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## THE PROSPECTS OF CANDIDATES AT THE COMING ELECTIONS.

THE three Masonic Charitable Institutions stand at the present time in very peculiar relation to each other, so far as the number of candidates at their next Elections and the number of probable vacancies then to be filled are concerned. The position of one of them, at least, gives cause for considerable anxiety among those who take an interest either in Masonic charity work, or the care of those who, by age and misfortune, are compelled to seek assistance from their fellows, and unless some exceptional piece of good fortune should enable the Committee to extend the number of those receiving the benefits of the Institution, or something else unexpected should occur during the next few weeks, grave difficulties will present themselves when the day of Election arrives. Putting the matter in as brief and concise a form as possible, we may for the present dismiss the two Schools from consideration, not because they are so well off as to be independent of, or that they need no further support, but because, from a comparative point of view, the prospects of their candidates for the April Elections are all that could be desired, as the following figures will prove. The Girls' School is in a position to elect twenty-two, out of a list of thirty approved candidates, or in other words, three out of every four children seeking the benefits of the Institution. The Boys' School cannot show such a favourable programme, but it is sufficiently good to give cause for congratulation, the actual state being, that of forty-five approved candidates twenty-five can be elected. When we turn to the Benevolent Institution, however, a very different state of affairs presents itself. Here we have one hundred and twenty-seven approved candidates, and, so far, only twelve vacancies; but these figures do not clearly show the really critical state of affairs. As is well known, the funds of the Institution are devoted to two sections—the male and the female. Voting, and indeed everything, from the receipt of the money to the expenditure of it, is kept distinct so far as these two sections are concerned, and therefore we have to divide the candidates and vacancies accordingly. We find, then, that forty-six of the applicants are men, and eighty-one widows, and that all the vacancies are in the male section—therefore, unless something unforeseen occurs, not one of the eighty-one widows can be elected. It will not surprise our readers when we say that these facts caused very grave anxiety as soon as the figures were settled, as they were at the Committee meeting on Wednesday, or that the difficulty which appears certain to occur seems all but insurmountable. Will it be possible for the Committee to increase the number of Female Annuitants?—is the all-important question of the moment, and the answer to it must entirely depend on the result of the coming Festival. An increase of funds is the only certain method by which an increase of the number of annuitants can be secured, and, accordingly, the matter rests in the hands of the brethren of England, and on the amount of money they are able to place at the disposal of the Committee. There is really no other method by which the pending disaster—for disaster it would certainly be if the Institution was unable to elect any of the widows—can be diverted than the one we have referred to, except the possibility that some of those already on the funds

should die before the day of election, and we feel there is not a brother among us who really wishes for that method of solution. When once our old people are elected, it becomes the universal wish that they should live long to enjoy their annuities. The difficulty which will present itself on the day of election will make itself felt by almost every subscriber of the past, from the fact that the Widows' votes, to which most are entitled, will be practically valueless, and although it may perhaps be a strange way of securing what very many have looked upon as already theirs, we would suggest that each voter exert himself to collect at least a little, in order to place the funds in such a state as to warrant the Committee increasing the number of annuitants, thereby creating vacancies for competition, and rendering the votes of customary value.

## BROTHERLY LOVE.

LOVE, as pertaining to humanity, is a benevolent affection, and involves a complex action of the mind, embracing: First, a pleasant emotion in view of the object loved, and, secondly, a desire of good to that object. In the object loved we discern some quality, either some excellence in the form, or in the relations sustained, or in the intellect, or in the moral traits, or possibly in all these combined, which excites our admiration and forms the basis of subsequent desire in us toward that object. Love, therefore, is constituted of admiration and desire.

In our rough and unseemly state, wherein we resemble the rough or imperfect ashlar, we are prone to admire that which will gratify our passions, and to fix our desires on what we fancy will afford these ample gratification, sometimes blindly supposing that to be highest in excellence which is really most unseemly and forbidding. When, however, the "passions" become "subdued," and the intellect becomes enlightened, and the moral sense and affections change in their "sensibilities and aspirations," the attention becomes directed to the inimitable excellencies that dwell in the Grand Architect of the Universe, and constitute the traits of His nature and character which the true Mason ever loves to study, admire, and imitate.

As love in our nature is a benevolent affection, so in the nature of Him who is our Great All Father, it is a moral perfection, hence "the volume of the sacred law" declares "God is love." Toward the holy and the good His love is an infinite parental complacency and affection, and toward the vile and immoral it is an unmeasurable compassion. It is shown in all His works and ways and dictated in the divine law, but Christians and Christian Masons claim that its most transcendent illustration is in "the Gospel," that "in this was manifested the love of God towards us because that God sent His only begotten son into the world that we might live through Him."

In all its revealings this love is unspeakably winsome and supremely commanding. Words cannot express its vastness; finite intellect cannot comprehend its heights and depths and intensity.

"Could we with ink the ocean fill,  
Were the whole earth of parchment made,  
Were every single stick a quill,  
And every man a scribe by trade:

To write the love of God to man  
Would drain the ocean dry,  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Though stretched from sky to sky."

He who is thus the fountain of love is, and of necessity must be, supremely loveable. He is "the fairest among ten thousand—the one altogether lovely," hence this benevolent affection of our nature in fixing upon Deity, only aspires to its native source and basks in its native element of bliss. Supreme love, therefore, to our All-Wise Creator and Infinite Benefactor is at once our most reasonable service and our most inviting sphere of immortal gratification. Here we come to a most important point: That at least so far as our capacities can comprehend it, we should understand the service in which we are to employ our immortality, and the question arises: What is implied in that love which God thus claims from His rational creatures? Some have thought of it as merely an intellectual approval of the divine excellencies. Others have regarded it as a mere impassioned admiration and reverence of God. Beside and beyond all these aspects, we submit that it implies a supreme delight in God. The understanding, for instance, may philosophically approve the perfections and works of God, and the sensibilities may be compelled to admire His rectitude and love, and yet because I do not possess these qualities myself, because my traits of character are opposite to these, because, therefore, I deserve the divine displeasure, and cannot in this condition hope for the divine approval, I may feel envious, unfriendly, and hostile even to love itself, but when hostility is given up and God is truly embraced as a Father and Friend, then there is attained, not only reverence and admiration, but a supreme delight in His favour and His love. In its range of mental culture this love employs, elevates and refines all the powers of the human intellect. The penetration of the philosopher, the sagacity of the navigator, the accuracy of the mathematician, the subtlety of the logician, the eloquence of the linguist, the researches of the historian, the conjectures of the geologist, the discoveries of the astronomer, the explorations of the geographer, the investigations of the chemist, the aptitude of the phonographer, the expertness of the operator at the telegraph and the telephone, the industry of the agriculturist, the ingenuity of the mechanic, the discernment of the artist and the sculptor, and the skill of the architect and "wise master builder," with all other developments of human intellect, may be aptly employed to facilitate the deep researches, the lofty aspirations and moral scannings of the diligent student of nature and of morals, in securing the highest possible knowledge of the works, the word and the love or benevolence of Deity. This element of intellectual expanse and improvement is also a mighty agent in the refinement of the sensibilities or feelings. Every kindness of Deity, as the Creator and father of our race, appeals not only to the intellect, but also to the feelings. All the mercy of the Christ as our Master, Elder Brother and Saviour, appeals to the feelings. All the tenderness of the Infinite Spirit in His offers to admit us, His frail creatures, to personal and immortal friendship and communion with Himself appeals to the feelings, to bring, if possible, even the profane from enmity to love, and from alienation and fear to filial assurance and delight. Out of these fraternal relations between Deity and his creatures flows forth as from a fountain the principle which heads our present article, "Brotherly Love." As we are thus allied to the Great Supreme, so should we be fraternally allied to each other, thus demonstrating to all, not only "the Fatherhood of God," but also "the brotherhood of man."

Benevolence towards us from our Superior should always awake benevolence among us as fellow equals in the one common family. Hence as *fraters* in the great Masonic brotherhood, we place first in the catalogue of the points of our profession, "brotherly love," and it finds beautiful illustration in our varied and impressive lessons of instruction to candidates and fellows, and emphatic demonstration in every kindly feeling of each toward the other; and especially in every act of self-denial for the benefit of a brother, and in every gift of help for the widow or the orphan who may need our liberalities, and in all our acts of charity and benefaction in the vast arena of want around us. These developments of good will, when referred to in "the volume of the sacred law," are fitly designated "brotherly kindness," and emanate

from brotherly love as naturally as the sparkling rivulet flows from the mountain spring. It is true that acts brotherly in their appearance and commendable in their kind may sometimes be performed from a selfish motive, with the hope of winning favour in some special circle, or of attracting notice and obtaining public praise, or of awakening responsive feelings in the receiver, and securing even larger gifts in return, but true brotherly love indignantly frowns down all sinister motives and wakens in us that disinterested kindred sympathy,

"Which makes us feel for others' woe,  
And God-like charity bestow."

One of the most commendable features of Masonic benefaction is the absence of ostentation. While most charitable associations take pains to publish their liberalities to the world, Masons seem to glory in the sentiment of that great Pattern of beneficence who said to almsgivers: "Let not your right hand know what your left hand doeth;" and hence the millions bestowed for the relief of human suffering or want among them attracts so little notice outside of the circles where they warm the cold, feed the hungry, clothe the destitute, heal the sick, bury the dead and make happy the homes of the bereaved, that opponents sometimes tauntingly inquire, "Where are the showings of your so-called brotherly love?" This, however, finds its best rebuke in the improved condition and quiet gratitude of those thus made glad, while the cheer of each seems to retort: "Come and see!"

Mere nominal Masons, like their cousins, nominal Christians, are often sadly defective in brotherly love. They seem to forget that others exist as well as themselves, and drop into a most unsocial ambition for self-preferment. Soon they have not time for even Masonic "communications," unless they have hope of exaltation to office. They cannot post themselves in "the work" of Masonry, unless they are likely to be promoted, nor will they take part in acts of benefaction unless they especially are to have the praise. Others indulge in a very un-Masonic "greed for gain," and incline to disregard the welfare of the Lodge, the study of the art, the toils of the brethren, the reputation of the Craft, the progress of Masonry, and even the sufferings of the unfortunate, unless "it will pay," or in some way assist them to brighten "the almighty dollar." Such seem to us to ignore "the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." They bow only at the shrine of self-supremacy, and appear to worship only the god of this world. But a still more glaring, inexcusable and unbrotherly defect is that of petty ill-will. It is often based entirely on fancy, and indulged towards a brother who, perchance, entertains toward us the kindest feelings and highest respect. Yet, because we fancy otherwise, we indulge first a coldness, then a shyness, later still an unfriendliness, and last of all open dislike. In other instances, perhaps we really find some slight fault occurring with a brother in regard to our preferment, or our views of fraternal business, or possibly of party or business interests, and we become unfraternally severe, and court retaliation rather than reconciliation, "personal pique" instead of brotherly love; forgetting the human injunction, "Be ye kindly affectioned one toward another, with brotherly love;" thus bringing Masonry sadly into disrepute, and humanity into perverseness and disgrace. The true spirit of Masonry, on the other hand, is "to love one another with pure hearts fervently, to have compassion one of another, to love as brethren, to be pitiful and courteous, and above all things, to have fervent charity among ourselves."

