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RESIGNATION OF MEMBERSHIP.

THE decision arrived at by the brethren assembled at the last Quarterly Communication of United Grand Lodge, coupled with the opinions expressed by the Grand Registrar and others, on the subject of resignation, will set at rest a point which has been a subject of contention among a section of the Craft for some time past. Strange ideas exist in regard to a Mason's right of withdrawal from his Lodge, but it seems to us the ruling of the late Bro. McIntyre is in every respect the correct method of settling the question. This ruling, which the present Grand Registrar tells the Craft has always been held as accepted law, is to the effect that Masonry, being a voluntary Society, the moment a brother announces his resignation and communicates it to his Lodge, he ceases to be a member thereof. There is no option open to any one in the matter. If a brother resigns, the Lodge must accept his resignation, and he, on his part, must abide by his act, even though he may regret it a few moments afterwards.

The whole subject has been raised in Grand Lodge on an appeal from a Past Master of the Victoria in Burmah Lodge, No. 832, Rangoon, who lodged a complaint against his Lodge for permitting one of its Past Masters to withdraw his resignation of membership after it had been regularly announced in writing to the Secretary. The complaint was, in the first instance, submitted to the Grand Master of the District, and he took upon himself to dismiss the complaint—an error of judgment on his part, as has now been decided by Grand Lodge. The complaint was justifiable, and the Lodge was in error in allowing the withdrawal of a regularly communicated resignation; which, it must be understood, requires no formal acceptance by a Lodge, and is not at any time a discussable subject, for if a brother once tenders his resignation his membership thereupon ceases, although it is customary for the Lodge to formally accept it—a practice which the recent discussion in Grand Lodge has shown to be wholly unnecessary. This rendering of Masonic law may have some peculiar effects, as we think it is not an uncommon practice for resignations to be tendered, and subsequently withdrawn, although we suppose that in such cases, when they are withdrawn, with the sanction of the members, the matter settles itself, all concerned being parties to the agreement. On the other hand, last week's decision shows that an individual member of the Lodge may upset the wish of the remaining members in this respect, and can compel the resignation to be carried into effect if he chooses to assert himself, for such is the outcome of the whole subject, as decided by Grand Lodge.

We do not think the full effect of this ruling has been generally appreciated in the past, and it will be well if some of those who are likely to tender their resignation, if everything does not proceed just as

they wish it in their Lodge, will bear in mind for the future that it is not a question of the resignation being accepted or otherwise, by the entire Lodge, but rather the possibility of its being enforced by one particular member. We will not go so far as to say that it is a common practice for members to threaten resignation if they do not get all they desire, but such a course often occurs—it is even carried into effect up to a certain point, the resigning brother flattering himself that the Lodge will not agree to the resignation being accepted, or even if they do so at first there is the possibility of matters being patched up afterwards. But we do not believe this class of brethren ever thought it was in the power of one member of the Lodge to enforce their resignation, neither do we think the general body of the Craft were aware of the full effect of the particular law which governs the matter. It is certainly putting tremendous power in the hands of the minority, of a single member in fact, and appears to forcibly impress on the Craft the need for caution and thorough determination before expressing a desire to withdraw from a Lodge.

We have known instances where brethren have resigned immediately on the announcement of an adverse vote, or on some unexpected proposition being brought forward and carried, and they have regretted their action almost before they had time to leave the Lodge. Some of their friends have persuaded them to come back, withdraw their hasty resignation, and go on as before. But did it ever strike the members that any one among them could have compelled the completion of the resignation, and the expulsion from the Lodge of the brother concerned? In many cases we may say, decidedly not, and we are convinced that only a small minority of Craftsmen ever recognised the full power they possessed in this respect. We have even known a proposal to allow the withdrawal of a resignation to go to the vote, and to be opposed—though unsuccessfully, when it now appears that all that was necessary was for one of the objectors to enforce the resignation, which, as we have said, is not an optional subject, to be settled one way or the other, according to the vote of the Lodge, but a matter governed by the laws of the Craft, and that too in a most definite way.

The discussion of this appeal case led to other considerations in regard to retirement, Bro. J. S. Cumberland, for instance, asking if it was to be understood that once a brother sent in his resignation it was final, and whether, although between the sending in of the resignation and the meeting of his Lodge, an opportunity might occur for doing so, he had no power to withdraw it? This, as Bro. Philbrick said, was asking for a statement of Masonic law outside of that required by the case in hand, but he recognised the importance of the subject by answering the questions addressed to the Grand Lodge. "From the moment a member said, 'I resign,'

his membership was ended, and a line was struck. After that he was no longer a member of the Lodge, and should he desire to again become associated with it a fresh proposition and a fresh ballot would be necessary. This may be a severe way of asserting the laws of the Craft, but, as was pointed out, it was a very intelligible and clear rule to lay down, and it avoided difficulties. Many of our readers, who have had experience in regard to the resignation of members from their Lodges, will no doubt be able to apply this ruling to special cases, and then appreciate the principle on which it is based. The consideration of the whole subject of resignation may be said to have been re-opened by this discussion of last week, and as good must result from a better knowledge of the laws which govern Freemasonry, we are very pleased it received so much attention from the officials and members of Grand Lodge.

No. 79 ONCE MORE.

BY BRO. JACOB NORTON.

AS it is now about two years since the question about No. 79 was discussed, I must briefly give an explanation for the information of late subscribers to this paper, namely:—In the London edition of Smith's Pocket Companion, 1735, No. 79 in the Lodge List is followed by a blank, but in a reprint of the same book in Dublin, in 1735, the blank was filled up with "The Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia, 1st Monday." Now, since 1874, the Philadelphians set up a claim that because Daniel Coxe was appointed Prov. G.M., in 1730, over New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, and because a Lodge was started in Philadelphia in 1731, and because the said Lodge dubbed itself "Grand Lodge" in 1732, therefore Philadelphia must have received its Masonic authority from Daniel Coxe.

