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SPRING TIME.

THE season is now rapidly approaching when many of our Lodges, especially in the Metropolis, will be called from the winter session of labour to a prolonged period of refreshment; and although within the past few days we have been visited with as keen a touch of snow, and a painful reminder that Jack Frost has not yet finally taken his departure, yet in the intervening glimpses of sunshine with which we have been favoured we see, in the parks and gardens which form the "breathing-spaces of London," a thousand signs of the approach of the bright, sunny days we are all longing for. Bud and blossom are fast appearing on the trees and shrubs, amidst whose branches the already mated birds chirrup gleefully in anticipation of Spring. The evenings are "drawing out" apace, and the various out-door pastimes in which British youth delight are fast developing into active preparation for the summer campaign. The railway companies are announcing trips and excursions in every available direction, and to every possible quarter of our "tight-little island," and elsewhere. Many other symptoms there are which forcibly remind us of the nearness of that period when the gavel is put aside for a space in favour of the oar or the cricket bat. It is to all of us a time when our aspirations brighten and hopes rise, in view of the change of scene and variety of pleasure which the balmy period of the year affords. The busy merchant, amidst the worries of life, the fluctuations between temporary briskness and the far too preponderating depression—the hard-worked clerk, chained to his desk, year in year out—the toiling artizan and labourer—all look forward to the longer days with a certain degree of hopeful pleasure, when skies are bright, and glad nature tempts them to spend such leisure as they have away from the "madding crowd," and the din of city life. In like manner, in their own particular sphere, the brethren of "ye mystie tie" hail with satisfaction that respite from labour to the refreshment provided for them by the Universal Junior Warden, and with a consciousness of having done their duty in the session which is now nearly ended, they will enjoy with all the more solidity the respite from the duties of office to which they are eminently entitled. As our columns have attested, the work of the Craft during what may be called practically the working half of the year has not diminished in importance or activity; and, though increasing rapidly in number, there is not the slightest indication of any falling off in the spirit which actuates the members of our Order. On the contrary, there is an ever-growing desire manifested to emulate, and even to outvie, the efforts of preceding years, and the splendid contributions recorded a week or two ago to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution is only one amongst many proofs of the deepening interest taken in the Craft by its adherents, and the strengthening and solidifying influences that are being brought to bear upon it. Whilst we hear of many other charitable institutions languishing for want of means, and their well-wishers bewailing the "badness of the times"—the commercial and industrial depression which renders them less capable than they could desire of practising the principles of benevolence to which they have set their hands—it is most significant that the charitable impulses of the Craft are not impeded by such considerations, nor the hand of beneficence closed in time of urgent need. We

utter these remarks in no invidious spirit, nor would we compare our own boastfully with other institutions whose aim it is to "go about doing good;" but it is, and must be, to all who are interested in the welfare and "good report" of Freemasonry, a matter for the most cordial and heartfelt congratulation that, amidst all the vicissitudes of commercial life, and the strain that is felt on all public and private sources of benevolence, the wheels of the Masonic chariot never flag, but roll grandly and sublimely on, on their mission of succour to the needy and afflicted. We have reason to believe, from the hints thrown out by those brethren who propose going up as Stewards at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals, that, notwithstanding the magnificent total which was made up last month for the Old People, the lists in behalf of these former Institutions will not be in the slightest degree depreciated thereby. We are fain to believe also that the additional help needed for the Preparatory Boys' School, on behalf of which Brother Binckes, the excellent Secretary of the Institution, recently issued so manly an appeal, will be forthcoming; and all these facts, when considered collectively, are a convincing evidence of the undying interest which Masons feel in the great principles they have espoused, and the sound and healthy vitality which permeates the Order of which we have so much reason to be justly proud. Well may the brethren, after such efforts as have elicited the admiration of the world, look forward with complacent satisfaction to the season when they may rest awhile from their labours; though amidst their pleasures—at the seaside, on the Continent, in the country—they will never for a moment lose sight of the fact that whatever good may have been accomplished during the last year must be excelled in the ensuing. "Onward and upward," in all that is beneficent and good, is the "Excelsior" of that Brotherhood whose sustaining pillars are Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth. And thus while we lay aside the trappings and insignia of our Lodge for the summer season we do so with the conviction that they will be taken up again "when the evening shadows lengthen" with a renewed determination to carry on the work with undiminished efficiency, and with increased fervency and zeal. When our brethren who have the means, leisure, and inclination to recruit their physical and mental powers amidst "fresh woods and pastures new" return with the beneficial evidences of their tours upon their countenances, then will recur the hearty "hail fellow, well met!" which is so characteristic of our Masonic gatherings, and the sturdy grip of the hand once more linked in the twice-blessed cause of Charity. In the meantime proposals are being made for those enjoyable interludes in Masonic work in which the fair sex are enabled to participate, and which they do with so much interest. We are glad to see that this spirit is on the increase, and hope that our summer banquets this year may be not only more numerous attended, but that they may be more general amongst our Lodges. They tend to an eminent degree to bind the members of various Lodges together, and by the interchange of amenities between the lady friends and acquaintances of the brethren they engender a most valuable social advantage. Thus, it is satisfactory to learn that already committees are busily engaged considering the preliminary arrangements for these pleasant outings to the country side, the records of which give so agreeable a change to the events that are chronicled in our pages in the summer time; and we earnestly hope that,

apart from the personal enjoyment which is invariably afforded by such *réunions*, they may produce a most potent influence in bringing into closer contact, and uniting in firmer bonds of love and activity, the various branches of our Ancient and Honourable Institution. Thus, when we hear the words "Happy have we met; happy have we been; and happy part again," we know that it will not be for long, and that even in the brief interregnum the spirit of the Craft will be still growing and increasing in volume, while the tide of Benevolence and Charity is never still. Even as, during a Parliamentary recess, the political life of the nation is kept alive by what are known as "extra Parliamentary utterances," so in our own circle will the active principles of the Craft be kept in healthy activity and perpetual motion. That it will be ever thus may be safely concluded by each and all of us; and, whether at hard work or enjoying the delights afforded by the quiet season at which we have hinted as close upon us, the prevailing spirit of the Craft will be ever kept alive as one of the most vital and practical exponents of Benevolence and Charity on the face of the habitable globe.

THE GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE balloting paper for the approaching election of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, which takes place on Saturday, the 11th April, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, contains the names of thirty candidates, of whom twenty-two are to be elected. Fourteen of the candidates have made previous applications, ranging from one to four in number, the remaining sixteen being fresh cases. Four of the girls now appear for the last time, their age precluding them from participation in future elections if unsuccessful at the coming contest. These four are J. W. Hutchings, No. 1; R. A. M. Smith, No. 9; G. F. Greenwood, No. 13; and J. E. Cooke, No. 22. No. 1, Jane Wheeler Hutchings, now appears for the fifth time, with 905 votes to her credit. She is one of four fatherless children dependent on their mother, and a daughter of an old member of the Corinthian Lodge, No. 1382, London. Her father figures as one of the few who have a record of past services for the Charities on this list, he having been a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution; for this reason, if for no other, we hope his daughter will be successful at the next election. No. 9, Rose Adelaide Marsac Smith, now makes a second application, with a total of 56 votes already polled on her behalf. She and one other child are dependent, both parents being alive. She has had a sister in the Institution, a fact which, so far from proving the need for the admission of the present applicant, should, we think, have called for some special details as to the case, especially when we remember that both parents are living. However, as usual, no particulars are given beyond the necessary dates, &c.; and the only redeeming feature in the case—judged from a general point of view is, that the father has served as a Steward and qualified as Life Governor both of the Girls' and Benevolent Institutions. No. 13, Gertrude Frances Greenwood, was very successful at the last election, polling no less than 1,379 votes on that occasion, which augurs well for her chance of success next month. She is one of five children, who, though having both parents alive, are in reality dependent on their mother, whose husband is insane. This is one of those cases where all the help that Freemasons can give is not too much; indeed, we should like to see the Craft in a position to do even more than it does do in relief of such an awful affliction. The Province of Kent has the case in hand, and, but for miscalculation—or so we should imagine—would have secured this Girl's election last October. No. 22, Jessie Edith Cooke, the other "last application," is a new case. She is one of two children dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was P.M. of St. John's Lodge, Cheshire, and this being the only case from that district, there can be little fear as to the result. What a blessing it must be to have the support of such a Province.

The case of Minnie Madeline Mansell, No. 11, is perhaps one of the most deserving on the list. She is one of six children left parentless, four of whom are entirely, and two partially, dependent on friends. The father was a member of the Panmure Lodge, No. 720, London, and his daughter now makes a second application, with 184 votes to her credit. No. 15, Mary Alice G. Smith, is another

parentless child, and so also are No. 18, Ethel Clara Gillett, No. 29, Myrtle Speed, and No. 30, Mary Frances Read. These four are all fresh cases. Mary Smith is one of three children, whose father was S.W. of the Pelham Pillar Lodge, Lincolnshire, at the time of his death in January 1881. Ethel Gillett is one of nine children dependent. Her father was a member of the Yarborough Lodge, No. 554, London. We feel we may look for this child's early election to the School, as the brethren of her father's Lodge are hardly the ones to allow such a case to remain long uncared for. Myrtle Speed comes from Derbyshire, her father having been an initiate of the Scarsdale Lodge, No. 681. She is one of six children now dependent on their friends, and we hope that the Freemasons of England will soon be entitled to be ranked among such, by undertaking the care of at least one of the orphans. Mary Reed is an only child dependent, and is in good hands if the brethren of her father's Province—North and East Yorkshire—have taken up her case. We hope for her sake they have done so.

Among the other cases there are ten whose fathers are dead, each of whom have already figured at one or other of the elections of the past two years. No. 4, Jessie Louisa Beilby, now comes forward for the third time, with 1669 votes to her credit, a total which we think should be ample to secure her election, even if no others are polled for her on the 11th proximo. She is one of seven dependent children, and is accredited to Northumberland. No. 2, Mary Amelia Wheeler, and No. 3, Maude Mary Bromley, follow very closely so far as votes already polled are concerned. Both girls now make a fourth application, the one having already polled 1569 votes, and the other 1568. Wheeler is one of six, and Bromley one of seven dependent children. No. 6, Florence Jane Obey, one of three children left to the care of their mother, was a candidate in October last, and then secured 1347 votes. Her father, formerly a member of the Prince Leopold Lodge, No. 1445, died in 1881. No. 5, Florence Eleanor Relph, polled 1319 votes at the two elections of last year. She and one other child are now relying for support on their mother, the widow of a Past Master of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188. No. 8, Rose Isabel Marian Woodforde, polled 775 votes at the last election, a number which, if duplicated in April, should place her on the list of successful. We trust her friends will be able to support her to this extent. Her case is accredited to Somersetshire, and she is one of four fatherless children left to the care of their mother. 560 votes already stand to the credit of No. 12, Louisa Adelaide Smithers, who with six other children are left dependent on a widowed mother. Her father was a member of the Faith Lodge, No. 141, London. No. 10, Edith Fanny Tanner, has a brother in the Boys' School. There are still three children—including the present candidate—relying on their mother for support. Her father was a member of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, at the time of his decease, and most faithfully have the brethren of this Lodge fulfilled their obligation to him. As we have said, one of his sons has been admitted to the Boys' School, and now one of his daughters stands a fair chance of being cared for in the sister Institution. She goes to the poll with 477 votes to her credit. No. 14, Kate Sharland, one of four fatherless children, polled 198 votes in October last. Her father was initiated in St. Peter's, No. 1125, Devonshire, and rose to the office of S.W. in that Lodge. No. 7, Margaret E. M. Holmes, closes the list, so far as the candidates who have already taken part in previous elections are concerned. She comes forward with 178 votes in hand. She is one of five fatherless children whose father was a member of the Barnard Lodge, No. 1230, Durham.

