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AGE, WORTH, AND THE CRAFT.

ANY one reading the correspondence that has appeared of late in the Masonic journals would imagine that the "great gooseberry" season had arrived before its time, or had outlasted the period usually assigned to it. The writers referred to seem to enter into keen rivalry in their attempts to produce living specimens of antique Freemasons—brethren who were quite juvenile at "three score years and ten," who have been modest and silent as to their status in the Craft, but who have been suddenly elevated into patriarchs. Perhaps it would be unkind to suppose that those brethren who manifest such an ardent zeal in searching out nonagenarians and centenarians are feeble imitators of the notorious Baron Munchausen, but they certainly have a sharp eye for the marvellous. No doubt they believe what they write. It may even be true that there are brethren still alive who were Freemasons when "George the Third was King." Supposing this to be so, *cui bono*? Is the contest worth the labour? Old age should be respected, but good deeds should be revered. If increase of age were always synonymous with growth in virtue, the attempts made to canonize elders in the Craft should be welcomed. They should be put in the place of honour—made Masonic Gamaliels—at whose feet younger members should kneel and learn of their wisdom and experience. All that seems to be done, however, is simply to record the fact that Brother So and-So was made a Freemason in such a year, that he is of such an age, and therefore he is the oldest living member of the Craft. If some of the writers would just search out and record a few facts relative to the Masonic career of their heroes, perhaps some useful lessons would be learned.

It would be profitable to know, for instance, what the venerable patriarchs have done for the Craft, whether during their long lives they continued to be subscribing members. It would be interesting to learn what offices they have filled, what instruction they have afforded to their juniors, and what support they have given to the Charities. A case came before our notice of a brother who claimed to have been initiated forty years ago, but who suffered a very long interregnum to elapse without taking the least interest in Freemasonry. This brother resumed communication. Like the Prodigal of old, he returned to his parent, and he speedily rose to a post of honour. There were some who felt that the Craft had been rather too lavish in its favours upon one who, whatever might be his position in social life, had for many years neglected the claims of the Brotherhood. Not a few felt hurt at the implied slight inflicted upon merit and long service, and there is reason to believe that much of the spirit of agitation that now prevails has arisen out of the manifest desire there is to worship the golden calf. There are other cases, no doubt, of a similar character, where new-born zeal and obtrusive generosity have outweighed life-long devotion.

Some brethren have been seized with a mania for founding Lodges and Chapters, and base their claims to honour upon the large number of members they have been instrumental in introducing. The credit lies more in the motive than in the act. It is difficult to determine where patriotism and selfishness meet in such cases, but it is beyond dispute that the popularising of Freemasonry is the greatest of modern dangers. It is a cardinal creed of the Craft that no pressure shall be brought to bear upon

cowans, that those who wish to enter the mystic circle shall come of their own free will and accord. Yet who does not know that this charter of our body has been violated over and over again, and no protest made? The temptation to some to make members has been too great for their prudence, they have regarded numbers before fitness. Upon their success claims, it is feared, have been admitted, and contests for supremacy have been waged upon grounds which find no warrant in the genius of the Craft. The Order has grown in numbers and increased in wealth beyond all precedent, and yet never was their more urgent demand for help than now exists. It would be well for the brethren to consider how it is that so many are now seeking the aid of the various Charities, and why there is such an eager—almost painful—struggle for increased subscriptions and donations. Is not the reason to be found in the fact that among the rush of members many have entered who should have been excluded; or rather, who should never have been tempted to join? This truth will come home with greater force as the years roll on, and the evil will only cease when the Craft return to first principles. It may be that some will see in this reasoning a spirit of exclusiveness unworthy of the age in which we live, a Cassandra-like croaking that regards only the dark side of the picture. That would be an easy method of getting rid of awkward facts for the moment, but they would return with increased force and would compel attention. If Freemasonry were merely a benefit society, subject to rules as to age and subscriptions, then those who had succeeded in bringing in the most members would be entitled to honour. Membership in that case means capital and partnership. It is a mutual confederation based upon co-operation and equal rights. The distinctions are such as naturally arise among all mixed bodies, and, as a rule, the intelligent few rule the many. The ceremonies are comparatively feeble, they have no esoteric value. Such as they are, no doubt they serve a good purpose, but they are merely the outward trappings of an organisation that has its life in a provident combination for help in time of sickness and death. Freemasonry, on the other hand, is full of symbols, and its Charities are the national outcome of its spiritual teachings. No right to assistance is created by membership, and it exists only in the exercise of that spirit of Charity which is the principal chaplet in the crown of the Order.

Based upon divine truth, Freemasonry recognises neither age nor social standing unless associated with good deeds. It is a pure Republic, and only misses its high purpose when the source of its inspiration is forgotten and neglected. The Order is rich in literature, and its origin is enveloped in a cloud of mystery, which to attempt to pierce demands the exercise of the highest intellect and the noblest genius. With so grand a patrimony, it seems almost ignoble to talk about the oldest living Freemason as if beauty and grace lie concealed in the shrivelled forms of automatons of the Craft, as if knowledge and progress were forwarded by their moribund professors, who bear the name of the body to which they nominally belong, but who have not earned the reward of the good steward who had been faithful to the few things committed to his charge. Were the true spirit of Freemasonry more cultivated, were more regard paid to fitness than to numbers, there would be more charity. The loud tongue would cease to chatter, and the wise find a hearing. The pettiness of discord would cease before the undisputed claims of real worth, and the

frivolities about age would yield to an honourable recognition of merit regardless of wealth or social station.

RIGHT OF VISIT.

RIGHT OF VISIT is sometimes called right of visitation; but visitation is a very different thing, and includes examination, supervision, calling to account, &c. The question, What are the rights of a Mason as to being present at a communication of a Lodge, of which he is not a member, has occasioned a great deal of controversy, and at times contention, among the Craft, and it seems to have become a common opinion in many quarters that any member of a Lodge has the right to peremptorily object to the presence of any Mason, not a member of the Lodge. When a reason for this is assigned, it is generally this: that harmony in the Lodge must be maintained; and if any member feels that he cannot tolerate the presence of a certain visitor, his feelings must be accommodated by keeping such visitor out, and so preserving harmony.

There are three assumptions in this view of the case, which seem to have been adopted without sufficient reflection. The first is, that a member's right is inherent in him, not as a Mason, but as a member of the particular Lodge, and that it extends to all matters whatever. The second is that because harmony is a great lesson of the *work*, and must as to some matters be preserved, and ought to be cultivated at all times, a member of a particular lodge is vested with a right, by virtue of his membership alone, to clear the floor of all acknowledged Masons, not members, with whom he is not well pleased. The third assumption is that the warrant is granted, the Lodge instituted, and the same opened and closed, and the entire work therein carried on, for the sole use and benefit of the persons who may be admitted members thereof. From all this, those who hold to the right of peremptory objection believe that it is a matter of pure grace on the part of each member of a Lodge opened for Masonic work, to permit the Craft, or any member of it, even though entered, passed and raised on that very floor, to take part in, or even witness, the work of the Craft, on that same floor to be performed.

But it is ventured here to suggest that all such opinions fall to the ground upon a little examination of what the Masonic Lodge is, and why it is such as it is, and for what purpose instituted, and for what the warrant of its constitution is granted, and why, and for whom it is opened at all.

It is true that harmony is one of the undoubted teachings of the Lodge, not only in its lectures, but in its work throughout. All well informed Masons understand that Ancient Craft Masonry not only inculcates harmony among the brethren in all matters, but that harmony, as a principle of the divine order, is one of the fundamentals of both the science and the art which makes Masonry to be a "*craft*," and is represented as one of the three great pillars which support the Lodge.

But harmony among whom? and as to what? Must the members be in the same harmony among themselves as is required between each one of them and a visitor? Doubtless they must, or the reason assigned for excluding the visitor would be false and sinister. There must be the same harmony remaining in the Lodge after he is excluded, as there must be if he should remain without objection. But this clearly shows that whatever would be tolerated between any two members present, without interfering with the *work*, would not interfere, if it should exist between one member and a visitor. This leads to the question, What harmony is required between two, or more, members of the Lodge? Not harmony as to religion, for it is a cardinal doctrine of the Lodge that men of all religious persuasions are equally acceptable. Not harmony as to politics, for as to that the same rules prevail. Neither harmony as to business affairs or family disputes, for men much incensed against each other take part in the work, and yet it is never supposed that for that cause the work is not lawfully done. Nor yet must there be harmony as to matters pending in the Lodge or Grand Lodge, for though heated strife may be prevailing as to pending measures, if all present join in the work, the harmony required is not deemed to be infringed by the feelings of antagonists as to such measures. It seems, therefore, that as to all the matters last mentioned (and many more might be spoken of) want of harmony among those present does not affect the sublime lesson of

the Lodge; so that as to such matters there is no reason for excluding anybody.

What harmony then is required? The only answer seems to be, harmony as to proceeding with the work, and that each one present be satisfied that every other is a Mason of the proper degree. When this harmony is attained, all is attained which can be practically secured; and more than this, all which is called for in order to represent and conform to the order of the universe, for nature exhibits everywhere elements which are in continual strife in some respects, but which all concur as to the grand results, in all their amazing complex, as a Lodge may be at times composed of contentious members, who nevertheless are in harmony as to energy and concord in the work.

The right to peremptorily object depends on a prior question, that is, Who have a right to be present? for if any one has a right to be present, manifestly no one can object to his being there. But the right to be present depends on still prior questions, What is the Lodge, and why is it opened, and where, and for whom? This again depends on the degree. If the first degree is opened, it is the symbolic opening of the Terrestrial Lodge—the material world—the world of sense—that which is perceptible to the senses. If opened in the second degree, it is the opening of the intellectual world; the world cognizable by the intellect—all sciences, knowledges, and all intellectual philosophy, which is the unification of these; together with all their arts. If the third or sublime degree be opened, the moral world is opened, that cognizable by the moral powers and faculties—all moral science and philosophy—and as each higher degree includes the inferior, when that degree is opened, all are opened.

This is why the Lodge is opened, first on the level, secondly on the square, and thirdly and lastly on the centre. On the level, because then all are on the Ground Floor, which is level; on the square because the square is the representative of all natural science, which is the degree of a Fellow Craft; on the centre, because when opened on the centre the universe is opened; for the centre is perfection, and is the "*East*," and the circumference is from the centre, and not the centre from the circumference, and the circle is the most comprehensive figure possible in geometry, in which all others are contained, as the triangle is the simplest, of which all other forms are composed.

There is, in contemplation of Masonry, but *one Lodge* (three in one), and it is opened for all the worthy wherever dispersed about the globe. True it is opened in divers places; but this only of necessity and for convenience, that in every part of the earth Masons may meet and work, and not be prevented either by distance or their own multitude. But when opened, every particular Lodge is, in the Masonic idea, the *same Lodge*. If all Masons could assemble and work in one place, the Lodge would be opened in that place only. It matters not that many particular Lodges may be open at the same time—indeed anciently they were so opened, as nearly as the rotation of the Ground Floor (which is the earth) would permit, for they were opened on the *full of the moon*—then by neglect of Masonic order, on some particular day of the week, regulated by the full moon, and lately, by still further negligence, they are mostly opened on set days of the week, as clubs and societies meet.

