidate the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge opened in the second degree and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Tremere being candidate. Lodge opened in third, and closed in third and second degrees. Brother Giller was then elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was closed and adjourned.

## PROGRESS.

**E**VEN the Chinese and Japanese now find that they too must advance.

The Entered Apprentice must advance to the Fellow Craft and then become a Master Mason, and in time may become an Officer in his Lodge and the Master of it; and in due time become a Grand Master of Masons. To do this he must advance in the knowledge, not only of the rituals of the degrees, but in the laws, practice, and usages of Masonry. During our service in the office we hold in Grand Lodge, and acting as Librarian, we are frequently appealed to by the young Mason, and often by the newly installed Master and Wardens, as to what books we would recommend them to read to obtain a more intimate knowledge of Masonry.

Oftentimes the Master wants to take from the library Mackey's Jurisprudence, Mackey's Parliamentary Law, Chase's Digest, &c. It has occurred to us that every Lodge in the whole country should own copies of certain Masonic works, and require, by their by-laws, that these works shall be transmitted regularly every year by the retiring Worshipful Master to his successor upon his installation, and that the latter shall be publicly charged to make them his study and constant reference.

At the present day each Grand Lodge has its own peculiar digest; therefore it is not for us, in this paper, to dictate as to which author's works would be preferable. The Grand Lodge should indicate to its Lodges the works preferred. In this way the Masters of Lodges would become proficient in the questions which ordinarily arise in our Lodges.

Of course the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and by-laws of the particular Lodge should invariably be read and studied, not only by the Worshipful Master, but by the Wardens and other Officers.

There is also another matter which would add greatly to the progress of the members, namely, to have a sufficient number of the printed Proceedings of the Grand Lodge supplied, so that all the members who so desire might have an opportunity of reading not only the regular Proceedings of the Grand Lodge, but also the reports on correspondence.

The Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia has always furnished, gratuitously, to the members of the Lodges copies of the Annual Proceedings in such numbers that all who wish can get a copy.

In consequence of this system the members are constantly making progress in the proper knowledge of Masonic matters, and it is remarked that there is not a more intelligent body of Masons anywhere than in the District of Columbia, and we attribute this to the above mentioned fact of the free distribution of the printed Proceedings among the brethren. It is true that some Masons among us, more shame to them for it, would be willing to curtail our Proceedings by lopping off the report on correspondence, yet these never read, and are so few that they do not raise their voice in Grand Lodge against it. The avidity shown by the large majority to get hold of the Proceedings when issued, and the anxious inquiries nightly propounded as to how soon they will be ready, convinces us that to deprive them of this privilege would be seriously felt and certainly kicked against in this jurisdiction.

Now we infer from this that if in other jurisdictions the same liberal policy were to be followed, the Grand Lodges would find a great increase in the interest manifested by the brethren, and moreover there would be greater progress in the knowledge of the vital principles of Masonry.

Through the *Voice of Masonry*, so widely disseminated, we trust that this subject will attract the attention of the more advanced Masons and those who lead in all good works, and more particularly in distributing the Annual Proceedings among the brethren. It is true that three copies are sent to each Lodge, and the stereotype order is on the back of each: "To be read in open Lodge," yet how often is that order neglected? and how few of the brethren are present to hear the reading? and moreover the report on correspondence is never read in open Lodge, as these reports, to be worth reading, are too lengthy for the Lodge-room. These must be carried home, and there carefully read, and the best part of them carefully considered; for in these reports are collected the opinions, upon Masonic questions, of the most advanced thinkers of the present day, and whose opinions are valuable, and when compared with the works of Mackey,

Chase, Lawrence, Mitchel, and others, will assuredly contribute to the progress of any Mason in Masonic law and practice. Masonry, as now constituted, is a regularly graduated system of progress, from the first degree to the third in the Lodge; from the fourth to the seventh in the Chapter; and the eighth and ninth in the Council.

These nine degrees constitute Ancient Craft Masonry; and no one can be well educated or informed upon the ritualism of the Institution of the modern era without having carefully studied the dogmas and the morals of each and all of these several degrees. Those who have philosophically studied Masonry have fully appreciated the graduated system, and know that it is the true method of "communication," by symbols and allegories.

In the First degree—the great lesson is "Faith"—trust in God—or no obligation could possibly be effectual to secure the fidelity of the neophyte, and the lessons are addressed to his moral faculties. The Fellow Craft is taught the value and necessity of the knowledge of the sciences, and the lessons are addressed to his intellectual faculties.

The Master Mason's degree originally, now the third in the scale, is to teach the Mason that the morality of the first, and the intellectual cultivation in the second, are to qualify him for the spiritual life which is illustrated in the third degree.

The fourth, which is a supplement to the second, teaches that man should be industriously employed in the quarry of life, to perfect the work given to him to execute, by a written law, so that it shall pass the test of the Grand Overseer, and be adapted to the appropriate use in the spiritual building. The fifth degree teaches the important lesson of a due preparation for the governing of the Craft, by careful adherence to the laws of the Institution, its customs and the ancient landmarks so that the affairs of the Lodge may be harmoniously and successfully conducted.

The sixth degree is simply to teach that there should be a successful and joyful perfecting and completion of all enterprises, and that every Masonic work should be so conducted and finished, that it may be dedicated to the service of the one living and true God.