The new cases—other than the five already disposed of—do not appear to present any particular feature for notice. They are no doubt all worthy, but it is impossible to assign to them any order of precedence. In the case of No. 24, Florence Ellen Dunlop, there is a family of nine children dependent on the mother. The father was a P.M. of the Star in the East Lodge, No. 650, Harwich, and his daughter will doubtless secure the sympathy of the Essex brethren. No. 20, May E. Marlow, and No. 21, Lilian Frances Wells, are each members of families of seven left to the care of widowed mothers. No. 25, Lelia Constance Whitaker, and No. 28, Maud Emily Fitt, each members of families of six similarly circumstanced, and No. 16, Marien Grace M. Watson, No. 19, Mary Sybil Tucker, No. 26, Mary Scott Patience, and No. 27, Gertrude Lockwood, each members

of families of five. In the case of Mary Tucker it is not known whether or not the father is dead, but in each of the other cases the mother is the only parent surviving. No. 23, Hetty July Wrightson, daughter of an old member of the Prudence Lodge, No. 388, and who attained to Provincial honours in Suffolk, is one of three children dependent on that brother's widow. No. 17, Mary Louisa C. Allen, is one of a family of four, two of whom are partially provided for. Her father was initiated in the Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539, and died in July of last year.

Having concluded our review of the several cases we can but congratulate the candidates and their friends on the comparatively large number of vacancies in proportion to the number of applicants. Twenty-two of the former to relieve the needs of thirty of the latter is about as satisfactory a state of affairs as we could wish for if we desire to maintain a spirit of healthful competition for the benefits of the Masonic Educational Institutions.

One of the customary series of entertainments was given in the well arranged Gymnasium at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, at Wood Green, on Wednesday. Herr Frikell performed some very clever sleight of hand, card, and other amusing tricks. The Boys enlivened the evening by playing several pieces, in a manner that reflected credit on their Bandmaster Bro. W. Whare. After a couple of hours had been spent most enjoyably, the proceedings concluded, with three cheers for "The Conjuror," Miss Binckes, Bros. Bowyer and Dr. Morris, M.A., LL.D., given with right good will. Several prominent supporters of the Institution were present.

The regular meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls took place on Thursday, at Freemason's Hall, London, under the presidency of Bro. J. A. Rucker. The minutes of the last meeting, and of the other committees, having been read and disposed of, an additional vacancy was recommended for the April election. A grant of £10 was made to one of the pupil teachers on leaving the School. It was then resolved, that in order to relieve Miss Jarwood—the Matron of the School—of the more laborious part of her duties, the House Committee be empowered to appoint an "Acting Matron," at a salary of £70 per annum. A notice of motion for the next Quarterly General Court was then given by Bro. Grey, to the following effect:—

"That, in recognition of the valuable services rendered to the Institution by Mrs. Howell, she should be elected as Hon. Vice-Patron, with the votes attaching thereto."

Five petitions were then considered, and of this number three were accepted and ordered to be added to the list of candidates for the October Election; one was rejected, and one was deferred. The meeting was then brought to a conclusion.

The first meeting of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, since its enforced recess, was held on Tuesday, the 24th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. John G. Horsey P.P.G.D.C. Surrey. Some considerable discussion ensued during the evening as to the best course to be adopted under the circumstances in which the Lodge is placed, and for its regulation in the future. A banquet was afterwards served, under the presidency of the W.M., and an agreeable hour was spent. We sincerely trust that wise counsels will in the end prevail, and that this Lodge, which boasts of a long career of usefulness, will carry out in peace and harmony the good work it has in the past been noted for.

We are requested to announce that the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, has removed its headquarters from the White Hart, Belvidere Road, to the Bridge House Hotel, and the meeting nights have also been altered, from the second Wednesdays in September to April, to the second Wednesdays in March, May, July, September, November, and January; this commenced on the 11th instant. The meetings of the Lodge of Instruction are not, we understand, yet definitely arranged.

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The Railway Companies, as usual, appear to be vying with each other to accommodate the travellers and holiday seekers who will doubtless patronise them during the next few days. Easter may be said to open the excursion season, and as such receives from the principal lines perhaps more attention than any other of the holidays of the year. The London and North-Western Company will run special excursions during the Easter holidays to their principal stations, and will extend some of their ordinary trains so as to suit the convenience of their patrons. The same may truly be said of the Great Western and other lines, each of which will secure its fair share of the holiday traffic.

The Southwark Lodge of Instruction, No. 879, has been removed to Bro. Day's, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon-street, Rotherhithe New-road, S.E., and the night of meeting has been altered from Wednesday to Thursday. On Thursday, 2nd April next, the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Walter Martin, S.W. Southwark Lodge, No. 879, assisted by several eminent and well-known brethren.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at the Earl of Lathom Lodge of Instruction, No. 1922, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road (close to the Camberwell New Road Station of London, Chatham and Dover Railway), on Wednesday, 1st April 1885, by Bro. J. T. Wentworth Chapman, W.M. of the mother Lodge. The Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock p.m. precisely.

The Masonic Hall, Chertsey, will be formally dedicated this day (Saturday). The proceedings will be conducted by the Provincial Grand Lodge and Officers of Surrey, who will assemble in the new building at 3 p.m.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 28th March:—

Monday—Old Kings Arms Lodge, De Grey and Ripon Lodge, Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge. Tuesday—Waldeck Lodge, Tuscan Lodge, Royal Savoy Lodge, Industry Lodge. Wednesday—Smeatonian Society of Civil Engineers, Hackney Carriage Proprietors' Fund, London Galloway Association, Lodge of Antiquity. Thursday—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Mount Moriah Lodge, Grenadier's Lodge, St. George's Chapter, Vane Chapter. Friday—Scottish Ball, Jerusalem Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge.

Royal Savoy Lodge of Instruction, No. 1744.—At the meeting held at the Yorkshire Grey, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, on Thursday, 19th instant, Bro. Smith W.M., Thom S.W., Mordey J.W., Holland S.D., Verdin J.D., Burgess I.G., Smith Preceptor, Scurrah Sec. pro tem. There were also present Bros. Bathard, Guyer, Hemming, Greenway, Dickey, Pratt, Davies, Nadenik, Rusicki, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Guyer candidate. The second section was worked by Bro. Hemming. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by the Preceptor. This being the night for election of executive Officers, Bro. Smith was unanimously re-elected Preceptor, and Bro. Smith Treasurer. Bro. Mordey then proposed, and Bro. Holland seconded, Bro. Scurrah as Secretary, in place of the late respected Bro. Sillis; while Bro. Guyer proposed, and Bro. Thom seconded, Bro. Davies; on a show of hands there was a large majority in favour of Bro. Davies, who was thereupon elected. Bros. Guyer, Greenway, and Thom were unanimously elected Auditors. The Lodge was closed until the following Thursday.

United Mariners' Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—There was a goodly attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction, on Wednesday evening, at the Lugard Tavern, Peckham, when the duties of the chair were ably discharged by Bro. Wimble, who was supported by Bros. Harvey S.W., Webster J.W., Belchamber S.D., Nomico J.D., Smith I.G., Martin Preceptor, Tokely Secretary. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes of previous meeting confirmed, was advanced to the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Best as candidate. Lodge was then resumed in the first degree, and the first section of the lecture worked by Bro. Harvey, and the second by Bro. Belchamber. It was announced with considerable regret that Bro. Lampen, who had taken such an active interest in this Lodge of Instruction, of which he was one of the Founders, had been laid aside by severe illness for some time, and it was unanimously resolved that a letter of sympathy should be forwarded to him, expressing the sincere regret of the brethren with Bro. Lampen in his temporary disablement, and their equally earnest hope that he might speedily be restored to health and participate in the good work in which he has ever taken so deep an interest. Some other formal business having been transacted Lodge was closed in the customary harmonious manner.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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A STORM IN A TEACUP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Why all this "pother" about the alleged "missing jewels," aient which so much fuss has been made in the columns of your contemporary? I was not fortunate enough to have noticed the first letter which appeared on the subject from Bro. Gamble, but I glean from the many correspondents who have since been gambolling in his train that over forty of the brethren who attended last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge lost their jewels in the general "scrooge" to get in, and that the original correspondent had not yet recovered his—for which misfortune he not only blames the officials of Grand Lodge, but also casts a slur upon the honesty of some other of the brethren who attended on that occasion. Various thoughts are suggested by all these incidents, but that so much "dirty linen washed in public" should have been the outcome of them is to me astoundingly inexplicable. Without doubt there was a great crush at the meeting, in consequence of the election of Grand Treasurer—a scene of party feeling never before witnessed in a Masonic gathering, and which I hope never to witness again; and it was with "many a mutual punch and shove" that those who gained admission to the hall succeeded in doing so. Very naturally, bejewelled brethren ran the risk of having some of their cherished decorations detached in the human friction that prevailed, and one would have thought they would have taken due precaution against such accidents. When one squeezes with the crowd to see a pantomime on Boxing-night one usually takes the precaution to button up close, and to frustrate the knavish tricks of those who would ply their deft, dishonest fingers. In a Masonic gathering there could be no apprehensions of this kind; still it is only natural to assume that in the onward pressing throng, such as that to which I refer, every care would be taken to prevent the jewels worn on the breast from being accidentally "rubbed off." This, it appears, was not the case in some instances, and four—not forty!—brethren lost their Royal Arch jewels, three of which were found by the Grand Tyler and restored to their owners, though the fourth had, unfortunately, not come to hand up to the 16th instant. Forthwith the owner of the unhappy "fourth," rushes into print, and, to gather from the later correspondence, accuses all round of something more than dereliction of duty because *his* particular "jewels" have not been returned to him! We are not told how many "jewels" or what degree are those which have been lost—when or how they were missed, or the place which the complaining brother occupied in the assembly. The only inference to be drawn from the perusal of the letters—which ought never to have appeared in a public print—is that Bro. Gamble somehow and at some time "missed" certain undefined "jewels," and that instanter he hurls a volley of vague charges at the officials and others who attended Grand Lodge. Was ever such an exhibition of peevishness and exceeding bad taste? Did any one ever come across so sweeping a slur upon the honesty of the officials, indeed of the Craft in general? I have more than once—and no doubt most of your readers are in the same position—inadvertently left articles of personal property at the Lodges I have attended; but never in a single instance have I had any cause for apprehension as to their safety, and never have I been in the slightest degree disappointed. I have in every such case intimated my loss to the Tyler, who, true to his post, has repaired the loss. Why was not a similar course taken by Bro. Gamble after he had discovered his mishap on the occasion to which he refers? I dare say that most of those who have read the correspondence on the subject are personally acquainted with Bro. Sadler, our excellent Grand Tyler, and would scout the insinuation—even if such were intended—that he is inattentive to his duties. From my personal knowledge of him, I can vouch for the courtesy and gentlemanly ability with which he discharges the functions of his by no means unimportant office, and to suggest the slightest impeachment of his integrity would be a libel which would receive the indignant resentment of the Craft.

