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## THE OCTOBER ELECTION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

RESUMING our review of the candidates seeking admittance to the Boys' School who will compete at the election on the 12th of next month, we now come to the Provincial cases. Of these, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight is answerable for four of those remaining on the list, two of them being fresh candidates and the others now making a second application. No. 24, Tom Edgar Gooch, is one of the new cases; he has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of four children dependent on the mother. His father was a member of the Hengist Lodge, No. 195, for upwards of fifteen years, and had passed the chair in that Lodge. No. 17, Percy Gibbs, was a candidate in April last, and then had one vote recorded on his behalf. He is one of three children left to the care of a widowed mother by a former member of the Royal Gloucester Lodge, No. 130. No. 29, Edwin Henry Groves, is another fresh case, and is an only child, dependent on a widowed mother. The father was an initiate of the Portsmouth Lodge, No. 487, was a Past Master thereof, and a Past Provincial Grand Officer. During his lifetime he took an active interest in the Charities; he served the office of Steward, and qualified as Life Governor of both the Boys' and the Girls' Schools. We hope his efforts to relieve the distress of others may be repaid by the Craft taking charge of his son for the next few years in the School at Wood Green. No. 14, Charles Ernest Haxthausen, has 415 votes to his credit from the April election of the present year. He and one other child are dependent, on their father, who is living. He was a joining member of the Medina Lodge, No. 35, having been initiated in a Norwegian Lodge. He holds the rank of Past Master, but as to his need for assistance from his brother Masons we have no particulars.

Durham has two cases. No. 4, Alfred Thompson Mushens, who now comes forward, for the fourth time, with 17 votes to his credit, is one of three children dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of Williamson Lodge, No. 949. Unless there is some good reason to prevent it, we hope to see the Province to which this lad is accredited giving his candidature their warmest sympathy next month. In such an event his election would be assured, or virtually so. No. 47, William Ernest Brockbank, is a new candidate. He has a sister in the Girls' School, but notwithstanding this his mother, who was left a widow in March 1881, has eight children to maintain, of whom five are partially provided for. The father was initiated in the Zetland Lodge, No. 515, and afterwards joined the Barnard, No. 1230.

East Lancashire sends forward No. 11, Alfred Taylor, for the third time, with seventeen votes already polled on his behalf. He is one of five children dependent on a widowed mother. The father was initiated in the Tranquillity Lodge, No. 274, and served the office of Master therein; he was a subscriber to the Benevolent Institution, and died in March 1879. No. 44, Levi Shorrocks, one of six fatherless children left by a former member of the Antiquity Lodge, No. 146, is a case new to the present list, but both he and the other East Lancashire case should be pretty safe if the brethren of the Province to which their respective fathers belonged devote themselves to the work of securing their election. There is little

doubt but that they will do so, as it seldom happens that an East Lancashire case is put forward that does not receive the attention of the Provincial organization, in its turn.

Northumberland's two cases are Nos. 8 and 48 respectively. No. 8, George Cannon, is an only child dependent on a widowed mother, and now appeals, for the third time, with a total of 16 votes brought forward from the two contests in which he has already taken a part. His father was an initiate of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481, subscribing thereto for thirteen years, close up to the time of his decease, in November 1881. We hope it may be possible for his fellow members to do something for this child; after so long an association with a Lodge he should be well remembered in the district. No. 48, Charles Wren Limpricht, is one of five dependent fatherless children left by another member of St. Peter's Lodge. In this case the father was not so long a member of the Lodge, but that will not, we imagine, be taken into account if the case in other respects is deserving. We hope it may be proved that the members of the Lodge sending these two cases, backed by their friends in the Province of Northumberland, have power enough to secure their election.

Sussex has three cases in all, to one of which (No. 34) we have already referred, when speaking of the last applications; the two remaining are both new cases—indeed all three of the candidates from this province are new, and are numbered 34, 43 and 45 on the ballot sheet respectively. No. 43, Otto René John Fox, is one of five children left to the care of a widowed mother. Her husband was an initiate of the South Saxon Lodge, No. 311, and died in June of last year, after a subscribing membership of 15½ years. No. 45, Walter Douglas Pronger, and one other child are dependent on their mother, who was left a widow in December 1883 by the death of an old member of the Mid-Sussex Lodge, No. 1141, of which he was a member for thirteen years. We thus see that Sussex has three cases which, so far as we are able to judge from the scanty details at our disposal, are most deserving, and were it not that one of the three is a last application it is possible the district might have divided their strength on behalf of two or all of them, as it is we suppose they will concentrate their efforts first of all to secure the election of No. 34 (W. H. G. Smithers), and then do what they can for the other cases. It should not be long before all three of the lads are elected, if this Province works unitedly to secure their success.

The North and East Yorkshire cases are also fresh since the last election. No. 18, Ethelbert Richard Emes, is one of five children left fatherless by the death of a Past Master of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, who had also risen to the dignity of Grand Deacon of his province. We trust the lad's mother may soon be relieved of responsibility in regard to the education and maintenance of one of her children. No. 54, Robert Langley Churchill, and two other children are dependent on their mother, the widow of an initiate of the York Lodge, No. 236, who subscribed thereto for upwards of thirteen years. He died in April of the present year, and we trust left among the members of his Lodge such a number of friends as will secure his son's early admission to the Institution for the benefits of which he is a candidate.

The neighbouring Province of West Yorkshire contributes two new cases for the approaching election. No. 39, Arthur Harrison, has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of two dependent children,

who have lost both of their parents. Their father was a member of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1018, for sixteen years, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. No doubt his son will soon be cared for under the roof of the Masonic Boys' School. No. 41, Norman McCaskie, is one of five children left to the care of their widowed mother. The father had risen to the rank of Junior Warden of his Lodge—the Huddersfield, No. 290, and was a subscriber to the Institution from which his son is now seeking assistance.

Cambridgeshire is represented on the list by No. 52, Percy Neville, who is one of four children dependent on their widowed mother. His father was initiated in the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 441; afterwards joined the Scientific, No. 88, rose to the office of Senior Warden and attained to Provincial honours as Provincial Grand Registrar.

Devonshire sends up No. 36, William Ballard Stevens, one of two dependent children left to the care of their mother by a brother who was initiated in the Sincerity Lodge, No. 189, afterwards becoming a joining member of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250. We shall be very much surprised if the ably organised Province of Devon does not carry this case at the next election.

The same may be said in regard to the Hertfordshire case, No. 55, William Archer Stocken, who is an only child dependent on his mother, who was left a widow in July 1881, by the death of a member of the Cecil Lodge, No. 449. If the Province takes his case in hand, as we have no doubt they will do, he may be looked for among the foremost at the close of the poll.

No. 46, Percy Haslem Matthews, the lad from the Western Division of Lancashire, has a sister in the Girls' School, and so may be said to possess proof of this Province's goodwill towards his deceased father's family. He and three other children are now dependent on their mother, whose husband was an initiate of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, and a founder of the Arthur John Brogden Lodge, No. 1715. This is indeed a case where speedy assistance may be safely predicted.

Lincolnshire's lad, No. 2, Benjamin Meeds Hildred, now appears for the sixth time, and brings forward a total of 772 votes, which have already been polled on his behalf. He has a sister in the Girls' School, and is one of eight children yet dependent on their mother. His father was initiated in the Harmony Lodge, No. 272, and rose to the honour of Past Master and Provincial Grand Deacon. We hope friends will come forward at the next election in such numbers as to secure this lad's return at that contest.

Monmouthshire contributes No. 31, Colin Randolph Campbell, who is one of three fatherless children dependent on their mother. The father was initiated in the Silurian Lodge, No. 471, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. He was likewise a P.Z. and a Past Grand Officer of his Province. We hope what he did in his lifetime may prove of service to his family in their hour of need.

No. 19, Frank Fowler, comes from Oxfordshire, the father having been a member of the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599, for close on twenty-three years, during which time he secured the honours of Provincial office. Five of his children are now dependent on their mother, but we hope the efforts being made to relieve her of responsibility in regard to one of them may prove successful at an early date.

The Western Division of South Wales is represented by No. 28, Robert Henry Rees, one of three children dependent on their father, who is yet living. The father was initiated in the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 671, in 1876.

Staffordshire brings our review to an end, so far as the home cases are concerned. This Province is accredited with No. 16, Francis Walford Higginson, who was a candidate in April last, and then polled 426 votes. The father was an initiate of the St. Peter's Lodge, No. 419, and served the office of Worshipful Master therein. He died in October 1884, and at the present time there are three of his children dependent on his widow.

The Foreign Stations, represented by Malta, have one case on the list,—No. 15, George James Senior, who is one of three children dependent on a widowed mother. His father was an initiate of the Union of Malta Lodge, No. 407, and died in June 1883. The lad has a total of 188 votes to his credit, polled in April last, when he was a candidate for the first time.

The only feature in the list for general notice is, per-

haps, the presence of so many lads as candidates who have sisters in the Girls' School. This undoubtedly speaks well for the popularity of the Institutions—the families like the one so much that they want to try the other—but we question whether it is politic to allow two members of one family to enjoy the benefits of the Schools to the exclusion of other families equally deserving. We do not begrudge those who are successful with two of their children. We only pity those who cannot secure the election of one because of plurality in other cases. We think a rule might be adopted to make only one child of a family eligible for the Masonic Educational Institutions, at least until such time as the number of vacancies was in excess of the number of candidates.