As previous Masonic historians, *as a rule*, always reasoned after the above fashion, it is no wonder that Bro. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, at once converted the highest American Masonic luminaries to his new theory. But, strange to say, our English Masonic writers were also sucked into Brother MacCalla's delusion. I, however, endeavoured to show up the baselessness of Bro. Mac Calla's reasoning, but for some time it was uphill work. About a dozen years ago Bro. Hughan got hold of the Dublin edition of the "Pocket Companion," and finding therein that No. 79 was then located in Philadelphia, he of course published his discovery, which naturally filled the hearts of our American Masonic luminaries with gladness. For instance, I happened by mere accident to take up the Cincinnati Masonic Review, and to my surprise I saw an article headed "What will Jacob Norton say to it?" The heading was followed by an article from the *Keystone*. Jacob Norton, however, did say something, and he convinced impartial readers that Brother Mac Calla's reasoning was fallacious. The last contention I had about No. 79 was with Bro. John Lane, for having put into his "Masonic Records" about No. 79 the words from the Dublin Pocket Companion, to which, however, Bro. Lane added—"This in the Dublin List of 1735. Warranted for America, but probably Warrant never used." Recently, however, even Bro. Hughan pronounced that No. 79 having ever been connected with Philadelphia was "exploded" (that is Bro. Hughan's own word), and I was in hopes to hear no more about No. 79, but about a month ago a Brother called my attention to Bro. Lane's new book, viz., "Hand Book for the Lists of Lodges," to the following, viz. :—

"It is only necessary for me now to remark that it may be fairly assumed that the interpolation of 'The Hoop in Water Street,' &c., into a copy of what was virtually an official List would scarcely have been made without some reason that at the time appeared both adequate and satisfactory to the compiler of the [Dublin] List."

But with all due respect to Bro. Lane, the Dublin List was not an official List; the compiler was appointed by nobody to make the said Lodge List, and we do not even know about his character or by what name he was called; and, on the other hand, Bro. Smith must have acquired his information either from a previously printed List, or from the Grand Secretary of England direct; hence, if even

no other evidence existed, I think that the evidence derived from Bro. Smith's own Lodge List, that No. 79 was erased in 1735, is certainly preferable to the evidence furnished by a nameless Dublin individual. And now for the evidence about No. 79, obtainable both direct and indirect.

First, No. 79 was in 1731 located at the Castle, in Highgate. Second, it paid to the Grand Lodge of England £2 2s for its charter. And third, the names of the Officers and members of No. 79 were placed on a Record in 1732, which Record I saw myself. So much for direct evidence that No. 79 was a London Lodge in 1732. And now for indirect evidence that No. 79 was never sent to Philadelphia.

First, it seems that no official Lodge List was printed in London either in 1730, 1731, 1732, or 1733. Hence Dr. Rawlinson took the trouble during the summer of 1733 to compile a List of Lodges for his own use. This he could not have done without consulting the Grand Secretary. The Lodges in the said list are brought down to No. 116, and in the said List No. 79 is followed by a blank.

Second, in 1734 Bro. Pine published an official engraved Lodge List. The last Lodge on the said list is No. 128, and its date is 5th November 1734, and in the said official List No. 79 is also blank.

Third, as already stated, Smith's own Lodge List of 1735 (but really of 1734) agrees with the other compilers of Lodge Lists, that No. 79 was erased. Thus no one in London during the year 1734, or to very near its close, seems to have had the least idea that No. 79 was ever sent to Philadelphia. And now let us see whether any one in Philadelphia knew that Lodge No. 79 was located there?

I have already referred to the origin of Masonry in Philadelphia in 1731. Now Benjamin Franklin was Masonized there in 1731. In 1733 he visited Boston, where he met with Henry Price, and where he probably saw Anderson's Constitutions of 1723, from which he learned that he was after all a mere *bogus* Mason. Price then claimed to be Grand Master of New England only, and had no jurisdiction over Pennsylvania. In 1834 Franklin was elected *so-called* Grand Master in Philadelphia. In 1734 he republished Anderson's Constitutions, and Price acted as Franklin's agent for the sale of the said Constitutions, and letters were evidently exchanged between them. But while Franklin was pondering in his mind as to how he could get his Lodge legalised, something was brooding in Philadelphia, and he saw something in a Boston paper, which caused him to write an official letter to Henry Price, and on the same sheet he wrote a private letter, giving further explanation. In the official letter Franklin wrote as follows :—

"We have seen in the Boston prints an article of news from London, importing that at a Grand Lodge held there in August last, Mr. Price's Deputation and power was extended over all America. . . . We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province, which seems to want some sanction of some authority derived from home to give the proceedings and determinations of this Lodge due weight, to wit, a Deputation or Charter granted by the Right Worshipful Mr. Price," &c.

In the private letter Franklin said :—

"I beg leave to recommend their [the Philadelphian brethren's] request to you, and to inform you that some false and rebel brethren, who are foreigners, being about to set up a distinct Lodge in opposition to the old and true brethren here, pretending to make Masons for a bowl of punch, and the Craft is to come into disesteem among us unless the true brethren are countenanced and distinguished by some special authority as herein desired. I entreat, therefore, that whatever you shall think proper to do therein, may be sent by the next post, or the next following."

Now, any one who can understand the English language must admit—First, that up to 28th November 1734 (the date when the above letters were written) the Philadelphia Lodge had never received any authority from any one; and second, as Franklin mentions in his letters his own Lodge and a *rebel Lodge*, he must therefore have known nothing about Lodge No. 79, at the Hoop, in Water Street, Philadelphia. It is indeed not impossible that the "rebel Lodge" may have held its meetings at the Hoop, in Water Street, but can any one believe that the said rebel Lodge was No. 79?