Instead, however, of making his loss known, as is the invariable and proper course, to the Grand Tyler, Bro. Gamble, like a good many other impulsive and inconsiderate brethren, flies off into the regions of print, and there are many who will share with Bro. Sadler "some astonishment and considerable regret," inasmuch as they will be unable to conceive that "such fearful havoc had been made with the decorations of the brethren as to occasion the loss of between thirty and forty jewels." Good gracious! Through what kind of "double-barrelled magnifying glasses," as the younger Weller described them, was Bro. Gamble looking when he "saw double" in so extraordinary a fashion? There is a quiet satire in Bro. Sadler's letter when he premises that the length of time our Bro. Complainant has been in the Craft "has obliterated from his memory the importance of caution, with which young Masons are perfectly familiar;" and if this acrobatic exhibition does not make him careful in the future, we shall have to give up all hope of his reclamation. Equally homethrust is the allusion to the correspondent preferring "the medium of the Press to the usual method of communication;" and I have heard on all sides expressions of profound surprise that such a letter should have been admitted into the columns of a newspaper. If the "jewels" were irretrievably lost—either in Grand Lodge or in some post-prandial festivity, it could not be expected that the editor of a journal could recover them. That being the case, what earthly use could there have been in flaunting before other than Masonic eyes the fact that on the occasion of a great gathering of the

Craft certain "jewels" have been missed, and the owner had failed to trace them? The whole affair has caused a titter in the Masonic ranks, albeit the fun is mingled with a certain amount of regret. I only hope that by this time Bro. Gamble has recovered his lost jewels, but of this we may be sure, he will not cease to regret having so petulantly aired his grievance in the columns of the public Press, and that your contemporary will equally regret having inserted the communication instead of having consigned it to its rightful place—the waste-paper basket. I should have imagined that on receipt of such correspondence the conductor of a journal devoted to the interests of Freemasonry would have reminded his correspondent of the oft-repeated assurance that caution is needful, and have advised him to take the usual and proper course of communicating with the custodian of Grand Lodge. Hoping soon to hear the announcement that the "jewels" have reached their rightful owner,

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

QUIZ.

[We have received a number of letters from brethren in various parts of the country, but agree with our correspondent that such matters are not fit subject for comment in public, and have therefore consigned the communications ruthlessly to the limbo of forgotten things. Intimation should certainly have been made to the Grand Tyler, whose probity is only excelled by the courteous and gentlemanly ability with which he discharges his duties.—ED. F.C.]

A MISSING JEWEL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—What do you think? I lost my temper at that tremendous crush at Grand Lodge recently! A brother—I cannot think intentionally—trod upon my foot as we moved slowly on towards the portals, &c. Now, I had scarcely recovered from an acute attack of rheumatic gout, and my feelings may be "better imagined than described!" Yes; and instead of sending you a whining, complaining letter about it, I have sent an intimation to the Grand Tyler, who I hope will speedily find and restore to me my temper, which my wife regards as the brightest *jewel* of which I am possessed.

Yours fraternally, &c.

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OPINIONS ON FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As Freemasons we often have the opinions of great persons thrown at us, the latest artist selected for mud throwing being Freiderich von Schlegel. I was pleased to see that you did not allow the bane to go without the antidote. Mr. George O'Byrne, the gentleman who called attention to Schlegel's writing, is evidently an Irishman, and probably a Roman Catholic. I find no fault with him for that, but there is just one point in his letter which appears to have escaped your critical vision. O'Byrne says: "The immense authority of the Schlegels must be my justification for so lengthy a quotation." I know you say that August Wilhelm Schlegel was more distinguished than his brother Freiderich, and you add that the former was the friend of Goethe, a giant among giants—and of Madame de Stael, but the connection implied between the brothers, as being of major authority, you lose sight of. Freiderich's opinion alone, as a Roman Catholic, on a subject anathematised by his Church would be of small moment; but, backed by the authority of August Schlegel, it would be of very great importance. There was no connection whatever between the brothers on the subject of Freemasonry, and "the immense authority" therefore just rests upon Freiderich von Schlegel alone. You have discounted the value of that authority already, and I need not further refer to the matter. You mention in your article both Goethe and Madame de Stael. The former was a member of the Fraternity for over fifty years, and Herr Pitsch, in his record of that career says: "Masonic echoes are to be detected in all the works written by Goethe after the year 1780, and particularly in his letters to Charlotte von Stein." One of the most attractive of Goethe's shorter poems, I believe, is devoted to the praise of the Craft, and declares, according to the eloquent translation of Carlyle, that

The Masou's ways are a type of existence,
And his persistence is as our days are.

This genius was the intimate friend of August Wilhelm Schlegel, and associated with both was Madame de Stael, daughter of the great Finance Minister Becker. Through her intercourse with Goethe, Schlegel, Wieland, and Schiller, she gained an extensive knowledge of German, which she embodied in a work on that country. Immediately after the publication of this work, entitled "De l'Allemagne," 10,000 copies were seized by Napoleon's minister of police. Madame de Stael protested against this act of spoliation, but it was met with the reply from the Minister: "Your last work is not French, and I have stopped its publication. Your exile is a natural consequence of your constant behaviour for years past. I have thought that the air of France was not suitable to you, for we are not yet reduced so low as to seek for models amongst nations you admire." A greater tribute could not have been paid to the book. What was rejected with scorn at that time was forced by war a few years ago, when Germany brought proud France on its knees and despoiled it of fair provinces.

I propose, Sir, to take an extract from the work referred to,

showing the estimation in which Freemasonry was held by this remarkably gifted lady. She says: "Freemasonry has existed in all countries. It is an institution much more serious in Scotland and Germany than in France; but it nevertheless appears that it was from Germany especially that this association took its origin; that it was afterwards transported to England by the Anglo-Saxons, and renewed, at the death of Charles I., by the partizans of the Restoration, who assembled somewhere near St. Paul's Church, for the purpose of recalling Charles II. to the throne. It is also believed that the Freemasons, especially in Scotland, are in some measure connected with the Order of Templars." Lessing has written a dialogue upon Freemasonry, in which his luminous genius is very remarkable. He believes that this association has for its object the union of men, in spite of the barriers of society; for if, in certain respects, the social state forms a bond of connection between men, by subjecting them to the empire of the laws it separates them from by the differences of rank and government. This sort of Brotherhood, that true image of the golden age, has been mingled with many other ideas, equally good and moral, in Freemasonry. However, we cannot dissemble that there is something in the nature of secret associations which leads the mind to *independence*, but these associations are very favourable to the development of knowledge; for everything *men* do, by *themselves* and spontaneously, gives their judgment more strength and more comprehensiveness. It is also possible that the principle of democratic equality may be propagated by this species of institution, which exhibits mankind according to their real value, and according to their several ranks in the world. Secret associations teach us what is the power of number and of union, while insulated citizens are, if we may use the expression, abstract beings with relation to each other. In this point of view these associations may be a great influence in the state, but it is nevertheless just to acknowledge that Freemasonry in general is only occupied with religious and philosophical interests. Its members are divided into two classes—the Philosophical Freemasonry, and the Hermetic or Egyptian Freemasonry. The first has for its object the internal Church, or the development of the spirituality of the soul; the second is connected with the sciences—with those sciences which are employed upon the secrets of nature. . . . Political institutions, social relations, and often even those of our own family, comprehend only the exterior of life. It is, then, natural that, at all times, men should have sought some intimate manner of knowledge and understanding each other; and also those whose characters, having depth, believe they are adepts, and endeavour to distinguish themselves, by some signs, from the rest of mankind. Secret associations degenerate with time, but their principle is almost always an enthusiastic feeling restrained by society."

I am,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

OBSERVER.

LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Some sensible remarks by the Worshipful Master of the Domestic Lodge at a meeting the other night on Lodges of Instruction, a report of which I read in a recent issue of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, strikes me as worthy of attention. Bro. Pierpoint held it to be the duty of the Masters and Officers of Lodges to pay occasional visits to Lodges of Instruction established under their own banners; and I echo that sentiment most cordially. It may be—it invariably is—that these offshoots meet at a distance from the residences of many members of the Mother Lodge, and that, as a rule, they are prevented from collectively attending the weekly meetings, as they would no doubt like to do, in company with the brethren of the mother Lodge. But surely it is no great hardship, and it ought to be a pleasure as well as a duty, for the Worshipful Master and his Officers to attend their own Lodges of Instruction occasionally—say once in three months—so as to encourage the brethren who take a lead in fostering the work of the Craft and training the younger brethren who are anxious to qualify themselves to take office in their respective Lodges. By following the example of the Worshipful Master and Officers of the Domestic, and which is no doubt emulated by many others, the rulers of the Craft would do much to cement the good feeling between Lodges and their Lodges of Instruction, and stimulate the laudable intentions of those who are solicitous for the welfare and good working of the Lodges to which they belong. I know of Lodges of Instruction in which it is held as a sort of reflection that the Master and Officers not only do not attend, but absolutely ignore, the offspring of their Lodges. Thus, a laxity of spirit is engendered, and much benefit is lost which might otherwise accrue to both mother Lodge and "child." As to the importance and influence of Lodges of Instruction it would be superfluous for me to speak, as it is so well known. In country districts there are fewer opportunities for gaining that instruction which every student of Masonry desires to attain, or of the interchange of visits where work in all its phases may be practised. I am free to admit that having been a Mason ten years, I have gained a greater insight into the inner working of the Craft in one year through attending good Lodges of Instruction than in all the rest of the time besides; and thus I am grateful for the means afforded of emerging from what I fear might be construed a position usually designated as a "rusty" Mason.

I remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

STUDENT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no doubt a great deal of truth in what your correspondent "WATCHMAN" says as to the "incongruity of beer and divinity, the absolute profanity of combining drinking with the exposition of the most sublime system of morality," and as to brethren smoking and drinking "while performing or listening to the ritual, the grandeur and sublimity of which cannot be over-estimated." I have often thought the same, and the subject has been most thoroughly threshed out in the columns of your own and other Masonic journals. The conclusion arrived at, after a conscientious discussion of the subject, was that too hard and fast a line in that direction cannot be drawn. It is argued, and with some degree of practical force, that brethren, however anxious of working up the ritual, would scarcely care to spend a couple of evenings weekly under the rigid school-like discipline which "WATCHMAN" suggests, and that it is better to allow a little margin in the matter of "personal comforts" than to run the risk of diminishing the attendance or discouraging young brethren from availing themselves of the advantages afforded by Lodges of Instruction. Whilst admitting the theory propounded by your correspondent, therefore, my experience is that where brethren can combine rational enjoyment with educational improvement, there should be no impediment cast in the way. It must not be inferred from "WATCHMAN'S" remarks that a Lodge of Instruction is comparable to a drinking bout in a tap room, or that the grand ritual is performed amidst a dense fog of tobacco smoke. I have seldom seen, during the two hours, or two hours and a-half, over which the work of Lodges of Instruction extends, a second glass ordered by a brother; if it is done, it is not the rule, but the exception, so far as my experience goes. And the innate conscientiousness of the brethren causes them naturally to cease from smoking during the more reverent portions of the ceremonies. For the rest, and while the ordinary ritual is being rehearsed—without the solemnities by which they are accompanied in open Lodge—there is little to complain of if the brethren think proper to assist their memories and concentrate their thoughts over the "fragrant weed," and its almost necessary accompaniment a glass of ale. To grumble at this one little fault, if it can be called a fault at all, is to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. "WATCHMAN" says, "if brethren must drink and smoke, let Lodge be called off, according to the ritual made and provided. Better still—shorten the hours of labour, and let those who wish for social enjoyment remain, while others not so inclined might retire." One might as well say if a brother does not find it in accordance with his conscientious scruples to combine social enjoyment with such instruction as is imparted in these "nurseries of the Craft"—as you once described them—let him try and find, if he can, some other Lodge of Instruction which will suit his tastes in every particular. For my own part, I thoroughly enjoy my cigar whilst listening to, and endeavouring to learn, the routine of our interesting ceremonies, and look upon my evening at my Lodge of Instruction as one of the most soothing, agreeable, and edifying of the week.