The seventh degree, originally the Master's degree, crowns the structure of Masonry, and furnishes an intelligible key to all Masonic mysteries,—and the neophyte who has successfully passed through the preceding steps, grades or degrees, and has philosophically studied the meanings (exoteric) of the symbols and allegories, will here learn the "Truth" for which he has been in search in all his former steps. The Royal Master's and Select Mason's degrees rationally account for matters encountered in the preceding degrees. Some have held that these degrees should precede the Royal Arch. We do not believe that the Select Mason's degree should be given prior to the Royal Arch. In the first place, the history of the degree, its origin and purpose, forbid it from being communicated to any one below the Royal Arch, for it rationally accounts for the mysteries unfolded in that degree. To confer it prior to the Royal Arch requires a total change of both rituals and explanations as was done in Maryland, the district of Columbia and Virginia, the only two States where the Grand Chapters held possession of these degrees and conferred them prior to the Royal Arch. Maryland, following the District of Columbia, has dropped them from the Curriculum, and formed her own independent Councils and Grand Council. Virginia alone holds to the modern way. Any intelligent philosophical Mason must see that the Select Mason should follow the Royal Arch.—*Voice of Masonry*.

The following Festivals have been held during the week at Freemasons' Tavern:—

Monday, 7th—Lodge of Joppa, Old Kings' Arms Chapter, Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter; Tuesday, 8th—Wanderer's Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter; Wednesday, 9th—Lodge of Fidelity; Thursday, 10th—Rose of Sharon Chapter, Polish National Lodge, Lodge of Regularity; Saturday, 12th—Duke of Cornwall Lodge.

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SECOND APPLICATION, April 1884.

To the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal  
Masonic Institution for Boys.

THE favour of the VOTES and INTEREST of the Governors and  
Subscribers is earnestly solicited on behalf of

**LIONEL BLENKINSOP J. MANBY,**  
AGED 9 YEARS.

The Candidate's father, Bro. JOHN G. MANBY, was initiated in the Sincerity  
Lodge, No. 292, Liverpool, in 1859, and on his removal to London joined Pru-  
dent Brethren Lodge, No. 145, and the Chapter, and continued to be a subscrib-  
ing member of the same until his death, which took place in January 1883. He  
leaves a widow and four young children very inadequately provided for.  
Proxies will be thankfully received by the widow, Mrs. MANBY, Ashwick  
Cottage, Oakhill, Bath.

VOTES AND INTEREST ARE SOLICITED FOR

**MRS. JANE TRIBE, aged 63,**

WIDOW of Brother George Henry Tribe, who was initiated 1858  
in No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand; joined No. 809, Christchurch, New  
Zealand; was first Worshipful Master of No. 1241, Ross, New Zealand; sub-  
sequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer  
North Island, New Zealand.

Votes thankfully received by

Mr. C. BECKINGHAM, 415 Strand; or by

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.), 8 Thurlow Place, S.W.

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and  
Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the HALL of the FREE-  
MASONS' TAVERN, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Satur-  
day, the 19th day of April 1884, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General  
Business of the Institution, to Elect 23 Girls into the School from a list of  
35 approved Candidates, and to consider Notice of Motion as under. The  
Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over).

NOTICE OF MOTION.

By Bro. ROBERT GREY P.G.D., Vice-Patron:—

"That in consideration of the valuable services rendered to the Insti-  
tution by Bro. Charles Hammerton, Honorary rank, with the privileges  
attaching thereto, be conferred upon Mrs. Hammerton."

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers will be held in the Large Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 21st day of April 1884, for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Institution.

To elect a Treasurer for the year ensuing.

To elect twelve Life, or Annual, Subscribers, as members of the General Committee for the year ensuing.

To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

1. By Bro. ROBERT MARTIN: To insert as Section 2 in Law 63, after the word "thereof"—

"A Lodge or Masonic Body may, under similar conditions, place a duly qualified Boy in the Institution, by an annual payment of Fifty Pounds, in lieu of such sum of One Hundred and Seventy-eight Pounds, provided that the Lodge, or Masonic Body, nominating such Boy, shall give such guarantee for the continuous annual payment of Fifty Pounds during the time such Boy shall remain in the Institution as the General Committee may require."

2. By Bro. A. F. GODSON, Vice-Patron, on behalf of the House Committee, that Rule 61 be amended so as to read in future—

"All Candidates for admission to the Institution (excepting those who before the passing of this Resolution have been placed on the list of accepted Candidates) shall, before admission, be required to pass an examination, or be certified by a competent person as having passed an examination, as follows:—If the Candidate be under the age of nine years at the time of admission, the examination shall be in the First Standard of the Government Education Department; if he be between the ages of nine and ten, he must pass in the Second Standard; and if over the age of ten years, then he must pass an examination equal to the Third Standard of the same."

To receive a Report from the "House and Building Committee," and to consider the following Notice of Motion based thereon:—

By W. Bro. RAYNHAM W. STEWART, V.-Pres., on behalf of the House and Building Committee:—

"That this Court do authorise the purchase of the Four Freehold Houses, being Nos. 1 to 4 Lindum Villas, Wood Green, with the Freehold Land attached thereto, being in all upwards of an acre, for the purpose of the New Preparatory School, at a price not exceeding £3,200;

"That a Spacious Hall, available for Divine Service, and for the General Purposes of the Institution, be erected as a separate Building, on the land (the property of the Institution) situate on the west side of the present building, at a cost not exceeding £3,300;

"That the plans and suggestions submitted by the Consulting Surveyor, Bro. Robert Berridge, for the accommodation of Fifty Additional boys in the New Buildings for the Preparatory School, be approved and adopted by this Court, on an estimated outlay of £8,600."

"That it be referred to the House and Building Committee to give effect to these Resolutions."