When any Lodge is opened or closed, or stands open for Masonic work, every Mason of the proper degree has the inherent right to be present, for three reasons at least, and each unquestionable. First, that he may receive a portion of his wages—Masonic light, and his wages are to be received wherever the Lodge is open. Secondly, that he may prove the work of those there engaged, who claim to be Masons; and thirdly, because he is under a *duty* to attend and aid in the work when he can do so with reasonable convenience to himself and others; and no man can be rejected in any institution, who has an appointed duty there, merely to please somebody else.

What Master ever received a warrant to hold a Lodge, except for all the Craft? The very mention of such a case shows its absurdity. What charter of any particular Lodge lawfully granted, since "*Grand Lodge Masonry*," as it is called, has existed, ever contained any restriction of its benefits to the members of the Lodge chartered, or any limitation of the right and duty of a regular Mason to aid in the universal work of the Craft? Every one can see that in a Lodge held under a warrant to a Master to make

Masons, or pass them, as was common in former times, there could be no visitors at all; and when Master Masons were raised, whether in such a Lodge or in a Grand Lodge, the case must have been the same; and so also when the Grand Master made Masons at sight. But because Lodges are now chartered to work at a particular place, and are for many purposes business corporations, and for such purposes have particular members, united under bye-laws, all other Masons who come to such a Lodge are called visitors, which in truth they are, as to the business character and affairs of such Lodge, and have no right to vote there on any matter falling under the bye-laws; but as to the *work*, that is a matter which pertains to the universal Lodge; that is, to the whole Craft; hence all can see that their right to be present at any work is altogether paramount to any right of objection which a Lodge member might claim. The visitor's right to see and assist at the work, in the way in which all present are required to assist, cannot be denied by the Worshipful Master, for he opens his Lodge from East to West, and between the North and South, and not at all as a *local* institution; and he does so standing in place of the Grand Master, who is necessarily Master of every particular Lodge, and when present sits in the East with the Worshipful Master on his right hand.

This is why the Lodge receives the Grand Master with the Grand Honours; for that is the Masonic recognition that he is rightfully in the chair of Solomon, as the Oriental chair is called; and no honours are to be given to any other officer; and if any are given to a proxy of the Grand Master they are not intended for him, but for the authority of the Master who sent him. Least of all should Grand Honours be given to a Deputy Grand Master in his own right, for he is not a Masonic officer at all, but only an innovation.—*Voice of Masonry*.

DEVELOPMENT OF THE ROYAL ARCH DEGREE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

(Continued from p 67.)

UP to within a month I believed that the ritual translated in 1882 was the *bona fide* English Royal Arch Ritual of about 1812. The translator, as well as a very eminent English Brother and 33 degreeer, intimated that some portions of that ritual were taken out of the A. and A. rite; but a recent find of another Royal Arch ritual convinced me that those portions were not taken out of the A. and A. Rite, but that the Charleston manufacturers of the A. and A. Rite copied those notions from this very ritual.

It is a well-known fact that the G.L. of England chartered a Lodge held in Paris in 1724. Of course, the ritual then consisted of only three degrees, and a very crude ritual it was. The English brethren since then made successive additions to their original ritual. Here, in America, Thos. Smith Webb made additions to the English ritual, and, as a matter of course, the French brethren also made successive additions to their ritual. The origin of Masonry was a mystery; Anderson's history of Masonry did not satisfy Chevalier Ramsay (a Scotchman by birth, who was in the service of the Pretender, lived in Paris, and was one of the earliest Masons initiated in Paris). In 1735 the Lodge in Paris conferred the new title of "Masonic Orator" on Ramsay, and in his oration he asserted that Masonry descended from the Crusaders. This notion took root, and Ramsay and others set to work in inventing a series of degrees with legends of all nations and ages. Some of those legends and degrees were said to have been preserved in Scotland, hence they talk about "Scottish Rite." Somewhere between 1745 and 1758 they had in Paris no less than twenty-five degrees, and they seem to have thought that they had quite enough, and those degrees were styled the "Rite of Perfection." The Royal Arch was evidently one of the earliest of their new degrees, and it seems to have been the *seventh degree* of the new Rite. In 1762 Stephen Morin brought the Rites of Perfection to the West Indies, and from thence they were imported into Charleston, S.C. The Charleston luminaries did not consider the "Rite of Perfection quite perfect, so they went to work and pretended to have received a charter from Frederick the Great, rehashed the twenty-five degrees into thirty-three degrees, and in 1801 they proclaimed themselves

S.C. of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," or A. and A. Rite.

This "A. and A. Rite" was conferred in Charleston upon Count De Grasso, a refugee from Hayti; he carried the new Rite to Paris. The French Orient, who had never heard that Frederick the Great was a high degreeer, would not listen to De Grasse, and treated his pretensions with contempt. The Count thereupon set up a concern of his own, and began to manufacture thirty-thirds. At last, for the sake of peace, the French Orient yielded, and from Perfection Rites they became A. and A. Rites.

Marconnay, who transcribed the Royal Arch Ritual which was brought to New York from Hayti in 1833, knowing it was not one of the A. and A. degrees, it being headed the "seventh degree," &c., and as the Royal Arch is called here the "seventh degree of the York Rite," he headed the ritual accordingly, and added that it was sent from England to Port au Prince, in Hayti, in 1802, and as there was no evidence to contradict Marconnay's statement, we all took it for granted that it was an old English R.A. ritual.

Bro. Albert Pike, however, also found a ritual of the R.A. in New Orleans, which is headed "the seventh degree of the Ancient Rite." This ritual was also brought from Hayti (somewhere between 1797 and 1809). Bro. Pike furnishes conclusive evidence that the said ritual was used in a R.A. Chapter chartered by the Grand Orient of France (between 1784 and 1796) for Port-au-Prince, in Hayti, and on carefully comparing the ritual translated by De la Granja with that of Pike, I found them both alike. Paragraph after paragraph begin and end alike. This fact left no doubt on my mind that the ritual in question was not an English R.A. ritual, but it was unquestionably the parent of the English R.A. degree. The Charlestonian A. and A. Rites, however, seem to have rehashed the legend of the old seventh degree, and developed it in the thirteenth and fourteenth, &c. degrees of the A. and A. Rite into the following cock and bull story:

"Enoch, the son of Jared . . . the sixth in descent from Adam . . . In a vision the Deity appeared to him . . . and said to him, 'Enoch, thou hast longed to know my true name; arise, and follow me and thou shalt know it.'

"Enoch, accepting his vision as an inspiration, journeyed in search of the mountain he had seen in his dream, until weary of the search; he stopped in the land of Canaan, then already populous with the descendants of Adam, and there employed workmen; and with the help of his own son, Methuselah, he excavated nine apartments one above another, and each roofed with an arch, as he had seen in his dream, the lowest being hewn out of the solid rock. In the crown of each arch he left a narrow aperture, closed with a square stone, and over the upper one he built a modest temple, roofless, and of huge unhewn stones, to the Grand Architect of the Universe. Upon a triangular plate of gold, inlaid with many precious gems, he engraved the ineffable name of God, and sank a plate into one face of a cube of agate.

"None knew of the deposit of the precious treasure; and that it might remain undiscovered, and survive the Flood, which it was known to Enoch would soon overwhelm the world in one vast sea of mire, he covered the aperture, and the stone that closed it and the great ring of iron used to raise the stone, with the granite pavement of his primitive temple.

"Then fearing that all knowledge of the arts and sciences would be lost in the universal flood he built two great columns upon a high hill—one of brass to resist the water, and one of granite to resist fire. On the granite column was written in hieroglyphics a description of the subterranean apartments; on the one of brass, the rudiments of the arts and sciences.

"The granite column was overturned and swept away and worn to a shapeless mass by the Deluge, but that of brass stood firm and was found by Noah. Thenceforward the true name of God remained unknown until He said unto Moses in Egypt, when He ordered him to go to Pharaoh, and cause him to send forth the children of Israel out of Egypt, 'I am that which I was and shall be, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, HE WHO IS hath sent me unto you, I am the Lord that appeared to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, by My name, AL SHEDI; but My name—I did not show them.'

"Moses engraved the ineffable name upon a plate of gold and deposited it in the ark of the covenant. Moses made the name known to Aaron and Joshua, and afterwards it was made known to the chief priests. The word being composed of consonants only its true pronunciation was soon lost, but the word still remained in the ark; and in the time of Otheniel, in a battle against the King of Syria, those who bore the ark were slain, and the ark fell to the ground. After the battle the men of Israel searching for it were led to it by the roaring of a lion, which, crouching by it, had guarded it, holding the golden key in its mouth. Upon the approach of the High Priest and the Levites he laid down the key and withdrew. Hence upon the golden key worn by the Treasurer you see the initials of these words, 'In arc leonis verbum inveni.' 'In the lion's mouth I found the word.' This plate of gold was melted down, made into an image of Dagon by the Philistines who took it in battle.

"David intended to build a temple to God, but bequeathed the enterprise to Solomon, his son, and Solomon selected a place near Jerusalem; but finding overthrown columns of Enoch's temple, and supposing them to be the ruins of a heathen temple, and not wishing to select a desecrated spot, selected Mount Moriah for the site of his temple to the true God. Under this temple he built a secret vault, the approach to which was through eight other vaults, all under the ground, and to which a long and narrow passage led under the king's palace. In the ninth apartment was placed a twisted column of white marble, on which it was intended to place the ark, and in this apartment he held his private conferences with King Hiram of Tyre, and H.A., they only knowing the way by which it was approached. Solomon proposed to erect a temple of Justice, and selected as a site the spot where Enoch's temple had stood, and to that end directed that the fallen columns and rubbish should be removed. Gibulum, Joabert and Stolkin were selected to survey the ground and lay off the foundation."

THE HISTORY CONTINUED IN THE FOURTEENTH DEGREE.

"My brother, you were informed in the degree of the Royal Arch that King Solomon builded a secret vault, the approach to which was through eight other vaults, all under the ground, and to which a long and narrow passage led from the palace. The ninth arch or vault was immediately under the Holy of Holies of the Temple. In that apartment Solomon held private conferences with King Hiram and Hiram Abiff. After the death of Hiram Abiff the two kings ceased to visit it, resolving not to do so until that time they should select one to fill his place, and that until that time they would make known the sacred name to no one. After Adomoram, Joabert and Stolkin had discovered the cube of agate and the mysterious name, and had delivered it to King Solomon, the two kings determined to deposit it in the secret vault, permit the three Masters who discovered it to be present, make known to them the true pronunciation of the ineffable word, constitute the last degree of ancient Craft Masonry. [Query: Will there ever be a last to ancient Craft Masonry?] and term it Grand Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons. The cube of agate was so deposited.