Yours fraternally,

VIA MEDIA.

Obituary.

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BRO. W. PLOWS, No. 87.

It is with unfeigned regret that we announce the death of Bro. W. Plows, an active member of the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, which melancholy event occurred somewhat suddenly at Brixton, on Saturday, the 7th instant. The funeral took place on the 14th, at Lingfield, Surrey, and was attended by the Secretary and several of the members of his own and other Lodges, by whom he was sincerely and deservedly respected. The procession was met at the church by the Vicar of the parish, who performed the solemn rites to the Church of England in an impressive manner. In addition to about fifty members of the Craft who attended, there was a number of Oddfellows present, our deceased Brother having been a member of a local branch of that Order. We understand that a letter of condolence has been sent by the Vitruvian Lodge to the widow, expressing the regret of the brethren at the loss of so respected and valued a member of the Lodge, and their sympathy with her in her bereavement. Our deceased Brother was a quiet, though earnest Mason, and his kindly disposition had earned for him the respect and esteem of all by whom he was surrounded.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Changes of temperature and weather frequently upset persons who are most careful of their health, and particular in their diet. These corrective, purifying, and gently aperient Pills are the best remedy for all defective action of the digestive organs. They augment the appetite, strengthen the stomach, correct biliousness, and carry off all that is noxious from the system. Holloway's Pills are composed of rare balsams, unmixt with baser matter, and on that account are peculiarly well adapted to the young, delicate, and aged. As this peerless medicine has gained fame in the past, so it will preserve it in the future by its renovating and invigorating qualities, and the impossibility of its doing harm.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE ST. JOHN, No. 221.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 18th inst., at Bolton, at six o'clock p.m. Bros. Bradburn W.M., Crompton S.W., Walker J.W., Brockbank P.Prov. G.S.D. Treasurer, Boothroyd P.M., Melrose P.M., Morris P.M., Taylor P.M. P.Prov. G. Org., Rutter P.Prov. G. Steward, Cuerden I.G., Siddorn J.D., Briscoe, Haslam Organist, Stevenson, Truman, Draycott, Crompton. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, when Bros. Geoghegan and Buttricks were raised. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, after which Lodge was closed in form and harmony, at 7 p.m.

ROYAL UNION LODGE, No. 382.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, the 16th instant. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. H. W. Nicholson, with the Officers, Past Masters, and the following Visitors:—W. H. Liddall 45, W. R. Cooper I.G. 599, J. R. Hayward Organist 414, J. F. Tarrant 1158, J. T. Brown 2043, C. E. Botley W.M. 1996, C. Andrews P.M. 77, J. W. Parry P.M. 1314, W. Clarke P.M. 141, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211, James Kift 1791, F. Percival 1314. Amongst the Past Masters of the Lodge who were present were Bros. G. Rowles, Samuel Halliday, W. Webb, Joseph Lonsdale (who fulfilled the duties of Installing Master), G. Fehrenbach Treasurer, and W. Coombes P. Prov. G.S.B. Middlesex Secretary. After the Lodge had been formally constituted, the Secretary read the minutes of the last regular meeting, which duly received confirmation. Several matters of interest were then discussed, and it was incidentally mentioned that Bros. Harvey and Goodburn, candidates respectively for raising and passing, were unable to be present on this occasion. As the installation ceremony had been set down for 5.15, and there was still some time to spare, the W.M. directed the Junior Warden to call off. On Lodge duties being resumed, the chairs of Senior Warden and Junior Warden were taken by Bros. Past Masters Fehrenbach and Andrews, while Bro. Rowles undertook the duties of Inner Guard. The W.M. elect was now presented, and obligated by Bro. Lonsdale, who performed the duties of Installing Master. In regular order a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Cotton was placed in the chair. On the re-admission of the brethren who had not yet reached the chair, Bro. Cotton was saluted in the three degrees, and he invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. C. Hall S.W., J. J. Wilson J.W., G. Fehrenbach P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.M. Secretary, T. Brooks S.D., J. Tapling J.D., Fleming I.G., Bailey Organist, J. Lonsdale P.M. D.C., T. Aitken Steward, F. Stacey Assistant Steward, G. Duffin Tyler. Bro. Lonsdale completed his duties by giving the customary charges to the new Master, the Wardens, and the Brethren. He was heartily congratulated on the way he had conducted the proceedings, and his services were recognised by a cordial vote of thanks from the Lodge. Bro. Nicholson, the outgoing Master, was presented with the Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted at the last meeting of the Lodge. This compliment he gracefully acknowledged. Anything he had done had been to him a labour of love. He should ever take an interest in the progress and welfare of the Lodge. One proposition for joining was handed in; this to be considered at the next meeting. The Auditors' report, with a detailed statement of receipts and expenditure, which had been printed for distribution amongst the members, was then presented and adopted. The condition of the Lodge may be considered satisfactory, while the Benevolent Fund, after handing over £17 10s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and granting relief to a distressed brother, shows a balance in favour of the Lodge of about £10. The Immediate Past Master now presented a financial statement respecting the expenditure the Lodge had incurred over loss of its furniture. It will be in the recollection of many of our readers that a disastrous fire occurred last year at the Chequers Hotel, the headquarters of the Lodge, by which the furniture and other properties were almost totally destroyed. Fortunately, the Lodge had taken the precaution to insure in the Royal Office, and Brother Nicholson recounted the steps he had taken to get the furniture replaced. From his report we gather that the members have every reason to be gratified at the liberality displayed; the amount for which the Lodge had secured itself in case of loss amounted to £100, and the Company liberally paid the brethren £90, and handed them over what salvage there was. As a consequence, the Lodge-room is again well appointed and, we need hardly add, presents a very neat and satisfactory appearance. After some other matters had received attention, the Visitors tendered their good wishes, and Lodge was closed. The customary banquet was capitally served by host Bro. Phillips, and in due course the toasts were brought under notice. These were interspersed with songs by Bros. Cattle, Percival and Kift. We congratulate Bro. Cotton on entering on his duties as W.M. under such favourable auspices. We append the programme of songs, &c. Grace, "For what we have received," Bailey. National Anthem, "God save the Queen," Dr. Bull; Solo, Bro. Frank Percival. Masonic Anthem, "God bless the Prince of Wales," B. Richards; Solo, Bro. J. Ion Cattle. Duet, "The Sailor Sighs," Balfe, Bros. Frank Percival and J. Ion Cattle. Song, "A City Man," C. T. West; Bro. Jas. Kift. Song, "Death of Nelson," Braham; Bro. Frank Percival. Song, "To-morrow will be Friday," Molloy; Bro. J. Ion Cattle. Duet, "Oh, Albion," Braham; Bros. Frank Percival and J. Ion Cattle. Song, "The Dentsche," Bro. Jas. Kift. Song, "Come into the garden, Maud," Balfe; Bro. Frank Percival. Song, "In days of old," Hatton; Bro. J. Ion Cattle.

UNITED PILGRIMS' LODGE, No. 507.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday evening, at the Bridge House Hotel, under the presidency of the retiring Worshipful Master, Bro. H. E. Joyce (editor of the *Shipping Gazette*), who had filled that position two years consecutively. He was supported by Bros. E. Blake S.W. and W.M. elect, W. T. Folkes J.W., H. R. Grellett P.M. Treas., C. W. Peters P.M. Sec., C. H. Wiltshire S.D., T. Noakes I.G., W. N. Worsfold S., H. Sharman A.S., and many distinguished Visitors. After the transaction of some routine business Bro. E. Blake was presented for installation, and a Board of Installed Masters having been duly constituted, that ceremony was most efficiently performed by Bro. Joyce, whose working was much appreciated. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed W.M. was greeted with the customary honours, and invested his Officers for the year as follows: Bros. H. E. Joyce I.P.M., W. J. Folkes S.W., C. H. Wiltshire J.W., H. R. Grellett P.M. Treasurer, C. W. Peters P.M. Secretary, T. Noakes S.D., P. Michaelis J.D., H. Sharman W.S., W. J. Hough S., J. Watts P.M. Director of Ceremonies, G. Harrison Tyler. At the conclusion of the Lodge business, the brethren and Visitors partook of a sumptuous banquet, under the presidency of the new Master, Bro. Blake, when the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the course of the evening a splendid gilt ormolu clock was presented to the retiring Master in token of the high esteem in which he is held by the brethren, and in recognition and appreciation of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge during the two successive years he filled the chair. The clock, which was supplied by Messrs. Silber and Fleming, of Wood-street, is of the Empire pattern, with relieved pillars in silver, and movement of 15 days, striking the hours and half-hours on a deep cathedral-toned gong. It is mounted on an extra-gilded velvet stand, with glass shade. The inscription plate is of solid silver, gilt to match the clock, and the inscription picked out in silver, relieved with Masonic emblems. In accepting the gift Bro. Joyce said he felt considerable difficulty in returning thanks, after the flattering remarks which had been made with regard to himself. He felt almost inclined to adopt the motto, "Speech is silver, silence is golden." However, he thanked them all most heartily for their magnificent gift and kindly wishes, and should continue in the future, as in the past, to do all he could to promote the welfare of the Lodge. Several other toasts were proposed and suitably responded to, and the interesting proceedings were enlivened by some capital recitations by Bro. Osmond P.M., and selections of vocal and instrumental music, Bro. W. Lee Davis presiding at the pianoforte, in the room of Bro. Jordan, the Organist of the Lodge, who was prevented by indisposition from attending. We are compelled, in consequence of pressure on our space, to reserve our full report until next week.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A REGULAR Lodge meeting was held on the 11th instant. Present:—Bros. Hawkes W.M., Ridley I.P.M., Prickett S.W., Ravenscroft J.W., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Creed S.D., Vowles J.D., Pulley P.M. D.C., Collins I.G., Hickie Org., Slaughter Steward, Hommings Tyler; Visitors—Adams 414, Hawkes J.D. 414, Bradley P.M. 414, Blackwell J.W. 414, Gadd 1247. Lodge was opened, and minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Giles, Ayres, Cotterell, and Hunt, being candidates for the third degree, answered the usual questions in a satisfactory manner and were entrusted; the Lodge was opened in the third; Bros. Ayres, Cotterell, and Hunt were readmitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M.; the ceremony was performed by the W.M., assisted by P.M.'s Blackwell and Margrett, accompanied with vocal and instrumental music under the direction of Bro. Hickie Organist. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when the ballot was taken for Mr. Thomas Perkins Stewart, who was proposed as a candidate for initiation at the last regular Lodge by Bro. Pulley P.M. and seconded by Bro. Collins. The candidate was declared to be elected. The W.M. proposed as a candidate for initiation Mr. H. L. Smith, Post Master of Goring-on-Thames, Oxon, this was seconded by Bro. Parkes. After the usual routine work, Lodge was closed according to ancient form and adjourned.