To elect 23 Boys from an approved list of 53 candidates, reduced to 52 by the withdrawal of No. 38, GLOSTER, HARRY PERCY OWEN.

N.B.—The \* \* denoting that the Candidate has a sister in the R.M.I. for Girls, should apply to No. 34, BESLY, and not to No. 35, CANTY.

The chair will be taken at Twelve o'clock at noon precisely.

The ballot for the election of candidates will be declared open at One o'clock, or earlier, should business permit, and will be closed at Three o'clock punctually.

By order,

FREDERICK BINCKES (P.G. Std.)  
Vice-Patron, Secretary.

OFFICE—6 Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C.  
5th April 1884.

### 86TH ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL, JUNE 1884.

Indulgence and Sympathy are solicited while maturing the altered arrangements consequent on the sudden and lamented death of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, who had intended to preside. Of these due notice will be given.

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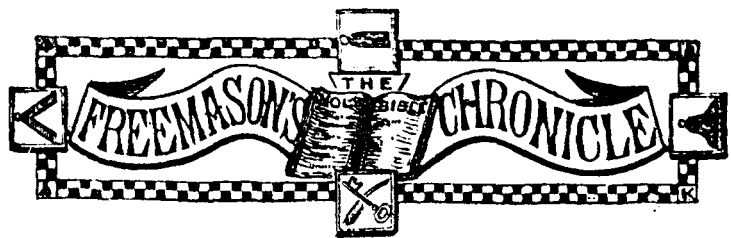
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## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

(From the East Anglian Daily Times.)

ON Monday afternoon last an emergency meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich, for the purpose of passing resolutions of condolence with the Royal Family upon the death of His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, who was connected with the Province as the Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge, at Clare, from which place Prince Leopold took the title of Earl of Clarence. It had been generally hoped in the Province that this connection with Suffolk would have induced the late Duke to attend the annual Provincial Grand Lodge, which it had been arranged to hold at Clare. The Lodge was presided over, in the absence of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Bro. Lord Waveney, by the Worshipful Deputy Grand Master Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, who was supported by a large muster of brethren, including the Earl of Limerick Prov. G.M. Bristol, N. Tracy P.G. Sec. 376, B. P. Grimsey P.P.S.G.W. 959, R. C. M. Rouse P.G.C. 81, Cecil Ives P.P.G.S. Oxon 1823, W. P. Mills P.G.S.W. 376, S. R. A. Anness P.G.J.D. 376, T. Grimwood P.P.G.R. 81, B. Gall P.G.S.D. 81, J. M. Harvey P.P.G.P. 936, J. R. Thompson P.P.G.S.B. 1008, A. Barber P.P.G.S.B. 225, T. Noble P.G.J.D. 225, J. M. Canova P.G.S.W. 1983, W. Armstrong P.G.J.D. 1592, G. Abbott P.P.G.S.B. 225, J. F. Hills P.P.G.J.W., H. Sidney P.G.D. of Ceremonies 376, J. K. Sidgwick P.P.G.R. 376, H. J. Wright P.P.G.P. 936, W. Hart P.P.G.J.D. 332, J. A. Pettit P.P.A.D.C. 332, J. M. Franks P.G. Steward 376 225, J. L. Brook W.M., John Talbot P.M., A. W. Cook J.W., William Leathers S., E. Garwood P.M., W. J. Patterson, E. Clarken, Abbott Lord, Joseph Whitehead P.M., W. Sheppard, G. Curtis, James Napier P.G.J.D., A. Senton, R. Senton, E. Buckham W.M. 376, T. R. Elkington 376, F. C. Atkinson 376, A. E. Smith W.M. 1983, R. K. Kasley W.M. 114, A. Caton W.M. 388, S. Snow W.M. 959, J. C. Norman S.W. 332, W. H. Hessey 81, C. Emmerson 1224, J. E. Barnes S.W. 1823, F. W. Jennings W.M. 1224, J. W. Shepherd P.P.G.S.W. 1592, G. Gould 957. Lodge having been opened, the Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. N. Tracy) read the warrant of the Prov. Grand Master, which was in the following terms:—

### PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF SUFFOLK.

On the most lamentable and sudden decease of the late R.W. Bro. H.R.H. Leopold Duke of Albany P.G.W., and Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, and W.M. of the Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 1823, Clare, Suffolk, the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Suffolk directs:—

1. That all private Lodges within the Province do adopt the ordinary Masonic mourning for the four Lodge nights next ensuing after the receipt of these presents.

2. That a Provincial Grand Lodge of Emergency be convened with all convenient speed to prepare an address of condolence to her Majesty the Queen and to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany on the grievous occasion.

The said P.G.L. (E.) to be in charge of the R.W.D.P.G.M., in the absence of the P.G.M., for sufficiency reasons.

Special.—The P.G.M. takes notice of the loss that the Province has sustained in the sudden removal of this worthy and accomplished Brother, whose connection with the Craft has so recently been begun and unhappily not to be perpetuated, such being the will of the G.A.U.