"After the twelve Princes of Ameth, the nine Elect and the Chief Architect were admitted to this degree. The secret vault was thereafter called Sacred Vault and was originally built by Hiram Abiff, and none but Grand, Elect, Perfect and Sublime Masons knew of its existence, or knew other than the substitute word.

"The Temple was completed in the year 3000—six years, six months and ten days after King Solomon had laid the first corner stone, and its completion was celebrated with great pomp and splendid magnificence.

"Subsequently, while the Temple was being dedicated, King Solomon conferred this sublime degree on the twenty-five brethren we have mentioned, and in the form you have but now witnessed.

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"On the second day [after the Temple was dedicated] an audience was given to all Masons, from the degree of Master to the Royal Arch, and all vacancies were filled. On the third day King Solomon devoted his time to advancing and raising Fellow Crafts and Entered Apprentices.

THE DESTRUCTION OF THE TEMPLE BY NEBUCHADNEZZAR.

"This happened four hundred and seventy years, six months and ten days after the dedication. After the city was taken, and the King's palace and the Temple demolished, some of the Grand Elect Masons bethought themselves of the Sacred Vault and the inestimable treasure it contained. Repairing to the ruins of the temple at night they found that the way which led down to the vault had not been discovered, nor the slab of marble which covered it disturbed, but upon it they found the dead body of Galaad, an eminent brother and Chief of the Levites. He had been entrusted with the custody of the Sacred Vault and the care of the lamps that burned continually."

Removing the body and descending into the vault they erased the sacred letters from the plate of gold, broke the plate to pieces, placed the cube of agate in a corner of the vault, covered it with rubbish, extinguished the lamp and overturned the pedestal; then they buried Bro. Galaad in the vault (giving him a Masonic funeral of course); they then ascended and covered the place, &c.

It was then determined never again to write the name, but hand it down by tradition in syllables without ever pronouncing the entire word. . . . Once in each year the word was repeated by syllables in the Temple, the brethren forming a circle, the High Priest repeating the syllables to a brother on the right, who repeated them to the one next to him, and so they passed round the circle and returned to the High Priest. . . .

"Finally, when the time arrived that the Christian Princes entered into a league to free the Holy Land from the oppression of the Infidels, the good and virtuous Masons . . . offered their services to the confederates, upon condition that they should have a chief of their own election, and whose name was only made known in the hour of battle, which being granted, they accepted their standard and departed."

The last paragraph informs us that the Princes and the Knights were so delighted with the Masons that all the best of the Crusaders were Masonized, and so it "spread far and wide through a succession of ages to the present day."

"Consistency" is called a "jewel," but it is certainly not a Masonic jewel. Here we have three rituals of the Royal Arch. According to the English Ritual the great secret was discovered at the building of the second Temple. According to the old French ritual the secret was not discovered until after the destruction of the last Temple. And according to the A. and A. ritual the secret from the days of Solomon to the present time was never lost at all. Again, the old French ritual informs us that Brothers Mahabon, Jaichin and Boaz were Solomon's confidential friends; but those three old worthies were discarded from the Royal Arch degree both by the English and the A. and A. ritual tinkers. Still again, according to the old French ritual, Brothers Gibulum, Joabert and Stolkin (Joabert and Stolkin were the brethren who on that occasion pulled Bro. Gibulum with the rope out of the vault) were contemporaries of the Emperor Titus; the A. and A. luminaries make those worthies contemporaries of King Solomon while the tinkers of the English R.A. ritual have expelled Joabert and Stolkin from all connection with the Masonic fraternity. There are also other discrepancies which I shall call attention to at some future time. But in one part of the story the old French ritual and the A. and A. ritual most singularly coincide, viz., their sudden transition in their narratives from the days of Zerubbabel, or of Titus, down to the Crusaders and Templarism.

—Masonic Truth.

(To be continued.)

ANOTHER DINNER.—Such was the shout on Wednesday outside the Hall of the London Cottage Mission at Salmon's-lane, Limehouse, from the hundreds of hungry children who, with their clatter of spoons and basons, were waiting to see whether or no there was to be any Irish stew this week, and, happily for them, there was; but they little knew how nearly it had been a case of an empty copper, for Mr. Austin, the indefatigable Director, assures us that it was only with the greatest difficulty that he saved his starving crowd from what would have been to them a bitter disappointment. Now, the question is, What is to be done next week?—for without immediate help from those able to assist in this good work, dinner party there will be none, and the great hall will be empty. Let us earnestly hope this will not be so. Surely there are kind and charitable hearts who will see that timely aid is given, and forward their contributions as soon as they read these lines to Mr. Austin, 44 Finsbury-pavement, E.C., who will most gladly and gratefully receive them.

THE THEATRES.

PRINCE'S.

"WORTH makes the man," sang Alexander Pope; but Worth fails to make an artist, even with so pretty a lay figure as Mrs. Langtry offers the great man milliner. "The School for Scandal," produced on Tuesday night at the Prince's, dragged its slow length along from eight o'clock till midnight. Sumptuous interiors, Chippendale furniture, and splendid costumes, changed at every opportunity, showed lavish outlay in mounting the play, but though stalls and dress circle felt a feeble enthusiasm for these things, they poorly compensated the tedium of the dreary waits entailed. Mrs. Langtry as Lady Teazle is pleasing in the light comedy scenes; she is the graceful lady of fashion without aid from histrionic art; but she does not indicate beneath the acquired social veneer the high-spirited, true-hearted country girl, who never really belongs to the clique of the Candours and Backbites. Then, in the great screen scene, where Miss Litton or Miss Ada Cavendish showed us, not the rage of the humiliated lady of fashion, but the heart agony of a true woman, degraded in her own eyes, Mrs. Langtry sorely fails to grasp the situation. She hides her face when we should read on it the story of the awakening from a dream of folly; and when, abashed and self-convicted, we should see how this honest-hearted country girl will emerge out of the desperate entanglement to win back happiness and her husband's love, Mrs. Langtry makes a heavy tragedy exit, and fails to awaken sympathy in the audience for the personage she represents. Much expectation had been excited by the cast, but though Mr. Farren gave us Sir Peter with all the delicate refinement and finish of which, perhaps, he alone possesses, at the present day, the secret, and Mr. Coghlan made an excellent Charles, dashing and volatile, there was much disappointment in store as regards the Joseph Surface of Mr. Beerbohm Tree. The plausible, high-bred, fascinating man of the world, who hoodwinks alike clear-witted Lady Teazle and his cynical associates, is certainly not realised. A Sunday-school teacher could not be taken in by such an embryonic scoundrel; still we will hazard no final judgment. A very finished and effective Joseph is quite within this clever actor's grasp. Mrs. Arthur Stirling played carefully, but without the breadth and unction which should make Mrs. Candour one of the most delightful figures on the stage. We trust the play, after the first night, will run closer, and that on a second visit the charms of the deep fauteuils will not be so tempting for an occasional nap.

ST. JAMES'S.

It is not a wholly pleasant duty to record this latest version of "As you like it." The management of the St. James's have assuredly spared neither thought, toil, nor cost to make the production a success, but we fear, unless more vigorous life and good brisk out-of-door spirit be imparted, there must be disappointment for all concerned. St. James's boasts one of the best companies in London, and in Mrs. Kendal surely one of the fairest, as she is undoubtedly among the most gifted artists who honour the stage. The park and the forest scenery is exquisite. Surely such grass, such mossy stems and umbrageous boughs have never been lighted by artificial sunlight before, nor the sweet lyrics of Shakespeare sung to such sylvan accompaniment of babbling brooklet. The costumes are careful studies of the fantastic period chosen. We seem to see a dozen pictures by Mabuse or Schwartz made living men and women. The Meiningen management would have nothing to teach this St. James' crowd as to naturalness of action. The scene at the wrestling match is one of the most brilliant and effective we have ever witnessed. Groups form and reform under the spreading boughs of grand old cedars on one side of the stage,—though it is difficult to believe this is a stage and not a stately sun-lighted park. On the other rises the massive carved stone front of the ancient chateau. A pretty quaint group is produced by the steeple-capped nurse and her young charges, who come into the balcony to enjoy the festival. Mr. Kendal in this scene—as in the preceding one with his "wicked brother" Oliver—was at his best, manly and self-possessed. He looked Orlando to the life; handsome, graceful and young, as Orlando should be; but where the idyllic and ideal lover should be shown us Mr. Kendal evidently felt ill at ease. With the intention of giving dignity to the part, he abdicates those pleasant gifts of true comedy he possesses, and instead of the fascinating brilliant youth who should justify Rosalind's sudden passion we have a most staid and serious—might we not say, tedious—young man. We hope, however, with the greater ease that will come, will follow more familiarity. Mr. Kendal has yet to do his best, and assuredly it will then be a very pleasant interpretation. For the Rosalind of Mrs. Kendal, the stage has rarely seen a brighter, a more refined, or one more charming in every way. The Madge Robertson of earlier days has come back to us, with all the girlish charm and sweetness of old, and with the added power of years of study. The archness and pretty petulance of the scene where Rosalind would make Orlando woo her under her feigned name was simply charming, whilst her singing of the cuckoo song awoke the house to enthusiasm. Mrs. Kendal has undoubtedly achieved an artistic triumph, and if she could inspire her coadjutors with her own spirit the revival would be a delight for months to come. There is, however, a generally subdued tone—all seems set in a minor key—a weight of melancholy weighs on all the dramatis personae, except in the case of the fair Celia, admirably portrayed by Miss Linda Dietz, who shines forth with a sprightliness and winsomeness quite charming. The debutante, Miss Lea, also makes the meek Audrey one of the chief successes of the night. She is "enough" Audrey, rustic

and awkward, with a pleasant bright wit under her rusticity. Mr. Hare as Touchstone:—To this representation we all looked forward as an opportunity for this gifted actor, and we are sure Mr. Hare is as little satisfied as those who would so willingly praise him. Mr. Vezin lends his high-bred manner and perfect elocution to Jacques once more, but the noble melancholy of the "Seven Ages" seemed to lack something, spoken as it was among those well-dressed, banished lords, who evidently were not enjoying their forest pic-nic. Mr. Cellier's music for the songs is doubtless graceful, but how can we praise that which has robbed us of those sweet old tunes we older folks must ever associate with the sweetest lyrics Shakespear has given us?

THE PRINCESS'S.