To the above I must add that on the 24th of February 1735 the Master and Wardens of No. 79 attended the Grand Lodge of England. And Picard's engraved Lodge List, which terminates with No. 129, showing that it was printed after Pine's 1734 List, but it must also have been

issued before 11th June 1735. Well, on Picard's Lodge List, above "79," is engraved "Little St. Martin's Lane," and above that is engraved *two angelic figures holding up a crown*, and, in a Lodge List of 1736, I find that No. 79 was located at the "Two Angels and Crown, Little St. Martin's Lane."

Taking, therefore, all these facts into consideration, I must come to the conclusion that the Dublin reprinter of Smith's Pocket Companion was, like many other Masonic scribblers, a mere blunderer. The truth is, Philadelphia had no legal Masonry before 10th July 1749, when Thomas Oxnard, of Boston, who was Grand Master of North America, made Benjamin Franklin Grand Master of Pennsylvania. Such being the case it must be mere cheeky assumption for any one to call Philadelphia "Mother of Legal Masonry in America," or to claim precedence or priority in behalf of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania over the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

BOSTON, U.S., 15th November 1889.

THE ANCIENT GUILD OF BHISTIS.

DOES any one know that a fraternity exists in India under vows of brotherly love, secrecy and universal benevolence, savouring much of Freemasonry, quite entitled to the above designation?

It must have been remarked by all who live in India that the bhisti or water-carrier everywhere is distinguished by a coarse red cloth tied round his waist. His capacity, however, is so humble that I do not think many have troubled themselves to ascertain anything about his business or antecedents. After a life-long residence in India the writer, though always much interested in the manners and customs of the people, has only just discovered that this red cloth, besides its utility as a protection against wet, is the sacred insignia of a very large and liberal fraternity, inhabiting the whole of India, and willing to accept within what they consider a holy brotherhood all classes of people that will take the vows of their humble guild and credit its traditions.

The subject in this very illiberal and bigoted country, and at the present time when the insociability of the different classes of the inhabitants is on the tapis, is one that should be of special interest, as illustrating the possibility of combination in India without regard to creed, and particularly to Freemasons, who, I believe, have already traced a Craft in some respects similar to their own existing in Afghanistan.

The burden of a very old English song is—

"And I hope that his soul in heaven may dwell,
The first who found out the leather bottell,"

and I suspect that the use of skin and leather bags as receptacles for liquids may be traced to the most primitive times with all people. I remark this, as it leads me to believe that the mussuk or leather bag of the bhisti was known in India, as leather bags for irrigation and huge raw hide bottles for keeping *ghi* certainly were, long before the advent of the Mahomedans, and that the guild has a Hindu and far more ancient origin than the rather prejudiced brotherhood of the present day, chiefly Mahomedans, assigns to it.

The bhisti of the present day says that he is a follower of the great Khwaja Khidir, a prophet now in heaven, placed in special charge over all the waters of the earth, and that his apron is the archetype of the red cloth now worn round the loins by bhistis generally. Who this gentleman was historically I leave to those to discover who have more leisure than myself. It may be useful to note that there is a place in Calcutta called Kidderpore. Certain it is that the investiture of the *longi* or apron is a ceremony carried out in the presence of a meeting of the brotherhood and after the aspirant has been tutored by a *guru* or preceptor in the mystic observances and identifying questions and answers of the Craft and has taken vows. One of these vows I know to be never to refuse a drink of water to any soul that asks for it, never to demand payment but to beg it if in need, and not to press if refused; never to refuse a drink to the thirsty, even if giving it results in inconvenience to yourself, as for example when going a distance with a full waterbag, for opening it and giving out only a small portion of the contents would have the effect of making the water shake, which is unpleasant to

the carrier. Another vow is always to help a brother of the apron when in distress, assist his family should he die, and start his boys in life with the implements of the profession.

When a member of the fraternity meets a person he does not know, with a *longi* round his waist and carrying water, he proceeds to put to him certain questions, the answers of which are known only to the initiated, and are secrets never yet divulged to others. Some of these questions are:—How many mouths has a well? How many mouths has a mussuk? How many straps in a mussuk get wet and how many remain dry? and the like. If the man displays ignorance he is reported to the brotherhood as one carrying on the profession out of the pale of the fraternity, and is promptly obliged to select a preceptor and get properly instructed and initiated. Caste and creed have nothing to do with the matter. Hindu bhistis who wear the *longi* sit in *panchayat* with Mahomedans, and, as far as I can see, there is nothing to prevent Christians joining the brotherhood.

A master-bhisti is recognised by his proficiency in leather work and leather decoration. One is spoken of as being to make leather *hookah* bottoms of such strength that they recover their shape after a heavily-laden cart has gone over them.

Bhistis never hesitate to take service in any part of India, and you rarely meet an old bhisti who has not travelled, and who does not, when applying for a place, talk of having gone with Mr. Thompson to Assam, and with some one else to Peshawar, and to a dozen other opposite points of India. The reason is that they know they will find, like Freemasons, a protecting brotherhood everywhere. They are less liable, I understand, than any other Native camp-follower to shirk the battle-field; and their neutrality, evinced in the moral obligation to give drink to friend or foe being recognised by all, secures them an immunity from hostile interference that would not, I am afraid, be accorded to a Sister of Mercy. The quickness and ease with which bhistis organise a strike must have been often remarked, particularly in hill stations.

With regard to the strap and hook worn over the shoulder by the bhisti for suspending the bucket while filling his bag and the leather belt worn over the apron, I believe their adoption is not enforced by the brotherhood; but as the alternative in the absence of the hook is to suspend the bucket by holding the rope with the teeth, Hindus, who are very particular about contamination, refuse to drink water from those who do not wear it. I have not had an opportunity of analysing the cause of objection by the Hindus in the Punjab to drink from bhistis who do not wear a leather belt over their aprons.