Masonry has many enemies and mighty foes, but when ill-will is fully overcome, and genuine brotherly love gains perfect sway, these enemies will gaze in mute astonishment upon a Craft whose work begins in order, is conducted in peace, and closed in harmony, and they will speedily crave to be admitted to the benefits of Masonry, and to share in the profession of brotherly love, relief and truth.—*Voice of Masonry.*

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 17th January:—

Monday—Old Pauline Club, St. George's and Corner-stone Lodge, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—St. James's Union Lodge, Urban Lodge. Wednesday—Enoch Lodge. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jordan Lodge, University Lodge, Lodge of Antiquity.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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## THE BOYS' SCHOOL RECEIPTS FOR 1884.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt the smallness of the receipts by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys during the past year is due principally to the unusually heavy call made upon the Craft in 1883 in behalf of the Preparatory School. Yet I confess I had some difficulty in understanding how it is they amount to less than the sum announced at the Festival in June last, which I believe was stated as £14,000 in round figures. I can of course see clearly enough that the Benevolent Institution, which holds its Festival in February, is more likely to gather in its subscriptions in the ten remaining months of the year than the Boys' School, which holds its Festival in June, and has only six months clear for the same purpose, but as one of the Festivals must come first and one last, I do not take much account of this point. It strikes me, however, as helping very materially to explain the remarkable difference between the returns furnished by these two Institutions that Bro. Binckes's office is undermanned, and that it was a "penny wise and pound foolish" kind of economy which induced the Boys' School Executive to abolish the office of Collector. Bro. Terry has the services of Bro. Mason, who not only collects contributions, but assists very ably in the office work generally, and those of Bro. Recknell. Bro. Hedges has two clerks all to himself, but in Bro. Binckes's office there is only one clerk—a very able, attentive and courteous one, I admit—with occasional boy or other assistance at odd times. But every one who has had to do, directly or indirectly, with the collection of money knows how hard it is, and how many calls have to be made, in order to gather in the promised contributions. And if this is the case there can, I think, be little doubt about the un wisdom of leaving it to chance to get in the moneys promised or due and payable. If, however, there are overwhelming reasons against the employment of a Collector for the Boys' School, it strikes me Bro. Binckes should have two clerks as Brother Hedges has, or a clerk and a-half like Bro. Terry—Bro. Mason being as it were one-half clerk and the other half Collector. Just now, with the Preparatory School rapidly approaching completion, there is a greater necessity than ever for additional clerical assistance. The Committee have to a certain extent recognised this fact by voting the continuance for another year of the additional remuneration paid to the Secretary and his clerk in 1884. But additional pay, though it may solace these officials for their additional labours, will not furnish them with additional hands to work with, and what is wanted now and for the future is not more work out of the same men—who, Heaven knows, work hard enough already—but more people to do the work. Then we may hope to see Bro. Binckes's return more nearly level with what it figures as upon paper. Bro. Hedges has succeeded in realising as much as his Festival was announced to yield, and Bro. Terry about £1000 over, but Bro. Binckes is short of that total, and I venture to say the whole of these shortcomings is not to be explained by the payments in advance before the 31st December 1883.

Fraternally yours,

S. P.

## THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is to be hoped that the appeal set forth so lucidly in your columns, a fortnight since, in supplementing Bro. Binckes's circular anent the Boys' Preparatory School will have received the consideration it deserves, and that your faith in the fervent zeal and sturdy determination of the Craft in the interests of Charity may be abundantly justified. Most of the readers of your excellent journal must be acquainted with the agitation which led up to the establishment of this subsidiary school, and how the movement was applauded by those who take a special interest in "Our Boys." It is, therefore, most important that, having set our hands to the plough, we should not look back, or flinch one iota in the task we have set before us. On the contrary, there is such a prospect of usefulness and real Charity in the sphere which will be opened out by this Preparatory School that all who were interested in it at the outset should feel their zeal increased and their energies stimulated by the "short, sharp, and decisive" intimation we have received from the pen of Bro. Binckes. It seems to me rather a matter for regret that so poor an account should be shown of annual subscribers amongst the Lodges and Chapters at home and in the colonies; and this is a point which should be taken up in serious earnest by the brethren everywhere. The commencement of a new year is a most opportune time to inaugurate a fresh scheme of usefulness and beneficence; and, seeing the very trifling sacrifice which would be involved by a response to Bro. Binckes's appeal for a guinea or two per annum, there should be no difficulty in at once placing the executive of the Preparatory School beyond the pale of anxiety respecting the funds necessary for the completion of the buildings, and the election of a proportion of the number of boys for whom the additional accommodation is to be provided. Masters of Lodges could, I am sure, very readily and easily introduce this matter to their Lodges at the earliest regular meeting; and I venture to believe there is not one but would unanimously authorise the voting of a minimum guinea from the Lodge funds in order to strengthen the

hands of the Boys' Preparatory School Committee in their laudable undertaking. This is a matter which should, as Bro. Binckes pointed out, not need any further argumentative appeal; but should at once be taken up by Lodges, who, by acting spontaneously and earnestly, just now, might carry out a work which would redound greatly to their own credit and the welfare of the Craft generally. This is a matter which should not be allowed to lag behind, or to draw its slow length along. To act with promptitude and vigour just now would save a vast amount of labour and anxiety later on, and would show to the world that when the occasion requires the brethren of the Craft are more than desirous of exemplifying the principles which are the pride and glory of their ancient and honourable Institution. Trusting we may hear this question still further elucidated by correspondents in your valuable columns,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD BOY.

## MARVELS IN PHOTOGRAPHY.

THE members of the Craft will be glad to hear that a distinguished member of The Great City Lodge, No. 1426, has lately produced two most extraordinary photographs, on a scale rarely seen, and so nearly resembling a steel plate engraving as to require the skill of an expert to discover the difference. The first picture contains 167 portraits of members of the Royal Thames Yacht Club, and was originally a painting on canvas, 16 ft. by 13 ft., by Henry Brooks, well known as an exhibitor at the Royal Academy. The subject of the second picture is the President and Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, and owing to the fact of having only 26 subjects to deal with, the grouping is more effective than in the other picture, but both are simply marvellous. They are exquisite works of the photographic art, and it is Bro. Snell's wish that all his brethren should see them, and at the same time receive from him a truly fraternal greeting. Prominent in the picture of the Royal Thames Yacht Club are the well known likenesses of H.E.H. Prince of Wales, Commodore, the late Marquis of Londonderry, Lord Alfred Paget, Rear and Vice Commodores; Sir Thomas Brassey, M.P., and a host of other notables in the yachting world, and amongst them 97 yacht owners. In the second picture we discern the well known lineaments of our Bro. Cooper Foster, the President; Sir Spencer Wells, Sir William Mac Cormac, and the rest of the members of the Council. These two great works, however, do not exhaust the contents of Bro. Snell's studio; for besides these completed works he has on hand another of not less importance, which is a picture of the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron. As the senior yacht club of the kingdom it is of special interest, and particularly so as H.R.H. the Prince of Wales is also the Commodore, while the late Marquis of Londonderry was the Vice Commodore, the members being noblemen of high rank. Bro. Snell has succeeded in catching a life-like expression of the Prince of Wales, the Marquis of Londonderry, and the prominent members of the squadron. When this picture is completed it will find a fitting home in the Squadron Club House at Cowes, in company with those of the late Emperor Napoleon and the late Earl of Wilton.

A convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on Thursday evening, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 o'clock. Comps. R. Bird M.E.Z., Wm. Radcliffe H., H. Dehane J., G. Gregory acting S.E., T. C. Edmonds S.N., J. Stragnell P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was conducted in an admirable manner, and a profitable and instructive evening was spent.

We regret to hear that Bro. C. F. Matier has had a serious fall and dislocated his right shoulder. It is feared that this accident will confine our worthy brother to his house for some time.

AN APPEAL FOR HELP FOR THE EAST OF LONDON.—After fourteen years of unremitting toil and anxiety in ministering to the spiritual and temporal necessities of the very poorest of the poor inhabitants of Stepney, Shadwell, Limehouse, &c., the workers in connection with the London Cottage Mission, 67 Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, through its founder and director, Mr. Walter Austin, are, with stores and funds exhausted, now absolutely compelled to beg of the public immediate and substantial help to enable them to pay off a debt of £700 owing by the Mission; for funds to meet the expenses of the children's weekly Irish stew dinners, at which, during the six winter months of each year, nearly a thousand children per week are supplied with a full and substantial meal; for food and medical necessities for the sick, aged and bed-ridden; for the cost of the Maternity Society; and for the maintenance of the Children's Home and Sanatorium, accommodating 100 little patients at Halls Green Farm, Sevenoaks Weald, Kent. It may be added that a month's Mission was inaugurated on New Year's Day, which will be continued daily up to the close of the present month. Subscriptions and donations of clothing will be gratefully received and acknowledged by Miss F. Napton, 304 Burdett-road, Limehouse; the Bankers, the London and South Western Bank, 7 Fenchurch-street, E.C., and by Mr. Walter Austin, Managing Director, 41 Finsbury Pavement, London, E.C.

FUNERALS.—Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C., and 7 Horne Villas, Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THERE is an idea prevailing in many quarters that a Masonic Lodge cannot be carried on comfortably or harmoniously when the number of its members exceeds some fifty or sixty; indeed there are many brethren who will declare that the only Lodges for true enjoyment are those which are limited to say thirty or forty members. While we are ready to admit that in some cases increase of numerical strength means a decrease in the pleasures of Masonic work, we are yet able to point to instances wherein the direct opposite is the case, and are therefore able to affirm that the rule of small Lodges for the most enjoyment is not a hard and fast one, but is one which, under proper management, is capable of direct contradiction. We cannot do better, in support of our view, than refer to the Domatic Lodge, which is one of the strongest, in point of numbers on the Register of the Grand Lodge of England. Its prominent position is not confined to number of members alone, for in many other ways the Domatic Lodge occupies a proud place in English Freemasonry, and we trust will continue so to do while Freemasonry itself lasts. How is this success secured?—may be the query of those who have found themselves, if we may so term it, in the cold in Lodges only one-third or even one-fourth as numerous, and we answer, without hesitation, by good management, and by good management alone. The Domatic Lodge appears to be particularly fortunate in the brethren who are selected to rule over its destinies, they make good Masters during their respective terms of office, and after that they appear if anything to greater advantage as Past Masters. Then the permanent officials of the Lodge—the Treasurer and Secretary; it is difficult to say how much of the success of the Lodge does not depend on them. It is invidious to make comparisons, but in this case we feel justified in so doing. There may be Lodges which possess Officers of equal ability, but we very much doubt if any can show more capable ones; and those who know anything of the inner working of the Lodge, and at the same time remember its numerical strength, must fully endorse our opinion. This year's installation marks the commencement of the ninety-ninth year of the Lodge's existence and as favourable a start has been made as any one could desire. It is certainly not the case that the Domatic is getting old and stupid, but then perhaps a century or so does not have the same effect on a Lodge as about half that period does on some men. It may, indeed be that a hundred years' life entitles a Lodge to be looked upon as having reached the years of discretion, but the past career of the Domatic will not allow this assumption; it has long since attained the reputation of being a success, and is now but continuing its prosperity. This year's installation took place on Friday, 9th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended, the following Officers being amongst those who were present:—Bros. Foxcroft W.M., Pierpoint S.W., Price J.W., Everett P.M. Treas., Morris Sec., Simner S.D., Montague J.D., Chapman I.G., Harvey D.C., Sadler Wood Stewart, Riechelmann Org.; P.M.'s Bros. Herbage, Ferguson, Foulger, McLean, Buscall, Walford, Bowman Spink, and Kent. The business of the day comprised the confirmation of the minutes and the Auditors' report, which items disposed of, the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. R. Spindler and J. H. Selby were passed. Next came the installation of Bro. Robert Pierpoint, the W.M. elect, and this ceremony was most ably performed by Bro. W. Herbage P.M. In due course the new W.M. was saluted, and he then invested the following brethren as Officers for the ensuing year:—W. M. Foxcroft Immediate Past Master, Harry Price Senior Warden, A. Simner J.W., Geo. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, Robert Montague S.D., H. J. Chapman J.D., Richard Harvey I.G., C. Riechelmann Organist, J. Sadler Wood D.C., N. Salmon Steward. The installation ceremony having been completed, the W.M. at once started work by initiating Messrs G. A. Weston, A. Grace, J. Tingley, and J. H. Ellis into the mysteries of the Order. Installation night is looked upon as a bad one for initiates, as there is generally too much other work to be got through, but the four gentlemen initiated on Friday lost nothing by selecting an annual meeting night for their admission to the light of Masonry. Brother John Barnett jun. was elected a joining member of the Lodge, three candidates were proposed for the next meeting, and other business having been transacted, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, and in due course the customary toasts were honoured. The Queen and the Craft having been well received, the W.M. gave the health of the M.W. the Grand Master. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had done more for English Freemasonry than any one who had previously occupied the position of Grand Master. Wherever he went he commanded respect—not only from his Masonic brethren, but from all classes of the nation, and it was not too much to say that he made friends of all with whom he came into contact. There was no question as to his desire to advance the interests of the country, or of the institutions which were so dear to its people, nor that, in his attempts to do so, he did not work as hard as any man in Europe. The coming of age of their Grand Master's eldest son must be a source of gratification to all true Masons, as it was to all Englishmen throughout the world. After a song, the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers was proposed, the W.M. paying well deserved compliments both to the noblemen who assist in ruling the destinies of the Order and the Grand Officers who so ably support them. Bro. Hill, Grand Steward, replied to the toast. He believed he might say that all the Grand Officers of England, except perhaps the section to which he had the honour to belong, had earned and thoroughly deserved the distinction conferred on them. No better illustration of the high estimation in which Freemasonry was held by the rulers of the Order could be given than that such patriotic men as the Earl of Carnarvon should spare time to