"HAMLET" at the Princess's has attained and passed its hundredth night, with the popularity its first representation evoked in no degree lessened. The fifth act closed on the 5th February for the hundredth time, amid plaudits even more enthusiastic than those that generally greet the gifted actor and generous manager, who was evidently compelled, in spite of himself, to respond to the demand for a speech. Happily custom and warning experience has taught Mr. Barrett that though the critical audience with whom one almost seems to clasp hands in the excitement of those great waves of emotion and applause may be warmly sympathetic, the hand-clasp and the responsive pulse must be wanting in the "morning paper," and therefore, in Mr. Barrett's own words, "it is canny to say nowt." At the same time he gracefully acknowledged the favour that had rewarded the work done by him and his company; he also pronounced the good augury that in two other theatres Shakespear had found welcome. Doubtless never has "Hamlet" excited higher interest or given occasion for more controversy. Mr. Barrett can show good justification for his reading, in the essentially living, suffering, sympathetic embodiment he has given us. There is this charm in the play, that each actor may give us a new Hamlet, and yet each be true. The character, like a faceted diamond, shows this or that colour as the light falls on it. One of the great charms of the present revival has been the restoration of the king to his proper importance in the play. The voluptuous "smiling villain," whose crimes are as much due to passion for the Queen as for greed of power, has in Mr. Willard a fine embodiment, and time has much refined and given finish to the portraiture. Miss Eastlake, who plays Ophelia with much care, is in danger of greatly elaborating the final scene, and making the very realism of her madness destructive to the grace and dignity which should ever distinguish tragedy from melodrama. The stately beauty of Miss Leighton is of great value in her presentment of the queen; we see a woman of whom Claudius declares, Gertrude "lives but in his (Hamlet's) looks"—and, as the queen, we scarcely feel the mother. There is a grim earnestness in Mr. George Barrett's gravedigger, which keeps the part well within the prevailing minor key; it is exceedingly fine, and with true touch of comedy in its rendering. Though lovers of Shakespeare must regret they bid farewell to Macready's "Sweet Prince," we believe Mr. Barrett's judgment will again secure a great success in the new "Brutus," for which theatregoers are now impatiently looking forward. Not at the Princesses need the manager fear "there is no money bid for argument, unless the poet and the player went to cuffs on the question."

A special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held on Monday next, 16th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Halford Street, Leicester, when the Lodge of the Golden Fleece, No. 2081, will be constituted and dedicated in ancient form. The Provincial Grand Lodge will be opened at 3.15 p.m., and after the calling over of the Provincial roll and the transaction of other formal business the new Lodge will be consecrated. The W.M. designate having been installed, he will proceed to invest his Officers, invite propositions, and then close the Lodge. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master—Bro. S. S. Partridge—will then call attention to the forthcoming election of Grand Treasurer of England, and will move "That the Provincial Grand Lodge heartily approves the candidature of a Provincial Brother for the office, and recommends W. Bro. John Woodall Woodall P.M., P.P.S.G.W. North and East Yorkshire, to the support of the brethren of the Province." Any other business regularly brought before the Provincial Grand Lodge will be transacted, and then Prov. Grand Lodge will be closed. A banquet will be served at the Hall at half past five, and as a large attendance is expected, an early notification is requested from any brother intending to be present. The price of the tickets for dinner and dessert are 5s 6d each. The attendance of brethren of other Provinces is invited by the Provincial Grand Lodge.

We are asked to state that the ballots for Life Governors in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, in which Bro. Simpson J. Byng, 424 S.C. and P.M. 992 is Steward, will take place at Bro. Meekham's, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, High-bury, on Friday evening, 20th February, at nine o'clock.

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REPORTING MASONIC MEETINGS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have often wondered why it is that certain brethren object to a fair, simple, and legitimate report of the proceedings of Lodge meetings, and although I have asked for reasons I have never been able to get convincing answers. I know that in a certain Lodge with which I am acquainted there are two or three members who fill situations, the duties of which seem to clash with the offices they hold in the Lodge, and therefore object to the publication of their names. It is not the mere record they object to, but the inference that is likely to be drawn from the fact that the Lodge meets at five or half-past, a period of the day when perhaps their duties as employés are not ended. The brethren I refer to do not attend at the opening of the Lodge, except on special occasions. From my personal knowledge of them I am sure they would not forfeit their good names as worthy brethren by neglecting their duties as citizens, yet the fact remains that they would be liable to a false construction being put upon their actions by a due record, without the addition of an interpreting clause, and this cannot be given without recording the time of arrival at the Lodge of each member, a thing impossible and absurd.

Then there is the case of the brother who may happen to be Secretary, whose employers might object to his filling other offices which might detain him late at night, and so unfit him for work on the following day. How far the cases I have named influence the brethren I do not know, they are the only practical answers I have ever met with against the reporting of Lodge meetings. The objections referred to were overcome by leaving out the names of the brethren concerned, a very easy and simple remedy. Those, however, who are against all publication, except by authority, are either martinets or the victims of unnecessary fear. Set a beggar on horseback and he will ride to the devil; put some soldiers in a Masonic office and they will excommunicate all who dare to do anything that has not received licence from or through them. Like the Pharisees of old, they are sticklers for discipline, but wantons in spirit. They are jealous of their office, and construe actions into offences in the spirit of tyrants. I have known two instances in my own Masonic career where a choleric and pedantic soldier, aided by a servile follower, exhibited all the narrow-mindedness of bigots. These brethren were enemies to Lodge reports being published, except under circumstances they could either command or influence. I may add that the Province to which they belong is not noted either for its charity or courtesy.

In the foregoing I have merely referred to what has come under my own notice, the larger question I leave to other and abler hands.

Yours fraternally,

QUEX.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Hitherto Norfolk has not figured prominently in the charitable movements connected with the Craft. I was pleased, therefore, to find that a scheme was set on foot at the recent annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge held at Lynn, for methodically organising subscriptions in aid of the Schools in connection with the Order. Without entering into the merits of the proposed plan I may say that if carried out with anything like spirit it cannot fail to improve the charitable status of the Province and the Institutions concerned. What I fear is that petty jealousies may retard the operation of the scheme, and that a litigious spirit—the curse of Norfolk—may mar the hopes that may be raised. Time will tell. I hope it will be on the side of charity, and not in favour of that egotism and selfish clanishness which disfigures so much that is good amongst Norfolk Masons.

In referring to what is recorded with regard to the doings of the Prov. G. Lodge, I am reminded of the omissions. I presume a banquet followed labour; indeed you say so in nine words, and that is all we know about it. Nothing is said about service at church. I interpret your silence to mean that on this occasion the practice adopted when the Grand Lodge met at Norwich had been departed from. If that were so, I am sorry for it, for I believe the service did much good in ways that cannot be discussed here, but which most of the Norfolk brethren well understand.

Now, Sir, although you are silent about the banquet, I have reason to believe that you and others were treated with scant courtesy on that occasion. I hear from good authority that the management of the whole affair was not a success, that brethren who came from a long distance, who had taken every precaution, were unable to be present at the banquet. It was only with difficulty that they could obtain admission to the proceedings of Grand Lodge. Under these circumstances I can well understand why you gave no account of the banquet. I know when Grand Lodge met at Norwich there was no difficulty about banquet tickets. Why change the tactics at Lynn I am unable to discover, unless the reason is to be sought in the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It may be, as you say, that a larger number was

present than was expected. I can hardly accept such an explanation. The Province may be large in extent, but the number of Lodges is not great—something like sixteen or seventeen I believe. There is only one Lodge in the town in which the annual meeting of Prov. G. Lodge was held, and as only two hundred and thirty guests sat down to the banquet, I am at a loss to conceive how it was that any failure occurred. No doubt the announcement that the Most Worshipful Grand Master would be present attracted a good many brethren, but that was all the more reason why ample provision should have been made. I fear much soreness will arise out of this break-down; I am sure some of the brethren will have formed a very bad opinion of the Norfolk Masons, and will not trust to their courtesy a second time. The whole mischief is to be attributed to a narrow clique, who monopolise all power, and whose estimate of themselves is above the appraisal of ordinary mortals. I am sure the Norfolk brethren would disclaim all desire to be discourteous, but others, in their name, have, I fear, done some damage to their fair fame.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

WATCHMAN.

THE CLIFTONVILLE HOTEL, MARGATE.

THERE is, or used to be, a general opinion abroad that Margate, by reason of the loud and protentious people who frequent it, is not among the most desirable of our pleasure resorts, and that, for some vague reason we have never clearly been able to understand, its climate is not so favourable to health as we should wish it to be. That owing to its easy access from London a very mixed class of visitors should find their way thither is very natural; but of late years, at all events, the town has grown considerably, and with Cliftonville on one side, and Westgate on the other, there is now ample accommodation for the quietest and most exigent of holiday seekers. Then the very fact of a large and important infirmary for scrofulous patients having been established for years in close proximity to the harbour is undeniable evidence in favour of its being a healthful place, even had it not been again and again shown by the most acceptable medical authority that, so far from its being unhealthy, there are few spots where hard-working people whose system needs renovating from time to time, or those who are constitutionally feeble, are more likely to regain or acquire tone or strength than Margate. Even the opinion which has found favour with many people that Margate is cold and windy during the winter months is known to be based on erroneous calculations, the effect of the cold winds to which it is open from the north and east being very materially lessened by the sea, the temperature of which is considerably higher than that of the land. In fact, Margate stands high in favour with the medical profession, and is yearly becoming more and more the resort of invalids. In these circumstances we may be excused for drawing attention to the great improvements which have latterly been effected in the Cliftonville Hotel, which is now under new proprietorship and new management. This hotel, which is admirably situated in extensive grounds of its own, of about three acres, and some 150 feet above the sea-level, has always stood well in public estimation, but under the personal control of Mr. Lewis Jefferies, the resident managing director, the Cliftonville must be looked upon as one of the lions of the place, to say nothing of its position being outside the limits frequented by the less attractive class of excursionists. Everything has been done to bring the hotel into admirable trim. Not only has it been enlarged and improved, but it has also been almost entirely refurnished and redecorated, so that it is no exaggeration to suggest that, as regards size, comfort, and appearance it, will compare favourably with other houses of the same class at our seaside resorts. But in order to render it available to persons of more modest means the management have adopted the excellent plan of making, where desired, a fixed charge per person for the accommodation usually required. That is to say, a customer pays half a guinea per day—from the 1st of October to the 30th of June, that is, for nine months out of the twelve—and in return he receives full board and attendance, is assigned a bedroom for which the ordinary charge is 3s a night, and is permitted free access to all the public rooms in the hotel, namely, the splendid dining-room—90 feet by 40 feet—the coffee, drawing, reading and writing, smoking and billiard rooms, &c., all of which face the sea and are luxuriously furnished as well as most comfortably appointed. The adoption of this plan deserves to be made generally known. It reflects great credit on the managerial qualities of the new proprietary body, and, having regard to the admirable and healthy situation of the hotel, deserves a liberal return of patronage on the part of the public. The Cliftonville, under its present management, and with the character it has already secured for comfort, and even the luxury of its appointments, may confidently be recommended to all classes of visitors.