WAVENEY P.G.M. Prov. Suffolk.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn), in the name of the Prov. Grand Master, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the way in which they had responded to the invitation given at such very short notice, and said he was sure it was not necessary to offer any inducements to make the Freemasons of Suffolk rally together on such an occasion as the present, when all they had to do was to draw up and agree upon, as he was quite sure they would do unanimously, an address of condolence with Her Majesty the Queen and Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Albany in the very sad and unexpected death of the Duke of Albany, which had so lately occurred. There could be but one feeling in the mind of every single soul there present, and that was an earnest and heartfelt wish that it might please the G.A.O.T.U., who had sent this blow, to help the bereaved mother and the widowed wife to bear their great trial. On such occasions as these human consolations were of little avail—they, to be of any use, must be given by Him who sent the blow, who alone could help the sufferer to bear it. Still, at the same time, as he had occasion to know, these expressions of sympathy did help undoubtedly to alleviate the distress, and sorrow, and the pain, and therefore he was quite certain that they, one and all, were ready to do what little lay in their power to testify to Her Most Gracious Majesty, and also to the Duchess of Albany, their sincere feelings of regret that it had pleased the Almighty to take from their midst their beloved and honoured brother the Duke of Albany. Many of them had been hoping to have seen H.R.H. down in the Province of Suffolk during the coming year. He had only recently, in a most kindly and gracious manner, accepted the Mastership of the Clarence Lodge (almost the youngest Lodge in the Province) at Clare, and they had been hoping that during his Mastership he would have personally visited Clare. Had he done so it was the wish of the Prov. Grand Master to be present, assisted by his Prov. Grand Officers, and pay

all due respect to His Royal Highness. However, "Man proposes, God disposes," and it had pleased the G.A.O.T.U. to take their brother away from them. All they could do would be to try and pour the balm of consolation in the bosom of the afflicted. He was sure they would all join with him in those sentiments he had feebly attempted to express. It would ill become him, even if he could do so, to go through the list of the excellences of their brother who was now taken from them. There could be but one feeling amongst them, and he was sure they would all try to give that feeling expression by their votes that day. If he might be allowed to add anything to the memorandum on the notice which the Provincial Grand Master had addressed to them, it would be this—that votes of condolence should be sent to Her Majesty the Queen and to the Duchess of Albany, and he thought it would only be fitting that they, assembled in Prov. Grand Lodge, should send a similar address to the Grand Master of England, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, testifying their loyalty to himself and their participation in the sorrow and grief with which he was now filled at the loss of his brother. He had always looked upon Masonry as a thing so like their own glorious religion that it combined together men of every sort and kind and class, and it was true of Masonry as it was true of religion that if one member suffered all the members suffered with it. That being so, he felt sure they might testify, and he was sure it would be graciously received if they did so testify, their sympathy with their Grand Master the Prince of Wales. In conclusion, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master said no one could regret the absence of the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master more than he did, except the Prov. Grand Master himself, who had lately been appointed to a high office in Ireland, and had been obliged to go over to County Antrim to fulfil some duties connected with the Lord Lieutenantcy of that county. He charged him (the Deputy Prov. Grand Master) to express to the brethren his hearty concurrence in what they were about to do, and his deep personal regret at the loss which the country, the Craft, and especially the Royal Family had sustained in what they called the untimely death of the Past Grand Warden of England, the Prov. Grand Master of Oxfordshire, and as they, the Masons of Suffolk, rather loved to think of him and consider him, the Worshipful Master of the Clarence Lodge. He begged to propose that an address of condolence be prepared and forwarded to Her Most Gracious Majesty; that a similar address be forwarded to H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany; and that another address be also forwarded to H.R.H. the Grand Master of England, the Prince of Wales. Bro. W. P. Mills seconded the motion, and said he was sure they all sincerely felt the great loss which had been sustained by the death of the Worshipful Master of the Clarence Lodge, who was one of our most highly esteemed Princes. He was sure they all agreed with the Deputy Provincial Grand Master that "it is only on the banks of celestial streams those simples grow which cure the headache." The resolution was carried unanimously. The Prov. Grand Secretary read a draft of the proposed addresses as follows:—

TO THE QUEEN'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY.

May it please your Majesty,—Madam—We, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Suffolk, in open Lodge assembled, desire to express our deep sorrow for the loss sustained by your Majesty and Royal Family, by the death of our lamented brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany, K.G.

The feeling of regret which is shared by all your Majesty's loyal subjects is in especial manner felt by us, who have been honoured by his late connection with our Province, from which, by the example of his high principled life, we had been led to expect the most beneficial results.

Without intruding into the sacred precincts of the private feelings of your Majesty, we trust the G.A.O.T.U. may bestow his heavenly consolation, and that the hearty sympathy of your Majesty's loyal subjects may aid to mitigate the blow.

TO HER ROYAL HIGHNESS THE DUCHESS OF ALBANY.

May it please your Royal Highness,—Madam—We, the Provincial Grand Master, Officers, and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Freemasons, in open Lodge assembled, desire heartily to express our fraternal sorrow at the loss of our lamented brother, your late husband His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, K.G.

May we trust the knowledge of his high-toned and blameless life, and a reliance on the wisdom and love of the G.A.O.T.U. may mitigate the severity of the blow, and further that the fraternal sympathy of our Order, by whom he was so much admired and loved, may prove some consolation in the hour of your deep sorrow.

The address to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was not prepared, but it was announced that it would be in similar terms. The Provincial Grand Secretary stated that he had received several letters—one from Lord Heniker, of the Hartismere Lodge, in which he stated that it had been his intention to be present, but having been prevented he wished publicly to express his sincere sympathy with the purpose of the meeting. He had also received a letter from the W.M. of the Waveney Lodge and several others, all of whom expressed their extreme sympathy with the occasion. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master announced that at a meeting of the Royal Clarence Lodge, held on Monday last, in order to express their deep regret at the loss of their W.M., it was proposed that a brass tablet, commemorative of the connection of H.R.H. with the Clarence Lodge, should be placed in the church at Clare. He did not know whether the Province would wish to be associated with that commemorative tablet or not, but he thought himself it was so very rare that a Province could boast of a Prince of the Royal blood as a W.M., and still more so was it that unluckily during the actual year of his Mastership that unhappy and lamentable event of his death should take place that they, as a Provincial Grand Lodge, were placed in a peculiar position with regard to H.R.H., and he threw it out as a suggestion as to whether they would not wish to be associated with the placing of a public record of their sorrow at the untimely death of the Worshipful Master of the Royal Clarence Lodge.