A bhisti who, by some extraordinary good fortune, sat on the throne of Delhi for a few days, is said to have issued a leather currency: a leather disc with a gold pin riveted in the centre, worth about Rs. 2-8. I have never seen a specimen myself, but have heard of the existence of the coin; and if my memory does not deceive me, Thomas says something about it in his *Chronicles of the Pathan Kings*. The motto of every true bhisti should be, "There is nothing like leather." I feel sure that similar associations will be found to exist in many other Indian trades and professions.—*Allen's Indian Mail*.

Sir Henry Morland, Scottish Grand Master, presided on Monday, the 3rd inst., at the largest Masonic gathering ever held in Bombay, the occasion being the presentation to the Duke of Connaught of the patent of his nomination as Honorary Past Grand Master of Scottish Freemasons in India. Five hundred European, Parsee, Mohammedan, and Hindoo brethren, from all parts, attended the Lodge. A grand banquet, at which covers were laid for 300 persons, was afterwards given. The entertainment was altogether a very brilliant and successful one.

Bro. W. J. Terrill S.W. has been unanimously elected W.M., and Bro. Thomas Gill re-elected Treasurer, for the Three Grand Principles Lodge, No. 967.

The annual festival of the Madoc Lodge, No. 1509, was celebrated at Portmadoc on the 4th inst., when Brother J. E. Greaves (Lord Lieutenant of Carnarvonshire) was installed W.M. The ceremony of installation was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. W. Jones-Morris.

PROV. G. LODGE OF THE ISLE OF MAN.

BY command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Bro. John Senhouse Goldie-Tanbman, J.P., Speaker of the House of Keys) the annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Loch Parade, Douglas, on Thursday, the 21st ult., at five o'clock. The Provincial Grand Officers occupied the Lodge Room of the Athole Lodge, and were received in the Lodge Room of the Tynwald Lodge, where the members of the various Lodges of the Island, who were not Provincial Grand Officers, had assembled. Provincial Grand Lodge was immediately opened, Bro. J. A. Brown Deputy Provincial Grand Master presiding, in the absence of the Provincial Grand Master, who, in consequence of a domestic affliction, is at present off the Island. All the Lodges in the Island were represented, and the minutes of the Provincial Grand Lodge, held on the 28th November 1888, having been confirmed, several letters of apology were read from brethren who were unable to be present. The reports of the General Purposes and Charity Committees were also submitted and approved. From these it appeared the Island had twice been honoured during the past year by the Provincial Grand Master presiding over the meeting of the Grand Lodge at Freemasons' Hall, London, in the absence of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. It was also reported that B. G. Wood, one of the sons of the late Dr. Wood, an esteemed member of the Order, has been elected to the Boys' Masonic School out of a large number of candidates. During the subsequent proceedings hearty votes of thanks were accorded to Brothers W. Goodacre Provincial Grand Secretary West Lancashire, and T. H. Nesbitt P.G. Secretary Isle of Man, to whose exertions the election of this candidate was mainly due. The Prov. Grand Secretary then read an elaborate and exhaustive report of the proceedings and work of Freemasonry during the past year; giving an analysis of the work and financial position of each Lodge on the Island. The report was received with marked attention; and the Prov. Grand Secretary was warmly applauded as he resumed his seat. Bro. the Rev. E. Ferrier Prov. Grand Chaplain proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to the Provincial Grand Secretary for the excellent report that he had prepared. Personally, he had some knowledge of the difficulty experienced in drafting such reports; therefore he had all the more pleasure in proposing the motion. Bro. G. C. Heron Past Grand Standard Bearer England cordially seconded the motion, which was supported by Bro. S. Webb P.G.S.W., and heartily adopted. The Provincial Grand Secretary having returned thanks, it was announced that the Benevolent Fund of the Province had increased to a most gratifying amount during the year. The election of Provincial Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, and Brother Alexander Bruce was unanimously re-elected. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then proceeded to invest the Officers, Bro. R. Swinnerton most efficiently acting as the Director of Ceremonies. We append a list of the Officers:

Bro. S. Webb P.M. 1004	...	Senior Warden
Henry Brearley P.M. 1004	...	Junior Warden
Rev. E. Ferrier P.M. 212 (I.C.)	...	} Chaplains
Rev. W. Morris P.M. 1075	...	
Jas. Hodgson P.M. 2049	...	Registrar
Thos. H. Nesbitt P.M. 1004	...	Secretary
E. J. Bowman P.M. & Sec. 1242	...	Senior Deacon
L. G. Hannay P.M. 1004	...	Junior Deacon
Wm. L. Wild P.M. 1075	...	Superintendent of Works
Robt. Swinnerton D.C. 1242	...	Director of Ceremonies
Chas. M. Challender P.M. 2050	...	Assist. Director of Cer.
Walter Jas. Brown P.M. 1242	...	Sword Bearer
Wm. Kissack P.M. 1242	...	} Standard Bearers
M. W. Corran P.M. 1004	...	
J. A. Mylrea Organist 2049	...	Organist
Frank J. Johnson P.M. 1242	...	Assist. Secretary
G. J. Nattan P.M. 2050	...	Pursuivant
Thos. S. Ayle J.W. 2197	...	Assist. Pursuivant
John Craine W.M. 1275	...	} Stewards
W. R. Davis J.D. 1242	...	
Wm. P. J. Pittar 2049	...	
W. Colquhoun Secretary 2050	...	
Jas. Gorry 1242	...	Tyler

The collection for the Benevolent Fund having been made, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the Castle Mona Hotel, where a most recherché banquet had been provided for them.