Mr. J. H. Cobbe (the obliging acting Manager) announces that his First Annual Benefit will take place at the Princess's Theatre on Saturday morning, 21st February, at 1.30, when "Hamlet" will be performed.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree—by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand, no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself safely through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oftentimes inclement winters. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, quinsies, whooping cough, can be successfully treated by well rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills. During damp, foggy weather asthmatical sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the inunction of the Ointment, and all tender-chested persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held their regular monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Saturday, 7th instant, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The usual formalities in reference to the minutes of the last meeting having been observed, the minutes of the last Quarterly Court, and of the House Committee, were read for information, as also was a letter from the solicitors of Mrs. Creaton, thanking the Institution for the resolution of sympathy with her on the death of Colonel Creaton. The Report of the Audit Committee was next submitted, and then two petitions on behalf of candidates seeking admission to the School were considered; one of these was accepted, the other rejected. Two vacancies on the House Committee were reported, and the following brethren were nominated to fill them:—Charles Belton, T. Hastings Miller, Henry Venn, and W. H. Saunders. Other formal business, including a vote of thanks to the Chairman, having been attended to, the proceedings were brought to a conclusion.

The Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution met on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. The minutes having been confirmed, the death of three annuitants and of one approved candidate was announced. A letter was read from the solicitors of Mrs. Creaton, thanking the Institution for their sympathy with her on the death of Colonel Creaton; and another from Miss Norris, acknowledging the vote of condolence with her on the death of Brother James Norris the late Warden of the Institution. Both were ordered to be entered on the minutes. A letter from Bro. G. B. Abbott, thanking the Committee for the compliment paid him in connection with his History of the Institution, was also received. The report of the Institution to be presented to Sir Michael Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P. was then passed, as also were the thanks of the Committee for his promised presidency at the coming Festival. The question of the number of vacancies to be filled at the next election was then considered. Brother Terry reported that there would be 43 male candidates and 14 vacancies at the next election, and 75 widows and 2 vacancies. The state of the finances was as follows: He did not expect the Festival would be as successful as the last by £2000; the last year's was the most successful the Institution ever had. On the 1st January 1884 there was a balance on the male fund of £375 13s 11d. On the 1st January 1885 the balance was £486 10s 10d, so that the income had been exceeded by £389 3s 1d. £1000 had been invested, and the total invested funds on the male branch was £39,450. It was thereupon proposed by Bro. Charles Lacey, and seconded by Bro. George Bolton, that twenty males be elected on to the funds of the Institution at the May Election. Speaking in reference to this matter Dr. Jabez Hogg opposed the principle of investing money, which he considered ought to be spent year by year as received. They had more applicants before them than ever, and he thought the whole of the money subscribed should be expended in relief, to the best of their ability. He thought that those who came after should provide for the wants of their times, feeling sure that the liberality of the Craft might be relied on to meet every contingency. Whatever sum was placed in the hands of the Committee by the Craft at large, the Committee were justified in spending it in relief of distress, but he did not think they were equally justified in saving it up. He hoped it would be decided to increase the number of vacancies. Brother Edward F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer No. 22 followed, supporting Bro. Hogg's arguments, and urging that the Institution had no right to accumulate a large reserve fund. Bro. Raynham Stewart pointed out it must be remembered the annuitants were elected for life, and asked what was to be done if in the future they had not sufficient funds to pay the annuities with? Bro. C. H. Webb adopted a similar course of argument, and thought the Committee would be justified in adhering to the original proposition—to elect 14 male annuitants. Ultimately a vote was taken, when it was found that the amendment—to increase the number to twenty—had been carried by a majority of one. Bro. Terry then explained the position of the Widows' Fund, as follows:—On the 1st January 1884 there was a

balance of £742 2s 6d, and on the 1st January 1885 £2072 9s 10d, or a balance of £1333 7s 4d, besides £1000 which had been invested. The total capital invested in this fund was £26,000. The candidates were 77 and the vacancies two. Ultimately it was resolved to elect fifteen widows at the May ballot, twelve to be entitled to immediate annuities, and three to be deferred. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

ROYAL ARCH.

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GROVE CHAPTER, No. 410.

A CONVOCATION of this old and flourishing Chapter was held at the Swan Hotel, Leatherhead, Surrey, on Saturday, the 31st January. Comps. G. D. Lister M.E.Z., C. B. Foster P.Z. as H., C. Greenwood jun. J., P.Z.'s H. J. Dumas, Charles Greenwood, G. H. Haydon, C. Litchfield, Rhys Williams, J. Dyer, and others. Comp. John Charlton M.E.Z. elect was unfortunately unable to attend in consequence of illness. Comps. C. Greenwood jun. and T. Dyer were respectively installed in the chairs of H. and J., with great impressiveness and solemnity. A ballot took place for Bro. Henry Harris 1361 as a candidate for exaltation, which resulted unanimously in his favour. A P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. Lister in recognition of his services to the Chapter as M.E.Z. during the past year. The P.Z.'s jewel, which was voted to Ex. Comp. Rhys Williams, M.D., for his services as M.E.Z., was duly presented to him in open Chapter. We much regret to state that since the last meeting of this Chapter, the highly-esteemed and beloved M.E.Z. elect, Comp. John Charlton, has been called to the Grand Lodge above. Little did his Companions think when meeting that their friend and Companion was so near his end. He had only recently returned from the East, and his illness was thought only to be of a temporary nature.

EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE annual meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on the 3rd instant, when there were present Comps. J. P. Sellar M.E.Z., George Simpson H., J. Todd P.Z. as J., J. Kay S.E., T. B. Whytehead P.Z. as S.N., A. T. B. Turner as P.S., W. Lackenby and S. J. Dalton Asst. Sojs., and several other Companions. The installation of Principals took place, and Comp. George Simpson was placed in the chair of Z., by T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Comp. Millington H. elect being absent through illness, his chair was filled pro tem by Comp. Sellar P.Z., and Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. was placed in the chair of J. by Comp. J. Todd P.Z. Successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. Stephenson, E. Thackray, and C. L. Foster, and these brethren were duly exalted by Comp. Sellar P.Z., the mystical lecture being given by Comp. Whytehead P.Z. The rest of the Officers elect were invested, as follows:—Comps. Jas. Kay S.E., J. Blenkin S.N., W. Brown P.S., G. Chapman and S. J. Dalton Asst. Sojs., G. Lumb and W. Stephenson Stewards. Letters of apology were read from Comp. J. S. Cumberland P.Z., and other Companions, and after "hearty good wishes" the Chapter was closed, the members afterwards supping together at the Queen's Hotel.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—This Chapter, which since its removal to the White Hart, at the corner of Abchurch Lane, in Cannon Street, has considerably increased in numbers, held its usual weekly meeting on Tuesday, 10th inst., when there were present Comps. Litley Z., Child H., Roberts J., Levy S.N., Dew-snap P.S., and many other companions. The ever-energetic Comp. Brown occupied his usual position as S.E. and Preceptor of the Chapter. The ceremony of exaltation was efficiently and carefully rendered, Comp. Wells being the candidate, and under such able tuition it is almost needless to say that the Supreme Degree was gone through in a manner which in any Chapter would justify the high reputation which this school of instruction has secured. At the conclusion of the ceremony Comp. Martin, of the St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142, and Comp. Stokes, of the Stockwell Chapter, No. 1839, were unanimously elected members. It is intended to work the ceremonies of Installation of Principals on the second Tuesday in the months of March, April, and May. That of March will be worked by the Preceptor Comp. Brown, whilst those of April and May will be worked by the Past and Present Principals who are members. To those Royal Arch Masons who are aspiring to official honours, the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement offers advantages which are rarely to be met with, inasmuch that, unlike Lodges of Instruction, the Chapters of Improvement are "few and far between." Independently of this, at all times the true spirit of Freemasonry prevails, for when once a brother is admitted into this conclave he is kindly received, and he feels that brotherly love here reigns supreme.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 14th February:—

Monday—St. George's and Corner Stone Lodge, Leigh Lodge.
Tuesday—National Peristerian Society, Jerusalem Chapter, Urban Lodge, Waldeck Lodge. Wednesday—Lodge of Fidelity.
Thursday—Caledonian Society, Lodge of Regularity, Polish National Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge. Friday—Britannic Lodge, Belford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge. Saturday—Duke of Cornwall Lodge, Phoenix Lodge.

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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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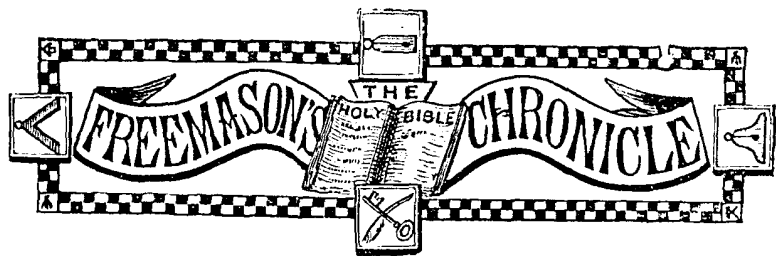
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

EGYPTIAN LODGE, No. 27.