## FREEMASONRY'S STAND TO-DAY.

*An extract from an address by Alexander George Sutherland, Grand Orator, at the Tenth Anniversary of Weber Lodge, No. 6, Utah, and the Dedication of its New Hall in Ogden.*

**T**HINKING of Masonry, we cannot help inquiring to some extent as to its origin, and while we may not be satisfied as to whether the science originated in the time of that good old sea-captain Noah, at the building of the Tower of Babel or the Temple of Solomon, in ages after or before those stupendous and splendid structures reared their heads and glittering pinnacles heavenward, or in the stirring times of the Crusaders; whether 'mid the stately cedars of Lebanon, or in the orange groves of Palestine, 'mid the cool shades of the Black Forests, or in the sun-scorched, arid plains of the dark continent; whether when the sun of peace was brightly shining, or the desolating hand of war was stretched out over the land, scattering blood, slavery, despotism, wrong and oppression from every finger, it matters not. Of one thing we are assured: That Freemasonry, shrouded though its origin may be in the mists of obscurity or darkness of mystery, glimmering star-like in the dark ages, or shining bright as the sun, a beacon in the advance of civilisation, originated in eternal truth and the unchangable requirements of human nature. Established by wisdom, its principles and tenets formed the unwavering pillars of its strength, evolved by and springing from the most just, generous and virtuous impulses of the heart and brain; without aid from Church or State; bitterly opposed by tyranny; antagonised by bigotry and superstition; scoffed at by ignorance; traduced by envy, and but seldom fostered, cared for, or nourished by governments or rulers, temporal or spiritual. Inculcating reverence for Deity; love and duty to country, and charity to all mankind, it has, from the commencement, steadily marched on, preserving its landmarks; fulfilling its grand and peaceful mission; inclining its votaries to love and charity, to moral courage and fortitude, and to the conscientious discharge of known duties. Comforting the afflicted; drying the tears of widows and orphans; bringing back the erring ones to paths of rectitude, and making all better, wiser and happier by its teachings, till it has become, as its principle tenet, "charity," should be, coextensive with the universe.

Tracing its origin to the first builders of rude shelters of rock or tree; following them through the long arduous struggle of ages; rearing in the far east magnificent towers and palaces, whose domes touched the skies, arresting the wondering and admiring gaze of the old world's heroes and sages; or in Europe and the north, building the strong fortresses, cathedrals and massive structures, many of which, standing to-day, are glorious monuments of the skill, wisdom and strength of our operative Brethren—the Masons of the past. Its aim and purpose were, then and now, always one and the same.

Since the Fraternity has ceased to work as Operative Masons, and has worked as we do now, in Speculative Masonry, the Craft has not ceased to build up strong and beautiful monuments of their work, and the monuments reared by Speculative Masonry are, and should be, more beautiful and enduring than any of the work of Operative Masonry. The tools of the operative have been put by the worker in Speculative Masonry to the noble and glorious purpose to which alone the spark of Deity in man could have applied them, and the "square," instead of being used upon rough and unbewn stones, has been, and is now, used in Speculative Masonry to square our actions by a

virtuous life; the "level" has taught, and is teaching, the equality of man: the "plumb" admonishes us to walk uprightly before God and man; the "gavel," or hammer of justice, is divesting our minds and consciences of the vices and superfluities of life; and the "trowel," in the hands of a brother, guided by charity and love, is spreading the cement of brotherly love and affection, uniting and binding each to the other, in one sacred band, labouring alike—heart, hand and brain—for the good of each other and the elevation of humanity.

Why, then, should not the monuments of such labour, such work, be more lasting, more beautiful, than the piles of rock reared by the operative, and which so grandly and convincingly attest the skill and wisdom of our ancient brethren, whose lives went out in their glorious work?

As a Mason must be a man, so should a man be a Mason, and the title, "an upright man and a Mason," is the proudest one ever bestowed on a human being, and only because that title has been honoured by a vast majority of its recipients, has Freemasonry been enabled to weather the storms of the past, till, unharmed by the breakers, rocks and barriers which envy, malice, superstition and ignorance have heaped in the path, Freemasonry stands to-day proudly erect, in the full, perfect and glorious stature of mature manhood, its hands filled with the offerings of peace and goodwill to all. Bigotry, superstition, ignorance, hate and oppression cowering before its presence, withering away before the glances of eyes that have pierced the dark shadows of the past, and now gaze calmly and undoubtingly in the rising clouds of the future, and with calm but earnest voice clearing from human minds the dogmas of folly and vice, steadily marching on, for ever on, in the van of civilisation, dispensing light from east to west, linking the chains of universal brotherhood, in every clime in all the earth, from centre to circumference. This is the picture painted for every Mason, and he who is true to his country, and to his country's cause, in guarding her rights and maintaining her laws; true to his country, to his God and all humanity, by walking uprightly before God and man; true to his brethren, "that he goes out of his way to help a worthy brother;" true to himself, "in remembering a brother's welfare as his own in his adorations of Deity;" true to all "in keeping a brother's secret as his own;" true to Masonry, "when he stretches forth his hand and assists and saves a fallen brother, and vindicates a brother's character as well behind his back as to his face;" true as man can be "when he cautions and whispers good counsel in the ears of a fallen brother and aids in his reformation and guards him from approaching danger." It seems to me that he who has thus been true, has not forgotten his Masonic duty in the least, and has builded to himself such a monument of strength and beauty as no earthquake can throw down, no inundation can cover and hide, no lightning can shatter; storms, though they beat upon it in all their fury and bitterness for myriads of ages, cannot deface. A monument which, when the strong fortress has been dismantled, and the gorgeous palace and all the works of the operative have crumbled and passed away, and their place is no more known, will stand out in bold relief, in its strong and beautiful proportions, with the bright sun emanating from the source of light, bathing it in golden rays of light, and the finger of Divinity pointing to the inscription, "The monument of an upright man and a Mason." Who says the monument is too high, or too much the labour of erecting it? A Mason, in the state, is always a good citizen; in the church, zealous, but never a hypocrite, bigot, or fanatic; in the home, a just man, a true and loving husband and father.

In the universality of Masonry, how uniform and just its system, for no matter where—on earth or sea; on arid plains; in the tropics or frozen regions; in the remotest quarter or corner of the earth, or in the broad expanse and waste of waters—Mason meets Mason, and be he prince or peasant, rich or poor—be he but a Mason, true and tried—hand clasps hand, breast to breast, hearts beat in unison, and words of cheer and comfort are spoken, and while deference is paid to men and stations, Masonry brings all to the level of brotherhood. Titles, place and power are levelled and forgotten in the broad, pure and perfect democracy of Masonry.

The lesson of charity has been taught to all alike, the duties and observance demanded from each, whether clothed in the purple and ermine of riches and loyalty, or in the habiliments of honest toil. The privileges and

benefits are for all alike—the reward of each commensurate with the toil.

Here, my brethren, let me for a moment call back your minds to one of the first lessons taught, and one of the first assurances given to candidates for the high honours of Masonry, that "it is the internal and not the external qualifications of a man that recommend him to be a Mason." To lose sight of this tenet of our Society would be to sap the very foundations of the grand Masonic edifice, whose corner stone was laid under such circumstances as to cause the bravest at times to falter, and the most hopeful to despond. It would, to forget this, be to tear from our hearts and minds the recollection of perhaps the most solemn moment in each of our lives—the utter helplessness of our condition. When first commencing the Masonic journey we found ourselves so utterly poor and destitute as to be unable to give even the value of a pin. As Masons, should the recollection of that moment be lost? Should the grand lesson then taught be thrown aside as one of the mythical traditions which neither appeal to the head or the heart? No; certainly no; for with that lesson forgotten, the Tyler's place would be in the hands of a sleeping guard. The door of the Lodge would be open, and the beauties and glories thereof would be open to all eyes, and the beneficent privileges and benefits of Masonry would be obtainable only by those having wealth to purchase them, and the poor in purse, however rich in heart or mind, in generous, manly impulses or strength and beauty of intellect, would be turned aside to suffer, forgotten and unknown, never to feel the true warm grasp of a brother's hand; to falter and fall, with no brother to whisper good counsel, none to save from the downward path; and strong and beautiful pillars would be thrown mid the refuse and rubbish, and lost to the builders' use.

—Voice of Masonry.

## MASONIC CHARITY.

CHARITY in its broadest and Masonic sense is a personal obligation or responsibility, and means that whatever is bestowed for relief is a *gratuitous* offering—never contemplating a benevolence that demands a *quid pro quo* for its kind offices. The fundamental and unchangeable law is found in the unwritten statute, and in every grade of the Institution. If the reader will recur to his obligations we shall be readily understood in saying that there is nothing in the law that conveys the thought that members of a Lodge, or other Masons, have legal pecuniary investments therein, and that are at their disposal upon application for relief. On the contrary, the enactment provides that a Mason shall make his contributions to the needy in obedience to the dictates of his judgment of the "worthy" character of the applicant, and his "ability" to comply with the necessities of the needy. It is quite true that a Mason has a moral right to *expect*, in the event of indigency, that his needs will be regarded with favour; nevertheless not in any instance is it contemplated that he can properly approach a brother member, or his Lodge, with a demand originating in any legal claim upon either. That which is true of personal responsibility in this direction is also true of the Lodge as the almoner of the member. If, therefore, we are correct in our premises—if it is undeniable that a Mason is not vested with *rights* to charitable consideration—if it is a fact that an applicant for charity must rest his claims to attention upon his good name and the ability of the brethren to respond to his wants, why the necessity or apology for legislation that not only casts a reflection upon our charitable professions, but that is sapping the foundations of the Fraternity by drifting us from our landmarks and associating the organisation with mutual insurance? *The fundamental law is ample under all possible contingencies—Exchange.*

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## THE LONDON MUTUAL MASONIC VOTING ASSOCIATION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It may interest some of your readers to be reminded of the advantage of combination over the system that has been so long in vogue in London in respect to the elections to our Masonic Institutions. I find, from the official books, that down to June 1881, and we cannot come nearer at present, owing to all the works not being yet published, we had in the *Age of Masonic Institution*, and the Boys' and Girls' Schools, a total of 803 annuitants and scholars, of which number the Provincial brethren had secured, by combination and unity, a majority of 307—thus putting the individual effort and independency of the London brethren thoroughly in the rear. The Masons in the Provinces are wise in their generation, and I, for one, am willing to give them every praise. Surely so good an example is worth following.