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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

AT the meeting on Tuesday last the Lodge was presided over by the W.M. (Bro. Hy. Lindfield), who was supported by Bros. H. Nash S.W., Alfred Green P.M. (Treasurer) as S.W., W. Radcliffe P.M. Secretary, Orlton Cooper S.D., W. Kirkland J.D., Dyer I.G., Banks Tyler. There were also present P.M.'s Hentsch, Usher Bach, W. W. Morgan. Visitors—Brothers J. G. Yolland P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Herts, E. P. Delavante, &c. After preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. Frederick Charles Hale, a candidate for initiation, who was proposed by Bro. Percy Burr Steward, and seconded by the Secretary. The announcement was then formally made of the death of the Father of the Lodge, Bro. John Laver P.M., and a vote of condolence was ordered to be sent to the deceased's widow and family. Bro. Arthur Bingley Spawforth was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, while the candidate named above, for whom the ballot had been unanimous, was regularly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft, the W.M. conducting both ceremonies. After routine work Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, and spent a social hour together.

GOOD FELLOWSHIP LODGE, No. 276.

THE annual meeting was held in the Board-room of the Corn Exchange, at Chelmsford, on Thursday, the 5th inst., and was rendered specially interesting as being the Centenary of the Lodge. In the absence of the W.M. (Bro. Langham) through illness, the chair was taken by Bro. Wilson Metcalfe P.M. Among the visitors present were Bros. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., G. Registrar D.P.G.M., Thomas J. Ralling P.G.A.D.C. England P.G. Secretary Essex, Joseph Sadler P.G. Treasurer, T. Winter Parker W.M. 650, F. G. Green P.M. and Secretary 1024 P.P.G.S.W., A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. Christy P.M., F. J. Nunn S.W. 2063, Fred. Horsman W.M. 51, Jno. Taylor jun. P.M. 1817 P.P.G. Standard Bearer, &c. The principal business of the evening was the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. T. R. Jarvis S.W.), which ceremony was ably performed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, assisted by Bro. A. Welch P.M. P.P.G.J.W., to both of which brethren the hearty thanks of the Lodge were returned for their services. The Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Charles Williams S.W., F. H. Meggy J.W., Rev. F. B. Shepherd Chaplain, Arthur Mead Treasurer, W. A. Kyle S.D., J. C. Smith J.D., J. P. Lewin Secretary, Andrew Darrant D.C., H. W. Tanner I.G., E. W. Holland and A. J. Pitts Stewards, T. S. Sarel Tyler. The W.M. drew attention to the fact that this was the Centenary of the Lodge, a fact of which they were all proud, and proposed that steps be immediately taken to obtain a warrant empowering the members to wear the Centenary jewel. This was seconded by Bro. Dr. Shedd, and carried with great heartiness. The W.M. having been elected to represent the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee, the proceedings closed. Between 40 and 50 brethren subsequently dined together at the White Hart Hotel, a splendid dinner being well served by the host, Bro. Hipkin. The new W.M. presided, and was supported by the brethren whose names are given above. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding for the toast of his health, referred to the interesting fact of the day being the Centenary of the Lodge. A hundred years, he said, slipped very glibly from the tongue, but they must recollect it meant that several generations had passed away since Freemasonry was established in the town of Chelmsford. It was gratifying to find that the Lodge established 100 years ago was still flourishing, and he took it to be an earnest of the confidence which, as an old P.M. he felt in its future, that Bro. Goodchild had not only some time ago introduced his son, but to-day had introduced his son-in-law also. Later in the evening the subject of the Centenary was referred to by the W.M., who stated that he had the Deputy Provincial Grand Master's assurance that not only would he do all he could to forward their application for a Centenary Warrant, but also should be pleased to, when the document was ready, attend a meeting, and present in the Lodge the first jewels to its members.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th ult., at the Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, when Brother John Woodmason P.M. P.P.G.D. opened the Lodge for the last time during his year of office as W.M. The main feature of the evening's business was of course the installation of Bro. Reuben C. Green W.M. elect. This ceremony was performed by Bro. Parkhouse Treasurer, and Bro. G. Davis P.M. the Preceptor of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, and it is needless to add that the working was all that could be desired. The W.M. was well supported by his Officers, and among the visitors were Bros. Robert T. Cooper 130, W. J. Mason W.M. elect 2246, Richard S. Sly P.M. 1653, F. L. Chandler P.M. 1567, W. Middleweek J.W. 1793, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, W. C. Williams P.M. P.P.G. Standard Bearer, N. Moss P.M. 184, William Mote 1206 P.P.G.S.W. Kent, Geo. English 901, J. Turner 1767, J. P. Pearson 1196, Philip Monson P.M. 1194, J. H. Hayden 901, J. R. Crook 733, Fredk. Binckes P.M. Grand Stewards Lodge P.G.S.B., E. Connell 1512, G. Wilson Watts P.M. 194, and Edmund Routledge P.M. 1635. After the banquet which followed the Lodge meeting, a long list of toasts was proposed from the cross table, where Bro. Green, the new W.M. proved himself to be as efficient a host as he is a Mason. The toast the Queen and the Craft was of course disposed of in a few words, the Master merely saying that though they were members of a secret society they had as a first principle loyalty to the Queen, her crown, and dignity. The toast was enthusiastically received, and was followed