A short discussion followed, in the course of which Bro. Major-

General Ives, D.W.M. of the Clarence Lodge, said, while the Lodge at Clare would not think of inviting the Province to assist them in placing in the church at Clare a tablet to the memory of their late W.M., they would undoubtedly feel it a great honour if the Province should express a wish to be associated with them. Eventually, on the motion of the Prov. Grand Secretary, seconded by Bro. Sidney (Sec. 376), it was resolved, "That this meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge sanctions the idea of the Province joining in the testimonial to the W.M. of the Clarence Lodge." It was also resolved that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. Major-General Cecil Ives, be appointed a Committee for the purpose of carrying the resolution into effect. On the motion of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master a vote of thanks was accorded to the Right Worshipful Brother the Earl of Limerick for his kindness in attending the Lodge. Bro. the Earl of Limerick acknowledged the compliment, and said, having had the honour of knowing His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany, he was convinced that not only as a Prince did he most ably discharge the duties of his high station, not only was he most anxious to take part in every effort that was for the good of this country, but as a Freemason he was most zealous and earnest. He was this year to have presided at the Festival of one of the great Masonic Charities, and in everything he did he strove to do it thoroughly and well. Not only the Craft and every Order of Freemasonry, but the country generally, had suffered a very great loss in the death of their most illustrious brother. In conclusion, his lordship thanked the Lodge heartily for the kind reception they had given him. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUFFOLK.

AFTER the close of the Provincial Grand Lodge, those brethren who were Companions of the Royal Arch met in Provincial Grand Chapter, under Comp. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Provincial Grand Superintendent of Suffolk, to pass messages of condolence with the Royal Family. The P.G.S. was assisted by Comp. G. T. Townsend as Prov. G. H., W. Mills Prov. G. J., J. M. Harvey Prov. P.S., N. Tracy Prov. Scribe E., and about twenty other Companions. The Prov. Grand Superintendent expressed his obligation for the large attendance, and explained the object of the meeting. As Royal Arch Masons they would feel especial regret in the loss of the Duke of Albany, as it was only within the last few months that he had occupied one of the principal chairs of Grand Chapter—that of Grand J., and they had looked forward to him occupying still higher offices. He proposed that votes of condolence be forwarded to Her Majesty the Queen, the Duchess of Albany, and to the Grand Z. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Comp. Mills seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Comp. Townsend proposed, and Comp. Anness seconded, that the Provincial Grand Chapter contribute to the fund for the erection of the proposed memorial in Clare Church, the arrangements being left in the hands of the Committee appointed in Grand Lodge. Comp. Cecil Ives expressed his gratitude for the unanimous vote just passed, and though the subject had not been discussed by his Lodge as to the memorial taking a larger form than the proposal from the Royal Clarence, yet he felt sure the brethren of that Lodge would be as gratified for the spontaneity of the desire to join in the memorial as he was. The Provincial Grand Chapter was then closed in due form.

NEW YORK MASONRY AND MORMONISM.

NEW York masonry bears the same relation to the Masonic Institution, as Mormonism does to Christianity.

They are both wedded to polygamy. Their professions are the purest, but their practices are offensive to those who have been deluded by their misrepresentations.

A feigned belief in the principles of Christianity is the cloak which covers the lechery of the Mormon, and a feigned adherence to the primary truths of Masonry is the mantle which conceals from view the false principles inculcated by those who are supposed to represent Masonry before the world.

New York Masonry has sealed unto itself Knight Templarism, the Ancient and Accepted Rites, the rites of Mizraim, Memphis, Mystic Shrines of Arabic Nobles and a dozen other humbugs, upon which its strength and its substance are wasted, while the Craft which should be the true mistress of its heart, is neglected or only countenanced for the sake of keeping up appearances.

There was a time when Master Mason was deemed an honorable title, now, with the dust thrown in his eyes, a Mason is a mere nobody unless he prefixes half of the alphabet before and tackles on half of the numerals to his name.

Masonic charlatanism has met with such success that plain Brother Smith, in his white apron, is compelled to hide his diminished head before Sir Verdant Green, arrayed in all the magnificence of ostrich plumes and military trappings. A Mason in New York is a mere nonentity unless he is an Eminent, Puissant, Thrice Illustrious something, and what with the squabbles of one rite with the others the pretended patents of hereditary Masonic nobility claimed by one faction, and disputed by another, New York Masonry is fast becoming a bye word and a reproach.

Meanwhile, fostered by Knight Templarism, *sectarianism* exists and is practised in the ritual—it is *inexpedient* to strike it out.

Meanwhile *charity* is almost an unknown factor in New York Masonry.

Meanwhile the white elephant stands at the corner of Twenty-third street with no prospect of the Craft being relieved of its burden for the next fifty years.

Meanwhile lodges are compelled to find shelter anywhere in the city, while the Temple furnishes banquet rooms for the Christian Templars and Arabic Nobles.

It is about time that New York Masonry should rid itself of its Mormon proclivities, and return to its true wedded love, the source of its strength, its purity and its prosperity.—*Hebrew Standard*.