An examination of the figures annexed may give some idea of the great necessity of London more generously supporting its own Masonic cases.

The votes issued for the April election for the Boys' School were 49,890, and votes brought forward from October 1884—7043; about 4400 of these belonged to London, the remainder to the Provinces. At the conclusion of the polling the country succeeded in placing 18 candidates, with 31,910 votes, and 1859 votes to the credit of nine cases to be carried forward. London placed—after a tremendous effort—eight successful cases, with 13,919 votes, and 4095 to the credit of eight cases standing over to the election in October next. This shows a tremendous difference. If we look through the lists of votes, &c., published by the Institution, we shall find very little difference between the voting strength of London and the Provinces. Now, I would like to ask, why so great a difference exists between the efforts made by Londoners and the efforts of our country brethren. Kent, with 2192 recorded as her strength, polled for two successful candidates 3692 votes. Warwickshire, with 1238 votes recorded, was successful with 3644 votes for two cases; while Hertfordshire, with only 208 recorded, was also successful in securing the return of two candidates, polling 2738 votes. Some of our London brethren have expressed a desire not to part with the control they possess over their votes, although they see the disastrous result of individual effort. Now, in this Association, the final result, and the case or cases to be supported, is entirely within the control of the subscribing members, and it is not controlled by any clique. Will they not emulate their Provincial brethren? I am afraid I have trespassed at too great a length on your valuable space, and therefore conclude with asking the Londoners how long will they rest satisfied—having about equal voting strength with the Provinces—to plod, plod on, being always behind; yet having a voting strength of upwards of 22,600 votes?

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

G. COOP.

## THE YORKSHIRE LODGES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Kindly allow me a little space to reply to Bro. J. Ramsden Riley's letter, of the 16th instant, in your last issue, in reference to the origin of the present Lodge No. 208, at Dewsbury. I regret to differ from Bro. Riley, but the records are certainly against his numeration. I will trace them as briefly as I can.

First: Bro. Riley claims the present No. 208 to have originally been No. 373. To this I demur; and here is the record. No. 373 was warranted on 10th September 1766, and met at the King's Head Tavern and Coffee House, Islington. It became No. 308 in 1770, and does not appear in any List after 1772. In fact it ceased to exist, and is amongst the number of Lodges stated to have been "erased for not conforming to the Laws."

Bro. Riley, in his letter, calls this Lodge "3 Grand Principles, Islington." I can find no evidence that No. 373 of 10th September 1766 ever had such a name. The engraved lists do not at all favour such a supposition, or even that the Lodge ever had any distinctive name beyond the sign of the house in which it met.

Second: The next link in Bro. Riley's chain is that No. 373 of 1766 became No. 249 in 1780, 250 in 1781, and 283 in 1792. Here again the records state something entirely different, namely, No. 249 of 1780 was constituted on 4th December 1766 as No. 380, and met at the Crown and Thistle, near Tower-hill. It became No. 315 in 1770, 249 in 1780, 250 in 1781, 210 in 1792, 264 in 1814, 186 in 1832, and 160 in 1863, which number it still retains, as the Lodge of True Friendship, Rochford, Essex. This Lodge, which obtained its Centenary Warrant in June 1873, has certainly never been located in Yorkshire, or connected directly or indirectly with any Yorkshire Lodge.

Third: Notwithstanding Bro. Riley's observations, the evidences compel me to conclude that the present No. 208 is not of earlier date than 1772, and this is its record. It was constituted by the name of

the Lodge of Unanimity, No. 436, on 21st November 1772, and met at the Queen's Head, Gray's Inn Gate, Holborn. It became No. 343 in 1780, 344 in 1781, 283 in 1792, 358 in 1814, 251 in 1832, and 208 (its present number) in 1863. It was called the Master Mariners' Lodge in 1790, and took its present name—Lodge of the three Grand Principles—in 1793. The only point of similarity between No. 373 and No. 436 is that they both met at the King's Head Tavern, Islington, but as there was a lapse of 22 years between such events that surely is no evidence of identity or continuity. No. 436 removed in 1803 to Dewsbury, as stated by Bro. Riley, where it still remains.

I do not quite understand, and should like Bro. Riley to furnish some evidence in proof of, his statement that "Unanimity, 436, of 21st November 1772 was by no means unanimous as to what its number ought to be, or had a right to be, between 1770 [i.e., two years before its Constitution] and 1792." Surely the Warrant of 21st November 1772 with its number 436 ought to be conclusive on that point.

The importance of having this disputed matter satisfactorily cleared up must be my apology for occupying so much of your valuable space. The information given above (which I have extracted from the MSS. of my forthcoming work) will, I trust, be useful at any rate towards the settlement of a question about which there has been evidently some confusion.

I should like to take this opportunity of again expressing my appreciation of Bro. Riley's book as a whole, and with the exception of the few disputed points I heartily concur in your reviewer's estimate of "The Yorkshire Lodges."

Yours fraternally,

JNO. LANE, P.M. 1402.

Torquay, 19th September 1885.

## YORKSHIRE PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGES.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Herewith I enclose "Richard Rich's" Circular, calling Provincial Grand Lodge meeting at York, of 18th January 1804.

Had the original been loose, I would not have hesitated to send it, but for eighteen years I have made it a practice to preserve all such documentary evidence, by pasting all I meet with in guard-books.

In explanation of the first footnote, it is as well to state that from 1750 to the Union, and even later, it was a common practice in Yorkshire to hold regular meetings at other hostilities than that named in the Warrant. The latter was held to possess extraordinary powers, and legalise all proceedings under the sanction of its presence. It was frequently carried home by the Master after the Lodge meeting, and he sometimes lent it in order to give a much-coveted authority to Masonic meetings of a somewhat mixed character.

In 1803 these erratic habits had become a perfect nuisance to Grand Secretary, and I have read William White's letters complaining bitterly of the impossibility of keeping a proper Register unless the Provincial Grand Lodge could control these movements of Lodges. I do not think, however, these customs were confined to Yorkshire, but belonged to the period.

Yours fraternally,

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

Bradford, 22nd September 1885.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE FOR THE COUNTY OF YORK.

RICHARD RICH, Esq., P.G.M.

Right Worshipful,

You are hereby acquainted, that the Provincial Grand Master will hold a Provincial Grand Lodge and General Communication for the said County, in the Provincial Grand Lodge-Room, Blake Street, York, on Wednesday, the 18th day of January next, precisely at Twelve o'clock at Noon; when and where the attendance of yourself and the Wardens of your Lodge is required. At the same time and place you must produce to the Provincial Grand Master a List of the Members of your Lodge, and pay into the hands of the Provincial Grand Treasurer, or his Assistants, the sum of two guineas from the fund of your Lodge, towards the defrayment of present contingencies, and likewise such monies as shall be due therefrom to the Charity, Hall, and Liquidation Funds, in order that they may be transmitted and paid into each respective fund of the Grand Lodge previous to the next Quarterly Communication, which will be holden at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Wednesday the 8th day of February following.

By order of the P.G.M.

JOHN WATSON,

York, 18th Dec. 1803.

Provincial Grand Secretary.

An answer is expected (post-paid) on or before the 1st of January, and say what number of Brethren from your Lodge is likely to attend, and inform me at the same time at what house, and on what evenings, your Lodge is usually held.

Dinner Tickets, 10s 6d each, exclusive of the two guineas to be paid from your Lodge.

\* \* Any brother, being a Member of a regular Lodge under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, may appear in the Provincial Grand Lodge, but is not entitled to vote.

Copied by me, from the Original in my possession, 19th September 1885.

J. RAMSDEN RILEY.

## CONFIRMATION OF BENEVOLENT GRANTS IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your correspondent "ROUTINE" has evidently adopted the course he disapproves of in others, in a letter of his, published in your last issue. That letter is certainly a "feeler," and I should think was written by him "with the view of ascertaining if sufficient sympathisers," to use his own words, are to be found to allow of the subject being discussed. I will not, however, question the policy of his procedure. I sympathise with his views, and think that an amendment might advantageously be carried into effect. If the Board of Benevolence recommend a grant which, in the opinion of any brother is too liberal, I think the proper course would be for the objector to put himself in communication with the President of the Board, detailing such special facts as he may know of in connection with the case, and leaving it for the President to decide whether the new information—if anything new be supplied—be of sufficient importance to affect the decision already arrived at. His verdict, except under the most extreme conditions, should be accepted as final, as the President of the Board might be relied upon to give an equitable decision on the case. This course would prevent even a hint in Grand Lodge of any lack of unanimity in voting the money, which must always be more cheerfully received if cheerfully given, and I maintain that whatever we are able to do in the way of lessening distress should be done in such a manner as to give the fullest amount of relief—both to mind and body. With this object alone in view, and not with any desire to diminish the rights of brethren in Grand Lodge, I think the proposal of "ROUTINE" worthy of consideration.

Yours, &c.