WALLINGTON LODGE, No. 1892.

ONE of the most agreeable and successful gatherings we have lately had the pleasure of taking part in was that of the installation meeting of this Lodge, which was held at the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 19th inst. Since the Lodge was consecrated, in the year 1880, it has been presided over by brethren who have striven to inculcate and advance the best interests of Freemasonry, and one of the most ardent and persevering students in this regard with whom we are acquainted is the new W.M., Bro James William Baldwin. The proceedings commenced at 3.30, when Bro. Edward Dickman opened the Lodge, supported by his Past Masters and Officers. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the Rev. C. W. Arnold, Past Grand Chaplain, had signified his intention to be present, and had kindly undertaken to perform the ceremony of installation. There were also present the following Visitors:—Bros. H. A. Pocock P.M. 902, T. C. Newsom P.M. 1693, Ransom J.W. 1790, Underwood W.M. 1366, Locke W.M. 1347, Smith P.M. 30, Williams P.M. 162, Gibbs P.M. 1538, Frost P.M. 1347 P.P.G.J.D. Surrey, Vincent P.M. 1823, Everist P.M. 720, Byard 1641, Gore W.M. 1692, Catterson I.P.M. 1981, Grinstead I.P.M. 1692, Davies 1673, Frost P.M. 1347, Kitson P.M. 548, Hill Organist 1347, C. Greenwood jun. P.P.G. Reg. Surrey, Yonge 1216, W. W. Morgan I.P.M. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, a notice of motion, by Brother John G. Horsey P.M.—

"That a Past Master's jewel of the value of five guineas be presented by the Lodge to Brother E. Dickman, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office as Worshipful Master"—was unanimously agreed to, while another notice of motion, that affected the bye-laws, was deferred, in order that a fuller consideration of its merits might be entered into on an occasion more favourable as regards exigencies of time. Brother Arnold now took the chair and nominated Brother Horsey P.M. as S.W. and Brother Gibbs P.M. as J.W. respectively, for the ceremony of the day. Brother Baldwin was presented, and in due course installed in the chair of the Lodge. On the re-entry of the brethren the Officers were appointed, as under:—Bros. Bishop S.W., Carter J.W., Crowe P.M. Treas., Mesrouze P.M. Sec., Bassett S.D., Weal J.D., Sawyer P.M. D.C., Filmer I.G., Harwood S., Aslett Org., Rowley Tyler. After the addresses had been delivered, Brother Arnold, who had conducted the ceremony throughout most impressively, was heartily thanked for his services. Brother Dickman was formally presented with the P.M.'s jewel, and then the next feature was to ballot for Mr. John Rowcastle—who was proposed by Brother Bassett and seconded by Brother Aslett—as a candidate for initiation. The result was favourable, and Bro. Baldwin conducted the ceremony in favour of Mr. Rowcastle with the most perfect regard to detail, and by his impressiveness produced a marked effect upon the candidate. Soon afterwards Lodge was closed. The banquet was given at the Greyhound Hotel, Carshalton, and it was served in excellent style by Brother Verdun. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the first toast—Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft—which was most loyally responded to. After the National Anthem, the W.M., in proposing the health of the M.W. the Grand Master, called attention to the fact that the Prince of Wales was essentially a Master in the Craft. This would be readily recognised from the fact that he had taken upon himself the duty of initiating his eldest son into the ranks of Masonry. The Prince was earnest in all he undertook, and he (the W.M.) had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. In speaking of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Baldwin drew attention to the zeal these brethren displayed in the fulfilment of their duties. This was especially evidenced by Bro. Arnold, who spared no effort to promote the best interests of Freemasonry. In reply the Deputy Provincial Grand Master thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast of the Leaders of the Craft. Many of those present had been in Grand Lodge, and could testify to the interest taken by those Leaders in the fulfilment of their duties. In their names he thanked the brethren for the reception they had given the toast. In speaking of the Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master, General Brownrigg, the Worshipful Master only desired he could command words sufficient to recount the praises of the Provincial Grand Master, who was beloved and respected by all in the Province. The next toast was the health of the Very Worshipful Bro. the Rev. W. C. Arnold, M.A., P.G. Chaplain and Deputy Prov. Grand Master for Surrey, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. In response Bro. Arnold said that when he replied for the Grand Officers he did so in general terms, as Deputy Provincial Grand Master he felt he was getting nearer home. He was proud in being able to state that Freemasonry in Surrey was progressing in every way. He had now had eight years' experience with the brethren, and in that period he only knew one instance of anything unpleasant having arisen, and then the difficulty had been surmounted with the exercise of a few words. It was eminently gratifying to know that there was a uniformity adopted in the working; that proper attention was given to this in the several Lodges of Instruction. The members of the Province were earnest in their efforts on behalf of the Charities of the Order. He urged the brethren to support the Charity organisation that had been established, and to make the most of their voting powers. He forcibly impressed on them the desirability of exercising proper caution in the admission of candidates. He looked back with pleasure to the day of the consecration of the Wallington Lodge, on which occasion he had acted as Principal Officer. He had perhaps not been with them so frequently as he could have wished, but this might be accounted for by the fact that there was a mutual arrangement with the Provincial Grand Master that they should each confine themselves, to some extent, to a district. Bro. Arnold then made happy reference to the way in which he found the Lodge was carrying on its work, and to the ability displayed by the present Master, and concluded a most interesting address by proposing Bro. Baldwin's health. This compliment was modestly replied to by the W.M., who seemed intensely gratified at the reception given by the brethren to the toast. The Initiate, Bro. Rowcastle, acknowledged the toast given in his honour; he trusted he might always appreciate the favour conferred on him by electing him a member of the Order. For the Visitors Bros. Gibbs, Major Williams, Greenwood, Smith, Vincent, and others replied. Several other toasts followed, and when the Tyler was summoned all were agreed a most harmonious meeting had been celebrated. During the evening a capital programme of songs was gone through; Bros. Crowe, Carter, Bishop, Gibbs, Tite, Frayling, and Maspero rendering good service. Bro. Morgan contributed one of his popular recitations.

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at the Alfred, Roman-road, Barnsbury, N. Present—Bros. Solomon P.M. 1732 W.M., Thom S.W., Day J.W., Silvester Treas., Treadwell Sec., Messer J.D., Bleakley I.G. P.M.'s Ferguson, Burgess, Larcom, Cordwell. Visitors—Chiu-nery, Wheelock, Gregory. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Ferguson, assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the Lecture. Some discussion then took place with reference to the removal of this Lodge of Instruction from its old quarters. Bros. Larcom, Cordwell, Solomon, Ferguson, and others taking part. It was ultimately proposed and seconded that a letter be written to the Lodge of Fidelity, No. 3, on the matter. A vote of thanks was then recorded on the minutes to Bros. Larcom and Cordwell, of the mother Lodge for their attendance on this occasion. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Wheelock was examined and entrusted. Lodge was further advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Thom was elected to preside at the next meeting.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 25th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. Bros. Cubitt W.M., Saint S.W., John Egan J.W., Pitt Secretary, Hewlett J.D., Holland P.M. D.C., Freeman I.G., Webb P.M. Preceptor; Visitors, Bros. Geo. D. Stephenson, E. T. Westwood. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Stephenson candidate. Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bros. Stephenson and Westwood were elected members. Bro. Webb P.M. congratulated the Lodge on the accession to its membership of Bro. Stephenson, who had gained much reputation by his masterly embellishment of our Grand Lodge. Bro. Saint S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. One Guinea was voted to the W.M.'s list for the Girls' School, and a vote of thanks was passed to the W.M. on this his first occupancy of the Chair. All labour ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604.—A regular meeting of this Military Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. W. Brindley W.M., J. Gibson S.W., Wray P.M. as J.W., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., R. Scott Sec., Coleman S.D., Minns J.D., Glover I.G., Halpin Chap., P.M.'s Wade, Brooks, and Bolton. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Blackman was raised to the third degree, the ceremony being worked very impressively. Bro. J. Gibson was unanimously elected W.M., T. Meredith P.M. Treas., and Lacklin Tyler. A gold P.M.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring W.M., for the zeal and ability he had displayed in performing the duties during his year of office. Lodge was then closed until the second Tuesday in April.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday, 16th inst., at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., Bros. Dixie W.M., Edis S.W., Cooper J.W., Collingridge (Secretary) J.D., Fluck S.D., McMillan, &c. After preliminaries, Brother Snook, as candidate for passing, answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the second, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Giffard candidate. Bro. Coles 1693 was elected a member.

The members celebrated their fifth annual supper on Monday last, and, thanks to the able manner in which Bro. J. Baker catered, the result may be pronounced a great success. 50 Brethren and Visitors sat down. The usual Masonic toasts were briefly given. Bros. Bayne Organist 1897 and Collings Organist 1693 presided at the piano during the evening. Prosperity to the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, and the health of its Treasurer and Secretary having been duly honoured, Bro. Collingridge responded. He informed the brethren that a successful year had passed; the roll of members showed an increase of 38 above those who joined last year. The receipts also were above those received the previous year. The Lodge had been enabled to award five guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and also two guineas to the Christmas Entertainment of the "Old Folks." Bro. Forge briefly responded on behalf of the Treasurer, and he, with Bro. Woodman, were later on called on to respond for the Masonic Charities; these brethren work together as Stewards for the Boys' School next Festival. Bro. Binckes P.G.S. was called on to respond for the Visitors; this he did in his usual able manner, and of course incidentally mentioned the Boys' Institution. During the evening Bros. Snook, Woodman, Bayne, Giffard, Atterton, Collings, Mallord, Symon, &c., sang. The health of the Chairman was proposed, and the brethren separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

There was again a satisfactory attendance at the North London Chapter of Improvement, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday. The chairs were filled by Comps. Phillips M.E.Z., Carter H., George J., Sheffield S.E., Strugnell S.N., Radcliffe P.S. The work was performed in an able manner.

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WILLIAM FORREST MORLEY
 (AGED 8 YEARS),

Son of the late Bro. Thomas Morley, of the Cambrian Lodge,
 No. 472-364, Neath, who died in 1878, leaving a Widow with nine
 children only partially provided for.