attend to the work of the Craft. His doing so proved that he felt the importance of Freemasonry in the social life of the country. Bro. Foxcroft I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M. Their present ruler had been initiated in the Domatic Lodge some ten years since. In a Lodge numbering something like one hundred and fifty members, as the Domatic Lodge did, for any one to attain to the Chair in so short a time proved him to be a man of some esteem among his brethren, and endowed in no small way with the spirit of perseverance. There was no post in the Lodge that Bro. Pierpoint had filled wherein he had not worked to the satisfaction of the members, while the way in which he had performed the initiation ceremony that evening proved he would not be found deficient in the work of his latest appointment. He felt assured that Bro. Pierpoint would become a Master of whom the Domatic Lodge would have reason to be proud. In reply, the W.M. said he should not be telling the truth if he said he was not proud of his position. When he occupied the chair of initiate at the banquet which followed his admission to the Lodge—a position he well remembered—he was told he would never again occupy that place, but he felt it was possible to occupy the next to it, and that chair he had always striven to secure. He now had the honour of occupying it, and felt the great importance of the trust reposed in him. He hoped, during the time he should fill it, he would give satisfaction to every member of the Lodge. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. During his year of office Bro. Foxcroft had striven to perform the duties of the chair to the best of his ability, and he had succeeded, as was evidenced by the way in which the Lodge had voted him a Past Master's jewel. He richly deserved the gift, and it afforded him (the speaker) much pleasure to place it on his breast. He hoped that Bro. Foxcroft would long enjoy good health, and that he would always be borne in the same esteem by the members of the Domatic Lodge as he was at that moment. In reply the I.P.M. tendered his sincere thanks to the members of the Lodge. If he had failed in anything during the past year, it had been not from any neglect on his part, but from inability or from the more pressing demands of business. The brethren had been most kind to him during the past year, the Past Masters, the Officers, and every member having striven to help him in every possible manner. The next best thing to being installed into the chair was to retire therefrom with honour, and he flattered himself that he had some honour attached to his term of office. The toast of the initiates was next proposed. The W.M. had that night had the gratification of admitting four gentlemen into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Three of them were old personal friends, one he might say being an acquaintance of 30 years' standing, while their fourth new member came well and worthily recommended. All would doubtless prove a benefit to Freemasonry in general and the Domatic Lodge in particular. Bro. Tingley expressed the pleasure he felt in being admitted. He could but appreciate the warmth of the reception accorded him and his fellow initiates that night. Bro. Grace followed in similar strains. Bro. Weston considered it a great privilege to be initiated, and an especial pleasure that so old and dear a friend of his as the present W. Master should have performed that duty. He and Bro. Pierpoint were not only personal friends, but so closely associated with each other in their daily avocation as to render the events of the day even more pleasing than they would otherwise have been. The toast of the Visitors next received attention, and to this Bros. Harper, Spiller, Stiles, and others responded. The W.M. in submitting the toast of the Past Masters felt sure it was one which could be heartily received, as it deserved to be. The Domatic Lodge could not get on without its Past Masters. They seemed to vie with each other as to who should do most for the Lodge and its members. They were kind and considerate to all, and had thoroughly earned the respect that was felt for them. After a brief allusion to each of the brethren present who had filled the chair, the W.M. called upon Bro. Herbage to reply, remarking in so doing that the way in which that brother had performed the ceremony of installation was particularly gratifying to them all. Bro. Herbage felt that in joining the ranks of full-fledged Past Masters he had become one of a noble band. He should do all he could to follow in the footsteps of those who had preceded him. Indeed, he had that evening made an attempt to copy his predecessors in the way in which he had worked the ceremony of installation. The ceremonies of Freemasonry were such that a brother might give his very best attention to them, while the interest of the members of the Lodge in its work induced a man to strive his utmost in any work which might fall to his lot. The W.M., before proposing the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, stated he had omitted to mention that one of their most esteemed Past Masters—Bro. J. Willing—who was then at Plymouth, had sent his fraternal greetings and best wishes for the prosperity of the Lodge. The Treasurer of the Lodge, said the W.M., was too well known to the members to need any very lengthened remarks from him when proposing his health. It might truly be said that Bro. Everett had at all times the interest of the Lodge at heart. The way in which he looked after their comforts at the banquet table added not a little to their enjoyment, although it was purchased, perhaps, at the expense of Bro. Everett's personal comfort. It was also a fact that Bro. Morris, their Secretary, deserved all the good things that could be said of him. His was no light duty, but so efficiently did he perform his work that he might truly be termed the walking Encyclopædia of the Domatic Lodge. Of the 150 or so members it seemed there was not one but Bro. Morris could not give his address at a moment's notice; this alone proved he threw his heart into his work. Bro. Everett thanked the W.M. and brethren most heartily. He had the pleasure of initiating the present W.M., as well as some others of the Officers appointed that evening, and in looking round on them felt quite proud of his boys. As regards Bro. Pierpoint, he had long looked forward to the time when he should be among them in the East, as he felt that although they had had many distinguished brethren in the chair of the Domatic Lodge there was no one who would give more satisfaction than would Bro. Pierpoint. He should be only too happy to continue his office of Treasurer so long as he

received such cordial support from the members as had marked his occupancy of it in the past. Bro. Morris referred to the fact of the present being his seventh appointment to the office of Secretary, a post in which he should strive to give as much satisfaction in the future as he appeared to have done in the past. It was a great pleasure to him to be again appointed to act as Secretary of the Lodge, which he trusted would continue to prosper as it had done hitherto. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted. The W.M. felt that the brethren appointed that night would do their best to support him, give satisfaction to the members, and add to the reputation of the Lodge. This toast having been responded to, was followed by that of "All poor and distressed Masons," after which the brethren separated. Among the visitors were Bros. John Oldis S.W. 1288, S. P. Knight D.C. 1903, C. Arkell P.M. 192, R. R. Harper P.M. 813, Henry Stiles P.M. 1732, H. Fruen 2012, W. Wilkins P.M. 902, E. J. Tabor 1101, J. Westerby W.M. 1613, W. Cable 1638, E. E. Court Std. 1559, S. Read 766, F. A. Duffield 619, J. Baker P.M. 1672, T. Skinner 1614, W. A. Dowling 2012, J. J. Avery P.M. 70, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1744, W. Kingwell 1572, C. Farwig 201, C. W. Bovis 511, W. H. Baker S.W. 2030, H. Hambling 2030, J. E. Shand 2030, A. J. Hayward 2005, A. Hancock W.M. 1950, J. Bennett I.G. 1415, H. M. Appleton W.M. 1381, C. H. Spiller W.M. 49, E. Storr W.M. 167, F. H. Spiller P.M. 49, S. Hill W.M. 21 Grand Steward, W. H. Marston P.M. 55, H. C. Turner Std. 1693, C. H. Everett. S.W. 2012, &c.

#### JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual installation meeting of this old and popular Lodge was held on Monday, 5th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. George Bean, the retiring W.M., who was supported by Bros. A. J. Martin S.W., J. W. Dewsnap J.W., P.M.'s M. L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, A. G. Dodson, Obed Roberts, L. M. Myers, Israel Abrahams, Lewis Lazarus Treas.; J. S. Lyon Sec., Lewis Wall S.D., Geo. M. Lion J.D., L. Davis Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Org., and many other brethren and visitors. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites, Bro. C. Grove Ellis was raised to the third degree; and Lodge having resumed Bro. Alexander John Martin, the zealous S.W. of the past year, was presented for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, Bro. Martin was installed by Bro. M. L. Alexander P.M., in masterly style, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours. He then proceeded to invest his Officers for the year, as follows:—Bros. G. Bean I.P.M., J. W. Dewsnap S.W., Lewis Wall J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., L. Lazarus P.M. Sec., G. P. Lion S.D., Isaac Botibol J.D., Lewis Davis I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., Lenzberg and Hart Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Org., and Goddard Tyler. The addresses having been delivered with good effect, the W.M. immediately proceeded to initiate Mr. Meyer Max Bendit, and Mr. Bulford, the ceremony being performed in a manner which fully satisfied the brethren as to the choice they had made of a ruler for the ensuing year. After the transaction of some other Masonic business, the brethren and visitors sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and served under the superintendance of Bro. M. Silver. The customary loyal toasts were followed by that of the "Joppa Benevolent Fund," in proposing which the Worshipful Master congratulated the brethren on the fact that there was still a very respectable balance to the credit of that fund, which had done so much good during the past ten or twenty years. He associated with the toast the name of the Senior President, Bro. Israel Abrahams, who responded, and in the course of his remarks said the fund, which had been the source of so much relief to so many of the brethren, widows and orphans, was a thoroughly Masonic fund. It was now reduced to about £700, but it had boasted of having reached £1,100 and upwards. If they had a smaller amount now they would not discontinue lending a helping hand in any case really deserving their assistance. By the aid of the brethren, whom he found ready and pleased to put their hands in their pockets on behalf of a really good cause, he hoped to get the fund up again to £1,000, and he was pleased to-night to announce several new subscriptions. He trusted the Fund and the Joppa Lodge might enjoy a long career of future prosperity. Bro. Lewis Lazarus Secretary announced subscriptions to the amount of thirteen guineas, of which the W.M. contributed two guineas. The I.P.M. in proposing the health of the newly-installed Worshipful Master spoke of him as an old friend, who he was delighted to have seen placed in the chair of the Joppa Lodge. It was not altogether a new honour to Bro. Martin, who had passed the chair of a distinguished Lodge in the south-east of London. At any rate, from what they knew of him, he was entirely worthy of the confidence of the brethren and well qualified to discharge the important duties of the position. The W.M. in acknowledging the compliment paid him, said he was an initiate of Bro. Israel Abrahams, twenty years ago, and he had waited since that time in the hope and expectation of attaining the high position to which he had this evening been chosen by the kindness of the brethren. In every Lodge the initiate should aspire to that promotion, even as every French soldier was taught to believe he carried a marshal's bâton in his knapsack. The brethren had chosen to elect him, and he accepted the office with a great deal of diffidence; but at the same time with a great deal of pleasure—with diffidence lest he should be considered a martinet, but with pleasure because he knew he should be associated with a great number of old Masonic friends. He should insist on order and decorum in the Lodge and he hoped all the brethren would support him. He then proposed the health of the Initiates, suitable replies being given by Bros. Bendit and Bulford. The health of the Installing Master was next given, and in responding Bro. M. L. Alexander said it had been his pleasure to install many Masters of this Lodge, and he should be ready to assist in that capacity again, although it was preferable that every

Master should instal his successor. The Visitors were cordially received, and the welcome accorded to them was acknowledged by Bros. Benjamin W.M. 1017, Barnett W.M. 185, Johnson W.M. 1320, and J. R. Stacey. The health of the Past Masters followed, the name of the I.P.M., Bro. Geo. Bean, being received with especial honour, and the W.M. presented him, on behalf of the Lodge, a handsome P.M.'s jewel and a P.M.'s collar and jewel, as a mark of esteem and in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Bean I.P.M. in returning thanks for the compliment paid him said words failed him to express adequately his sense of gratitude for the kindness he had received at the hands of the brethren. During his year of office he had endeavoured to emulate the working of his predecessors, and to carry on the Lodge on the same lines as the P.M.'s. The handsome gifts he had received that evening would remind him of the happy hours he had spent with the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, and it would be a pleasure to him always to wear them when he met them in the Lodge. It was a source of satisfaction to himself to know that the same good feeling subsisted between them all on his retiring from office as when he entered upon the duties. Bro. Roberts P.M. also responded, and other toasts followed. The enjoyment of the evening was enhanced by a capital selection of music, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, by Miss Berta Foresta, Miss Reba, Bros. Arthur Thomas and Henry Prenton. Mr. Walter Van Noorden rendered good service at the pianoforte.

#### EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on the 12th inst., when the chair was occupied by the Worshipful Master, Bro. Sir Frederick Milner, Bart., M.P. There were also present Bros. J. Blenkin I.P.M., T. B. Whytehead P.M., Geo. Balmford P.M., G. Simpson P.M., J. T. Sellar P.M., A. T. B. Turner S.W., W. Brown J.W., B. Z. Miles, and a number of other Officers and brethren. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. the Rev. R. Blakeney, Vicar of Bishopthorpe, and Granville Milner, of Bilbrough Hall. Bro. Whittaker was passed to the second degree, and the lecture on the second tracing board was given by Bro. W. B. Dyson. The Secretary announced the death of Brother Isaac F. Taylor, one of the first members initiated in the Lodge. After the close of the Lodge the members met at refreshment, and the usual toasts were duly honoured, the evening being enlivened by harmony, to which many brethren contributed. Letters and messages, conveying hearty good wishes, were received from several absent members, including Bros. J. S. Cumberland P.M., C. G. Padel P.M., &c.

#### PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 199.

A REGULAR meeting of this Lodge was held at the Royal Oak Hotel, Dover, on Monday, the 5th inst. The W.M., Bro. John W. Terson, opened the Lodge at 7 p.m., and there was a punctual attendance of officers and brethren. Amongst the large number present were Bros. J. W. Terson W.M., Thomas Hearn S.W., James W. Bussey J.W., A. F. L. Fredericksen S.D., J. W. Miller J.D., John Falconer I.G., Rev. V. S. Vickers I.P.M. Chaplain, James D. Terson P.M. Secretary, H. S. Boyton P.M. Organist, John Marshall P.M., John Bourdeaux P.M., William Cressford P.M., Edward Lukey P.M., Joseph G. Podevin P.M., Francis W. Prescott P.M., Bros. Capt. J. W. Miller, E. Swan, T. Farrington, G. Ainslie, C. H. C. Marsh, F. Dane, W. A. Barrow, W. A. Kennett, G. W. Church, H. J. Crower, A. Welch, G. Willson Tyler, and Visitors Bros. James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426, Pearson O. Potter W.M. 1208, George Band P.M. 1196, E. A. Marsh S.D. 1208, W. Kenison 1096, J. McKenzie 1208, E. Vie 531, J. J. Wright 1208, R. Voaro 1536, F. Stanger 1208, J. Pupkiss 398, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. stated that as there was no ceremonial work before the Lodge for this occasion it had been thought expedient to use the opportunity, for the purpose of hearing a lecture on the Ritual by Bro. Stevens, of London, who was then present, and whom he had pleasure in introducing to the Lodge. He had no doubt that the members would give him a hearty welcome and an attentive hearing. Bro. James Stevens, who on rising was most cordially received, then occupied the earnest attention of all present; during two and a half hours he discoursed of the "Knobs and Excrescences" which are still to be found in the ritual and ceremonial of the First Degree. His remarks were evidently much appreciated by the several Past Masters present, as well as by the younger portion of his audience, and notwithstanding the length of his address, its conclusion was sought to be deferred for further explanations. The thanks of the Lodge were expressed to Bro. Stevens, in high laudation of his lecture and services, and the same were entered on the minutes. There was no other business, and Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently partook of supper, and separated at the customary hour.

#### ROYAL BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 732.

THE annual installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge took place on Thursday, the 8th inst., in the Masonic Room of the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. Bro. W. Nell was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. E. Histed, the retiring W.M. The following are the Officers selected by Bro. Nell to assist him during his year of office:—Bros. E. Histed I.P.M., C. Nye S.W., W. Botting J.W., R. Willard Secretary, S. Denman S.D., J. P. Harker J.D., T. Clowser I.G. Owing to the Mayor's "At Home," the usual banquet was postponed until next month.

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

THE election meeting was held on Tuesday, the 13th instant, at the Albion, Aldergate-street. Bros. W. W. Morgan W.M., T. H. Peirce S.W., Henry Martin J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Redcliffe P.M. Secretary, E. Thring S.D., Thomas Crapper J.D., A. Withers P.M. D.C., A. Green P.M. Steward, F. T. Bennett as I.G., C. T. Speight P.M. Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. F. Hentsch, Usher Back, and John Waters were present, with the following among other brethren:—J. Burr, W. G. Aires, P. J. King, H. Lindfield, Alfred Kent, H. Green jun., E. Hartley, &c., &c. Visitors—Bros. T. Driver P.M. 65, G. Houlton Bishop I.G. 1965, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, J. E. Cassans P.M. 1365 408 P.P.G.S.W. Herts, W. G. Jennings 1580, F. C. Longley 1745. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Peirce S.W. was unanimously elected Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.M., Past Grand Sword Bearer, Provincial Grand Secretary of Surrey was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler. A P.M.'s jewel was voted for presentation to the outgoing Master, and after arrangements had been made for the Audit meeting, the brethren and Visitors partook of a banquet, admirably served by the manager of the Albion. The after proceedings were of a most enjoyable nature. The installation meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 10th February.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE OF WALES LODGE,  
(5TH DRAGOON GUARDS), No. 570 (I.C.)

THE installation meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Monday evening, 12th instant, Bros. W. Knights W.M., A. Baldrey (W.M. elect) S.W., T. Howard J.W., J. A. Banks Sec. and Treas., H. Kendal S.D., R. Hardisty J.D., T. Saul I.G., Sly Tyler, and the following military brethren:—R. Gifford P.M., E. Heegam, W. Fowler, H. Dixon, A. Bullock, C. Speers, W. Harding, J. Sayers, W. G. Woodward, B. E. Donovan, C. Hicks, H. Roberts, C. Diëkmant, and W. Harkness. Visitors—George F. East P.M. P.P.G.D. 163 Integrity (Installing Master on this occasion), Rideal W.M. 1798, George Hunt W.M. 1993, Kennett Howell W.M. 1375, Senior P.M. 163, Diddleley W.M. 163, Waller P.M. 163, Harris J.W. acting S.W. 1993, W. B. Lowcock, John Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C., H. W. Riley Secretary 815, Arthur West 145, Joseph Wildgrove P.G.G.J.D. East Lancashire, W. W. Frayling United Service Lodge 1541, Hong Kong, H. Darbyshire P.M. 1993, W. J. Herring I.G. 815, T. G. Hindley 1418, Thomas Few 163, J. Batchelder P.M. 1158, R. D. Hill P.M. 1161, Captain J. W. Allison P.M. 993, R. J. Walker 1009, A. H. Jefferis W.M. 1161. Lodge was opened in military Masonic form, and with solemn prayer, at 5:15 by the W.M. Bro. Knights. The minutes of last regular meeting, also of an emergency were read and confirmed. The Wor. Master now invited the Installing Master to take the chair. Bro. East, in doing so, explained that the military brethren would during the ceremony perceive a difference in the working as done by him and what they had probably been accustomed to, the Princess Charlotte of Wales working under the Irish Constitution. One of the instructions necessary to be carried out was that the Installing Master must read the fifteen charges to the W.M. elect, the duty being always done in English Lodges by the Secretary. The Lodge was then advanced to another degree, and the W.M. presented Major Baldrey to the Installing Master to receive at his hands the benefit of installation, which ceremony was done in a most effective manner by Bro. East. In due course Bro. Major Baldrey was installed, and invested the following brethren:—Howard S.W., Kendall J.W., Banks P.M. Hon. Secretary and Treasurer (for the fourth time), Hardisty S.W., Saul J.D., Deacon I.G. The former Tyler, Brother Sly, honourably and well fills again this office. The working tools were presented by the Immediate Past Master. The addresses to the Master and brethren were duly given by the Installing Master, the address to the Wardens by Bro. Joseph Wildgrove P.P.G.J.D. East Lancashire. Heartly good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren, and then Lodge was closed in due form by Bro. Major Baldrey, who cordially invited the visiting brethren to remain to the banquet, which was prepared in the dining hall, and was ably served by the Masonic Hall manager, aided by numerous polite and attentive assistants. Great credit is due to the manager and his wife for the manner in which they cater for such banquets. The formal toasts having been gone through, the W.M. called upon Past Master Gifford to propose the toast of the Visitors, which was done in a kindly manner. Bro. John Salmon P.M. 163 P.P.G.D.C. East Lanca hire in a suitable speech expressed his delight at the way in which Brother Knights had opened the Lodge; he referred to the difference in the style of working as usually carried out in this Province. However, he could truthfully say it was well done by every Officer, and he should be glad to see such proficiency and discipline more generally displayed. Bro. Salmon concluded by thanking the W.M., on behalf of the Visitors, for the grand treat, and splendid banquet they had all enjoyed. Bro. Batchelder P.M. 1453, a celebrated author and composer, played one of his popular pieces on the pianoforte in a masterly style, and much to the gratification of the brethren. Bro. Dottie P.M. 1161 gave a humorous reading, entitled "Lubbers Afloat," which created, as it always does, roars of laughter. The W.M., in responding to the toast of his health, made some allusion to the fact of the Princess Charlotte of Wales being an Irish Lodge, yet it had a Welsh name; he supposed they might say it was also a Welsh Lodge; but whether Irish or Welsh he had no hesitation in saying that it was second to none in this or any other Province for its loyalty, its working, and its thorough Masonic character. His only fear, on assuming the proud position of W.M. was, that he might not show the same ability as his predecessors, who had ably performed their duties; he promised, however, to

do his best, and was confident of receiving the support of his Officers, and particularly of his I.P.M. Bro. Knight, who was ready and able to work any ceremony. This brother would have performed the installation ceremony, but in deference to his (the W.M.'s) wishes, and out of courtesy to Bro. East, he had been asked to forego the pleasure because Bro. East installed him (the W.M.) into Freemasonry, many years ago, and in the very room where he had just been installed. The W.M. concluded by making some flattering, but well-deserved remarks, about Bro. Knights, and proposed his health. The proposition was received with right hearty cheers, testifying how highly Bro. Knights was respected. The health of the Installing Master was responded to by that distinguished brother, who in a very able speech explained how deeply he felt the honour of having that day been allowed to instal Bro. Major Baldrey, whom he had been the means of initiating into Freemasonry; it was a great pleasure to him to say that the British Army did not possess a finer soldier, and Freemasonry could not boast of a better brother than Major Baldrey. He predicted success to the regiment, and the Craft when it had so noble a man at the head of one of its Lodges. The toast was received with rapturous applause and was suitably acknowledged. The remainder of the evening was spent in harmony, Bro. Salmon sang "Here's to his health." Bro. Howard played in grand style a clarinet solo, accompanied by Bro. Batchelder. Bro. Gifford was in excellent voice, and sang "In days of Old." Bro. Saul sang the "Sentry Song," from Iolanthe. Bro. Darbyshire recited a popular dialect story. Bro. Senior sang "My sweetheart when a boy." Thus a very happy and most enjoyable evening was brought to a close by hearty good cheers given for Major Baldrey and the members of his family.