P. G. B.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### TRANQUILITY LODGE, No. 185.

AN emergency meeting of this old and prosperous Lodge was held on Monday last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. S. Boas. There were also present Brothers H. Tipper J.W., J. M. Levy S.D., W. D. Bayley P.M. Treasurer, A. I. Myers Secretary, W. Thompson Steward; P.M.'s S. Barnett, John Constable, N. Glückstein, A. E. Staley, J. D. Barnett, E. Gottheil, and R. Bloomfield, B. F. Potter Tyler, and many other brethren. Amongst the visitors were Bros. G. C. Rivers 452 P.S.W. (Himalayan Brotherhood), B. Groner P.M. 1613, D. Hills D.C. 754, A. Eskell 71, G. P. Hawkes 101, E. Hamilton 53, and W. Merton 1693. Lodge having been opened in accordance with ancient rites to the second degree Bro. H. Mayer was passed. Resuming in the first, the ballot was opened for Mr. Saul Nathan, who had been proposed by Bro. A. Rosenfeld, and seconded by Bro. M. Frischer; and the voting being unanimous in favour, Mr. Nathan was duly initiated. The working was excellent throughout, and reflected the utmost credit upon the Worshipful Master and his Officers. Some other business was transacted, and at its close the brethren and visitors adjourned for supper, which was served in admirable manner under the superintendence of Bro. Marchant, who also officiated as toastmaster. The usual prefatory toasts having been disposed of, the Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Initiate, who had come to them recommended by brethren who had done a great deal of good for the Tranquillity Lodge, to which they had brought several initiates. He trusted there might be many more opportunities for him to submit this toast, as without initiates the Lodge could not flourish. Bro. S. Nathan, in responding, thanked the brethren most sincerely for the cordiality with which he had been received, and expressed the hope that he might always experience the same happiness in assembling with them as he had done on that occasion. The W.M. then gave the Visitors, remarking that it was always a great pleasure to the members of the Tranquillity Lodge to extend to visiting brethren the hand of fellowship and to greet them with a cordial welcome. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. W. Morton and Groner P.M. 1613, who in the course of his reply said this was his mother Lodge, and coming back to it, and seeing around him so many familiar faces, was like going back to happy days. He could not say anything as to the working that evening, as he was unable to be present, but he had a vivid recollection of his initiation, and remembered it as one of the happiest days of his life. However, the reputation of the Tranquillity Lodge had spread far and wide, and brethren who had visited it were always delighted with the bounteous hospitality which was shown them. The W.M. rose and said, after three years' absence they had a brother amongst them who was deserving of all honour at the hands of the members of the Tranquillity Lodge. He referred to Bro. John Constable P.M., who had returned to England on a short visit from the Cape. It was quite unnecessary for him to dilate upon the many excellent qualities displayed by Bro. Constable in the various offices he had filled in this Lodge, and especially as its Treasurer, and Trustee for the Lodge and Benevolent Funds. These services so well rendered were fully known to, and appreciated by, the brethren; and had won for him the esteem and regard of all. As a man, a Mason, and a friend, he was held in the highest estimation. They wished him a safe journey when he returned to his present sphere and duties abroad, but hoped at no very distant date again to receive him into their midst. This was the signal for a perfect ovation to Bro. Constable, who in acknowledgment expressed the gratification it afforded him to meet once more with the

brethren of the good old Tranquillity Lodge. Were it not for the sincerity which always characterised the remarks of the Worshipful Master he should be disposed to regard them as mere platitudes. It was a source of peculiar pleasure to greet the members after so long an absence from this country. He regretted the non-attendance of many old friends who had been prevented through unforeseen circumstances. He trusted at their next meeting the Worshipful Master would convey to them his regret at their absence, and his hope that he might have the pleasure of meeting them on the occasion of his next visit to England. It had been to his interest to travel 6,000 miles from his native land, and he was pleased to say he had been more successful there than during his residence in this country. He hoped he might be even more successful in the future than he had been in the past. The laws of the Craft prohibited him from entering upon any dissertation on South African policy, and he would simply close by again thanking them for the warmth of their reception, coupled with the hope that at no distant date he might have the pleasure of again responding to the toast that had been so kindly proposed to them that evening. One or two other complimentary toasts were proposed, and a very pleasant reunion was enlivened with some excellent singing.

### CAPPER LODGE, No. 1076.

THE brethren of this sound and substantial Lodge re-assembled, after the summer recess, on Thursday, last week, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, when there was a goodly attendance, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. Nevins, who was supported by Bros. W. Harris S.W., W. Watkins J.W., J. Dorton P.M. Treasurer, J. C. Pitt Secretary, W. Temple J.D., S. Still I.G., A. B. Taberville D.C., J. H. Sherwin Organist; P.M.'s J. Mitchell, F. B. Brien, T. Vincent, P. McCarthy, and others. Amongst the visitors were Bros. V. Orchard 79, and Palmer 25. Lodge having been opened in form and the customary formalities observed, the ballot was taken for Mr. J. Sully, whalebone manufacturer, of 22 St. Jude-street, Bethnal-green-road, who had been proposed by Bro. P. Aarons and seconded by Bro. Mears S.D. The voting was unanimously in favour, and Mr. Sully was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W.M., who discharged the duties most satisfactorily. Brother Ward was then raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being carried out in a perfect way, affording the utmost pleasure to all present. At the conclusion of the business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, which was admirably served under the personal superintendence of Bro. Marchant, and the repast was followed by the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts. The health of the W.M. was received with special enthusiasm, and abundant testimony was borne to the valuable services Bro. Nevins has rendered to the Lodge during his term of office. The W.M., in responding for the kindly manner in which the toast had been received, assured the brethren of the deep interest he felt in the welfare of the Capper Lodge and his wish for its continued prosperity. Bro. Brien, in responding for the Past Masters, congratulated the brethren upon their meeting for the first time this session, and upon the good fellowship which he trusted would be maintained in the future as it had been in the past. Bros. McCarthy, Mitchell, Vincent, and Dorton also responded in suitable terms. The health of the Initiate was well received, and Bro. Sully replied in a few happily chosen remarks. He thanked his proposer and seconder for their kindness in nominating him as a member of the Craft, and hoped he should prove a credit to it. The Visitors were next cordially welcomed by the W.M., who said the brethren of the Capper Lodge were always glad and proud of the presence of visitors from other Lodges. The health of the Officers of the Lodge followed, the W.M. expressing his pleasure and satisfaction at being surrounded by such an efficient body of co-workers. Their Senior Deacon, Bro. Mears, was laid on a bed of sickness and unable to attend this evening, but they all hoped the G.A.O.T.U. would speedily restore him to health and enable him to resume his Masonic and other duties. The toast was suitably replied to by the Officers present, all of whom spoke in terms of the highest praise of the brethren who had passed the chair, and whose example they should endeavour to emulate. The proceedings were agreeably enlivened by some excellent singing.

### SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

A REGULAR meeting of the above Lodge was held on Saturday, 19th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Chamberwell New-road. The Officers present were Bros. J. J. Binton W.M., G. W. Marsden S.W., R. J. Voisey J.W., J. C. Reynolds son. Treasurer, Chas. Wilson Secretary, D. B. Mercer I.G., F. W. M. Smith Organist, and C. A. Gooding Steward; P.M.'s B. R. Bryant and A. Middleton; Bros. J. C. Bradley, R. Elgar, C. F. Cuckle, J. Arlidge, E. J. Jones, R. Irvine, and T. E. Heller, and the following Visitors: Bros. James Glanville W.M. 217, M. Whyatt S.W. 5, and F. Williams 101. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The brethren then proceeded to elect the W.M. for the ensuing year, when it was announced that the unanimous choice of the Lodge had fallen on their esteemed S.W. Bro. Marsden, who was congratulated by the W.M. Bro. J. C. Reynolds was for the sixteenth time re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Harrison was re-elected Tyler. After an Audit Committee had been appointed the next business was to consider a notice of motion having reference to Bye Law 18. For some time past this has been more or less a "burning question," inasmuch as it somewhat created a distinction between the Past Masters of the Lodge and the Past Masters in the Lodge. For instance, the former were to be summoned to attend the Audit Committee, while the latter were not. This question was fully threshed out on this occasion; the result being that the bye Law remains in force, whereby the Past

Masters of the Lodge and the Past Masters in the Lodge remain on the same level as heretofore. After some other important business had been considered, discussed and settled, the Lodge was closed in the usual manner. An adjournment was then made to the banquetting-room, in which Bro. Venables had provided a frugal repast. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the usual toasts. That of the Queen and the Craft, the Grand Master the Prince of Wales, the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the other Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. Middlemas I.P.M. next proposed the health of the W.M., Bro. Brinton, who was about to retire from the chair, owing to effluxion of time. Bro. Brinton had discharged the onerous duties of his office with much ability and judgment. After expatiating on the qualities which had been exhibited by him on all occasions during the period he had presided over them, Bro. Middlemas said, doubtless their W.M. would be pleased to relinquish office; most Masters were at the end of the year, inasmuch as the office was not associated with sinecure ease. The toast was then pledged. The W.M., in response, thanked the brethren for the forbearance and kindness they had manifested towards him during his term of office. As regarded the Officers, they had assisted him on all occasions most willingly and heartily; for their services he thanked them most sincerely. He was aware he had not discharged the duties so efficiently as his predecessors, most of whom had been endowed with brilliant abilities; his successor, however, who was young, and well versed in the ritual, would doubtless make up for his (Bro. Brinton's) deficiencies. He thanked the brethren for having voted him a jewel and collar; he hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would bestow the rich dew of His blessing on the Lodge. The cloud which had hung over the Lodge was now dispersed, and he predicted a bright future before them. The toast of the W.M. elect, the Visitors, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary, and the Officers of the Lodge, were severally proposed, and responded to. Bros. Voisey, Smith, Middlemas, Gooding, and Williams contributed some capital songs during the intervals. The Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings.