The case is strongly recommended by the following brethren:

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 sequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer
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The Widow, being almost a stranger, earnestly hopes the
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Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

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NEVILLE INNES CHAMBERLAIN,

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

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

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
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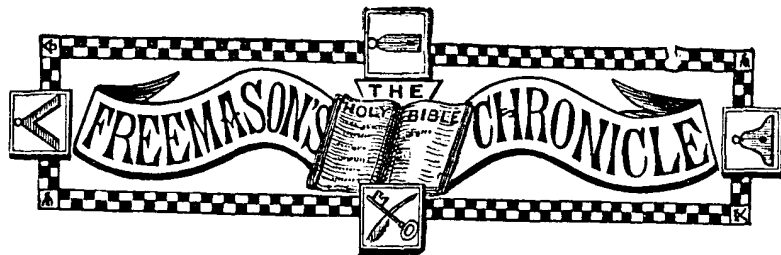
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JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held on the 23rd inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Present:—Comps J. Henochsberg M.E.Z., Lazarus P.Z. Treas., Emanuel S.E., Phillips S.N., Dewsnap P.S., Myers 1st A., Wyman 2nd A. P.Z.'s Lazarus I.P.Z., S. M. Lazarus, Levy, Dickinson, Isaac. Visitors:—Comps. Derry 177, Day 657. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Comp. A. J. Gartley, No. 142, I.P.M. 205, was elected a joining member, and Bros. H. Van Stavern 188 and F. D. S. Siemms 241 Liverpool, were duly exalted, the ceremony being perfectly rendered. Comps. Lichtenfeld, Rev. Marcus Haines, Myers, Weil, and Kool were proposed for exaltation at the next Convocation. The resignation of Comp. G. T. Mann was accepted, with regret. Chapter was closed until the fourth Monday in May. The Companions afterwards sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. Swaine, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. L. Lazarus I.P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said it was his privilege and pleasure to propose this toast. Comp. Henochsberg was undoubtedly the right man in the right place; he is an able worker, and is assisted by his Officers in a way that the Companions cannot but be pleased at. The M.E.Z., in reply, thanked Comp. Lazarus; in accepting office he had tried to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors, and had endeavoured to do the work properly; he trusted to their satisfaction. The Exaltees were next complimented. The M.E.Z. said that night he had had the pleasure of exalting two Companions, who doubtless would become a credit to the Order. Comps. Van Stavern and Siemms, in appropriate speeches, responded. Both felt proud at having been exalted by the M.E.Z. To the toast of the Visitors Comp. C. May replied. He complimented the M.E.Z. and Companions on their excellent working. Comp. L. Lazarus returned thanks for the Past Z.'s toast. In speaking to the toast of the H. and J., Comp. Henochsberg was fortunate in being supported by such able Companions. The junior Officers, Treasurer, and S.E. were not overlooked, and in due course the Janitor's toast was given. Comps. Phillips, Dickinson, Isaac, Gartley, and Siemms exerted themselves with excellent effect to enliven the evening's proceedings.

ECCLESTON CHAPTER, No. 1624.

THE Companions held the Installation meeting of this excellent Chapter on the 25th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present:—Comps. Fisher M.E.Z., Wyr P.Z. H., Tayler J., Isaacs Treas., Beckham S.E., Coulthard S.N., Wray P.S., Vincent P.Z. Visitors—Comps. Mackie, Stamp, Levy. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The installation of Principals then took place: Comp. Wyr M.E.Z., Tayler H., Bond J. were installed by Comp. Vincent in his usual perfect and impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then invested and appointed the following as Officers—Comps. Fisher I.P.Z., Isaacs Tr., Beckham S.E., Flatteley S.N., Coulthard P.S., Lee 1st As. Soj., Jones 2nd As. Soj., Wray W.S., Shepperd Janitor. The I.P.Z. was presented with an elegant jewel, set with diamonds and other stones: this had been unanimously voted him for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. Comp. Wyr hoped their I.P.Z. might be spared for many years to wear it amongst them. Comp. Fisher in few words, but well to the purpose, returned thanks; his future efforts would be for the interest of the Chapter. The newly-installed M.E.Z. then exalted Bro. W. Weston No. 1624, into Royal Arch Masonry, the newly-installed Principals and Officers performing the ceremony in a very efficient manner. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, where a capital banquet and dessert was provided by Bros. Gordon and Hamp. The M.E.Z., who ably presided, proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Companion Fisher, in proposing the health of the First Principal, said his merits were so well known that they required no comment from him. Suffice it to say, they had seen his working and his able presidency, and he trusted they would drink the toast with the enthusiasm it merited. The M.E.Z. felt it a great honour to have his health proposed in so eloquent a manner. This was not the first time he had occupied the chair of Z., but he felt an especial pride in presiding over the Eccleston Chapter. He was one of its Founders, and hoped to have a successful year of office. The M.E.Z., in proposing the toast of the Exaltees, said Comp. Weston was highly respected in his Lodge, and they were pleased to have him with them in the Chapter; he had paid deep attention to the ceremony, and would doubtless be a credit to the degree, and eventually occupy the chairs. Comp. Weston, in few but appropriate terms, responded. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, Comps. Vincent and Fisher. Comp. Fisher during his year of office had done his duty well, and it was with pleasure he presented him with the P.Z.'s jewel, which he richly deserved. Comp. Fisher thanked the M.E.Z. for his kind expressions, but he felt their thanks were more especially due to Comp. Vincent, who had the interests of the Chapter always

at heart. Comp. Vincent said if ever there was a duty to perform he would try to do it. It was always a pleasure to do anything for the Chapter. The Z. in proposing the toast of the H. and J., referred to the satisfaction he felt in being supported by two such excellent Principals; all had witnessed their working, and he was sure they in due course would occupy the chair. After a reply the toast of the Visitors was given, and Comps. Levy P.Z. and Stamp responded. It was gratifying to see such excellent working, and such good feeling and harmony as existed in the Chapter. Several other toasts were given before that given by the Janitor. Comps. Tayler and Isaacs contributed to the harmony, and Comp. Wray was very attentive to the comfort of the Visitors.

Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, No. 1642.—A Convocation of this Chapter was held at Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on Tuesday, 24th instant. There was a fair attendance of members, amongst others the following being present: Comps. Captain A. Nicols M.E.Z., P. Monson H., Samuel Smout J. and Scribe E., George Davis P.Z. Preceptor, S. H. Parkhouse P.Z. Treasurer, N. Moss P.Z., Robert Schofield Scribe N., J. H. Wood P.S. and W. R. Hatton. The Treasurer's accounts having been audited and found correct, were adopted and ordered to be entered on the minutes. The ceremony of exaltation was then rehearsed, Companion W. R. Hatton being the candidate. Comps. G. Davis Preceptor, Parkhouse Treasurer, and Smout Scribe E., were unanimously re-elected to the several offices they had so ably filled during the past year, and a cordial vote of thanks was accorded to them by the Chapter. All Royal Arch Masons are heartily invited to attend the fortnightly Convocations of this well-appointed and well-worked Chapter, where instruction and practice may be had under able supervision. The next meeting will be held, as above, on Tuesday 7th April, at eight p.m., and on following alternate Tuesdays.

Lily of Richmond Chapter of Improvement.—Held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Saturday, 14th instant. Comps Briggs Z., Austin H., Sapsworth J., Forge P.S., Tucker N., Blasby, &c. &c. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a very able manner. This young Chapter of Improvement meets every Saturday, as above, at eight p.m.

The Temple Preceptory of Knights Templar will be held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on the 10th proximo. After the Preceptory is opened, the Provincial Grand Priory will be opened, when the Officers will enter in procession, and the business of the Priory will be proceeded with, under the presidency of General Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Prior for Kent and Surrey.

The installation meeting of the Hiram Lodge of Mark Master Masons was held at the Greyhound Hotel, Richmond, on Thursday evening, when Bro. Lister, who is well known in Masonry in connection with the United Service and other Lodges, was installed into the chair, in succession to Brother Nettleship. This Lodge is most successful, a result that may be in a great measure attributed to the exertions of Bro. R. H. Thrupp who has always taken the liveliest interest in its welfare.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, held at the White Hart Tavern, King's Road, Chelsea, on Good Friday next, 3rd April. Bros. Cleghorn P.M. 1287 W.M., Stuart P.M. 141 S.W., Cox P.M. 144 J.W., John Murch P.M. 27 Secretary.

A SENSITIVE AUTHOR.—A well-dressed man, who stated that he was the author of a pamphlet on "Freemasonry: Traced from Pre-historic Times," applied to Mr. D'Eyncourt, at the Westminster Police-Court, on Friday, for a summons against the writer of an alleged libellous notice of the work which appeared in one of the Masonic papers. He considered the notice more than adverse criticism, for, at the conclusion, the question was asked when the Craft would be rid of incompetent brothers who considered "that a score or two of initials clapped on to their names justified them in writing trash?" As an engineer and surveyor he considered that such reflections on his works were calculated to do him a great deal of injury. He had been a Master Mason 27 years. Mr. D'Eyncourt said it was absurd to ask for a summons for libel on such grounds as were put forward. The comments in the newspaper would do no harm, but probably help the sale of the work. Process was refused.

[In answer to numerous inquiries that have reached us, we beg to state that the notice referred to above appeared in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. We had no desire to treat our brother unkindly, but we gave expression to our opinions on his work fairly and conscientiously. To those of our correspondents who have expressed a desire to know what we did say, we can only refer them to the notice itself; it will be found on page 122 of Volume XX., issued 23rd August 1884.—ED. F.C.]

THE THEATRES.

COURT.

FOR months past a persistent atmosphere of adverse fortune seems to have hung over the Court Theatre. In its dual control, and ministers working under its flag, it numbers some of the ablest artists on the English stage, but though French, American, and English drama have been successively mounted, the result may be represented at zero. Mr. Clayton and Mr. Cecil, Miss Marion Terry, Mrs. John Wood, and their clever coadjutors, have made many artistic successes, but "Art for Art" is too cold an abstraction for even a stony-hearted critic to desire. "Reculer pour mieux sauter" is often excellent strategy, and the management of the Court have for a time abandoned romantic drama or higher comedy to seek the aid of that frisky Muse Thalia the eccentric. Last Saturday night the little house was crowded from stalls to ceiling when the curtain rose upon Mr. Pinero's comedy "The Magistrate." The play bill assures us the work is original, and though to a sophisticated old playgoer it may seem to bring a whiff, not of hay, but of Meilhac or Halévy; and a little playhouse nearer the Palais Royal than Sloane-square—still—no matter! The play's the thing, and when it is a thing so good as "The Magistrate" it would be vile ingratitude to inquire as to its pedigree. It is cleverly and closely constructed; the characters all possible men and women, moved by the feelings or follies of humanity. The dialogue runs briskly, the situations follow upon each other with a fatality as of Æschilian tragedy, whilst with them the fun mounts in an ever-rising crescendo till the triumphant close arrives. On Saturday night the laughter of the audience again and again threatened to make the dialogue inaudible; while amongst them none seemed to enjoy the humour of the situation more than our beloved Princess of Wales, who, with the Duchess of Edinburgh and Prince George of Wales, honoured the "first night" with their presence. The management have had to seek recruits for the cast, and have secured the fittest exponents within their reach. Mr. Pinero has indulged in a certain touch of Gilbertian humour, that fits perfectly to his story—which may be thus briefly summarised. A benevolent police magistrate (Mr. Posset) has married a lovely and lively widow, who has declared her age to be five years less than is actually the truth, and too late awakens to the awful dilemma of accounting for her son having reached nineteen years; who, as a consequence, she has to dress and treat as a schoolboy of fourteen. His precocity is a matter of wonder to his father-in-law, as also to the innocent little music mistress who has been engaged to instruct him. This lively youth has plunged into debt at a tavern, and persuades his new father to go with him to settle the account. His maternal parent, in the meantime, finds that Colonel Lukyn, an old friend of her first husband, is coming to London, and that he is staying at this same tavern. She, in terror of her secret being divulged, hastens there, and meets the Colonel. But it is too late. The police find the house open after prohibited hours; they search the rooms, and after a most exciting scene take the Colonel, with a friend of his and the two ladies, into custody. How the Magistrate and his precocious son escape, by the balcony, how they are pursued; how the old gentleman reaches his office dishevelled, splashed with mud and humiliated; how he, in his agitation, afterwards sentences his wife and her sister to seven days' imprisonment, and how a brother magistrate intervenes when domestic wreck and ruin seem imminent; how all this is worked out, doubtless all London will go to see. Mr. Clayton as the Indian Colonel, the soul of honour, maddened with the indignities heaped on him, is a capital portrait, the creation of a master. Mr. Cecil as the meek, painfully conscientious husband, hurried from misery to misery, is no less excellent. Mrs. John Wood—who of late has been almost carried away by her own supreme talent, seemed on this occasion in danger of sinking her individuality in the George Cruickshank style of caricature—played the distracted mother with artistic self-restraint and finish; indeed, when the situations were most extravagantly farcical she kept the tone within the limits of comedy. Miss Marion Terry, as her sister, gave brightness and grace to a small part—indeed we must congratulate this charming young lady on the gracefulness and refinement she imparts to the picture. Mr. F. Kerr gave effective individuality to a languid young comrade of the Colonel, while Mr. Eversfield was the big-collared Eton-jacket boy to the life. Miss Norreys as the music-mistress imparted simplicity and girlishness to a part that would in many hands have proved dangerous. Miss La Coste is a smart soubrette, but we think it would be in the interest of good taste if her business with Mr. Eversfield were cut out. It is the one point in the play where the fun leaves an unpleasant impression. The play must have been rehearsed with great care. Each part was as carefully filled as to detail as the work of the principal artists. We congratulate the management on an assured success.