## WOLSELEY LODGE, No. 1993.

THIS Lodge held its second Annual Ball and Soirée in the Ardwick Town Hall, Manchester, on Tuesday evening, 13th instant. One hundred and four ladies and gentlemen were present. Dancing commenced at eight p.m. to the strains of music from a very efficient band, conducted by Mr. Baxter, Band Master of the Ardwick Industrial Schools. Bro. Harris J.W. Wolseley Lodge, Acting Senior Warden for Bro. Lord Wolseley, was the Master of the Ceremonies, and performed the duties in his well-known courteous manner. The Hall was prettily decorated by Bro. Waite (Tyner and Co.), of Deansgate, Manchester, who was well supplied with Masonic banners, which he placed about in profusion, as he often does for similar occasions in all parts of England. Suppers were provided by Mrs. Edwards, of 5 Bury New-road, Manchester (wife of the first W.M. of this Lodge), in two relays, the first being at 10:30, to which forty-three sat down, and the second at twelve o'clock, to which forty-five more sat down; too much praise cannot be given to this lady for the splendid way she always does her catering, and a word of praise is due to her able assistant, Miss Ada, for the polite and prompt attention she always displays to the guests. Bro. Edwards P.M. presided at the first supper, in the absence of the W.M., who left early in the evening, owing as was stated to family affliction. Bro. Edwards did, as he always does—looked well after his guests, while Bro. Darbyshire undertook the duties of Superintending Steward for the President. The second supper was presided over by Bro. Darbyshire, and Bro. Walker fulfilled the duties actively of Superintending Steward, which gave him pleasure, as it always seems to do—to give comfort and enjoyment to visitors. This brother was in great demand, loud calls being made for him in the ball room whilst he was engaged in the supper room; but he regarded the commands of the President and the welfare of the guests too much to vacate his post for one moment till supper was over. He is a worthy brother, and the Callender Lodge may well be proud of its coming Master, Bro. Walker, who is to be shortly installed, and we hope to be able to report that interesting event. The whole affair passed off without a hitch, and the assembly of delighted brethren, ladies and visitors dispersed at four a.m.

## CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

THE first anniversary meeting of this new Lodge, which may be described as one of the most popular in the metropolitan district, was celebrated on Monday last, at the Bolton Hotel, Duke's Road, Chiswick. The W.M., Bro. George Everett, presided, and was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Charles H. Everett S.W., George Gardner J.W., E. Lawrence P.M. Treas., Harry Price Sec., R. Harvey S.D., W. Gomm J.D. Amongst the visitors were Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, A. Williams 834, H. Whittick P.M. 511, J. M. Alexander 1563, W. Johnson R.C. 865, E. Ayling P.M. 975, J. M. Chapman W.M. 1922, F. Cox 780, W. T. Buxton 1381, A. Freeman 1614, S. Stretch 1950, E. Gilbert P.P.G. Steward Middlesex, P.M. and Treas. 326, G. L. Everett 177, V. E. Wing 1585, A. L. Chapman 255, J. W. Walden 975, E. A. Tilbury 975, H. Skinner 177, F. Hayes 73, H. A. Stant 1320, H. Massey P.M. 619 1928, C. Cordingley P.M. 45, J. Hare 1987, N. Defriez P.M. 185, E. Wright S.D. 1612, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, F. W. Downes 1153, F. Harding 177, John Kent 177, &c. After the Lodge had been formally constituted the minutes of last Lodge meeting and the Auditors' Report were read and unanimously adopted. Bros. C. Packer and J. H. D. Meyer were then raised to the sublime degree. The ballot was taken for Mr. Andrew Francis Morley Gammell, proposed by Bro. C. H. Everett, and seconded by the W.M.; and for Mr. John Rowlings, who was proposed by Bro. W. Gomm D.C., and seconded by the W.M. elect. The result was in favour of both candidates, who were initiated and regularly enlightened in the mysteries of the first degree in Freemasonry. The W.M. elect, Bro. Charles H. Everett, was then introduced and regularly placed in the chair of King Solomon in the presence of a full Board of Installed Masters. On the re-admission of those below the degree of I.M., Bro. C. H. Everett was saluted in

the three degrees, and he then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. George Gardner S.W., Richard Harvey J.W., F. Lawrence P.M. P.Z., M.D., Treasurer, Harry Price Secretary, Wm. Gomm S.D., William A. Dowling J.D., Harry Furze I.G., John Brown Director of Ceremonies, A. H. Strong W.S., J. Rowe Tyler. The Treasurer now rose; he thought a vote of thanks should be given to Bro. George Everett for having so admirably performed the very arduous duties he had undertaken during the past year, and he moved a resolution to that effect, which was seconded by the W.M. and carried unanimously. Bro. G. Everett in acknowledging the compliment said it was not the first time the Treasurer had spoken kindly of him, he, however, thought it was more than he deserved; he had tried to do his duty, and as far as health and strength permitted he hoped he had done it. He had begun well, continued well, and ended fairly well; he had installed his successor. Bro. Everett then gracefully alluded to the assistance he had received from Bro. Ferguson, on more than one occasion, and thanked him for having performed the duties of Master when he was too unwell to attend. This day he had acted as Director of Ceremonies, and for these services he now thanked Bro. Ferguson. Another subject he had to mention. Bro. George Gardner S.W. last year stood as Steward of this Lodge for the Girls' School, and took up an excellent list, headed by ten guineas which was voted by the Lodge. This year he was representing the Aged Freemasons, and no doubt he would take up an equally good list. He (Bro. Everett) therefore proposed that the list should be headed by a vote from the Lodge of ten guineas. This motion having been seconded by the Treasurer, was carried unanimously. Shortly afterwards Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was excellently served by the proprietor of the Bolton Hotel, Bro. Thomas Wright. Full justice having been done to the loyal toasts, Bro. George Everett I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M., who he complimented on the excellent start he had made. The brethren were somewhat nervous before Bro. Charles H. Everett went into the chair, fearing he would be too modest, he having so recently attained to so high a position. He thought they had nothing to fear on that score; the W.M. had shown that he was not modest, and was ready to carry out the work of the Lodge. That was exactly the sort of man they wanted in the chair, and he (Bro. George Everett) found he was bequeathing to the new Worshipful Master a position he knew he would esteem. Taking into consideration that the Lodge was only twelve months old, it was matter for congratulation that it was now 34 strong; it seemed to him extraordinary that so much should have been effected in the course of twelvemonths. It was very gratifying further to know that this result had been brought about mainly by the assistance he (Bro. Everett) had received from his Officers. It was rather curious that an Everett should follow an Everett, considering there was no relationship between them, except the Masonic fellowship which bound them together. There was now an Everett the Second in the chair, and on his behalf he (Bro. George Everett) had to ask that if they saw in the W.M. any shortcomings they would make every allowance for him, and would assist him in every possible way. The W.M., in reply, assured the brethren that so long as he occupied the chair nothing would be wanting on his part to promote the interests of the Chiswick Lodge. The Lodge was but little more than twelve months old, yet it commanded such a large gathering as they had present that evening. It was a great credit to the Lodge, and he should feel it a pride to promote its interest as much as he could. The toast of "The Initiates" came next; both these brethren responded, trusting they might eventually become bright ornaments to the Order. The toast of "The Visitors" was gracefully introduced by the W.M., and Bro. Ferguson, who was the first to respond, said the proposition of the W.M. gave him the opportunity of returning thanks on two grounds—first of congratulating the Chiswick Lodge on the wonderful progress it had made since it was consecrated. He thanked the brethren for the way in which they had received the toast proposed by the W.M., and for his kind recognition of what he had done. He trusted he should always be useful as a Mason. When first he came to the Lodge he was ornamental; the second time, when the W.M. was ill, he was useful; and at the present meeting he had tried to make himself serviceable. He did not like to be a wallflower, he had satisfaction in being able to do something. When the Lodge was a little older it would require no extraneous aid, and those who had assisted would all be wallflowers, but they would admire the way in which the members of the Lodge did its work. That would be admirable. It was an excellent thing that the first W.M. had set the example of installing his successor, this was a duty which every W.M. should perform. With such an example the Chiswick Lodge must succeed. Bro. Chapman said he did not know whether the brethren had seen any picture in which surprise was depicted by open mouths and extended hands, but if they had they might imagine that that was the way in which he ought to be represented on this occasion, for he felt much surprise at the way in which the I.P.M. installed his successor and delivered the addresses. His next surprise was at the way the W.M. had conducted the working. It had been expected that he would hardly have a word to say for himself, but he had invested his Officers as though he had been an old Past Master in the Craft. He had also been surprised at the responses of the Initiates, and likewise with the lavish hospitality with which every one had been entertained. He had been invited to enjoy himself in a quiet way, but he had found unbounded liberality in the banquet. Farther, he was surprised that he should have been called upon to respond. The W.M. in offering the next toast, the health of the I.P.M., Brother George Everett, presented that brother with an elegant jewel, surmounted by a beautiful miniature picture of old Chiswick Church. He narrated the circumstances under which Brother Everett yielded to the persuasion put upon him to become the first Master of the Lodge, and said that it was only by strong pressure that he again consented to take a leading part in Masonry. He had, however, done his work well, and had led the Chiswick Lodge to a position of prosperity. Brother George Everett in replying said that Brother Chapman had mentioned surprises which had met him that day;

but he (Brother Everett) must say he was surprised, though, at the same time, flattered and pleased at the reception given to this toast. He was very happy to think that the brethren thought him a "jolly good fellow." He was pleased to receive at the hands of the Lodge the handsome jewel pinned on his breast by the Worshipful Master. It had been his good fortune many times during his extended Masonic career to receive tokens of the esteem and regard of his brother Masons, but he did not know that he had ever received a greater compliment than the presentation of this jewel by the Chiswick Lodge. He was taken by surprise when he was asked to be the first Master of the Chiswick Lodge, and he was the more surprised to find himself weak enough to accept the post, because he had previously resolved to take a back seat in Freemasonry. However, he did agree to come again to the fore, and he obtained the warrant for this Lodge. Although he went into it reluctantly at first, he did not regret it, and was highly pleased at the result. The Chiswick Lodge had been a great success, and every one connected with it had been genial good fellows. He was the more pleased and proud because the Lodge was the child of his old age. Several other toasts followed, but the advanced hour of the evening compelled those who had to get home by train to quit the pleasant assembly, and brave the tempestuous weather that prevailed outside.

## THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349, Liverpool Arms, Barking-road, near Canning Town Railway Station, on Tuesday evening, 27th January, at 6:30 p.m. precisely. Bro. Dale 633 will preside; Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 S.W., Myers P.M. 1445 J.W., Candick P.M. 149 I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Winterton, De Casserers, Loane, Smith, Richardson, Pavitt, Myers. Second Lecture—Bros. Musto jun., Watkinson, Stewart, Candick, West. Third Lecture—Bros. Musto, Job, McDonald. Bro. Winterton, 860, Hon. Sec.

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Bro. Stevens has lately delivered the lecture, on the 1st inst., at the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360 at Wimbledon; and on the 5th in the Peace and Harmony Lodge No. 199 at Dover, on each of which occasions he was greatly complimented on his Masonic labour. The lecture has been given at Portsmouth, Brighton, Dunmow, Lowestoft, Hull, Derby, Kidderminster, and other provincial towns, besides many of the metropolitan Lodges. From these places very gratifying testimonies of satisfaction have been received by Bro. Stevens, whose study walls bear honourable evidence of the opinion of his hearers. During this month it is probable the lecture may be repeated at Upper N. Wood, Whitstable, and Margate, and the 6th proximo is appointed for its delivery at the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, at Dulwich.

A ball in connection with the Lodge of Prosperity will be held at the Cannon-street Hotel, on Tuesday, 20th January 1885. Tickets (to include supper and light refreshments during the evening): double, to admit lady and gentleman, 21s; single, to admit a gentleman, 15s; single, to admit a lady, 10s 6d.