#### BLACKWATER LODGE, No. 1977.

THIS young Lodge had the misfortune, in February last, to lose its W.M. (Bro. Richardson P.G.A.D.C.) by death, and since then the work has been carried on jointly by the I.P.M. (Bro. T. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Swd. Br.), the S.W. (Bro. R. Smith I.P.M. 697), and the Secretary (Bro. Geo. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. Br.) Tuesday, the 22nd inst., was the third annual festival, and though the proceedings could not but be saddened by the remembrance of the loss the Lodge had sustained, yet all passed off most successfully. The day will be memorable in the annals of the Lodge on account of the presence of two most distinguished members of the Craft—viz., the D.P.G.M. of the Province, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar of England, and Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Both these brethren took part in the ceremonies, the former installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Samuel H. Ellis; and the latter giving the address to the newly-appointed Officers. It need hardly be said that the work was performed in a most impressive manner. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested as follow:—Bros. T. Eastace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Sw. B. I.P.M., R. Smith I.P.M. 697 S.W., S. Shawyer J.W., Rev. W. M. Jones P.P.G.C. Chaplain, W. Strutt Treasurer, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G. Std. B. Secretary, M. W. Meade Senior Deacon, W. Rudrum Junior Deacon, W. Jackson D.C., G. F. Smith P.M. 1839 P.P.G.O. Organist, S. J. Bruco I.G., J. Turner, J. Grout, and W. R. Hance Stewards, J. Pearman Tyler. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to the D.P.G.M. and Grand Secretary for their kindness in honouring the Lodge by their presence, and the latter was unanimously elected an honorary member. Bro. Philbrick was elected an honorary member when the Lodge was consecrated. The I.P.M. (Bro. Thos. Eustace) was re-elected as representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee. After the Lodge proceedings were concluded, 30 brethren sat down to dinner at the Blue Boar Hotel, an excellent repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Hickford. The usual Masonic toasts followed. The D.P.G.M., in responding to the toast of his health, expressed the pleasure he felt at being once more at Maldon, and finding that not only was Freemasonry flourishing, but that there was such a cordial feeling existing between the two Lodges. He alluded in feeling terms to the death of their late W.M., and remarked that this sad event had shown the wisdom of those who had framed their laws, for though the individual fell out, the Lodge went on. So would it continue to be—when each of them in turn received the summons hence, others would be found to occupy their place and carry on the Grand work of Freemasonry. The Grand Secretary also addressed the brethren, congratulating them upon the flourishing condition of Freemasonry in the Province of Essex. The speeches were interspersed with some excellent vocal music, Bro. G. F. Smith jun. P.M. 1839, the Organist of the Lodge, acting as accompanist; the same brother also contributed a brilliant piano-forte solo, which was much applauded. Amongst the brethren present, beside those already mentioned, were Bros. F. R. Hales W.M. 650 P.G.J.W., Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., F. P. Suthery W.M. 276 P.G.S.D., Richard Clowes P.M. and Sec. 650 P.P.G.S.W., F. George Green P.M. and Sec. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., H. Harper P.M. and Sec. 160 P.P.G. Sw. B., J. T. Bailey W.M. 697, R. M. Beeson 160, and the following members of No. 1977: Bros. D. J. Wright P.M. 1024 P.P.G.P., Edmund Gowers W.M. 1024 P.P.G.O., C. Potter, A. W. Bell, G. Best, John Turner, C. B. Copsey, H. F. Christie, E. Pearman and T. J. Tyler.

#### ST. OSYTH'S PRIORY LODGE, No. 2063.

THE first annual festival of this Lodge was held at the Public Hall, Clacton-on-Sea, on Friday, the 18th inst., when Bro.

Walter J. Nunn S.W. P.P.S.G.D. Suffolk P.G.J. Suffolk, was installed in the chair. Through the inability of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C.) to reach England in time, the ceremony was performed by Bro. R. Hayward Ives I.P.M. 51 Prov. G. Asst. Sec., and he did it in a most impressive manner. The Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested as follow: Bros. Sir J. H. Johnson I.P.M., W. M. Foxcroft S.W., J. P. Allen J.W., John Mann P.P.G. Soc. Essex Treasurer, W. T. Hook S.D., T. H. Baker J.D., F. W. Lewellen Organist, J. W. Aberdein I.G., C. H. Grosvenor and W. F. Reid Stewards. After the usual addresses by the Installing Master, the W.M. proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Bro. Ives for his kindness in undertaking the duties of Installing Master at so short a notice. The motion was carried by acclamation. The Acting I.P.M. proposed, and the S.W. seconded, a vote of condolence to the widow and family of the late Bro. W. W. Towse, whose death was so deeply deplored, remarking that this was the third loss by death the Lodge had sustained in the last three months. The W.M. having been unanimously elected representative of the Lodge on the Charity Committee of the Province, and other business transacted, the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Royal Hotel, an excellent dinner being as usual provided by the host, Bro. Wallis. The following brethren signed the Presence Book:—W. J. Nunn S.W., J. Mann Treasurer, F. J. Nunn Secretary, W. M. Foxcroft S.D., W. T. Hook J.D., W. Cattermole I.G., H. Hart Tyler, T. H. Baker and H. Finner Stewards; also Bros. W. R. Bloom P.M. 1799, John Lawson P.M. 1491, John M. Wheeler 1491, G. A. Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., R. Hayward Ives I.P.M. 51 P.G. Assist. Sec., S. Greenhill 51, John Howe 697, Henry Mason P.M. 913, E. F. Canler 1799, Chas. Hempson P.M. 1799 P.P.G.A.D.C., G. Canler 1799, Robert Legerton 697, W. Partridge 1799, F. R. Hales W.M. 690 P.G.J.W., F. King P.M. 1056, W. Armstrong P.M. 1592 P.P.G.J.D. Suffolk, Joseph Grimes W.M. 51, R. H. Scott W.M. 1799, E. Walker, A. G. Rickarby I.P.M. 1799, J. Bonlton P.M. 1056 P.G.P., W. T. Reed, John Starling, R. Womack, G. F. West, J. S. Joice, P. B. Harris, J. W. Aberdein, Norman Demald, S. J. Sparling, James C. Allen, A. Penfold, G. Walker, William Iron, G. H. Riches, George Graham, James P. Allen, E. J. Gilders, Chas. Allen, M. H. Page, M. Matson, and C. H. Grosvenor.

**Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.**—On Thursday, the 24th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. J. Pitt W.M., Penrose S.W., Mansfield J.W., Banks P.M. Treasurer, S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Fisher S.D., Emblin J.D., Hollis I.G. P.M.'s Hatchings Preceptor, E. Good, J. Millington, and several others. The Lodge was opened, and after the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Millington acting as candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was advanced to the second degree and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Hollis, Treasurer of the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, was elected a member.

**East Surrey of Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 463.**—The weekly meetings of this Lodge of Instruction have now been resumed, on Tuesday evenings, at Bro. Bruce Johnston's, the King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. The first meeting took place on the 1st September, when eighteen brethren were present. Bro. J. S. Streeter P.P.G. Registrar Surrey was re-elected Treasurer, Henry Hiscox Secretary, and Hugh M. Hobbs Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. H. Ranson W.M., and the charge was afterwards given. Several members were proposed, and the Lodge adjourned to the following Tuesday, when Bro. W. Nicholls, W.M. of the mother Lodge, was in the chair.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, the 22nd September. Bros. Edwards W.M., West S.W., Dunstan J.W., Watkinson S.D., Baker J.D., East I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Brasted P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Christian, Clark, Caperoe, Rose, Marsh, Smyth, Guenegalt, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rose candidate. Bro. Caperoe offered himself as candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The ceremony was then rehearsed. Bro. Watkinson assisted Bro. Christian to work the second section of the lecture. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the first Tuesday in October. The next meeting being on a Tuesday, the Secretary will occupy the chair. Lodge was closed and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of this Lodge on the fourth Tuesday in October, Bro. Christian W.M. of the Dalhousie Lodge presiding, Bro. Watkinson S.W., T. Clark J.W., and Brasted I.P.M.

**Selwyn Lodge of Instruction, No. 1901.**—The meetings of this popular Lodge of Instruction, held at the East Dulwich Hotel, continue to be well attended, and some excellent work is to be witnessed on Monday evenings, under the able preceptorship of Bro. J. G. Bellis P.M. On the occasion of our visit Bro. Eadie very efficiently discharged the duties of W.M., supported by Bros. Bailey S.W., Wills J.W., Cattermole S.D., Wimbale J.D., Shorter I.G., Eagle Sec., Macnoughton, Smith, Lampen, Anderson, Keyse, Bolander, Burnett, Cracknell, and many other brethren. After the usual preliminary business, Lodge was opened in the first and second degrees, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed in a most satisfactory manner, Bro. Anderson personating the candidate. The first section of the lecture was then worked by Bro. Anderson, assisted by the brethren, after which the Lodge was closed to the first degree, and Bro. Wimbale worked the first section. The W.M. rose for the first, second, and third times, when Bro. T. J. Cracknell, of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction, and the



appointment of officers for the ensuing week followed. The Secretary having announced that the ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Monday, the 28th instant, to be followed by a supper, Lodge was closed in form, amidst the hearty good wishes of the brethren to the W.M., who was congratulated upon his excellent working, under the guidance of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Bellis. At the close of the meeting, the thirty-first ballot of the Charitable Association attached to this Lodge of Instruction fell to Bro. Wimble, who has elected to take a life vote in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is anticipated that the meeting on Monday evening next, at the East Dulwich Hotel, will be largely attended by brethren resident in the southern suburbs of the metropolis, and a treat may be expected from Bro. Bellis, who is well known as an ardent Mason and an able exponent of the ritual of the Craft.

**Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.**—At the meeting held at the Hampshire Hog, King-street, Hammersmith, on Saturday, the 19th instant. Bros. Williams W.M., W. W. Williams J.W., W. Johnson P.M. Secretary, Harry Price P.M. S.D., F. G. Craggs J.D., H. Purdue P.M. I.G., T. E. Weeks Tyler, Ayling Preceptor; Bros. Wing, Kench, Meyer, Smithers. Visitors—Bros. Price and Robinson. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Price candidate. Bro. Harry Price, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the third lecture. Lodge closed in the three degrees, in perfect harmony. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed this (Saturday) evening. Visitors are cordially invited to attend.