by the National Anthem. The toast H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., was also disposed of in a few words, and was likewise duly honoured by the brethren. The next was a special toast, the Earl of Carnarvon, always a separate toast in this Lodge, because, as the Master said, they had been authorised by his lordship to bear his name and arms, a privilege for which they had always been grateful since the foundation of the Lodge, in 1876; visitors would therefore understand why they made that a separate toast. In proposing the toast of the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said that, as a young Mason, he was not prepared to criticise those eminent Masons. He knew, as they all did, that the Grand Officers did excellent work, and seeing those who were present to represent the Grand Lodge, they could do no less than drink to their very good health. They were fortunate on that occasion in the presence of Bros. Cama, Binckes, and Rogers. Bros. Cama and Rogers were members of the Carnarvon Lodge, and the worthy Bro. Binckes, he was proud to say, was a somewhat frequent visitor. In proposing this toast he associated with it the names of those three brethren. Bro. Rogers said he was very proud to respond to the toast in the character of one of the present Grand Officers, who, he hoped, had the entire confidence of the Craft. He was especially proud to return thanks for the Grand Officers in that Lodge because it was the Lodge in which he had been initiated. Bro. Cama also responded. Bro. Woodmason I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and in reply Bro. Green said he thanked the brethren for having drunk the toast, because he believed that they not only drank to the office he held, but drank to the man himself. He had to thank them for their cordiality, but their numbers prevented him thanking them as he should like to do. The kindness that had been shown to him, and to one nearest and dearest to him, who had now retired from work, had stimulated him (the W.M.) to work up to the office which he now held, but he was afraid that the very high standard of work which had been set up in that Lodge would make his task a hard one. He hoped, however, that he should be able to preserve the kind of work they had set up in the Lodge. He would leave it to them to judge him when his year of office was over. He knew that they would extend to him the right hand of fellowship, and it was in reliance upon their support that he said he believed he should be able to get through his year of office to their satisfaction. He would say no more now, as they had so many visitors, but he thanked them from the bottom of his heart for the way in which they had received the toast of his health. Bro. Green then proceeded to say that he had a duty cast upon him which he would now attempt to execute with a great deal of pleasure. It was to introduce to them two joining members to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, who had been elected, in the course of the evening previous to his installation. They were Bro. Capt. James and Bro. Edmund Routledge. Those brethren were well known, and they were all very glad that they had become members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Capt. James said he rose with very mixed feelings to return thanks for the honour and kindness displayed to him and Bro. Routledge. He had been extremely struck with the way in which the W.M. (the worthy son of a worthy father) invested his Officers for the next year. Some little reference had been made to the fact that Bro. Routledge and he were sitting side by side on that occasion, in allusion he presumed, to the fact that their seats—if they got them—in another place would be cast on different sides. Brethren might be satisfied that Bro. Routledge and he would be united in this—that differences of opinion should never alter friendship. Bro. Routledge, in responding, said that he was present on Monday at a very extraordinary entertainment, in which two circuses were going on at the same time, and it occurred to him whether it would not have been better if his brother joining member had been able to perform in one circle while he (Bro. Routledge) performed in another. He spoke simply on his own account, as he should be the last man to say that his (Bro. James's) entertainment should be shortened in the least degree. Before he was a member he had had the pleasure of partaking of the boundless hospitality of the Lodge, and now that he was a member he hoped he should remain one for many years to come. He was gratified to think that he was the invited guest of their Worshipful Chairman, a brother for whom he had the greatest esteem, and whose respected father he had had the pleasure of knowing for a great many years. There was only one other he had been connected with longer—Bro. Pierson—on whose authority he was informed that he had been intimate with him for 52 years. He regretted to say these were the last dying notes of the swan, for he could never again address them as a visitor, and he could not think that he should ever rise to such a position as would enable him to address them in another capacity. The brethren had probably seen in the Barnum show two marvellous freaks of nature, the Siamese twins. Whether or not the brethren agreed with him that Bro. James and himself adequately carried out the functions of the other twins it was not for him to say; but Bro. James never left him. The W.M. then briefly proposed Success to the Masonic Charities, coupling the toast with the name of Bro. Fredk. Binckes, Secretary of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes, in reply, said that it was now some five or six years since he was at that Lodge on a similar occasion, and he thanked them for the continued and continuous support rendered to the various Masonic Institutions by the Carnarvon Lodge. He did not know that he could single out any Lodge that had done more than the Carnarvon. Their Master said that he would make his remarks as brief as possible, and he (Bro. Binckes) was sure that no words of his were needed. All that he had to do was to return his very sincere thanks for the Institution with which he was still associated for the support which had been afforded it by the Carnarvon Lodge, and he need hardly say that whatever might be his destiny or his fate he trusted that the efforts of Bro. Woodmason might be as liberally supported in the present as the efforts of others had been in the past. He did not want to make any sensational observations, but with regard to the Masonic Institutions, the time lately had not flowed as quietly as usual. There was a fierce light that during the last two or three years had beaten upon various

bodies and various institutions, and he did not know why they should expect that the Masonic Institutions should be an exception. Why the Boys' School had been selected for attack he did not know, but he thought he could say a few words that would show them that after all said and done that Institution was not deserving of the grave censure that had been passed upon it. But he was there as a visitor, and he would be sorry to be tempted to make any observations of a controversial nature. He thought, however, he would not find one dissentient when he said, if faults be found, let those faults be remedied, but do not let them interfere with the flow of charity, which had for its object the maintenance, education, and clothing of four or five hundred of the children of Freemasons. Bro. Binckes added that he was delighted to be there that evening as a not altogether unwelcome guest, and still—however imperfectly he might have discharged his duties—as earnest now as ever he was in the cause of Masonic Charity. Time was a great consoler, and it was also a great avenger, and he hoped as it went on feelings would be toned down and opportunity given for dispassionate judgment. In conclusion, he hoped that the efforts of the brethren of the Carnarvon Lodge in the ensuing year would be directed one and all to do what they could to place the Carnarvon Lodge in 1890 in connection with the Festival of the Boys' School in the same proud position as it had held in the past. Several other toasts were proposed, including the Visitors, which was responded to by Bros. Sly, Dr. Cooper, and Leete; the Treasurer and Secretary, responded to by Bros. Murlis and Parkhouse; the Preceptor, for which Bro. Davis returned thanks; and the Officers of the Lodge, to which the J.W. replied, in the absence of the S.W., who had been obliged to leave before the toast was reached. In proposing the Past Master's health, Bro. Green included the presentation to Bro. Woodmason of a handsome Past Master's jewel, which had been voted to him by the Lodge, and for which Bro. Woodmason, in his reply, made suitable acknowledgment. The intervals between the speeches were enlivened with some pleasant vocal and instrumental music, contributed by Miss Florence Kent, Mr. Walter Turner, Bros. T. W. Heath, W. A. Vincent, and Master Felix Lochner (violin). Bro. Russell Lochner presided at the pianoforte.