DRURY LANE.

DRURY LANE on Thursday afternoon, when so many of our most distinguished actors gave their services for the "Theatrical Fund," was filled from floor to ceiling. A crowd besieged the "early door," and when the curtain rose at 1.30 there were but few seats unoccupied. Mr. Wilson Barrett's recitation, "Gone with a handsome man," has never been given with more unstrained force and pathos. He held the house, and went straight to the hearts of his audience. In "Tragedy and Comedy" there was a treat in store. Miss Anderson, carried away, perhaps, by the occasion, seemed to forget the attending which so materially mars her acting. In the difficult part of Clarissa she was sincere and passionate, losing herself in the emotions which rise in ever-increasing poignancy till the actress is merged into the agonized woman. She fairly carried away her audience. Mr. Terriss played admirably as the

noble-hearted gentleman Clarisse's husband. Great interest was felt in Mr. Charles Wyndham's appearance in "Delicate Ground," and warm was the welcome given to our modern Charles Matthews. The quiet, benevolent cynicism of the much-tried Citizen was given with the delicate touch of a master, whilst the earnestness and genuine feeling underlying the raillery made us feel how nearly the highest humour touches on pathos. Miss Rorke played gracefully as the volatile wife, but surely that very clever artist, Mr. Giddens, should have invested her *ci-devant* admirer with some aristocratic gifts or graces—such an ignoble Alphonse could scarcely have realised the ideal of a waiting-maid, and must have been a subject for ridicule to a high-bred lady. The several other items which make up a long programme were thoroughly appreciated.

AVENUE.

THE Avenue Theatre has passed through some depressing vicissitudes; failure following swiftly on each new venture. However, Miss Violet Melnotte, with the courage of youth, attacks the unsolved problem, and seems determined to deserve success. "Tact," by Messrs. Bellamy and Romer, has plenty of excellent situations, not more new than we may hope for in these days, but they are effectively worked out by a company which, though recruited in haste, evidently works together with thoroughness and spirit. We have a stage Irishman, played "with a difference" by Mr. J. B. Ashley. He it is who is supposed to embody the "Tact" of the title, but the more genial gift of "blarney" would better characterise his aptitude in shuffling the human pack of cards to bring the right suits together. Miss Sophie Larkin finds excellent opportunity for her "specialité" in spinsters. Miss Melnotte, very graceful, with fine stage presence, does all required; she displays archness and spirit. It is to be regretted that Mr. Odell, with his excellent gifts, should indulge in caricature which throws the personage he desires to portray quite out of place in the picture. The play is carefully staged, while the scenery is especially good; indeed, the "glade in the Park" is among the most beautiful effects of the kind we have seen. For those who enjoy a hearty laugh, we prescribe a visit to the Avenue.

OLYMPIC.

THE adventurous *Matinée* should be largely endowed with the virtues, especially that of Charity. A very liberal supply would not have been superfluous at the Olympic last Thursday morning, when Miss A. Montague introduced "In Life or Death" to the London stage. The story is taken from Mr. Gibbon's novel, "For the King." It is concerned with the trials of a fair lady whose husband is an officer of King George II., while her father is an adherent of the Pretender. Mr. Elton is answerable for the present dramatization; but to our mind it was an evil moment for him when he determined to abandon the traditions of burlesque and produce this romantic play. He undertakes the rôle of the Jacobite father, whose appearance involves his son-in-law in a charge of treason. Miss Bella Pateman, as the devoted wife, struggled hard to infuse life and interest to the play, but the endless stream of talk, cut up for the most part into duologues, proved a heavy labour. Mr. A. Wood, as a benevolent doctor, was a boon to the audience; he displayed a quiet, unctuous humour, and avoided those accentuated outlines to which he is somewhat prone. We understand that "In Life or Death" is to be taken on tour. We trust it may prove acceptable to the more robust appetites maintained on country air.

CRITERION.

WE are delighted in having to congratulate the Hon. Member for Easthampton on his centenary, which was celebrated last Thursday. Our brilliant friend, as time goes on, loses no jot of his popularity, and will probably retain his seat through Sessions yet to come. Assuredly it is long ere his constituents would suggest that he apply for the Chiltern Hundreds.

ST. JAMES'S HALL.

WE recorded a short time ago the marvels worked by Mons. Verbeck, and now in the pretty drawing-room at St. James's Hall a rival wonder worker invites us, by his wondrous power, to disbelieve the evidence of our senses. Mr. Bertram's "palming" is certainly of the neatest we have ever been puzzled by. The inexhaustible hat, placed within a few feet of the audience, gives out its hundreds of yards of ribbon and paper. A singing canary in its cage is held up by Mr. Bertram, and whilst the audience watches it, it is gone. Cards grow large or small whilst the operator holds them in his hand, and he will play "nap" with any member of the audience with cards that come as though the supposed father of the "paste board" supplied the winning numbers. A very pleasant hour can be spent with Mr. Bertram, while the ferns and flowers of his pleasant "At Home" are alone worthy of inspection. The artist has the benefit of some graceful pianoforte playing by Miss Ruff.

EGYPTIAN HALL.

TRAGEDIES and comedies come and go, but Bros. Maskelyne and Cooke's mysteries defy the instability of earthly things. The crowded audience last Saturday afternoon evidently found no loss of charm in the bewilderments into which they plunge on entering these magicians' charmed circle. A very pleasant interlude is provided by Mr. Verne's musical sketch, "Our Amateur Concert," which was given with excellent dramatic characterisation.

STEINWAY HALL.

THOSE popular entertainers of the olden time, the *trouvères* and *Minnesingers*, for a long time have been literally buried and forgotten. Except on the stage of a theatre we could not hope to hear the words of the poet endowed with the life and passion they can only receive in fullest intent from the voice trained to

mould thought into emotion. Of late, however, the charming art of the reciter has taken its proper place among the recognised forms of intellectual recreation. Mr. Clifford Harrison is delighting crowded audiences at his Saturday afternoon Recitals. He has the advantage of an agreeable face and figure, and the ease of a man of the world. Mr. Harrison accompanies his recitations with shadowy, quaint music; he touches the piano as the poem proceeds, so that vague chords and cadences form a background to echo the spoken words. This was especially effective in the poem of the "Pied Piper;" the vengeance of the rat charmer, and how he wiled away the little children from the nagrateful town was rendered with force and pathos. Especially fine too were the delicately rendered touches of Thackeray's "Death of the old Squire," the underlying current of tenderness which marks the great humorist's writing being accentuated with artistic touch. We recommend all who would enjoy "poetry" in its perfection, but have neither time nor inclination for the chill satisfaction of home study, to spend a Saturday afternoon at Steinway Hall. Mr. Harrison recites or plays without apparent effort, and sends his audience away delighted.

SATURDAY POPULAR CONCERTS.

THE present season closes to-day (the 28th instant); it has proved a most successful one. Last Saturday's programme was among the most interesting. The second part consisted of compositions by Bach, admirably interpreted by Mons. Joachim, L. Riess, Strauss, Hausmann, and Mdlle. Clotilde Kleeberg. Miss C. Elliott greatly moved her audience by her exquisite interpretation of Bach's songs, "Thine heart, oh give me, dearest!" and "My heart ever faithful."

An Ethiopian entertainment was given by the Carolina (original) Minstrels at the Royal Masonic Girls' School, at Battersea, last Saturday evening, at which many supporters of the Institution were present. The first part of the entertainment consisted of an overture and well-selected programme of choruses, songs, &c. The following gentlemen were enthusiastically encored:—Mr. C. Luke, "Mary is mine;" Mr. T. E. Davis, "Susan will be there;" and Mr. T. H. Davis, "George, tell me if you love me?" The second part commenced with a selection by the band, in which the solos by Mr. F. E. Clark, "Irish Melodies;" Mr. T. Stevens, "Midge," by Gounod (violin) were excellently rendered, after which a quartette, "The two Roses," sung by Messrs. Penman, Mitchell, T. E. Davis and Sutcliffe, was well received. This was followed by an Ethiopian absurdity, "Photographers' Difficulties," the parts being well sustained by Messrs. H. Kippax, E. Luke, and T. Hopper. The National Anthem, by the company, concluded the entertainment. The pupils evidently enjoyed the performance; their bright, happy, intelligent faces, and the order and gentle bearing showed that Miss Davis's kindness is thoroughly appreciated. The children, after having partaken of refreshment, reassembled in the handsome hall in the Alexandra wing, and hearty thanks were tendered to the "Carolinas" for their entertainment. Mr. R. Jones responded, wishing prosperity and success to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and expressing how pleased he and his companions were in having been instrumental in adding to the amusement. The Institution is open at all reasonable times for the inspection of visitors, and we trust the Stewards' lists at the forthcoming Festival will benefit by many such visits having been made.

The *Evening News* has more than once pointed out the value of obtaining all the material that can be got together for the acquisition of a correct history of Freemasonry, and several indications have recently come to hand that for some time past numerous brethren have been exerting themselves in this direction. The following extract from the *Newcastle Journal* of Tuesday will show the latest contribution to the increasing store of knowledge. The event occurred at the installation of Mr. Adamson Wragg, on Monday, as Master of the Industry Lodge, No. 48, Gateshead. "Bro. R. B. Reed P.M. presented to the Lodge a box, containing, in restored binding (1) the old minute-book of the Lodge of Industry of 1723; (2) a History of Freemasons, 1764; (3) Masonic Constitutions, 1768; (4) the Indenture of Joseph Reed, 1773, who was an operative apprentice in the Lodge of Industry, and grandfather of Bro. R. B. Reed P.M. The box containing the books was made from a portion of an oak tree which was found in the River Tyne near Newcastle, which must have lain in the position in which it was discovered for considerably over a thousand years. The Industry Lodge is the oldest in the province of Durham, in which, too, it is the only Lodge with its minute-books dating back so far. The Industry Lodge joined the Grand Lodge of England in 1735, 130 years ago on Monday. The books Bro. Reed mentioned had been restored and bound in the best possible manner by Bro. Andrew Reid."