## THE THEATRES.

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**The Standard.**—Melodrama, that of old used to put its Court cards into tall boots and plumed hats, and loved to trump the sweet Queen of Hearts with some diabolic Knave, all over pistols and poignards, has now quite changed the pattern of its pack. Villainy no longer scowls and strides as a wicked Baron, whilst the tender Angelina shrieks and faints whenever Edwin happens to be at hand. Angelina has grown up now, and has usually married her Edwin; whilst the Baron, suffering from the levelling influences of the age, has shrunk into a mere burglar or amateur forger. Edwin himself, instead of heroic deeds of "derring do," which he always achieved in becoming costume, now too often painfully poses himself as qualifying for a Scotland Yard detective. We are much obliged to Mr. Willing that, in his new play, "Judgment," produced at the Standard on Saturday night, we have once more an Edwin—young, handsome, and chivalrously trustful—like the Edwins of our youth. An Angelina full of womanly tenderness and a "fine spirit." A chief villain, rising through such a crescendo of evil doings that the "judgment" awaiting him in Act VI. (unacted) is in every way satisfactory. The play opens with a prologue. Here we encounter Richard Gurnon, a runaway convict. He has sought refuge in the house of old Captain Seymour, who in trying to secure him gets accidentally killed by his own pistol. The cottage is entered by Webber, an ill-conditioned warder; Gurnon meantime has changed clothes with the dead man, and he and Webber agree he shall personate the victim, and that they share his fortune between them. When the curtain next rises, at the commencement of the play proper, we find Gurnon has returned from a long residence abroad, where he has graduated in the requisite double-dyed villainy. It follows as a natural sequence—as the late captain's lawyer might prove an inconvenient personage to deal with—that his house and his documents have been quietly burnt. Here the ex-warder, Walter Webber, turns up a flamboyant masker. The confederates recognise each other, and after some lively skirmishing, in which the cool self-possession of Webber corners the convict, they come to terms. Webber is to marry Gurnon's pretended daughter, Milly Seymour, and then the two may secure the fortune between them. Milly has been brought up by her trustee, whose nephew, Edward, she loves. The scene of the play—and it is one of the most impressive that melodrama has given us for a long time—is when Milly, flying from her pretended father and the husband he would force upon her, seeks concealment with a poor needlewoman, actually Lexon's wife. Milly communicates with her lover, but is tracked to her hiding-place by Webber and his confederate. Now they quarrel over the future division of her fortune; a struggle ensues, Lexon, when half-strangled, affects to consent to his confederate's demands, but eventually stabs him. Here the murderer's sudden horror was given with great intensity and force by Mr. Melford;—horror not of the crime, but of its possible consequences. The house was thrilled by the terrible tension of the scene; then a door opens, and a white-robed figure with the fixed eyes and pale-drawn countenance of a sleepwalker enters. It is Milly. Lexon shrieks in affright; then, inspired by a sudden idea, he approaches the gliding form, withdraws the light she carries, puts the blood-stained knife in its place, leads her to the murdered man, and gently forces her on to her knees. Then, half mad with the excitement of the horrible plot, shouts for help, and denounces the sleepwalker as a murderess. Miss Amy Steinberg throughout this trying scene acted with an intensity and pathos we have rarely seen equalled. If there were nothing good in the play but this scene it would well repay an audience. Miss Steinberg holds the house with an almost painful power, while Mr. Melford rises to the requirements of the crisis without a weak moment. Indeed, his acting throughout is excellent; here, however, it is supremely good. The great scenic feature is the Court of Justice, where Milly is tried for murder. It is a triumph of realism, and elicited a storm of applause. The speech of the counsel for the defence, a part doubled by Mr. Shepherd, has a fine touch of forensic eloquence, and was admirably given by that talented actor. Few who had not seen his name in the

bills could have recognised the volatile, flippant ex-warder in the dignified Q.C. Of course, Milly is declared not guilty, but we trust the management has greatly toned down the humours of the jury. The joke of throwing "heads or tails" to determine a verdict surely outside the bounds of comedy. The card-playing, dram drinking fools would disgrace the probabilities of a burlesque. Indeed, with so much deserving of praise in Mr. Willing's work, we must protest against the whole scheme of comic relief. Mr. Burney, an excellent low comedian, can make nothing of the business imposed on him. Miss Stella Leigh plays with feeling and sincerity as Saxon's wife. Mr. Percy Lyndal, as the lover, is thoroughly manly and earnest, and escapes the self-consciousness which so often oppresses the jeune premiere. Mr. Shepherd plays throughout with admirable restraint. His jaunty air of superiority, never exaggerated; indeed his entire portrait of Webber is a grand creation, and belongs to high comedy. The scenery is strikingly good, especially the lovely Scotch landscape in Teviotdale. The artist, Mr. R. Douglass, was twice called to receive the acknowledgments of the house. When the curtain finally fell, Miss Steinberg, Mr. Melford, Mr. Shepherd, and other leading members of the cast had to acknowledge the cheers of the audience. There were loud cries for the author, but Mr. Willing had been content with assured success, and was no longer in the house.

**The Avenue.**—To judge from the crowded condition of his auditorium Mr. Henderson may congratulate himself on the revival of "Falka," on Saturday last. The scenery is pretty and bright, the cast no less excellent than the original one; while the dresses or undresses are as brilliant or as sparse as the soul of the master could desire. The songs and choruses are nightly encored; as to the quality of the music "let it not too much concern you;" rather take it as a medium for stoking studies. All the house beams with smiles of exquisite delight when pretty Violet Cameron sings and capers, and all the house is convulsed with delicious enjoyment when Mr. Sam Wilkinson, as lay brother Pelican, with spongy nose and pimply cheeks, leers like a Pall Mall minotaur, or chuckles and rolls and tumbles about in drunken imbecility. This gentleman makes his study of the monk, evidently from the pages of Rabelais, as loathsome as in a Calvinistic nightmare. The picture is essentially clever, but there are certain studies an artist should prefer to keep within a closed portfolio. Mr. Hayden Coffin sings splendidly, and looks a splendid Don Caesar vagabond in the first Act. In the second and last, his costumes are fatally ill-designed, and ugly in kaleidoscopic treatment. The favourite, "I am the Captain Boleslas," was given with irresistible dash and dramatic go. There will be a treat for lovers of music when Mr. Hayden Coffin secures a part worthy of his powers. Mr. Dallas has some excellent business, and Mr. Lonnen is really diverting as the timid, shrinking, susceptible Tancered. Miss Wadman, the original Edwige, has all the fire and spirit proper to the sister of Boleslas; she, with Mr. Hayden Coffin, make these personages citizens of some other country than Cockaigne, and are fairly successful, despite the librettist. To Mr. Lytton Grey great praise should be accorded for the admirable discretion with which he acts in p-tticoats when masquerading as "Falka." He resists any temptation to secure cheap laughter, and never lets his method sink into buffoonery. We had hoped to see Miss Eva Sothorn in a part nearer the traditions of her name, but she sustains with much refinement and grace the small role of Alexina, though we fancy she scarcely feels at home in this to her new form of art. The comfortable little theatre in Northumberland Avenue has had its seating accommodation much improved by the present lessee, who boldly inaugurates the latest ready money system—by a discount of 10 per cent. for booked seats.

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Bro. John Constable P.M. 185, who is now in this country for a few weeks, desires us to make known his regret that he finds it impossible, in view of his many engagements, in England and elsewhere, to pay all his friends here a visit before his return to South Africa. He leaves on the 8th October, before which time he hopes to have the pleasure of meeting some few, at least, of those with whom he was associated in this country till within the last few years. Bro. Constable intends to be present at the Committee meeting of the Boys' School on Saturday next, and as many brethren know him in connection with that Institution in particular, it will afford a good opportunity for renewing old friendships. We wish him a pleasant voyage out, and a safe return to his native land when he may desire it.

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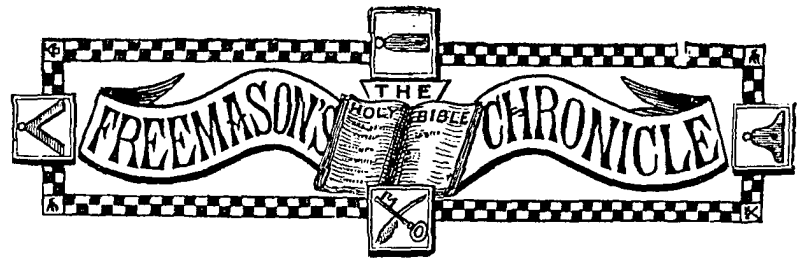
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## MASONS WHOM WE HAVE MET.

No. I.