EARL OF SUSSEX LODGE No. 2201.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their closing meeting of the year at the Royal Pavilion, on Saturday afternoon, the 30th ult. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes. The principal business of the meeting was the initiation of Mr. Gerald W. E. Loder, M.P., Mr. Alfred Scott, and Mr. Chapman Marshall; the ceremony being impressively performed by Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke. A letter was read from the R.W. the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, expressing his deep regret at the death of the late Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. Gerard Ford, and also a letter from Mrs. Gerard Ford in graceful acknowledgment of the vote of condolence forwarded her by the Lodge. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Banqueting Room, where they partook of an elegant banquet, supplied by Bro. D. Mutton, whose catering gave the greatest satisfaction. The W.M. Bro. Richard Clowes presided. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The W.M. after proposing the Queen and the Craft and the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, gave the toast of the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past, to which Bro. Thomas Fenn President of the Board of General Purposes responded. He said the members of Grand Lodge who were present had been especially interested in the ceremony of the afternoon, and that the Earl of Sussex Lodge was honoured by numbering among their brethren both of the Borough Members of Parliament. The W.M. next proposed the R.W. Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught. Sussex Masons, he said, knew the deep interest the Provincial Grand Master took in the Province, and his sympathetic letter, read during the afternoon, testified to his great concern in everything relating to Sussex Freemasonry. They all wished him a speedy return, and were prepared to give him a hearty welcome. The W.M. then gave the W. Provincial Senior Grand Warden in charge Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, Q.C., M.P., P.G. Steward, and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, Present and Past. He said that the brethren of the Province had full confidence in Bro. Marriott, and felt that while he was in charge the Province was well represented. The Present and Past Provincial Officers were all true and trusty, and fully prepared to carry out any duty entrusted to them. Bro. the Right Hon. Sir W. T. Marriott, on rising to respond, was cordially received. Speaking for himself and the other Provincial Officers, he said they were all prepared to do their duty in their respective high positions. He had been gratified in attending the Lodge that afternoon, and witnessing the initiation of the three new members, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the admirable manner in which Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke had carried out the ceremony. Bro. T. Billing Prov. Grand Junior Warden also acknowledged the toast. He congratulated the three initiates upon becoming members of such a Lodge as that of the Earl of Sussex. Representations had been made to him of the duties which would devolve upon him if anything happened to Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott. He trusted nothing would happen to him; but, in case of emergency, he and the remaining Officers would do their best. Bro. Crawford J. Pocock also responded. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott next proposed the Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and spoke in high terms of the zeal and energy which Bro. Clowes displayed in Freemasonry. Bro. Richard Clowes was greeted with hearty and prolonged applause on rising to respond. He thanked Sir W. T. Marriott for the kind terms in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for their generous reception of it. He was proud to be the W.M. of such a distinguished Lodge, and trusted always to retain the good wishes of the brethren. As they would not meet again till next year he heartily wished them all a "Merry Christmas," and a "Happy New Year." He then gave what he termed the toast of the evening, the Initiates. He said he

regarded their initiates as the coming Officers and Worshipful Masters of the Lodge. The Lodge was proud to receive them. Brother Gerald Loder numbered at least 7132 Brighton friends, all of whom had sent him birthday cards on the 28th of October last, and those who did not agree with his views would wish him "Many happy returns of the day." Bro. Scott recalled the name of an honoured Brother—John Henderson Scott—and if their newly-made brother followed in his footsteps the Lodge would, indeed, be proud of him. Bro. Chapman Marshall, an accomplished musician, would, he said, be able to add to their pleasures. He heartily welcomed the three initiates, and congratulated them upon having been initiated by the Grand Secretary. Bro. Gerald W. E. Loder was warmly applauded on rising to acknowledge the toast. Thanking the brethren for the too flattering manner in which they had received the toast, he said the initiates, and not the Lodge, had been honoured that afternoon. He had attended many ceremonies, but he could sincerely say that none had made such a deep impression upon him as the ceremony of his initiation. He felt grateful that he was able to respond in another capacity from that which he had recently occupied, and that he was not expected to make a set speech. He looked forward with pleasure to his association with Freemasonry, and would work assiduously and earnestly in its promotion. He trusted he would then be able to respond in more eloquent and appropriate terms. Bros. A. Scott and Chapman Marshall also responded. The W.M. proposed the Visitors. Bro. F. West P.G.D. responded, and after thanking the Lodge for enabling him to be present at the afternoon's ceremony and sharing their hospitality, said it would be better for the country at large if Masonic principles were more fully carried out, and that speeches in high places would be more moderate and conciliatory. Bros. Sir Somers Vine, J. Blundell Maple, M.P., and Augustus Harris, also briefly responded. The W.M. gave the Past Master. The Lodge deeply regretted, he said, the loss of their first W.M.—the late Bro. Gerard Ford. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott was their only Past Master, and while he continued to take an active part in Freemasonry the Earl of Sussex Lodge would flourish. Bro. Sir W. T. Marriott responded. Alluding to the late Bro. Ford's ability and zeal, he said their lamented brother had also time to devote to Freemasonry. He himself had not an abundance of time to spare, but he was as firm a believer as their late brother in the principles of the Craft. They were indeed grand principles, and he would defy the representatives of any religious creed to take exception to either of them. If those principles were not only professed but carried out the work would be much better. The W.M. submitted the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. C. W. Hudson and R. Pidcock responded. The Tyler's toast completed the list. During the evening a pleasing selection of vocal music was sustained by Miss Minnie Freeman, Miss Edith Hands, Bro. A. King, and Mr. Martin Barling, the last named taking the place of Bro. J. P. Slingsby Roberts, Organist of the Lodge, who had arranged the programme, but was prevented by illness from being present. The duties of accompanist were admirably carried out by Bro. W. N. Roe.