## 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, 12th APRIL.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1448—Mount Edgcumbe, Bridge House Hotel, Batterssea  
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing  
1631—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
M.M. 211—Hammersmith, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street W, Hammersmith  
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melfham  
1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore  
1929—Mozart, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon  
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 14th APRIL.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields  
222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street  
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield  
1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington  
R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate  
M.M. 239—Royal Naval, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
47—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth  
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport  
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.  
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fother-street, South Shields  
262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
298—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby  
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis  
721—Independence, Masonic Chamber, Eastgate-row-north, Chester  
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth  
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall  
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea  
1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
1350—Terror Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Essex-street, Birmingham  
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold  
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York  
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea  
1861—Claremont, School-room, Esher, Surrey  
R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
R.A. 179—Tolts, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
M.M. —Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.  
R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 15th APRIL.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
35—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champ's Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
840—Dalbousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)  
1539—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1549—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1560—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Batterssea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1351—Kerlington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Batterssea Old Bridge  
1416—Mount Edgcumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)  
1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8. (In)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1940—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
R.A. —Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
244—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1008—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scourier, Cornwall  
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
1278—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich  
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor  
1784—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk  
1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rualey  
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
R.A. 691—Oak'ey, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke  
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby  
R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford  
R.A. 970—St. Anne's, Masonic Hall, East Looe, Cornwall  
R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
R.C. 54—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 16th APRIL.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
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, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)  
533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merc'ant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
932—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)  
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.  
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth  
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn  
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
1803—Cannon, King's Head, Fenchurch-street  
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. 192—Lion and Lamb, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
M.M. —Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)  
R.C. 44—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 20—Royal Kert of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham.  
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport  
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire  
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem  
637—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw  
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
625—Downshire, Norfolk Hotel, Gosport  
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
871—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury  
1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks  
1056—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale  
1161—Do Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House Northallerton  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster  
1356—Do Grey and Ripon, 17 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
1413—Salom, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
1501—Wycombe, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
1834—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsgate

R.A. 76—Economy, Masonic Hall, Parchment Street, Winchester  
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields  
 R.A. 323—Charity, Florist Hotel, Stockport  
 R.A. 344—Beauty, Bull's Head, Radcliffe  
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde  
 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 59—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1123—Talbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 137—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick

#### THURSDAY, 17th APRIL.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.  
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 701—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1153—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1227—Upton, Spotted Dog, Upton  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1554—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.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Greyhound Hotel, Streatham  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)

R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Ben Accorl, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.  
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)  
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

43—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel  
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 216—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston  
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn  
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester  
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley  
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool  
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon  
 1432—Fit-alan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton

R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire  
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester  
 R.A. 327—St. John's, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
 R.A. 339—Regularity, Crown Hotel, King Street, Penrith  
 R.A. 516—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Longton, Staffordshire  
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor  
 R.A. 913—Pittison, Lord Ralgar Tavern, Plumstead  
 R.A. 1324—Okcover, Mar Hotel, Ripley, Derby  
 M.M.—Canynoges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

#### FRIDAY, 18th APRIL.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 766—William Frenton, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 975—Rose of Denmark, Greyhound, Richmond  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Chapten, White Hart, Lower Chapten, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1701—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A.—Pamure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 92—Moirs, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 176—Era, Greyhound, Hampton Court, at 3  
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket  
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.  
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire

#### SATURDAY, 19th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 13  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Pamure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 Simi Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow  
 M.M. 251—Tentorden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 410—Grove, Sun Hotel, Kingston  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1494—Felix, Clarence Hotel, Teddington  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

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##### LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

A REGULAR meeting was held on the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. G. Bean W.M., A. Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, A. G. Dodson P.M. as Secretary (in the unavoidable absence of Bro. E. P. Albert through severe indisposition), Wall S.D., G. M. Lyon J.D., Hicks I.G., I. Botibol and Davey Stewards; P.M.'s A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus, M. Spiegel, H. M. Levy, H. Berkowitz, O. Roberts, R. Baker, L. Alexander, L. M. Myers, I. Benjamin. Visitors—F. Foster W.M. 1441, M. Emanuel P.P.G.R. Hampshire, B. Cohen 1658, S. Zucker 1658, W. Vincent P.G.S.B. Middlesex, W. Goldstein 917. After Lodge had been formally opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. G. A. Laundry and Kool were raised. The W.M. read a letter from Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., who has served the Lodge faithfully for thirty years as Secretary, tendering his resignation, which he did with great regret. Bro. H. M. Levy said he had much pleasure in proposing that Bro. Albert be made an hon. member; he felt assured the brethren one and all hoped Bro. Albert might be spared to be for many years among them. Bro. L. M. Myers Past Master seconded the proposition, which was supported by Bros. O. Roberts and L. Alexander, and carried unanimously. The Worshipful Master then proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, on the sad bereavement caused by the death of his brother, His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany; this was seconded by Bro. H. M. Levy P.M., and carried unanimously. The W.M. said, in consequence of the resignation of their respected Secretary, he had much pleasure in appointing Bro. L. Lazarus to that important office. He felt assured Bro. Lazarus would carry out the duties satisfactorily. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund. In responding for the Visitors, Bro. M. Emanuel P.P.G. Reg. Isle of Wight said at one time he was located for twelve years in London, and had served the office of W.M. in Lodge 205; he felt great pleasure in being present at this meeting. Bro. I. Benjamin I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who was fully capable of carrying out the duties of the chair. The W.M. very ably responded. Bros. Roberts and Dodson acknowledged the compliment paid the Past Masters, and then the remaining toasts were done justice to, especial reference being made to the zeal displayed by the late Secretary, Bro. E. P. Albert. Bros. Baker P.M., Hart, Godolphin, and Zucker contributed to the harmony.

##### ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

A REGULAR meeting was held on Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, when there were present Bro. W. W. Morgan W.M., T. H. Peirce S.W., H. Martin J.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, T. Crapper J.D., A. Withers P.M. D.C., A. Green P.M. Steward, A. Dickson I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler; P.M.'s F. J. Hentsch, J. Linsdell, &c. Visitors—Bros. Glenny, and John Probert 340. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed the sum of Ten Guineas was voted in aid of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same to be placed on the list of Bro. Radcliffe. In the course of the evening it was arranged that a letter of condolence be sent to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and to the Duchess of Albany, sympathising with them in the sad loss they have sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany. After routine work, Lodge was closed, and adjourned till the second Tuesday in October. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. W. G. Jennings, and the brethren spent an enjoyable evening.

## ROYAL ALFRED LODGE, No. 780.

THE regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 28th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, under presidency of Bro. J. J. Gunner W.M., W. D. Beckett S.W., F. Botley J.W., W. Hilton P.M. Secretary, E. C. Botley S.D., Maton J.D., J. J. Arnold I.G., W. J. Sherring D.C., J. Tarling Steward, L. Franckel I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Littlewood, W. Goss, Blasby, H. Potter. Visitors—Bros. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.W. Berks and Bucks, H. E. Tucker I.P.M. 1612, Hobbs 209, Phillips P.M. 820, S. Goddard 1539, Robinson 1589, Sugg 1996, Tomlin 174, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Bye-laws of the Lodge were also read. Bro. E. Stephens was raised to the second degree, and Messrs. W. A. Hanchet, E. Winter, and J. Brooks, who had been previously balloted for, were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Officers also were equally perfect. The resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret. The sad news of the death of the Duke of Albany P.G.M. for Oxfordshire was commented on by the W.M., and great sympathy was felt by the brethren on the sad bereavement Her Majesty the Queen and the Royal Family had sustained. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visitors, and the Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. Brill, but the enjoyment of the meeting was sadly marred by the mournful tidings just announced. In speaking to the several toasts, Bro. Gunner made graceful allusion to the many qualities of the deceased Prince. The Wor. Master said, had the sad news been communicated to him earlier, a vote of condolence would have been proposed; this would, however, be done on a future occasion. Bro. Franckel I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Gunner's working of the ceremonies that night showed they had a Master who could and would carry out every duty required of him during his year of office. The W.M., in reply, thanked the brethren for the cordial manner in which his health had been received; he was proud of the confidence placed in him, and when he handed the gavel to his successor he hoped the brethren would not regret having placed it in his hands. In replying for the Past Masters, Bro. Blasby announced that he was about to act as Steward at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which would take place on the 21st May; he trusted the brethren of the Royal Alfred would support him. Bro. Franckel felt proud to be numbered among the Past Masters; his heart and soul was with them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, and in a very forcible speech spoke of the duties required of them in Freemasonry. Bros. Hanchet, Brooks and E. Winter severally responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. H. H. Hodges P.P.G.S.W. Berks and Bucks responded, paying a just compliment to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies, and for his genial presidency. After other toasts the brethren separated.

## CAXTON LODGE, No. 1859.

THE members of this flourishing Lodge met at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday last, for the purpose of installing their new Master. Bro. Butterworth presided as W.M.; Oakman S.W., Beck J.W., E. Cole Treasurer, H. Meredith P.M. Secretary, Richards S.D., Gilbert J.D., H. L. Diprose I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. J. Dawson, A. Wood, &c. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Brother J. Buchanan was raised to the third degree in a very impressive manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed the Lodge was in a flourishing condition, with a balance of £40 in hand, and £20 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Oakman S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed in the chair by Bro. Butterworth. The W.M. in able manner appointed and invested his Officers—Bros. J. F. Beck S.W., W. Richards J.W., E. Cole Treas., T. H. Meredith P.M. Sec., J. G. Gilbert S.D., H. L. Diprose J.D., S. Morley I.G., H. W. Percy D.C., J. Gibson Assist. D.C., B. Wynne Steward, R. Q. Moody Assist. Steward, Henri De Solla Organist, J. Lackland Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren—67 in number—sat down to a sumptuous and *récherché* banquet supplied by Bros. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. The W.M. very genially presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. Butterworth in eulogistic terms proposed the health of the W.M., who had conducted the business in so able a manner. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Immediate Past Master said he had much pleasure in placing on his breast a jewel, voted him by the Lodge. This Bro. Butterworth well deserved, and they all hoped he would live for many years to wear it among them. The W.M. in proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he could scarcely find words to express his thanks to both those Officers. The Treasurer was ever attentive to his duties; while as to Bro. Meredith, the Secretary, his books might well be taken as a model. Bros. Cole and Meredith severally responded. The W.M. next proposed, as a special toast, the health of the Honorary Members—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., H. De Solla, James Terry and Dr. Kempster 1420. All these brethren had done much to advance the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Kempster acknowledged the compliment. Soon afterwards the Tyler's toast was given. Bro. Henri de Solla provided a good selection of music; the following were the artistes:—Messrs. L. Foote, J. Foote, Bros. F. H. Cozens and H. Ashton. There were twenty-seven visitors.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., on Saturday, 29th March. Bros. Giller W.M., Ashton S.W., Oldis J.W., Gillen S.D., Smith J.D., Giddings I.G., Cohen Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Lorkin, Woolveridge, Harding, Houghton, Lebor, Hetterick, Moss, Fenner, Mullord, Glass, and Gribbell. After preliminaries, Brother