THE installation meeting of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by members and many distinguished visitors. Lodge was opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Murch. Present: Bros. Haynes S.W., Hale J.W., Bass A.G. Sec. Treas., Poole P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., Webster J.D., Todd I.G.; P.M.'s Grammer, Harrison, Maidwell, Lambie, Conlson, Libbis, Green, Cuthbertson. Visitors—Bros. Hogg P.G.D., Cubitt P.G.P., Cottebrune P.G.P., Schadler P.M. 65, Smith 1168, Izant 701, Wells P.P.G.S. Kent, Roberts P.M. 65, Hawkins P.M. 1693, Newton P.M. 174, Chicken P.M. 65, Bibra 1669, Schraeder, Bygrave 25, Spill 174, Johnson 86, Read P.M. 145, Rich W.M. 65, Walker 65, Brown P.M. 65, Willing W.M. 1987, P.M. 177 1507 1744 1319, Dodson P.M. 860, Turnor P.M. 1608, Terry P.P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts, Lee P.A.G.S. Middx., Chapman P.M. 1922, Graham P.G.S. Middx., Ross P.M. 1216, Gillespie 1685, Webb P.M. 179, Gunn 1706, Jackson 860, Herold 65, Schartau, Hanson, Taylor P.M. 144, Levy P.M. 188, &c. After Lodge had been formally constituted, the minutes were confirmed, and Bros. Davis and Burt were passed to the second degree, in a perfect manner. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it showed the General and Benevolent Funds were in a prosperous condition. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. E. B. Haynes S.W. and W.M. elect was presented, and, in the presence of 34 W.M.'s and P.M.'s, duly installed into the chair, the ceremony being conducted by Bro. T. J. Maidwell P.M., who was deservedly complimented on the conclusion of the ceremony. The lay brethren having been readmitted, the W.M. was saluted according to ancient custom. He then in appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers:—J. March I.P.M., M. Hale S.W., Webster J.W., H. G. Buss A.G.S. Treas., who received a perfect ovation on his re-investment; J. B. Poole P.M. Sec., Dixon S.D., C. B. Todd J.D., Easton I.G., D. H. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Robinson D.C., Dixon A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. Bro. Murch I.P.M. acted as D.C. Applause followed the investment of the Officers. Routine work followed, four gentlemen were proposed for initiation; hearty good wishes were given by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed until March. The brethren, 80 in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert. The tables were florally decorated, and button-holes were provided for each guest. The menu card, artistically designed by the W.M., represented the March in the Desert of Egypt, and was much admired. Grace having been sung, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the health of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Lathom the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past. He spoke of the qualifications of the noble and distinguished brethren who were at the head of the Order. On the present occasion they were honoured by the presence of four Grand Officers; he would call on Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. to respond. Bro. Hogg, in reply, said it was a pleasing duty to respond to the toast. There was no Lodge in London better able to show their qualifications than the Egyptian, and they had among their members a brother respected by every one throughout the Craft. Personally he (Bro. Hogg) had known Bro. Buss over half a century; all will miss him when he vacates his accustomed place in Grand Lodge, and in the office, where he has ever been kind and genial, and had brought to bear so thorough a knowledge of his duties. The Craft at large regretted his health precluded him from continuing his official duties, but all hoped he might be spared for many years. A few words more; it was a great privilege enjoyed by the Grand Officers, that of visiting Lodges; for his part he never regretted the day he was initiated into the Order. He was very pleased to see the working of the Lodge, and to note the way his esteemed Brother Maidwell had installed the W.M.; he was also gratified at the admirable manner in which the W.M. had invested his Officers, and had presided. Bro. Haynes was one who he was sure would carry out the duties required of him. Bro. Murch next rose; he was proud for the first time to propose the health of the W.M., who was noted for the respect he was held in by the brethren, who had thoroughly tested his ability. He was sure that at the expiration of his year of office, Bro. Haynes would have the same good wishes, and that he would deserve them; all the members trusted that prosperity in every shape would attend him. It was with great pleasure the W.M., who was enthusiastically received, responded to the toast. As regarded the very strong words uttered by the I.P.M., he might say he hoped to have a year of prosperity and happiness. It was gratifying to have so many friends around him, and to note the cordial manner in which the toast had been received. He had only been five years in the Lodge, but he had filled every office on the rungs of the ladder; he hoped he had done the duties to their satisfaction, and he thanked them sincerely for putting him forward, and thus enabling him to occupy the chair; his best services would always be at their command. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. said they were so distinguished and numerous that he could hardly find words to enumerate their many qualifications. He would

call on Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P., James Willing W.M. 1987, and the Master of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, Bro. Rich, to respond. Bro. Cottebrune P.G.P. remarked how pleased he was to see Bro. Buss present; he hoped he would retain his health for many years. Bro. J. Willing followed; 20 years ago he took his second degree in this Lodge, when Bro. D. H. Jacobs, still a respected P.M., was in the chair. He might state he had never heard working done better, and he was sure the W.M. would have the co-operation of the brethren, as all would acknowledge he deserved. Bro. Rich said he was proud to have an opportunity to return thanks on behalf of the Visitors. The W.M. was also an officer of the Prosperity Lodge. At the close of his year of office in No. 27, he was sure they would say Bro. Haynes had conducted the business with credit. The next toast was the health of the Immediate Past Master Bro. Murch; in acknowledgment of his distinguished services the Lodge had voted him a jewel. He (the W.M.) had great pleasure in placing it on his breast; he felt a pride in doing so, as the wearer was worthy of it. The Past Master's jewel of this Lodge is always looked on with respect. It has for its motto the appropriate words, "Palmam qui Meruit Ferat." This jewel the immediate Past Master has fully deserved. Bro. Murch, in reply, said he could hardly find words to express his pleasure at the kind and feeling remarks of the W.M. The Lodge had voted him a jewel, which he should always prize. He was initiated in the Lodge eleven years since, and hoped he should never repent being a Past Master of it. He hoped to be a useful member in the future; his services would always be at the command of the members. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Installing Master, Bro. T. J. Maidwell. Those who had passed the chair could not have heard without pleasure his delivery of the beautiful ritual. The members had also to thank him for the courtesy he had displayed during his Mastership, and would ever remember his excellent working. It must have entailed on him a great amount of labour and study to enable him to perfect himself as he had done. He (the W.M.) hoped the brethren would drink health and prosperity to Bro. Maidwell. The Installing Master, in reply, said if the brethren thought the ceremony had been rendered to their satisfaction, he was content. If his services were required at any time they were always at command. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given. The W.M. said they could boast of a grand array; to them the W.M. for the time looked for assistance; they were in every way qualified to render it. Bro. H. G. Buss P.M. and Treasurer responded. He thanked the W.M. for the kind words he had spoken, also he thanked the brethren most heartily; he trusted he had done his duty to the best of his ability; he did the same for the Grand Lodge. He knew he had gained many friends in the Craft, and boasted he had made no enemies. He had been a member of the Lodge 40 years, and his sole aim was to promote its welfare and interest. In speaking on behalf of the Masonic Charities the W.M. hoped to serve as Steward next year. Bro. Terry, the worthy representative of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, was present. He was sure he would do justice in responding to the toast. Bro. Terry made an eloquent reply. This Lodge will bear comparison with any other in the Craft as regards its charitable proclivities. After referring to the fact that the Election to the Schools took place every six months, as against an annual election in the case of the Benevolent Institution, Bro. Terry stated that inasmuch as there were 30 Candidates for the Girls' School, out of whom 22 were to be elected, and in the case of the Boys 25 were to be elected out of 45 candidates; with the Benevolent Institution there were 43 male candidates and but 14 vacancies; while as regards the women, at that time there were 81 candidates, and not a single vacancy. However, Bro. Harrison P.M. is a Steward, and he (Bro. Terry) hoped the Egyptian Lodge would support him, and produce one of the most successful lists that this Lodge had ever taken up. Bro. Harrison P.M. also made a most eloquent appeal for the Charities. The Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge were then complimented; also the Wardens and Officers, the W.M. warmly expatiating on their qualifications. He hoped they would support him. The Wardens and Bro. C. B. Todd severally responded. The Tyler's toast brought to a conclusion a very agreeable and harmonious evening. Bros. H. Schartau, T. W. Hanson, R. J. Taylor P.M., Wakefield Reed, and J. W. T. Chapman contributed to the harmony, and Bro. F. Herold gave special satisfaction to the brethren by his artistic playing on the zither.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 33.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th inst. About fifty of the brethren were present, amongst whom were the Provincial Grand Wardens for Sussex, Bros. General Randolph and Major Dalbiae, the Provincial Grand Secretary Bro. Freeman, and representatives from many of the Lodges in the Province of Sussex, together with some from Hants and the Isle of Wight. The W.M. Bro. Oliver Lloyd presided, and in the most impressive manner installed Lieut.-Col. Lord Algernon Gordon Lennox as his successor in the chair for the ensuing year. Lord Algernon subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bro. Lloyd I.P.M., Barrett S.W., Breach J.W., Davey Chaplain, Hayes Secretary, Iakpen S.D., Doman J.D., Baquet I.G., Smith D.C., Budden and Fielden Stewards. Bro. St. Clair, who had at a previous meeting been re-elected to the Office of Treasurer, was prevented from attending by a severe bereavement. Bro. Dean, who had accepted the collar of Organist, was kept away by the state of his health. At the close of the business of the Lodge, the brethren sat down to a banquet served in the Assembly Room by Mr. Purchase, Globe Hotel, who placed an excellent repast on the tables. The room was decorated with choice plants, kindly lent by Mr. Moore. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the W.M. being given in eloquent terms by the Mayor of Chichester (Bro. Raper P.P.J.G.W.), who made reference to the distinguished services which the Lennox family have rendered to Masonry, not

only in the Lodge of Union and Promise, of Sussex, but in the position of Grand Master of England, which was formally held by a Duke of Richmond. A most enjoyable evening was spent, the speeches being interspersed with songs by Bro. R. Raynham, of the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral. Bro. Miles (a visitor from Portsmouth), Brokincey (of Basingstoke), and several of the brethren of the Lodge.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 205.

THE Ball, which was held on the 4th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, in aid of the Benevolent Fund attached to this Lodge, produced a very good result. Nearly 400 guests were present. The Grand Master His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales had granted a dispensation for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing, and the effect produced was very telling. The new banner of the Lodge, specially designed by the Rev. Marcus Haines, Chaplain, was deservedly admired. An excellent supper was provided by Bro. Rand, and served under the superintendence of Mr. Lipman. Bro. Henochsberg S.W., P.M. 1502, Chairman of the Ball Committee, said it was not intended to give many toasts. The Committee, however, had been congratulated on the great success of the Ball, but that success was due to the presence of the Ladies. What would the brethren have done without the ladies on such an occasion. He would therefore with all sincerity ask them to drink to the health of the Ladies. This toast was heartily received. The company then adjourned to the ball room, where dancing was resumed to the inspiring music of Bros. Cooto and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. Thaddeus Wells. The efficient services of Bro. Jarvis M.C. had been secured. It is anticipated a good round sum will accrue to the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge.

ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting of this compact little Lodge took place on Tuesday, the 10th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, London, E.C. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. W. Morgan, who was supported by his Officers and the following Past Masters:—Bros. Charles Greenwood Past G. Sword Bearer (Treasurer), W. Radcliffe (Secretary), F. J. Hentsch, Dr. Walters, Usher Back, Thos. E. Lavers, John Laver, &c. Amongst the Visitors present were:—Fredk. Binckes P.G. Steward, Charles Lacey P.M. 174, G. King P.M. 172, C. E. Birch W.M. 1223, J. T. Pilditch P.M. 1420, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, W. G. Jennings 1530, J. R. Rickman W.M. 890, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, J. B. Stevens P.M. 1627, C. J. Craig S.W. 1223, W. Jones 511, J. A. Collings 1693, J. H. Kempster P.M. 1420, D. D. Robinson W.M. 975. After Lodge had been formally constituted the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and resumed, when Bro. P.M. Lavers presented the W.M. elect Bro. T. H. Pierce for the benefits of installation. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and the new Master placed in the chair. The brethren who had not yet donned the levels were re-admitted, the Master was saluted in the three degrees, and he appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Henry Martin S.W., Edward Thring J.W., C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Thomas Crapper S.D., A. Dickson (named for) J.D., F. T. Bennett I.G., A. Green P.M. W.S., A. Withers P.M. D.C., and C. T. Speight Past Master Tyler. The address to the Master was delivered by Bro. A. Withers P.M., that to the Wardens by Bro. Radcliffe P.M., and the final one to the brethren by Bro. Morgan. The Auditors then made their report. The accounts had been duly examined on the previous Wednesday; a Balance Sheet had been printed and distributed amongst the members, and it was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the same be adopted and entered on the minutes. We may say here that the new Master enters upon his duties with a substantial balance to the credit of the Lodge, and with every prospect of a successful year of office. The W.M. now rose to present the retiring Master with the Lodge jewel, so unanimously voted him at the last meeting. Bro. Peirce gracefully alluded to the zeal Brother Morgan had always shown in the welfare of the Lodge, and expressed the sincere pleasure it gave him to place on his breast this souvenir of the brethren's respect and esteem. After a brief but fervent acknowledgment had been made, Bro. Withers, the indefatigable Master of the Ceremonies of the Lodge, directed the attention of the brethren to the fact that he had undertaken the office of Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and forcibly urged the claims of that Institution on the members of the Lodge. Bro. Greenwood then moved a resolution to the effect that a vote of ten guineas be made from the Lodge Funds to head Bro. Withers's list. This was immediately seconded, and carried without a dissentient voice. Some other items of business were then considered, hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The banquet, as is usual at this establishment, was capitally served. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. Bro. Peirce gave in sequence the toasts of the Queen and Craft, the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, and the Pro G. Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past, coupled with the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood, who replied. Bro. Morgan, in proposing the toast of the Worshipful Master, referred to the esteem in which Bro. Peirce was held by all the members. Bro. Peirce had shown some little hesitation in taking upon himself the duties of the chair, but he (Bro. Morgan) could assure him he would have the undivided co-operation and support of all the members. Bro. Peirce was an initiate of St. Michael's Lodge, had served all the offices upward, and would bring to bear upon his work a sincere desire to sustain its prestige. With every confidence for a successful year he called on the brethren to do honour to the toast. After a song Bro. Peirce replied. He fully appreciated the honour that had been conferred on him by the brethren elevating him to his