A very successful meeting of the Lily Lodge of Richmond, No. 820, was held on Wednesday last. Three gentlemen were initiated into the Order by the W.M., Bro. G. C. Young P.M. A full report shall appear next week. Several other reports are unavoidably held over.

The marriage of General Brownrigg, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, with Miss Desanges, took place on Saturday last, at St. Luke's, Chelsea. The popularity of the bride was attested by the large number of presents she received. The Duchess of Wellington sent a tea-service, Sir Bruce Seton (for Grand Lodge) some plate, and Bro. and Mrs. Nunn a handsome lamp.

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### THE ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL

OF THIS INSTITUTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON

WEDNESDAY, 25<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 1885,

AT

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UPON WHICH OCCASION

The Rt. Hon. Sir MICHAEL E. HICKS BEACH, Bart. M.P.

R.W. PROV. GRAND MASTER FOR GLOUCESTERSHIRE,

has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

JAMES TERRY, P. Prov. G.S.W. Norths and Hunts,  
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### NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

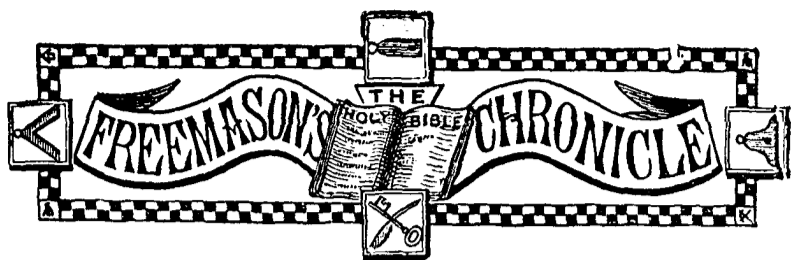
Aged 10 years, 10th September 1885. Eldest son of the late Brother ROBERT CHAMBERLAIN, Locomotive Engineer of Rewari-Ferozpur State Railway, Punjab, who died suddenly, at Hissar, on the 26th July 1884, aged 42, from Heat Apoplexy, leaving a widow and two children without adequate means of support. He was initiated in Lodge Corinth, No. 1122, Nagpur, served as W.M. and Secretary over two years; W.M. of Lodge Berar, No. 1649, Budneira; three years D.G.D. of Bombay, and a member of the Grand Lodge of England. He was a subscribing member until death.

The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
- Andrew Hay, P.D.D.G.M. Bombay.
- \* W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. England, 61 Nelson Square, S.E.
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- F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
- \* J. Beavan Phillips P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- \* Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- \* William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
- \* James Heywood, Constantinople.
- \* W. Harvey P.M. 687 P.Z. 107 Secretary and P.D.G. Secretary for Turkey.
- \* G. Kenning Vice-Patron, P.M. 192 249 1657 P.G.D. Midd., Upper Sydenham.
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- J. Nowill, Esq., Nagpur, Corinth Lodge, No. 1122 E.C.
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- G. King, Secretary Old Concord Lodge, Charterhouse, E.C.
- \* Thos. Spearing W.S. 902, Garfield House, Bullen Road, Clapham Junction.
- W. W. Morgan W.M. St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.
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- W. Radcliffe P.M. and Secretary St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211, 41 Aldersgate Street, City.

Proxies will be received by those marked thus \*, and by the Grandfather, Rev. J. A. Chamberlain, 1 Mallinson Road, Wandsworth Common, S.W.





## THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

**I**MPORTANT meetings have been held during the past week, in connection with each of the three Masonic Institutions—Quarterly Courts in the case of the two Schools, and the regular Monthly Committee in that of the Benevolent Institution.

At the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, held on Saturday, Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. occupied the chair, and among other matters formally reported was the death of the late Bro. Col. Creaton, one of the Trustees of the General Fund, and also Trustee of the Sustentation Fund. It was stated that brethren would have to be elected to fill those positions. The list of candidates for the April election was settled—the number of applicants being thirty, and of vacancies twenty-two. Bro. H. B. Marshall, Grand Treasurer, was proposed as Treasurer of the Institution, by Bro. A. H. Tattershall, and seconded by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart. Bro. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D. was proposed as Treasurer and Trustee of the Institution, by Bro. Robert Grey, and seconded by Bro. Ralph Clutton. Bro. Marshall was eventually elected as Treasurer, by a majority of eight to six. Bro. Marshall was then proposed as Trustee of the general Fund, by Bro. Tattershall, and seconded by Bro. George Brown. Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. was also proposed—by Brothers Robert Grey and Raynham W. Stewart—and, on a division, was declared duly elected, he securing six votes and Brother H. B. Marshall five. Brother Joshua Nunn P.G. Sword Bearer, President of the Lodge of Benevolence, was then proposed as Trustee of the Sustentation Fund. Bro. E. Letchford submitting his name, and Bro. Robert Grey seconding; Bro. Nunn was declared unanimously elected. The chairman said they had next to consider the subject of the transfer of stock, but it was suggested that the Institution should not go to that expense until they were reduced to two Trustees. There had been a difficulty about the dividends, in consequence of Bro. Creaton's illness and subsequent death, and the Institution had not received their January dividends. He thought it would be better that the bankers should have a power of attorney to receive the dividends on all the stocks. A resolution to this effect was accordingly proposed by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart, seconded by Bro. Tattershall, and carried unanimously. The chairman then moved, on behalf of the House Committee, "That a gratuity of £25 be made to Miss A. Barron, an assistant governess, on her retirement from the Institution." Bro. Richardson said that Miss Barron was elected into the Institution in April 1870, and had therefore been there just upon fifteen years. She had well conducted herself during her residence in the Institution, and was most highly recommended by Miss Davis, the head governess. She had now left the School to get married, and as the Institution had stood so many years, as it were, in the position of father, and as a father did not like his daughter to go quite empty-handed to her husband, it was thought the Institution should make her a present, and accordingly the sum of £25 was proposed. The motion was seconded by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and carried. A vote of thanks was then passed to the Chairman, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion.

The Boys' School Quarterly Court was held on Monday at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of Bro. W. Roebuck, P.G. Steward. The first business was the settlement of the ballot paper for the April election, and this was passed with a total of forty-five approved candidates, of which number twenty-five are to be elected. A vote of condolence with the widow and relatives of the late Col. Creaton was then proposed by the Chairman. The brethren were aware, he said, of what Bro. Creaton had

done for the Institutions; not only had he contributed large sums of money to the Charities, but he had also devoted a large amount of time to the Committees and general working of the Institutions. His desire to do good was very marked. Every member of the Craft who knew him admired his actions, and the brethren would doubtless avail themselves of the opportunity of recognising his services, even in the humble way of passing a vote of regret at his loss, to be recorded on the minutes, with a letter of condolence to be sent to his widow. Bro. J. L. Mather seconded the proposition, which was supported by Bro. J. Sampson Peirce, and carried unanimously. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart was, on the proposition of Bro. Dudley Rolls, seconded by Bro. W. H. Saunders, elected a Trustee in room of Bro. John Wordsworth deceased, and, on the proposition of Bro. J. L. Mather, seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart, Bro. W. Roebuck was elected to a similar position in room of the late Bro. Col. Creaton. Bro. Roebuck then brought forward the motion standing in his name on behalf of the House Committee, "That, having in view the necessary regulations for admission to the Preparatory School now in course of erection, the age at which petitions on behalf of candidates may be presented be reduced to six years, and the age for the reception of elected candidates be reduced to seven years, and that Law 52 be altered accordingly." This proposition having been seconded, was carried, and a vote of thanks having been accorded to the Chairman the proceedings closed.

The monthly meeting of the Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, under the presidency of Bro. Horace B. Marshall G. Trea., at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Terry, the Secretary, having reported the death of two annuitants, one of them being the late Warden of the Institution, Bro. J. A. Farnfield proposed a vote of condolence with Miss Norris, on the death of her father. The proposal was seconded by Bro. Bulmer, and carried. The Warden's report was then read. It recorded, among other matters, the holding of the annual New Year's entertainment to the old people at Croydon, on the 7th inst. On the motion of Bro. Tattershall, seconded by Bro. Murlis, a vote of thanks to those who had contributed to the entertainment was cordially agreed to, as also was a vote of thanks to the Carolina (Original) Minstrels, who performed on that occasion. The Finance Committee's report was read and adopted, and then the new petitions for admission as Annuitants were brought forward. These were 27 in number (15 male and 12 female). Eventually 12 of the former and 9 of the latter were accepted, three male petitions were rejected, two female applications were withdrawn, and one was deferred. The Secretary, Bro. Terry, pointed out that the Benevolent Institution had acquired the very proud position in 1884 of obtaining the largest amount it had ever secured in one year—£19,900. At the same time, the demands on the funds were very heavy. At the May Election there would be forty-two men and eighty-one widow candidates, and for these there were but twelve male vacancies, there not being, at present, a single vacancy for widows. The proceedings were concluded by the customary vote of thanks to the Chairman.

## FREEMASONRY IN DEVON AND CORNWALL IN 1884.

**T**HE year which has just passed away has been eventful in many respects, Masonically as well as generally. The Craft has held its own during 1884, and has had a fairly prosperous year in the West. The Prov. Grand Lodge of Devon was held at Exeter on 7th August, Lord Etrington Prov. G.M. in the chair. The financial condition of the Province was most satisfactory, and the number of subscribing members was stated to be 2,459. Large sums were donated, as usual, to various of the Charities, and an *ad interim* report was made of the By-laws revision, the final decision being fixed for the 13th inst. at Exeter, when the numerous amendments will be considered and disposed of. A new Lodge was consecrated at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on 23rd April, named "St. George," its distinctive feature being the absence of all intoxicating liquors at its banqueting table, as with many other Lodges lately started in England. Later on a

lecture was delivered by Brother Hughan, P.G.D. of England, before the members of that and other Lodges in the Three Towns, on the "Four Grand Lodges of England," which will be followed this year by others under the banners of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, and the "Fortitude," No. 105, on "Old Devonshire Lodges," and "Freemasonry before Grand Lodges," collections being made on each occasion on behalf of the Devon Masonic Educational Fund.

The Mark Prov. Grand Lodge, was held at Newton Abbot, under the Prov. Grand Mastership of Lient. Col. J. Tanner Davy, and under similar auspices the Movable Mark Grand Lodge of England was held at Exeter, on 6th August, Lord Henniker M.W.G.M. Master presiding, being the first of the kind ever held in the neighbourhood. It need not be added that the meeting was most successful, the arrangements being in the hands of the Mark brethren at Exeter. Bro. J. Tanner Davy is to be the new Prov. Prior for Devon, vice Bro. L. P. Metham resigned, and in consequence it is confidently expected there will be more interest exhibited in the Masonic Knights Templar degree.

The Prov. Grand Lodge of Cornwall assembled at Penzance, on the 11th of August. The Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, as Prov. G.M., being in the chair. All the reports were of a most cheering character, and the membership had increased to 1,509. As the Revised Constitutions are now so strict as to "arrears of contributions," it is not expected that the membership will be much increased for some time to come. The Mark Prov. Grand Lodge was held at Falmouth, under the genial rule of Sir Charles B. Graves Sawle, Bart., who was again nominated as Prov. Grand Master. A new Lodge was consecrated at Fowey on 12th May, named the "Lebanon," No. 335. The old Royal Arch Chapter at Falmouth has been resuscitated, and it is likely now that the "Volubian" will be very prosperous; after a lapse of over twenty-one years. It, however, did good service early this century, and, doubtless, will now take its rightful place again as the oldest chapter in the county.