WITHOUT wishing to individualise too freely, it may be interesting to contrast the traits of character which are made evident in the various Masonic Lodges it is our duty and pleasure to visit; and, avoiding personalities on the one hand, or invidious distinctions on the other, to sketch in outline some of the prominent proclivities of "Masons whom we have met." In Masonry, as in other of our Institutions, composed as they are of all sorts and conditions of men, there are lights and shades—"smiles and tears," we were almost about to say—which may well engage the attention of a thoughtful observer, and call forth a kindly and well-intentioned comment. It is impossible to overlook the fact that in an assemblage such as one ever meets "across the walnuts and the wine," there are divergencies of deportment and manner strikingly in contrast, and the same features are developed, only in a more strongly marked degree, in private and public life. Thu

we carry in our "mind's eye" the busy, ubiquitous little brother, who is ever busy in the cause of Charity, and who never is so happy as when he is patronisingly patted on the back as the "sturdy beggar." To prove himself worthy of the soubriquet applied to him is the *summum bonum* of his ambition. It is pleasant to contemplate this worthy scion of the Craft, as in the course of the fourth degree festivities he is called upon to acknowledge the recognition of services so thoroughly executed. We see him now, with modest trepidation, listening to the accents of genuine praise pronounced upon him by the Worshipful Master, shaking his long, sleek locks in solemn protestation against a eulogium which in his inmost heart he thinks a piece of adulation. But the brethren who know his merit deem otherwise, and endorse by spontaneous applause the epithets so well and appositely applied to the "sturdy" one, who does good by stealth, and blushes to find it fame. We have known the brother whom we indicate silently meandering amongst the brethren, pleading eloquently on behalf of this or that Institution, or for a candidate for its benefits eminently in need and deserving of them, yet all the while concealing his identity in the matter, pocketing all the expressions and looks of gratitude which are pointed at him as he goes about his mission of mercy. Yet this is the type of a man who spends his energies in a truly disinterested vocation, the results of which are more apparent to those who are benefited thereby than to him who is the voluntary instrument of attaining them. Here we see the force and intrinsic value of the tenet we all learn in the earliest stages of our Masonic career, that Charity—like mercy, is twice blessed; to him who gives as well as to him who receives. Watch him at a Charity Election. See how he glides about amongst the brethren who have votes to give or to exchange. The look of earnest solicitude at one and each he meets, for aid, not for his own aggrandisement, but for the welfare of some poor suffering one,—may be a distressed brother or widow, or an orphan. Nor is his work accomplished until the ballot reveals that his strength has not been spent for nought, or his labour in vain. With a glow of satisfaction we have seen him congratulate the object of his solicitude upon his or her success, and, disdaining all thanks, retiring from the hall in happy consciousness of having done his duty. Yet withal there are moments when the "pepper" so proverbial to his temperament has risen above other considerations, and when as Past Master of his Lodge he has insisted upon the verification of the old motto of Tacitus, "*Hi ritus quoque modo inducti, antiquitate defenduntur*," which being interpreted meaneth, that "these rites and ceremonies were made, established, and kept for antiquity's sake." The brother whom we try to picture is not one of the numerous and unwholesome class of Masons who, having elbowed their way through the ranks and achieved the highest ambition of their lives, retire upon the laurels they have won, and are content to subside into the serried and lethargic ranks of "veterans"—or drones—of whom there are too many on the roll of Past Masters. Having done so much to merit the applause of his brethren in the Lodge he loves so well, like an "ancient mariner" he still holds on to the ship's crew, and aids each helmsman to guide the barque through all weathers, be they stormy or rough. Whether in the solemn conclave, the open working, or the amenities which naturally follow as the reward of labour, he is equally at home, always mindful, never selfish, and ever solicitous for the welfare of the rest. But best of all, when the Charity box goes round, and the merry music of the freewill offerings of the brethren is resounding in his ears, then our brother's heart rejoices, for he knows that some poor orphan boy or girl is being lifted out of helpless want, or some aged brother, or a widow, is being helped on a stage towards comparative competency and comfort. Then it is that he sees the outcome of the true principles of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth,—when a child is rescued from the pinchings of poverty and placed in a position to fight the battle of life, or some deserving one who has seen better days, is tenderly borne into that haven of rest, where

"Age and want sit smiling at the gate."

When all these energies are strained to carry rays of happiness into the houses of the sad, and relief across the thresholds of the afflicted, there must be greater inward satisfaction in the mind of the brother so heroically engaged than can be afforded by the most prolific

and lustrous jewels that any body of appreciative brethren can bestow. The "sturdy beggar" stands upon a pedestal, not of his own construction, but founded upon the tearful gratitude and inexpressible thankfulness of those in whose behoof he has spent a great portion of his life. His present reward is in the spontaneous acknowledgment of those who have learnt the value of his tenacity in the cause of real Charity, and in the recognition of the fervency and zeal which he has gained in the hearts of the brethren with whom he is most intimately associated, and who know him best. His ultimate gain will be the approval of the Great Architect of the Universe, who will pronounce the fiat of "Well done, thou good and faithful servant," upon all who have worked with fidelity, and earnestly in His service, in whatever sphere they might have been called to occupy in this sublunary abode.

We are loth to spoil the above picture by any reference to another form of Masonic delineation, which unfortunately too often thrusts its unwelcome presence into the chamber of our thoughts. But we cannot avoid the contrast which is demonstrated to us between such a man as he whom we have faintly endeavoured to portray, and the man who—by bounce and "high falutin'," as they term it across the Herring-pond—forges his way, over the heads of the more deserving and less boastful, into a position for which he is eminently unfit. We have a vivid recollection of such a person, who, having the gift of plausibility and assurance, has raised himself on the shoulders of the credulous and weak-kneed, and who even now poses before his fellows as a veritable type of valour and indomitable pluck. Saturated with egotism and self-complacency, this bird of borrowed plumage flaunts his idiosyncrasies like fireworks before the eyes of bewildered followers, and like Sir Oracle bids all men listen while he speaks. It is said that when Homer nodded all the world went to sleep, and so such a self-constituted Saul rises to the occasion, and expects and finds that many others follow, sheep-like, through the gap that he has made. Such a man as we have before us, in boastful vein for a brief space deludes the brethren into the idea that everything he does is in the cause of Charity, though all the while he has not an atom of that divine attribute in his composition. He struts his brief hour upon the stage in a blaze of self esteem, but ultimately, like Lucifer, he falls, never to rise again in the respect of those whom he has cozened and betrayed. Having struggled fiercely for the distinction which it is in the power of his brethren to confer, he fails to attain the zenith of his hopes, and finding that his vaulting ambition has overleaped itself, he crawls from the charmed circle and peevishly vows that he sees "nothing in Masonry." How many there are who though they may make good running at first break down lamentably when the time for effort arrives, and whose eager enthusiasm or vanity has outran discretion and brought its own condemnation! A bejewelled Past Master whose wiles have thus outrun his wisdom is a mistake to himself and an impoverishment to the Craft, and the Institution is better without him. How great the contrast between the jaded and spent egotist and the "sturdy beggar" is well known to men who care to study the traits of character in Masonic as well as other walks of life, for whereas on the one there waits but faint and fleeting popularity—the other is held in lasting regard amongst brethren with whom he has borne the heat and burthen of the day. We have many other such contrasts yet in view, which may form the subject of comment in these columns, as "time and circumstances shall permit."

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has consented to give his lecture on the "Ritual and Ceremonial of Metropolitan and Provincial Lodges," at the next meeting of the Shakespeare Lodge, No. 1009, held at the Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 2nd October. The Lecture has been delivered with great success at several of the London and Provincial Lodges, and is of a most interesting character.

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## Obituary.

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### BRO. HYAM M. LEVY.

It is with an especially mournful heart we enter upon this feature of our duties. During the past few months, on several occasions, it has befallen our lot to chronicle the decease of friends with whom we have been most directly associated since we undertook the conduct of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and to-day we have to announce the death of one who has worked shoulder to shoulder with us since this Journal was established. Bro. Hyam Moses Levy was well known to a large majority of London Freemasons, many of whom will agree with us

"We could have better spar'd a better man."

Bro. Levy was initiated in the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, and filled the office of Worshipful Master thereof many years since. He was exalted in the Joppa Chapter, and rose also to the highest dignities therein. He was a Life Governor of the three Institutions, and had taken an active part on many occasions in work connected with their management.

Bro. Levy was a frequent visitor at Lodge meetings, where he was always a welcome guest, and at many of which his presence will be missed as much, or nearly so, as that of a regular member. At the festive board Bro. Levy was essentially in his element, and never hesitated to do his best to afford a few minutes' amusement when called upon by the presiding officer so to do. In fact, with Shakespeare, we may say that he was indeed

"A fellow of infinite jest, of most excellent fancy."

but, alas! again quoting the Immortal Bard, we ask

"Where be your gibes now? your gambols? your songs? your flashes of merriment that were wont to set the table in a roar?"

The funeral of our old friend took place at the Jewish Cemetery at Willesden, on Wednesday, when among the Masonic and other friends of the deceased who attended were the Revs. S. Lyons and — Spiro; Messrs. S. Lyons, N. Salmon, L. Lazarus, Delehutte, S. B. Alexander, F. Marks, Obed Roberts, M. Spiegel, J. S. Lyon, S. Salmon, Edward F. Storr, B. Kauffmann, G. Bolton, L. Solomons, H. Phillips, W. W. Morgan, &c. Telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from many others, and we have been requested especially to thank Bros. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Capt. Geo. Lambert, W. Radcliffe, B. E. Blasby, G. Coop, and J. Lichtenfeld, for the kindness they have exhibited to the relatives of our deceased brother.

Reference was made to the sad event of Bro. Levy's death at the weekly meeting of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, held on Tuesday evening at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street. Bro. A. G. Dodson, the President, after the ordinary business had been transacted, said although this Lodge of Instruction was not a new one, yet it was a resuscitation of the old one, of which he had no doubt their lamented brother was a member, and there was every probability that the brethren in those days long ago, had benefited from his working and teachings. Although their late Bro. Levy did not join the resuscitated Lodge of Instruction, and consequently had not been much amongst them, yet he (Bro. Dodson) thought it would not be inopportune on their part if they, of whom a majority present were members of the old Joppa Lodge, in which their deceased brother held a distinguished position, were to send a letter of condolence to his friends, expressive of their regretful sympathy, and as a memento of their appreciation of the long and valuable services he had rendered to the Craft. They would do this in the recollection that Bro. Levy had proved himself a thorough Mason, both in charity and work. Bro. Dewsnap, who was acting as S.W. for the evening, seconded the proposal, endorsing all that had been said by the President as to the private and Masonic worth of their departed brother. It is almost unnecessary to add that the proposal was unanimously adopted, amid general expressions of regret at the loss which the Craft had sustained by the death of one who had exerted himself so long and constantly in behalf of the true interests of Freemasonry.