Turner offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Lodge was closed early on account of its being the monthly meeting of the Masonic Association in connection with this Lodge of Instruction. It is gratifying to know that this is being well supported by the brethren. Six ballots have been allotted in five months.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37.**—The monthly meeting was held on Monday, the 7th instant, at the Masonic Rooms, Swan Hotel, Bolton. Present—Bros. John Booth W.M., F. W. Pacey S.W., Poyntz J.W., G. P. Brockbank Secretary, John Hardcastle S.D., H. Lomax J.D., J. Naylor I.G., Roiley and Higson Tylers; Brothers Johnson Mills P.M., Robinson, Gillibrand, Mather. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge proceeded to the second degree, when Bro. J. W. Mather passed a satisfactory examination as a Fellow Craft Mason, and, being entrusted, thereupon retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, when Bro. Mather was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by Bro. G. P. Brockbank P.M., Grand Steward Scotland, who also delivered the traditional history and explained the working tools of the degree. A resolution, expressing the deep regret the brethren felt in the loss the Craft had sustained by the death of the Duke of Albany P.G.W., was ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the Lodge proceedings. Lodge closed in harmony and peace at 7-30 p.m.

## PRINCE EDWARD OF SAXE-WEIMAR LODGE, No. 1903.

ON Wednesday, the 2nd instant, a large number of the brethren of this Lodge met at their headquarters, the Masonic Hall, Portsmouth, when all appeared in deep mourning, aprons and Lodge jewels and banners being covered with crape. On the motion of the W.M. (Bro. Page), seconded by P.M. Townsend, the following resolution was passed: "That the members of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, beg respectfully to tender to H.R.H. the Duches of Albany their heartfelt sympathy and condolence with Her Royal Highness in her deep affliction, by which she has lost a loving husband, the nation a wise and able Prince, and the ancient Craft an illustrious brother. The Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, of which Lodge the Duke, with his brother their Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and the Duke of Connaught, was a member, remembering with pride and pleasure the support and encouragement received from the members of the Royal Family, venture to express a hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will support and comfort Her Royal Highness in this time of bereavement."

**St. Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.**—The April meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Bro. A. A. Clements W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. J. A. Jones I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., J. Fanston S.W., E. Walker J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Sec., F. Matthews S.D., R. Drysdale J.D., E. T. Clark (acting I.G.), G. C. Young Organist, T. Douglas W.S., and J. Very Tyler. The following members of the Lodge were also present:—Bros. R. H. Drysdale, S. Fennell, Dr. W. Holt, R. S. Menday, G. Colls, J. Austin, E. A. Beckett, H. Waynforth, and J. Tidball. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Stephen Crane P.M. 933, J. A. Robson S.W. 1445, J. Berry 172, G. Harwood 813, T. Scoborio 177, M. Frank 188, H. Dawson and G. Wade 1310. Amongst other business, Bro. H. J. Scott was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. W. Austin passed to the F.C. The ceremonies were admirably worked by the W.M. and his Officers. The Brethren appeared in mourning for the late Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, P.G.S.W. and P.G.M. Oxon. On the motion of the W.M., it was resolved to send a vote of condolence and sympathy to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., and also to the Grand Lodge. Lodge was then closed.

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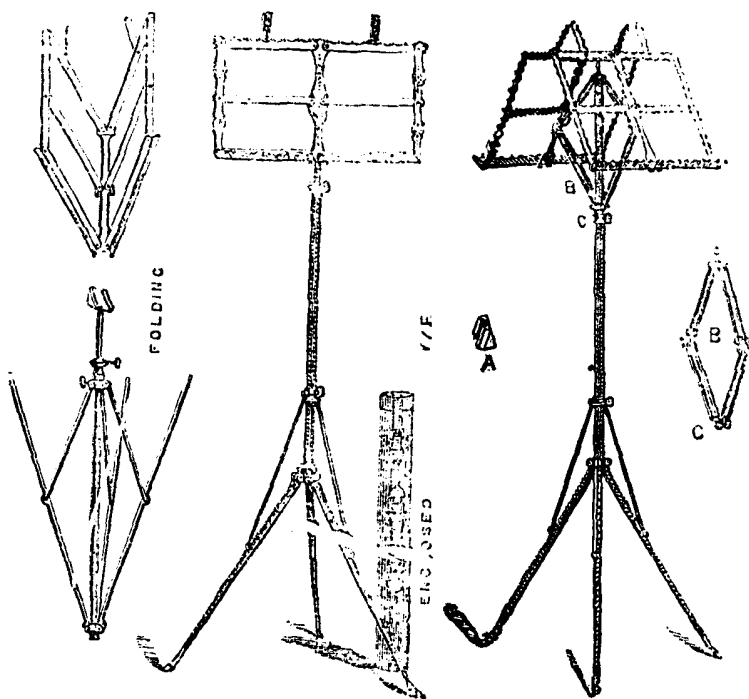
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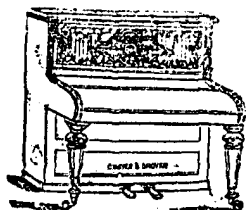
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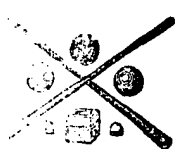
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