present position. He was not a young man, and had hardly looked forward to ever taking the foremost position in his Lodge, but he felt much encouraged by the way in which he had been invited to take command, and he trusted the Lodge would lose none of its lustre while under his guidance. In replying to the toast given in his honour, Bro. Morgan tendered his thanks to Bro. Withers for the ready and valuable help he had given him during the evening. He regretted to say he was far from well, but he knew the members would overlook his shortcomings. He had passed a very pleasant year of office. It was true there had been no initiates during the year, but it was an accepted fact that the members of the Saint Michael's Lodge did not desire a large addition to their number. It was an open question whether the vast accession lately made to its ranks was beneficial to Freemasonry. In any case it was now fully recognised that though there was no absolute restriction as to the number of members that might be elected, there was no desire to make this a large Lodge. However, should good and true men present themselves, they would be sure to receive a cordial greeting. At the present time the Lodge was a united happy family, and it was the sincere wish of one and all it might long continue so. Bro. Morgan concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had honoured him in drinking to the toast. The toast of the Visitors was entrusted to Bro. Morgan, who on behalf of the Lodge tendered a hearty greeting. Bros. Charles Lacey, Pilditch, Rickman, and others replied. Bro. Greenwood proposed the next toast—Success to the Masonic Charities, with which he associated the name of Bro. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School, who, in acknowledging the compliment, made one of the most eloquent and effective speeches we have ever listened to, even from this Prince of Orators. The Past Masters briefly replied for the compliment paid them by the Worshipful Master, and several of the Officers acknowledged the reference made to their services. A goodly sum was contributed towards the Stewardship of Brother Past Master Withers, and a wish that he might take up a substantial list seemed but to be father to the thought, as the support given was universal. Some capital singing varied the proceedings, and when the Tyler was summoned, all were agreed a most enjoyable evening had been spent. Bro. Collings rendered excellent service as accompanist during the evening.

STAR IN THE EAST, No. 650.

A SPECIAL interest attached to the monthly meeting of this Lodge, at Harwich, Essex, on Tuesday evening from the fact that part of the business was the initiation of the Mayor of the Borough, who is said to be the most youthful Mayor in the kingdom, having only attained his 25th year. The ballot having been unanimously declared in his favour, his Worship duly presented himself and was initiated in a most impressive manner by Bro. F. R. Hales the W.M. At the dinner which followed the Lodge, the W.M. proposed the health of the initiate, remarking how gratified he was that it had fallen to his lot to be the medium of introducing his Worship into Freemasonry. He was sure from what he knew of Bro. Ward that he would become an active Freemason, and he trusted that some day his Worship would attain to the chair of his mother Lodge. The Mayor, in responding, thanked the brethren for the heartiness of their reception of him. It had long been his earnest wish to join the Order of Freemasonry. He had always understood that to be a good Mason was to be a good man, and he therefore trusted, as time went on, he should prove himself to be both.

BRECKNOCK LODGE, No. 651.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at Bracon. Present:—Bros. Thomas Lawrence Lewis I.P.M. in the chair, in the absence of the Worshipful Master; T. H. Price S.W., E. A. Wright J.W., Rev. M. P. Williams Chaplain, J. A. Whittle P.M. Sec., Robert Owen S.D., John Tudor Org., Rees T. Heins D.C., John Meredith and H. W. Rowe Stewards, Lewis Williams I.G., John Evans Tyler, Richard Webb P.M., John Morgan P.M. Visitors—Bro. the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master for the Eastern Division of South Wales, Marmaduke Tennant; J. R. Davies W.M. No. 1573, Thos. Sandbrook W.M. elect 1573, and G. E. Mackie 1204. The principal business of the evening was the installation of Bro. Thos. Howell Price S.W. into the chair of W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. Price, by his unremitting attention to the Craft in general and to this Lodge in particular, has deservedly earned the honour which has been conferred on him. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master performed the ceremony of installation in his usual impressive style. The Officers appointed and invested for the following year were:—Bros. U. O. A. Maybery I.P.M., E. A. Wright S.W., Robert Owen J.W., Rev. M. P. Williams Chaplain, David Evans Treas., J. A. Whittle P.M. Sec., Rees T. Heins S.D., John Tudor J.D., John Meredith D.C., H. W. Rowe I.G., Samuel Lewis Steward, and John Evans Tyler. Bros. T. L. Lewis P.M. and John Morgan P.M. were deputed to serve on the Provincial Grand Lodge Committee, and Bros. R. Webb and John Morgan were appointed the Finance Committee for the ensuing twelve months. At the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Castle Hotel, where the customary banquet was served.

PRINCE OF WALES' LODGE, No. 1003.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Temple, Stopford Road, St. Helier, Jersey, on Wednesday evening, 4th February. In the absence of the W.M. the chair was occupied by Bro. Newman I.P.M., and the following Officers were present:—Bros. Vincent S.W., Bandains J.W., Renoaf P.M. Treas., Bois P.M. Secretary, Manger S.D., Goldsmith acting J.D. for W. Carcaud (absent), Simon I.G., Rogers Tyler, ably assisted by his

son, an energetic member of the Lodge. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced to second and third degrees, when Bro. Neil was raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason by the acting W.M., who, in a most efficient and eloquent manner, conducted the ceremony. The Lodge was lowered to the first degree, and the ballot taken for Messrs. W. Gosling and Henry J. P. Wakeman; in each case it proved unanimous, and these gentlemen were prepared and initiated in due form and excellent style by Bro. Newman, the working tools in the degree were presented by Bro. Vincent S.W., who explained their uses at length and in a most impressive manner. Several propositions were then made, and a report from a Committee appointed to consider alteration of Bye-Laws was read by Bro. Bois, an indefatigable Past Master of this Lodge, and for several years its efficient Secretary. Hearty good wishes were then expressed from a number of visiting brethren from sister Lodges of Jersey, and from a visiting brother from the Province of East Lancashire. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and with solemn prayer by Brother H. M. Bartlett P.M., who very cordially invited the visiting brethren to refreshment. This was served in the large dining-hall of the Temple, and ably catered for by Bro. G. Rogers P.M., Tyler of this Lodge, with a good staff of assistants. The formal Loyal and Masonic Toasts having been proposed and enthusiastically accepted, Bro. H. M. Bartlett P.M., acting W.M. at the festive board, proposed, in a few well-chosen words, the toast of the Visitors, and called upon the brother from England to respond. Bro. Darbyshire, in reply, said:—W.M. and Brethren,—Landing in Jersey at noon to-day, I discovered that the steward (who had taken so much care of me during the passage) was a Mason, that he belonged to a Lodge bearing the name of our Grand Master, and that the members assembled that night. To that meeting he very kindly invited me, and I can assure you the visit has given me great pleasure. Your working has been excellent; every Officer deserves praise, and your W.M. should be, and no doubt is, proud of such a staff. It has been my good fortune and privilege to visit many Lodges, in all parts of England, but I have rarely ever met with such a large and efficient Lodge as this, the Prince of Wales. Now that you have so many visitors from sister Lodges, it speaks volumes in your favour to see such harmonious gatherings, and it will be a pleasing recollection in my Masonic career that I visited this island of Jersey and made the acquaintance of so many efficient and kindly brethren as I see before me to-night. I thank you sincerely for the great Masonic treat, and for the kindly manner in which you, Sir, have mentioned my name. I shall not fail on future occasions to refer to the visit with great delight, and I wish all good things to Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1003. During the evening songs were given in good style, and a most enjoyable meeting was brought to a close at 11 o'clock.

SAVILE LODGE, No. 1231.