The weekly meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471, at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, on Thursday evening was presided over by Comp. Wm. Side, with G. Gregory H., G. H. Hunter J., J. E. Sheffield S.E., J. Russell P.S., Wm. Radcliffe S.N., T. C. Edmonds Preceptor. The holidays being nearly over, the Companions are assembling in goodly numbers. On this occasion the ritual was very creditably rendered.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday evening at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. in the chair. There were also present Bros. Frank Richardson P.G.D., G. Hammer-ton Grand Sword Bearer, J. H. Matthews Past Grand Standard Bearer, James Peters Past Grand Sword Bearer, E. H. Finney, H. Massey, Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., Arthur E. Gladwell, F. Adlard, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes of the former meeting, and of the House Committee for information, an additional vacancy was declared for the October election, in consequence of the withdrawal of Beatrice Elizabeth Wright from the School. On the motion of Bro. J. H. Matthews it was resolved that a sum not exceeding £20 be allowed to enable S. L. Bellamy and H. L. Ward to take lessons at the Crystal Palace in the theory of music. These girls had shown great taste for music, and were being retained in the School on this account. He thought it would advantage the School if these girls should be encouraged in their pursuit of the knowledge of music. The next business was the consideration of the recommendation of the House Committee as to the purchase of certain land adjoining the School grounds at Battersea-rise. The object of the proposed purchase was to prevent a depreciation of the Institution's property by the erection of small houses on its north and east sides. The Chairman, in proposing that a special meeting of the general Committee be called for Tuesday, 6th October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of considering a motion of which he gave notice:

"That the provisional extract, dated 23rd September 1885, for the purchase of £5,700 of the land on the north and east sides of the Institution at St. John's-hill, Battersea Rise, as shown upon the plan annexed to such contract be approved, and that the trustees be authorised to carry the same into effect,"

said that some time ago the Institution had the whole of this property offered to them for the sum of £36,000. That subject was brought before the general body of subscribers, and the offer was refused. Since then plans had been laid before the Committee of the proposed laying out of the estate for building purposes, and it was found that by that scheme the School would only have a frontage of something like 30 feet in the Wandsworth Road, but by purchasing the strip of land now proposed to be purchased they would have a frontage of 754 feet in addition to that which they already possessed. It would most heavily depreciate the Institution's property if it only had its present frontage, and allowed the north and east sides to be built upon with small houses, the ground-rents of which would be only £7 to £10. The back gardens of these houses would come directly up to the walls of the School grounds, which would consequently be overlooked. If at any time the Institution wished to sell its property at Battersea Rise the value of it would be very much more having the frontage which the proposed purchase would give than without it. There had been an offer made by the proprietor, Mr. Heaven, to let the Institution have the land for £5,700. In 1877 an additional piece was bought for £2,500, which was at the price of £5,000 an acre. The present offer was not cheap. The price offered for £5,700 was really more to the advantage of the Institution than the whole property which was offered for £36,000. Considering these circumstances the Committee authorised the Secretary to draw up a provisional contract for the purchase, and when this was done it was signed, subject to the approval of the General Court. He should give notice for the next Quarterly Court in the terms above quoted, but as it was necessary that the subject should be discussed at the General Committee, and recommended by the Committee to the General Court, he would move

"That a special meeting of the General Committee be called for Tuesday, the 6th of October, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to discuss this notice of motion."

The motion having been seconded, was agreed to, and the Committee adjourned.

## MARRIAGE.

NEWTON-SANDEMAN.—On 23rd instant, at St. Michael's and All Angels', Sunninghill, Berks, LEWIS BOSWELL, only son of J. NEWTON, F.R.A.S., of the Sailors' Home, London, to LOUISA JEAN, eldest daughter of the late ALFRED PARK SANDEMAN, of Calcutta.

## DEATH.

LEVY.—On the 21st instant, at his residence, 7 Torrington Square, W.C., Bro. HYAM MOSES LEVY, P.M. P.Z. 188, &c., after a trying and painful illness of six weeks' duration.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 26th SEPTEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)  
 1679—Henry Muggeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.  
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow  
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street  
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford  
 1482—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 1531—Chiselhurst, Bull's Head Hotel, Chiselhurst  
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent  
 2048—Henry Levander, Station Hotel, Harrow  
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

## MONDAY, 28th SEPTEMBER.

- 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)  
 1975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)  
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Princes Street, Paddington, at 8 (In.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, 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  
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.  
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead  
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester  
 148—Lights, Maconic Rooms, Warrington  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury  
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall  
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham  
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford  
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 29th SEPTEMBER.

- 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, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)  
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (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 Edgecombe, 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—Eleonor, 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, 8.30.  
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford  
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle  
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst)  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard  
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaitnton  
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead  
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

## WEDNESDAY, 30th SEPTEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 30—United Mariners', The Lizard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (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, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)  
 534—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 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)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)  
 1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)  
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)

- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 750—Friendship, Freemason' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester  
 1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower Street, Derby. (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester  
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1734—Trinity, Golden Lion Hotel, Rayleigh  
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire  
 R.A. 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough  
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil  
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham  
 M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham

## THURSDAY, 1st OCTOBER.

- 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)  
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 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)  
 879—Southwark, Sir Garret Wolsey, Waradon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)  
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 1158—Southern Star, Phœnix, Stangate, 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, Cook Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1351—St. Clement Dances, 265 Strand  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)  
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
 1602—Sir Hugh Middleton, 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—Rise, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)  
 1744—Royal Savor, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street  
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank  
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)  
 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, Hinckley, 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, Haywood  
 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.  
 360—Pomfret, Abington Street, Northampton  
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.  
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester  
 446—Berevoent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
 639—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby  
 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  
 1132—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Eiland  
 1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
 1367—Beaminster Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beaminster  
 1379—Marquess of Ripon, Masonic Hall, Darlington  
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
 1473—Footle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire  
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padstow, near Barnley  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barusley  
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
 1540—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Ludlow, Here, at 4. (Instruction)  
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
 1770—Vale of White Horse, Savings Bank, Farington  
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire

1817—St. Andrew's, Cambridge Hotel, Shoeburyness  
 1829—Burrell, George Hotel, Shoreham  
 2043—Kendrick, Masonic Hall, Grey Friar's Road, Reading  
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol  
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
 R.A. 581—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Ardwick, Openshaw, Man  
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
 R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 R.A. 1074—Beetive, Masonic Rooms, Kirkby, Lonsdale  
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield  
 M.M. 158—Rose and Thistle, 20 King-street, Wigan

## FRIDAY, 2nd OCTOBER.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.  
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Sarrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)  
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich  
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Be's, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road  
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1716—All Saints, Town Hall, Poplar  
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebary Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwel  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 8—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)  
 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  
 998—Welchpool Railway, Station, Welchpool  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
 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  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham  
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton  
 R.A. 1466—Hova Villa, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

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General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 192—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)  
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, A'dersgate-street  
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 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  
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 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)  
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The Masonic exhibitions held at York and Worcester have had one good effect at least, having led to the establishment of a Worcestershire Masonic Library and Museum, for which we understand collection is going on apace. Bro. George Taylor P.P.S.G.W. and Secretary of the Province, has already secured something like four hundred volumes of valuable and rare books; over two hundred old medals of all countries, and a large number of prints, certificates, aprons, pottery specimens, &c., &c., which will form the basis of the collection, and which, we believe, will ere long be permanently installed in its future home. We are all the more pleased to announce the result of Bro. Taylor's efforts as we have heard it said that we were inclined to throw cold water on this proposal—a statement very far from correct, as our desire is, and always has been, to encourage and assist, in every way within our power, the establishment of Masonic exhibitions. With such a start as Bro. Taylor will be able to give the Worcestershire Museum, we hope it will attract curiosities from brethren who now possess them and who may be willing to present them wherever they would be appreciated.

At the regular meeting of the Industry Lodge, No. 186, held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, Bro. John G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and 1832, P.P.G.D.C. Surrey was installed as Worshipful Master for the second year. The Officers appointed were Bros. G. W. Hook S.W., W. S. Page J.W., W. Mann P.M. Treasurer, John Leek P.M. Secretary, W. W. Westley S.D., J. D. Sherring J.D., N. Cornock I.G., R. C. Powell and — Cooke Stewards. We congratulate Bro. Horsey, and trust that the skill and experience he will bring to bear in the fulfilment of his duties, may tend to restore this Lodge to its former position, and relieve it of the troubles it has unfortunately experienced of late.

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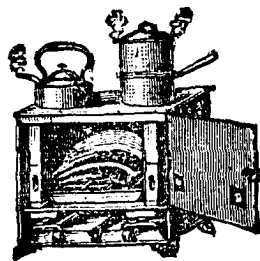
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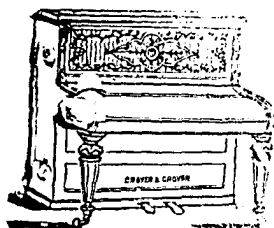
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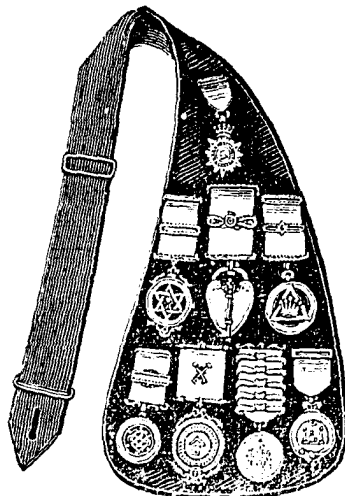
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