The Elections of the Central Masonic Charities, which took place in April, May, and October of last year, were, as usual, matters of great interest to the many concerned, and it is gratifying to find that Devon and Cornwall succeeded in carrying all their *protégées*, under the able management of Bros. Curteis and Truscott respectively. The Lodges, however, must largely increase their donations if they desire such success to be continued, and they have now a special opportunity of so doing, as Bro. John Lane, P.M. 1402, Torquay, is the Devonshire Steward for the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," whose Festival will be held in February, so no time should be lost in forwarding the names of subscribers to him; and Bro. Charles Truscott, P. Prov. J.G.W. Cornwall, of St. Austell, is the Cornish Steward for the same Institution and also for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, two of the best managed societies in England.

The present *résumé* of the progress of the Craft in the Two Counties should not be closed without mentioning the presentation made to the well-known Masonic Historian, Brother Hughan, of Torquay. The testimonial, which consisted of a purse of some £365 and a writing table, was presented to that indefatigable brother on 3rd December, by Sir John B. Monckton, Past Grand Warden of England, on behalf of the numerous subscribers at home and abroad, in recognition of Brother Hughan's literary services on behalf of the Universal Craft, and his most successful labours for the Charities of the Order. It will be remembered that a similar gift was made to the same brother on his leaving Cornwall, and his numerous friends will be glad to hear that he is still engaged in serving the Fraternity for which he has worked so energetically in the past.

**A** MEETING of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Masons of the Province of Devon was held on the 13th inst., at the Royal Public Rooms, Exeter, for the purpose of considering the new By-laws for the Province. There was a good attendance, but several were obliged to leave early. The R.W. the Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. was supported by R.W. Bros. W. G. Rogers 112 D.P.G.M., W. Rev. W. Whittley P.M. 156 P.P.G.S.W. who officiated as P.S.G.W., R. Brewin P.M. 112 J.G. Warden, Rev. R. B. Ebrington 248 G. Chaplain, J. T. Browning P.M. 105 P.G. Treas., E. H. Wilton P.M. 1181 G. Reg., John

Brewer P.M. 251 G. Secretary, George R. Barrett P.M. 189 W.M. 2025 S.G. Deacon, Walter Bradnee P.M. 1402 S.G. Deacon, R. Cawsey P.M. 230 J.G. Deacon, George Huxham 1254 G. Superintendent Works, R. P. Morrison 251 G.D. of Ceremonies, C. Philp 1550 Deputy G.D. of Ceremonies, J. A. Kingdon P.G. Purs., P. L. Blanchard 444 G. Tyler, Bro. J. Moysey 223, W. H. Discombe 1443, H. Ford 1181, and W. Burd 1753 G. Stewards.

The brethren discussed at great length the proposed new bye-laws for the province, which have undergone considerable revision. Some important amendments, proposed by Bros. S. Jew, Lane, G. Hawken, J. B. Gover, Russell, Godtschalk, Fulford, and the Prov. G. Master were passed. The rules were made more stringent in order to prevent the entry into the order of any objectionable person. The rules having been passed W. Bro. A. Bodney moved,

"That no publication of the meetings of Freemasons or the business transacted therein shall be permitted without the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master for the time being in writing, and that no publication of the business of a private Lodge be allowed unless with the approval of the majority of the brethren in open Lodge assembled.

The Provincial Grand Master gave the resolution his hearty support, and said he should mark his displeasure of the conduct of any brother who published the report of Masonic proceedings if the proposed rule was passed. The resolution, after discussion, was carried by a narrow majority. The P.G.M. then proposed that the new By-laws as a whole be accepted and presented to the next Provincial Grand Lodge for confirmation. The Grand Lodge then closed in due form.

A meeting of the representatives of the Lodges on the Committee of Petitions was held before the above meeting at the Masonic Hall. Bro. J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G. S.W., the representative for the Province at the Committee of Petitions in London, presented the following report:—

"To W. Bro. the Chairman and the Brethren Members of the Committee of Petitions,—It will be within the recollection of the members of the Committee that at its last meeting a question arose as to the relative cases of Reginald Mitchell and William Sharland—it being held that the case of the former having been formally adopted, that of the latter could not be considered, although the circumstances mentioned in my prior report were such as would probably have induced the brethren to have done so. By the kindness, however, of Bro. A. Orchard, who represented Mitchell's case, this difficulty was, after the Committee had separated, overcome, and permission was given that Sharland's case should—if his relative's promises were fulfilled—be taken first in order. The votes received on account of the Province were 227 girls' votes from the Secretary to the Committee, and 188 from persons indebted to the Province (leaving 695 now in hand), and these votes were fortunately exchanged for 500 boys, leaving me with the 386 received from Bro. Gover, and the 1,296 due, as mentioned in the previous report, with 2,182 votes to deal with. Sharland's friends did not poll so many votes as were expected, but seeing it was possible to carry both cases, and an undertaking having been given by a responsible brother on Sharland's behalf to repay 250 votes at the May election, the credit of the Province was pledged for 375 votes, and both candidates were carried. The brethren representing other Provinces with which this Province has been associated will, with regard to the Election of the Boys' and Girls' School in April next, and possibly in October also, require assistance from this Province, and as repayment of the Benevolent votes due in May next will be required, it will be inexpedient in one, and impossible in the other instance, to adopt any candidate to receive the support of the Province. With a view of saving expense (the result of the last Elections having appeared in the public press) this report has not been printed, but will be incorporated in the one to be presented prior to the annual meeting of P.G. Lodge.

Yours truly,

J. EDWARD CURTEIS.

The report was unanimously received, and Bro. J. E. Curteis was accorded a hearty vote of thanks for his services. The sum of £5 was voted for the relief of a child, both parents of whom—the father a member of the Order—were drowned. The following were re-elected:—Bros. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. Chairman; J. E. Curteis Representative for the Province on the Committee of Petitions in London, and J. B. Gover Secretary.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what voluminous treatises have been written upon this universal and distressing disease, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse by a course of this purifying, soothing, and tonic medicine! It acts directly on the stomach, liver, and bowels,—then indirectly, though no less effectively, on the brain, nerves, vessels, and generally throughout the entire system that learn any dwells between each organ and its functions. By popular use no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subvert the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

## THE THEATRES.

## COVENT GARDEN.

THOSE who prophesied defeat and speedy collapse for the new impresario of Covent Garden would find their prognostications refuted in the well-packed pit, the crowded boxes, and exuberant gallery gathered nightly at Bro. Holland's invitation. Children's laughter sounds where duchesses exchanged on dits, and the modulated bravas accorded the diva is replaced by rapturous clappings of young hands echoed by the unsophisticated in the dim perspective of upper circles. Youngsters who have the "fearful joy" of a seat next the ring may no longer expect sawdust showers—matting replaces the sawdust of old. The band pours down its strains from mid-air, the house is cool and bright, and brilliant. Since Fate decrees Mr. Merriman shall sit in the throne of Mario, it is well that William Holland shall be his Grand Vizier in this realm of the Houyhnhems.

The entertainment he provides is thoroughly entertaining. His horses are magnificent; he has quite a corps of elephants, and one among them, the so-called "Clown," for comicality, gravity, docility, only a leader in "the largest circulation" would do justice to his gifts and graces. He obeys every command at a word, yet surely, with a certain ironical contempt for human futility. The horse roars at his antics and queer gymnastic tricks; for ourselves, dyspeptic and not young, there was something pathetic in the good nature of this burly Gulliver thus standing on his head "to oblige" the Lilliputians. The clown elephant has a fine pendant in "the educated monkey." The School Board would have passed him in the sixth standard could he speak English. He is a splendid rough rider, and his cousinship only too apparent. We apologise for speaking of a lady after our four-footed and quadrumanous relations, but we must offer our acknowledgments to Madame Oceana for a real æsthetic treat she gives us in her singularly graceful acts. The bare-backed riding of pretty Mdlle. Ernan will probably be fatal to many susceptible mashers. The juvenile ballet forms an agreeable interlude; whilst the multitude of clever things done by the infantry, cavalry, and general zoology, has never been excelled in any ring. Papas and mammas cannot give a better treat to the children than a visit to the Cirqueries; while those who are not parents may spend there a thoroughly enjoyable winter evening.

## ROYALTY THEATRE.

WE can heartily congratulate the manager of the Royalty Theatre on the brilliant success of the "Maitre des Forges," now being acted nightly to crowded houses. The character and plot of Ohnet's drama is too well known, both by its Parisian fame and the popularity of the St. James version, that we need tell the story to our readers. For all who have followed the fortunes of the self-willed wife, and no less self-willed husband, as interpreted by Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, this French reading will have a peculiar interest. M. Damala, as the lover and husband in the opening scenes, perhaps, does not intend to give the character any touch of poetic charm. We have the ironmaster of the laboratory and the counting house, and are not surprised that a lovely, passionate girl should resent a union which seems offered by a parvenu's ambition, even though she makes it the means of avenging her outraged love. It was in the interview with his bride after the midnight wedding that Damala gave evidence of very distinct and earnest emotional power, suppressed and held in check until he is maddened by the belief she has but married him to serve her own infatuation for her cousin. There was a poignancy of anguish in his despair that completely carried away the audience, and as the scene closes, he sinks heart-broken on the chair, you see or rather feel that in that moment Claire is awaking to the depth of the great love she is casting from her. Madame Hading invests the heroine with a grace and womanly tenderness so touching and pathetic that she effectually hides in the charm of her own personality the harshness and perversity of the author's creation. With each act her powers seem to rise with the tenser strain of the misery of her false position—a wife who is no wife—till the moment when she learns her husband's love has only been equalled by his generosity, that he has taken her dowerless and saved her family from penury, and in the knowledge sinks cowering in the sense of her unworthiness. During this scene, and each subsequent one, Madame Hading held her audience completely under the spell, the crowded house quite hushed, and this was the greater triumph since probably not a third of those present could follow the story by the spoken words. Madame Hading possesses not only great talent, but great beauty and grace, a lovely Clytie face, and she is free from any trick of attitudinizing. M. Colombey was admirable as the chocolate manufacturer, never sinking to low comedy, a very possible and delightful *fabricant en gros*. We have seen one that rather suggested the "village grocer." M. Schey, in a very small part, gave a charming vignette study of the kindly, cheery, ouvrier who blushes with delight at the honour of saluting the adored "patronne." Théfer was a marly young lover, Mdlle. Santa a charming Dresden china little schoolgirl, Madame Renard dignified and touching as the Marquise, the tender mother who has shielded Claire from all contact with the rough work-a-day world. We regret Madame Gerfant is too melodramatic as Athenais, the part should have the cat's claws not obtruded. The Duke gains dignity in M. Langier's hands. We recognise, in spite of his vices, a not wholly unworthy object of Claire's first love. The final scene, which might easily become an anticlimax, is played much more closely in the French than the English version, the Duke but rushes forward to learn that the wound Claire has received to shield her husband's life is not mortal, she sinks into her husband's arms, and the curtain falls. It falls every night at the Royalty amid loud and continuous applause. Recalls had followed

the close of each act, all the principal artistes being summoned. We trust a still more prosperous experience is thus inaugurated with the New Year for M. Meyer. English folks' knowledge of French is at the best but vague; to enjoy the French drama they must know the story in an English dress. We believe if M. Meyer will bear this in mind there are easy triumphs awaiting him. By his good offices might not our brilliant friend "The Candidate" of the Criterion shake hands with his cousin the "Deputy of Boulignac," whilst "Dora" might acknowledge her introduction to society by the kindly offices of "Diplomacy?"