THIS very prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting at Elland, on the 5th instant, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. Farnell, supported by Bro. Emsley S.W., Smithies J.W., Sutcliffe J.D., Dr. Whalley D.C., Savile I.P.M., Walker P.M., Rhodes I.G., Green Tyler; J. Radcliffe, F. Radcliffe, Hallas, Lewis North, &c. Visitors—Bros. Lee, Bolton, and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read. Mr. Sutton was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M., the working tools being explained by Bro. Emsley; the north-east corner by Bro. Walker; the charge by Bro. Hallas. The ceremony was completed by a description of the tracing board and historical part of this degree, which was given by Bro. Dr. Whalley D.C., in his usual finished style. His fame as an elocutionist and dramatic reader is a great attraction, and amply repays a visit to this prosperous Lodge.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Bro. James Funston W.M. presided, there being also present Bros. A. A. Clement I.P.M., L. Stean P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., J. A. Jones P.M., E. Walker S.W., F. Matthews J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, J. Cox Sec., R. Drysdale S.D., H. J. Thrower J.D., L. Harrison I.G., W. Beasley D.C., E. T. Clark, T. Douglass, Stewards, and J. Very Tyler. There was also a good attendance of members and visiting brethren. A ballot was taken for Mr. W. H. Jones and Mr. W. E. Johnson, who being unanimously elected were impressively initiated into the mysteries of the Craft by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. Funston intimated that the Chaplain and himself would represent the Lodge as Stewards at the forthcoming Festival in aid of the Royal Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The entire proceedings were of the most harmonious character, and the new W.M. was heartily congratulated on the success of the occasion.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The new session of this Lodge was commenced on Monday, the 2nd inst., at the Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, Coal Harbour Lane, under the Preceptorship of Brother Johnson W.M. 1320. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by Brother Banks 145, and the first and fourth sections of the lecture worked by Brother Westley 136. Brethren residing in this district are cordially invited to attend the meetings of this Lodge, which are held every Monday evening throughout the year, at 7.30 p.m.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—The prosperity of this Lodge of Instruction, which was founded a little over a year ago, is evidenced by the increasing numbers who attend the weekly meetings held at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham. On Wednesday evening there was a most satisfactory attendance, when Bro. Garland occupied the chair, and was supported by Bros. Dutton 960 as S.W., Webster J.W., Lampen Treasurer, Tokely Secretary, Wimble S.D., Belchamber J.D., Nomico I.G., and many other members and visitors. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, with Bro. Pierpoint W.M. 177 as candidate. The working was most creditable to Bro. Garland, this being the first time in which he had essayed the duties of W.M. Whilst in the second degree the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Belchamber, and the second by Bro. Tokely, and at the conclusion Bro. W. Dutton was unanimously chosen as W.M. for the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Garland for the manner in which he had sustained the duties of the chair on his *début* in that capacity, and as the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Martin, observed, he had given such satisfaction to the Lodge of Instruction that greater things might be expected of him as he should make progress in the Craft. On the Wednesday preceding the meeting above referred to, the Fifteen Sections were worked at this Lodge of Instruction, when there was a literally crowded attendance of members and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Martin S.W. 879, and the esteemed Preceptor of the United Mariners Lodge of Instruction. By the way we understand that Bro. Martin has been appointed Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, held on Saturday evening, at the Five Bells, New Cross. No better successor to our esteemed Bro. Andrews could have been found. On the occasion to which we refer, the first section was worked by Bro. Giddens, the second by Brother Wimble, the third by Bro. Bevis W.M. 879, the fourth by Bro. Belchamber, the fifth and sixth by Bro. Milbourn, and the seventh by Bro. Beavis. Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the first section was worked by Bro. Giddens, the second by Bro. Tokely, the third by Bro. Milbourn, and the fourth and fifth by Bro. Beavis. Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and on resuming in the third degree, the remainder of the sections were worked by Bros. Eedle, Tokely, and Milbourn. A most enjoyable evening was passed, and at the close of the proceedings a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Martin for the valuable aid he had lent as Preceptor, and for the interest he so continuously manifests in this growing and vigorous Lodge of Instruction.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 4th instant, at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Present:—Bros. J. Egan W.M., Little S.W., Norman J.W., Brown J.D., Foster I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hollands, Webb, Maidwell; Visitors—Bro. Fearnley, &c. Lodge opened in due form and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Maidwell acting as candidate. Lodge was called off and on, and then opened in the second and third degrees. Lodge was resumed in the second degree, when Bro. Maidwell P.M. worked that part of the installation ceremony which was convenient for the instruction of the brethren. Bro. Fearnley was elected a member.

On Wednesday, 11th instant, Bros. Little W.M., Saint S.W., Egan J.W., Pitt Secretary, Gildersleve J.D., P.M.'s Bros. Webb, Maidwell, Smith. Visitors—Bros. Pearce, Clare, &c. After preliminaries, the minutes of the two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and resumed, when Bro. Clare offered to act as candidate for initiation and the ceremony was rehearsed, to the satisfaction and profit of the brethren. Bro. Webb Preceptor worked the first section, assisted by the brethren; and the second by Bro. Pitt; and third by Bro. Saint S.W. Bro. Clare was elected a member. Bro. Saint S.W. was elected to occupy the chair on Wednesday next, at 7.30.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 6th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Thomas W.M., Botley S.W., Sperring J.W., Botley Secretary, Sherring S.D., Wing J.D., Andrews Treasurer and Preceptor, Cammell I.G.; Bros. Norton, Turner, Botley. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Lodge was opened in the second, and resumed to the first. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Bro. Botley and the brethren then worked the first section of the first lecture. Lodge was resumed, and opened in the third degree. Bro. Andrews asked the questions. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for 13th February. The Benevolent Association is now in full operation; the Secretary will be glad to receive names of brethren who are willing to join.

The constitution of the Portsmouth Temperance Lodge, No. 2068, will take place at the Soldiers' Institute, High-street, Portsmouth, on Monday, 16th inst. The brethren will assemble at four o'clock p.m., and the Lodge will be closely tyled punctually at 4.30 p.m. The ceremonies of consecration and installation will be conducted by the R.W. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Brother J. E. Le Feuvre D.P.G.M. and the Provincial Grand Officers. A banquet will be held at the Officers' House, Parade, Portsmouth, at six o'clock, after the Lodge has been closed.

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, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
M.M. 231—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, 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. (Inst)
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)
518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
802—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, Prud Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst)
1499—Marquess of Ripon, Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst)
1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
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. (Inst)
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)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A. 12—Prudence, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
K.T. 128—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberta, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
931—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
1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford
R.A. 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 277—Tudor, Freemasons' Hall, Union Street, Oldham
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athengum, Lancaster
R.A. 1284—Brent, Masonic Hall, Topsham
R.C. 23—William de Irwin, Weston-super-Mare

TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, 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)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1419—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1469—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
1531—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1120—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)
1891—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1892—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, Horsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1797—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dalwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 26—Castle Chapter of Harmony, 8 Air Street, Regent Street, W.
R.A. 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 318—Elbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
R.C. 45—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square

- 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
463—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
960—Butc, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.

- 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrion, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangofni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
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
1911—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 105—Fortitude, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 319—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Alfred Street, Oxford
R.A. 446—Avalon, Town Hall, Wells, Somerset
R.A. 460—Perseverance, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyne
R.A. 694—Oakley, Masonic Hall Church Street, Basingstoke
R.A. 764—Fawcett, Freemasons' Hall, West Hartlepool
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant
M.M. 166—East Sussex, Castle Hotel, Hastings
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons Hall, at 6
3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Burnsbury, 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.
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst)
533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
731—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, Popin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
1150—Buckingham and Chandos, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1233—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glebe Road, Cubitt Town
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 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)
1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (Inst)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1629—United, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1662—Benonsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Whitechapel, at 7.30 (Inst)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
1791—Grenton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (Inst)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 913—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
R.C. 41—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigou
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons' Hall, Cheltenham
255—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Elm-tree-square, Salford
312—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Southampton
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Dowshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
684—Isen, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
754—Ellaacre, Masonic Hall, Buncorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
816—Royal, Spring Gardens Inn, Warrle, near Rochdale
823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
871—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tambridge Walls
938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
982—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1079—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
1036—Watton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
1126—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester

1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Du ham House Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, 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, Horsea, Hull.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, 9 High Street, Warwick
 R.A. 288—Loyal Todmorden, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 R.A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 533—Warren, Freemasons' Hall, Congleton, Cheshire
 R.A. 1000—Priory, Terminus Hotel, Southend
 R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy
 M.M.—Newstead Masonic Hall, Goldsmith Street, Nottingham

THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1273—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 507—United Pilgrim, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 905—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 1892—Wallington, Public Hall, Carshalton
 R.A. 97—Strict Benevolence, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
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 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts
 M.M.—Canynges, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

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.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 92—Moir, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 45—Temple Crossing, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel Tipton

453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme

1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's Place, Halifax
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 622—St. Cutlberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Marc-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)
 5641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruc.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton
 M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow

Obituary.

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BROTHER JAMES FORBES.

It is our painful duty to record the death of our much esteemed Brother James Forbes P.M. of the Great Northern Lodge, which took place on the 6th instant, at 116 High-street, Notting-hill, W. The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery on Thursday, when several members of the Great Northern and other Lodges attended to pay their last respects to a worthy Mason. Bro. Forbes at the time of his decease was in his fifty-sixth year. We tender to his family our best sympathies with them in this the hour of their affliction.

FUNERAL OF THE LATE BRO. FRANK SILLIS.

THE funeral left the deceased's residence, George-street, Euston-road, on Wednesday, 4th February, at eleven o'clock a.m., the body being borne on an open hearse, and the coffin covered with wreaths of flowers. There were three mourning coaches for relatives and intimate friends, the W.M. of the Savoy Lodge being in one. There were also ten private carriages containing members of Royal Savoy and other Lodges. The body was first taken to St. Pancras Church, Euston-road, where Dr. Oliver, the senior curate, read the first part of the funeral service, about 500 persons being present. The coffin was again placed on the hearse, and the cortège proceeded to Nunhead Cemetery, by way of Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields, halting at Freemasons' Hall for a short time; thence over Waterloo Bridge. On arriving at the Cemetery there were a great number of brethren and friends who had gone by rail. At the grave Dr. Oliver concluded the Burial Service, which throughout he rendered in a very impressive and effective manner. Bro. Sillis had been a regular attendant at St. Pancras Church for a number of years. After the coffin had been lowered into the grave, the brethren threw in their sprigs of acacia. Our deceased brother was thirty-three years of age, and unmarried. He had been Secretary of the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction for some years, and at the time of his decease was Secretary of the Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction. We append the names of the brethren who were present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., Stiles I.P.M., J. C. Smith J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, Dickey Secretary, Barling J.D., Holland I.G., Ross D.C., Holt A.D.C., Perry W.S., Verdin A.W.S., Mordey Organist, Koester Tyler, Scurrah Assistant Secretary, Field, Price, Bowen, Peragin, Jagels, Ramsden, Callaghan, Barham, Nodenik, Wheeler, Bryan, Knightley, Fox, Haynes, Crane (all of 1741); Challen P.M. 3, Davis 72, Robinson P.M. 87, Leavers 141, Emblin 147, Storr W.M. 167, Turnham 177, W. Hughs W.M., Kew P.M., A. Hughs, and Cain 179; Powell 186, Smith 813, Marx P.M., Woodruff, H. Sillis, and Ager 957; Edwards 1107, Greenway 1260, Bathard W.M. 1287, Hemming 1287, Gayer W.M. and Proctor 1288, Bolton, E. Harvay W.M., and A. Harvey P.M. 1314; Sharp 1437, Burgess P.M. 1472, Scales P.M. Rowley, Knight, Ashton 1507; Jacobs W.M., Solomons I.P.M., Kauffmann 1732; Merritt and Stacey P.M. 1937, Ward and Barratt-Kidder.

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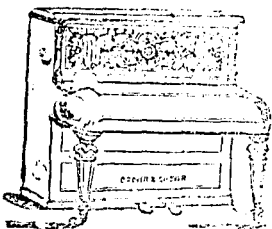
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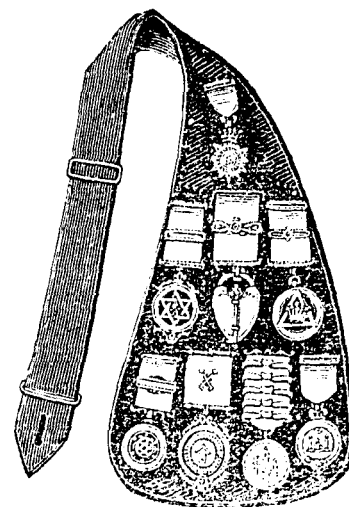
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