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville.

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, 28th MARCH.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greittheenh
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst
 1777—Royal Hanover, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1982—Greenwood, Public Hall, Epsom

MONDAY, 30th MARCH.

- 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)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1499—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amlhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Habden Bridge
 403—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 433—Hope, Swan Hotel, Brightlingsea
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1440—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1977—Blackwater, Blue Boar Hotel, Malden.
 M.M. 9—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, South Molton, Devon
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 31st MARCH.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domatic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
 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 (In.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
 418—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 610—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 1024—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Maldon
 1280—Waldon, Rose and Crown Hotel, Saffron Waldon
 1354—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1543—Rosslyn, Sarnen's Head Hotel, Dunmow
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1799—Arr old, Portobello Hotel, Walton on the Naze
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 R.A. 121—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 K.T.—Plains of Tabor, Swan Hotel, Colne

WEDNESDAY, 1st APRIL.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)

- 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Strandhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppy's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmor St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londosborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creston, Wheatshen Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 55—Constitutional, Private Rooms, Leytonstone
 R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 9 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 R.A. 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
 327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
 417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport Monmouthshire
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 611—Marches, Masonic Hall, Ludlow
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton
 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull
 1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
 1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley
 1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street
 1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan
 1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1431—St. Alphego, George Hotel, Solihull
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh
 1736—St. John's, St. John's Rooms, King X Street, Halifax
 1797—Southdown, Hurtlepierpoint, Sussex
 1842—St. Leonard, Concert Rooms, St. Leonard's-on-Sea
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds
 R.A. 342—Royal Sussex, Masonic, 79 Commercial Road, Portsea
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford
 R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 1125—St. Peters, Masonic Hall, Fore Street, Tiverton
 R.A. 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness

THURSDAY, 2nd APRIL.

- 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 742—Crystal Palace, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1153—Southern Star, Phoenix, Staungate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 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)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 2—St. James's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1381—Kennington, Surrey Club Hotel, Kennington Oval

- R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury at 8. (Instruction)
- M.M. 197—Stadholve, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)
- M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
- 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
- 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
- 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hincley, Leicestershire
- 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
- 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
- 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
- 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
- 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
- 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
- 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
- 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
- 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
- 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
- 346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
- 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
- 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton
- 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
- 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
- 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester
- 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
- 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
- 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
- 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
- 463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.
- 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
- 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
- 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
- 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby
- 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead
- 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
- 976—Royal Clarence, Blue Ball, Bruton, Somerset

- 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
- 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
- 1088—Royal Edward, Commercial Inn, Stalybridge
- 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
- 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
- 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
- 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Tonsum, Devonshire
- 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
- 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington
- 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
- 1473—Boote, Town Hall, Boote, Lancashire
- 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
- 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
- 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
- 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
- 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
- 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
- 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
- 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington
- 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
- 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
- 1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness
- 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham

- R.A. 116—Cana, Swan Hotel, Colne, Lancashire
- R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
- R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
- R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man
- R.A. 759—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
- R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- R.A. 1074—Bective, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale
- M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
- M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

FRIDAY, 3rd APRIL.

- Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
- 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
- 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
- 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
- 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar
- 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
- R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
- M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

- 44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
- 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
- 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
- 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
- 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
- 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
- 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
- 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
- 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
- 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
- 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
- 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
- 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
- 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
- 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
- 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
- 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth
- R.A. 170—All Souls', Masonic Hall, Weymouth
- R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
- R.A. 712—St. James's, Masonic Hall, Rosemary Lane, Louth

SATURDAY, 4th APRIL.

- General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
- 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
- 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
- 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
- 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
- 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
- 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
- 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
- Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
- 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
- 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
- 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
- M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—At the meeting held on 13th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, there were present:—Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., Norton S.W., Thomas J.W., Sperring S.D., Wing J.D., Sherring I.G., Andrews P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Cammell, F. Botley, Turner, Maton, Rev. P. G. A. Pickering, Sugg, &c. After preliminaries, Lodge was opened to the third degree, and resumed to the second, when the ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. C. E. Botley acting as Installing Master, Bro. Turner as W.M. elect. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. C. Botley gave the addresses and resumed the chair. Bro. Cammell afterwards answered the questions leading to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed.

Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820.—A meeting was held on the 17th inst. Present:—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Mufflet S.W., Sapsworth J.W., Houghton S.D., A. Turner J.D., C. Clarke I.G., Morgan I.P.M., Phillips Preceptor, Austin Sec., Forge, Eales, Marjason, Cammell, Triuder, E. Clark, Flack, Abell, Jones, Green, Gowing, Meeres, Rowland, James, Aldin, R. Norton 1818, &c., &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Morgan then delivered his Lecture on the "Masonic Institutions," which was received by all present with rapt attention and every sign of approval. Honorary membership of the Lodge was unanimously conferred on the lecturer, and the compliment having been acknowledged, Lodge was closed and the brethren separated.

Star Lodge of Instruction, No. 1275.—There was again a numerous attendance at this popular Lodge of Instruction at the Five Bells, New Cross, on Saturday evening, when the duties of the chair were most efficiently discharged by Bro. C. L. Tokely, who has acted as Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction during the indisposition of the Preceptor, Bro. G. Andrews. The W.M. was supported by Bros. Needham S.W., Dale J.W., Beavis W.M. 879 acting as Sec., Belchamber S.D., Harvey J.D., Eaton I.G., G. Powell Org., Walter Martin Preceptor, and about forty other brethren. Lodge having been opened in form, and the minutes confirmed, it was advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Tilling answered the necessary questions. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, with Bro. Tilling as candidate. The whole of the impressive rite was performed in masterly style by Bro. Tokely, who recited the ancient charges and traditional history with much elocutionary effect. Lodge having been called from labour to refreshment, and *vice versa*, Bros. Bates, of the Waterloo Lodge, No. 13, and Backhouse, of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, were unanimously elected members of this Lodge of Instruction, and suitably returned thanks. Prior to this, however, the first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Beavis. Bro. Needham, on being elected W.M. for the first Saturday in April, said it was some time since he occupied that position; but he had had a good example set him that night, which he should endeavour to copy. Bro. Martin, Preceptor, reminded the brethren that on the following Friday the ceremonies of installation and exaltation would be rehearsed in the Pythagorean Chapter of Improvement, No. 79, by Comp. E. J. B. Burnstead P.Z. 548, at the Portland Hotel, Greenwich. He assured those who had not heard Bro. Burnstead in these ceremonies they would receive a great treat if they could make it convenient to attend. He also mentioned that the Southwark Lodge of Instruction, 879, was to be removed from the Southwark Park Tavern to Bro. Day's, Sir Garnet Wolseley, Warden-street, Rotherhithe New-road, and it had been decided to alter the night of meeting from Wednesday to Thursday. He should endeavour to work the Fifteen Sections on 2nd April with the assistance of the co-Preceptor, Bro. Beavis, W.M. of the mother Lodge, and several other eminent and well-known brethren; and he hoped they would be supported by a large attendance. It was announced with regret that Bro. Church, an active and zealous Mason, and once a Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction, had lost his wife; and it was resolved that a letter of condolence be sent to him in his bereavement. Bro. Powell said Bro. Church was Tyler of his Lodge (No. 1185), where he was much respected for the satisfactory manner in which he discharged his duties. Lodge was then closed in harmony. We understand that this (Saturday) evening a very pleasing and gratifying incident will vary the proceedings, the nature of which, for obvious reasons, we are not permitted to disclose. It is certain that there will be a very full muster of the members on this occasion.

PLATINUM IN NEW SOUTH WALES.—This metal has been found with gold in the Shoalhaven River, in the Ophir gold district, in the form of small grains at Bendemeer, and at Calton Hill, Dungog, in the Hunter and Macleay Districts. A small nugget, weighing 268 grs. was obtained from Wiseman's Creek, with alluvial gold. A small quantity of platinum occurs in the sand along the sea-coast, near the Richmond River.

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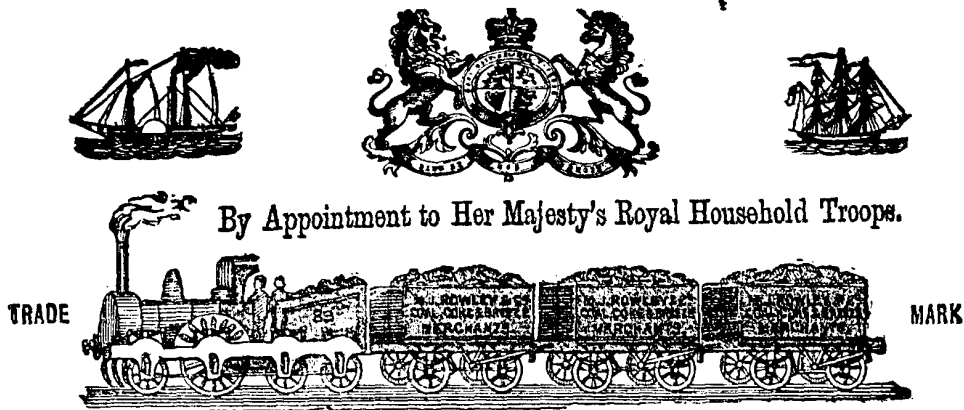
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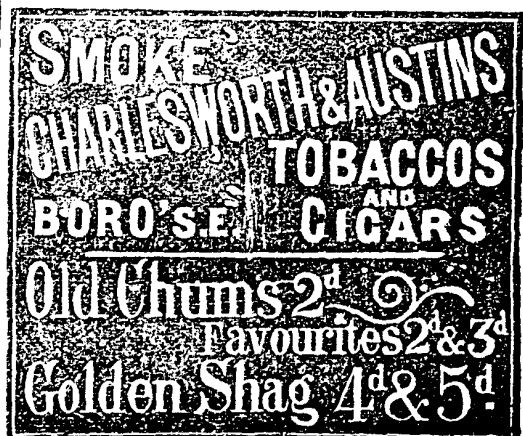
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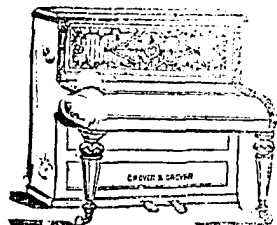
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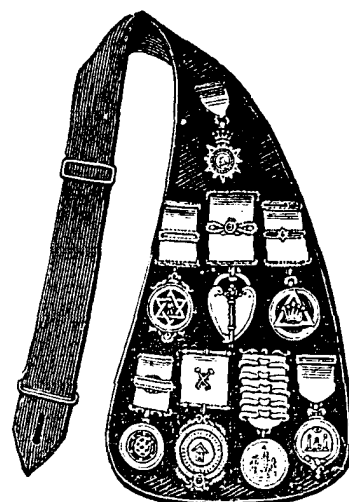
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