## THE JAPANESE VILLAGE.

IN these days, when the "nothing new nothing true, and it don't matter" of the American sage seems to sum up so much of our experience, the privilege of an introduction to another planet where shoddy is unknown, and strikes and locks-out undreamed, and an æsthetic golden age still lingers, where every artizan is an artist; to such a planet, at least, to a traveller's sample of it, we are invited by Brother Bahirosan, who left his native land, Niphon, twenty years ago to live amongst us, his fellow craftsmen of the West. His energy and high character have met fitting reward in the handsome fortune he has won, and will gain him still greater honour in the realisation of long-cherished plans for the amelioration of the social condition of his native land. It is to these projects, seconded as they are by the warm sympathy of his amiable and gifted wife, who is also from the far East, that we are indebted for the sudden creation of an actual Japanese town, with its shops, its tea-houses, its temples, its men, women and children in our midst. Bro. Bahirosan has found the nineteenth century crystallised in the glass and iron cucumber frame architecture of Humphries Hall, Knightsbridge, and at the spell of the enchanter's wand arise the graceful little bird-cage houses, each niche and angle made delightful with quaint ornament, yet the ornament always subservient to the harmonious effect of the whole, and that again evidently kept subordinate to the tones of the native landscape. On entering at the outer door we find ourselves in a street that might have been brought bodily from one of the suburbs of Yokohama. There is the carpenter's shop, the carpenter busily at work on a loom for the weaver next door. We air our Japanese vocabulary, and ask him to lend his saw, which is remarkable, in being made of tempered steel, the teeth set towards the handle; the tool is drawn towards the worker. Our carpenter hands it over with the ready smile which distinguishes his countrymen. Our first visit was at the private view on Friday, 9th January. Various and almost unanimous had been the prognostications of failure among the publicist prophets. "It was the wrong season," "People had enough of Japan in Regent-street," "People were suffering from too much Exhibition, and had not yet digested their Sanitary house and Chinese Band." These prophecies were proved baseless when the actual bit of enchantment came in view. One of the specials who had visited the land of Niphon, and remembered something of Jap Ollendorf, was shortly found seated on the white, soft mat of the tea-house, asking for "some good tea," from the "good girl," his envious confrères gathering around, and amid much laughter repeating the unknown syllables of the presiding damsel, a little lass of perhaps fourteen; she, evidently thinking these great, brown-bearded barbarians immense fun, smilingly distributed her tiny cups. "Ariato," said the travelled one, and "ariato, ariato," resounded in laughing chorus from Literature and Art. Shall we confess that Brother Bahirosan offered (Oh! whisper it not to Mrs. Kendal) a pleasant little lunch with those demoralising adjuncts—which shall be nameless. After Brother Bahirosan, by the mouth of his secretary, had announced the objects of the exhibition, emphatically declaring it should not become a bazaar, but that all surplus from the money taken would be devoted to patriotic objects, his guests adjourned to the Annexe, a large concert-room, where a stage for Japanese performances has been erected. The *Matinée*-haunted critics, who must too often find life would be tolerable but for its amusements, had now a treat of real fun and laughter such as few of them have enjoyed since Planco consulate. A fencing match, the fencers armed with gigantic bamboos, proceeded to thwack and thwack each other whilst mutually shouting and howling defiance, the proceedings being supervised by an umpire, a fellow of infinite dignity, the movements of whose fan gave the signal to begin and desist, or moderate the thwackings. The fencers were masked, but the wrestlers who succeeded them wore only some endless yards of black satin as a belt and fleshings in deference to Western prejudice. They commenced operations squatting down with their finger-tips touching the ground, and gazing with Egyptian solemnity in each other's faces. The grotesque oddity of the two, with their solemn silence, whilst the umpire in long garments held the fateful fan over them till it waved the signal to engage, was irresistibly comic, but still more comic was the effect when, after a tough bout, reminding one but dimly of "Westmoreland form," the fan waved the hugging athletes apart, and still with unchanged countenance each walked solemnly to the bucket of water placed by the footlights, and solemnly quaffed from the little dipper. These intervals for refreshment occur about every three minutes, the umpire standing with stately grace and unsmiling countenance, whilst irreverent Westerners applaud as loud as they laugh. Three dancing-girls execute a choice measure to the tinkle, tinkle of native music. We had hoped the Japanese artists best delighted to caricature the human face divine. Alas! our introduction to these amiable visitors has destroyed the illusion; only we must admit that there is in some of the girl's faces a certain charm that is, if not beauty, a very pleasant substitute. Then they have the advantage of a most becoming and graceful costume, magnificent hair, daintily dressed, and perfect manners, perfect self-possession, without self-consciousness or boldness, and this indeed is a national characteristic. In conclusion, we advise our readers to visit the Japanese Village, and we are sure they will leave it with hearty recognition of the manager's zeal, good taste, and liberality.

## 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, 17th JANUARY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.  
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hamnorsmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 142—St. Thomas's, Cannon Street Hotel  
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 M.M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street  
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 1556—Addiscombe, Harewood House, High Street, Croydon.  
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow  
 R.A. 63—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol

## MONDAY, 19th JANUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 R.A. 1593—Trafalgar, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Public Rooms, Uxbridge  
 424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimbome  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield  
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover  
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham  
 1973—Saye and Sele, Essenden Hotel, Belvedere  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 248—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, Bolton Street, Brixham  
 R.A. 734—Jondesborough, Masonic Hall, Duffield  
 R.A. 954—St. Aubyn, Ebrington Masonic Hall, Granby Street, Devonport  
 R.A. 995—Furness, Masonic Temple, Ulverston  
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston  
 K.T. 39—Fearnley, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury

## TUESDAY, 20th JANUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 30—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)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 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, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel,  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Peverell-road, Balston, 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.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1391—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge  
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)  
 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—Ravenbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)

- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent' Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.  
 R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.  
 R.A. 46—Old Union, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., 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)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Coruwall  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable  
 1473—Boole, 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  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Ruzeley  
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath  
 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.—York, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York  
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate  
 R.C. 51—Albion, Concert Hall, St. Leonards-on-Sea

## WEDNESDAY, 21st JANUARY.

- General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6  
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)  
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich  
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 186—Industry, Railway Hotel, West Hampstead, at 7. (Instruction)  
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
 619—Bendon, Greyhound, Dulwich  
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 862—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  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 514 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—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  
 1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1791—Craton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-rd., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In)  
 R.A. 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 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. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shore-ditch  
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham  
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Ponzance  
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W  
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan  
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough  
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bilton  
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 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.  
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 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
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 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
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 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—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1208—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston  
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse  
 1352—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster

- 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead  
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom  
 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  
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 R.A. 371—Nicholson, Freemasons' Hall, Eaglefield Street, Maryford  
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
 R.A. 539—Vernon, Dragon Hotel, High Street, Walsall  
 R.A. 580—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
 R.A. 632—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Devizes  
 R.A. 731—Truth, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby  
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth  
 R.A. 1323—Tulbot, Mackworth Hotel, Swansea  
 R.A. 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Alawick

## THURSDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 9. (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1850—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington  
 R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 R.A. 634—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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)  
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
 349—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 936—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset  
 R.A. 1098—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar  
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

## FRIDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 589—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.  
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 893—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham  
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.  
 1842—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne  
 1821—Attingham, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdales Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 K.T. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 K.T. 125—Sussex, Southdown Hotel Eastbourne

## SATURDAY, 24th JANUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)

- 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8  
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1932—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

## ST. PATRICK'S LODGE, No. 295, (4TH ROYAL IRISH DRAGOON GUARDS).

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, on Friday, the 9th inst. The Lodge having been opened, the W.M. elect, Bro. Major M. C. S. Tynte, was duly installed into the chair, the whole of the ceremony being admirably performed by Bro. Harris P.M. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. D. Fegan S.W., C. Oldham J.W., R. Willoughby S.D., P. Russell J.D., R. Hind Sec., J. Pedley Treas., T. Robinson I.G., J. W. Sullivan D.C., T. B. Shaw-Hellier Organist, J. Gladman Tyler. Among the Visitors present were Bros. V. P. Freeman, W. Kuhe, J. Dixon, J. W. Stride, W. Pearse, J. Harrison, and several brethren from the various Lodges in the Province. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned for refreshments, and although no regular toast list was gone through, there were several speeches made. Bro. Kuhe expressed the thanks of the Visitors for the hospitable way in which they had been treated, and wished the W.M. a prosperous and happy year. Bro. Marchant also addressed those present, and said that he spoke on behalf of the town of Brighton when he said that their best thanks were due to the officers and men of the 4th Dragoon Guards for the very handsome way in which they had so materially assisted the charities and amusements of the town. He said that no regiment stationed in Brighton had ever given greater satisfaction to the inhabitants than the 4th Dragoon Guards. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Shaw-Hellier returned thanks, and expressed his gratification at the reception they had received, and said they would all remember with kindly feelings the pleasant days they had spent at Brighton. Bros. Harris and Hind were most indefatigable in looking after the welfare of the visitors, and a most pleasant evening was spent.

## SAVILLE LODGE, No. 1231.

THE regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Royal Hotel, Elland, on the 1st inst., under the presidency of Bro. Farnell W.M., J. Emsley S.W., Smithies J.W., Dr. Hoyle S.D., Sutcliffe J.D., Dr. Whalley D.C., Sir North I.G., Garsed Treasurer, Dyson Secretary, and Bros. J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Taylor, Feather, Saville I.P.M., Walker P.M., Watson 448. Lodge was opened, and after the ballot was taken for Messrs Radcliffe, Rogers, and Sutton, all successful, Mr. Radcliffe being in attendance was duly initiated by the W.M., Bro. Walker P.M. gave the north-east corner, Smithies the working tools, and Dr. Whalley D.C., the tracing board and historical parts of the first degree. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Taylor passed to that of Fellow Craft. Bro. Dr. Whalley giving the charge and explaining the tracing board of the second degree. The Lodge was closed in harmony, and after a very substantial repast, and a pleasant hour, separated to join their friends on the first day of the New Year.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. Cooper W.M., J. J. Pitt S.W., J. Bedford Williams J.W., J. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Banks J.D., Dandridge I.G., P.M.'s Hutchins (Preceptor), E. Good; also Bros. Greener, Pinney, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Greener personating the candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. J. J. Pitt was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—On Thursday, 15th inst., at the Swan Tavern, New Bethnal Green-road. Bros. Saint W.M., Mosquito S.W., Gildersleve J.W., Horley Secretary, Smith S.D., Nunn J.D., Rutter I.G., P.M. Bro. Fenner Preceptor; also Bros. Pringle, Valentine, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pringle answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Pringle candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree. Bro. Mosquito was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Nothing farther offering, Lodge was closed.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 11th inst., at Bro. Baker's, the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Western W.M., Jenkins S.W., Rhodes J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Fraser J.D., Atterton I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fluck candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Weeden acting as candidate. Bro. H. Jenkins 860, and Bro. Barron 157, were elected members. Bro. Jenkins was elected to occupy the chair on Monday next. Bro. Hunt W.M. 228 will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Monday, 26th inst.

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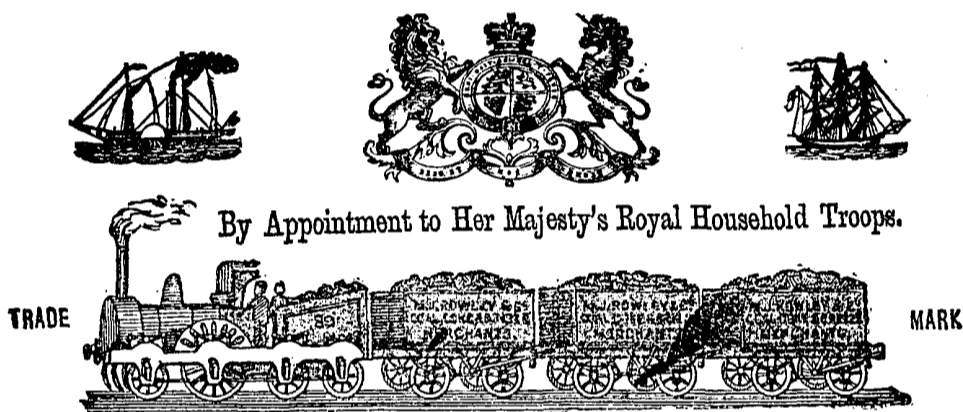
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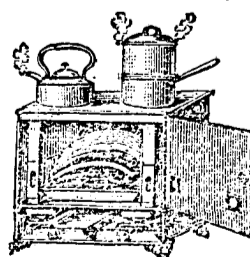
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