SAINT LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THE members of this Lodge had a regular "field-day" in Freemasonry last Wednesday, when the brethren assembled at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, for the purpose of witnessing the installation of their new Master for the ensuing year, and to receive and welcome three additional candidates for Masonic privileges. The W.M. Bro. Joseph Cox opened the Lodge soon after four o'clock, and was assisted by Bros. H. J. Thrower S.W., L. A. Harrison J.W., C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, Louis Stean P.M., G. T. Barr P.M., E. Benjamin P.M., H. G. Gush P.M., J. Funston P.M., F. Matthews I.P.M., S. Smither P.M., and Edward Smith P.P.G.J.W. North Wales. There were also present Bros. W. Beasley S.D., S. Batcheler D.C., R. S. Ricketts Organist, H. Waynforth, J. Tidball, W. Snell-grove, B. Nicholson, F. Meriton, G. Colls, W. Shurmur, W. E. Johnson, W. H. Mills, S. Bertin, L. Levy, H. Levy, J. Mordecai, H. Joseph, F. F. Kaufman, Ungar, R. Jeremy, F. E. Abbott, H. Johnson, J. Barnes, J. James, C. Gamage, J. A. Fagg, S. J. Thrower, W. Blenkinsop, S. Alberts, W. D. Lee, W. H. Toye, Orton Cooper, &c. The usual business of the Lodge being disposed of, Bro. Louis Stean P.M. proceeded with the installation ceremony. We may here mention that Bro. Stean is eighty years of age, and boasts of having been a Mason for nigh upon sixty years, so may well be considered as one of the fathers of the Craft, and the Saint Leonard Lodge may be congratulated on possessing such an ardent worker. Bro. Henry J. Thrower having signified his assent to the usual conditions, was duly installed in the chair, and was saluted in the three degrees by the brethren. Bro. Geo. T. Barr acted as Director of Ceremonies. The W.M. then appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bro. L. A. Harrison S.W., W. Beasley J.W., J. Cox I.P.M. pro tem Treasurer, C. F. Barham P.M. Secretary, W. Shurmur P.M. S.D., S. C. Kaufman J.D., F. Meriton I.G., S. Batcheler D.C., L. Levy and H. Levy Stewards, R. S. Ricketts Organist, J. Very Tyler. Bro. Joseph Cox was subsequently invested with the Past Master's jewel, for which he expressed his thanks. Mr. Thomas W. D'Aubney, Mr. George Bishop, and Mr. Benjamin Jacobs, having been balloted for and approved, were introduced into the Lodge, and duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry by the new W.M. The business of the evening having thus come to a satisfactory termination, the Lodge was closed about eight o'clock, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, that of the Grand Officers being acknowledged by Bro. Edward Smith Past P.G.J.W. North Wales. Brother J. Cox I.P.M., in submitting the health of the Worshipful Master, said he had many reasons for being pleased that he was permitted to propose that toast. In the first place Bro. Thrower was a personal friend of many years standing, he was engaged in the important duty of bringing up and educating some of the young generation, and he had worked his way up from the ranks through all the stages until at length he

found himself in the chair, and thereby had attained the highest honour. He felt assured from the way in which Bro. Thrower had commenced his duties that evening that he would have a prosperous year of office. The W.M. in his reply stated that ten years previous he was occupying one of the chairs on his right (those of the initiates), and he was then told, by perseverance and hard work he might attain the position of Master. Bro. Stean had initiated him into the Lodge, and he was proud at having been installed by him also. It seemed as though Bro. Stean had taken a fresh lease of life, and he fervently trusted that the Lodge might have the benefit of his services for many years to come. He then called upon the brethren to honour him as Installing Master. Bro. Stean in acknowledging the compliment said that he was the first Master of the Lodge, which had now been established for eleven years, and he had done his utmost to keep it in a flourishing state. It had been said that the brethren got tired of the long addresses, but he trusted that every young Mason would uphold the ancient traditions. He was sure that if these innovations continued, universal confusion would ensue, and it was necessary that there should be a standard of excellence in order that the various Lodges might work in harmony. He was initiated in 1830, and had been a preceptor of different Lodges of Instruction for more than twenty-five years, and had ever carried out the ritual in accordance with the old traditions; while he was permitted to work the ceremonies there should be no deviation. This he was sure would be for the benefit of the Craft in general and their Lodge in particular. Other toasts followed, and the company separated at a late hour.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Star Chapter of Instruction, No. 1275.—On Friday, 29th ult., at Camberwell. Present—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Captain R. J. Vincent M.E.Z., T. Grummant H., V. T. Murché J., C. H. Stone S.E., Benedetti S.N., Stone P.S., G. L. Moore, Towers, Hill, Addington, R. C. Davis, Eadle, &c. Comp. Hilton rehearsed the ceremony of installation of H. by request, and did himself great credit by the performance. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers personating candidate. At the meeting on the 6th instant there were present:—Comps. F. Hilton Preceptor, Eadle M.E.Z., Benedetti H., Wingham J., Stone S.E., Moore S.N., Grummant P.S., and Addington. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Addington as candidate. Comp. Benedetti was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. It was resolved that on the 20th inst. the Chapter will be adjourned till the first Friday in January 1890.

MARK MASONRY.

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WILTSHIRE KEYSTONE LODGE, No. 178.

THE installation meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Devizes, on Wednesday, 27th ult., when Bro. A. F. Brereton was duly installed by Bro. T. C. Hopkins. The W.M. subsequently appointed and invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Brothers H. J. Johnson S.W., J. Pocock J.W., W. S. Bambridge M.O., Rev. W. Humphreys S.O. (acting Chaplain), B. W. Croes J.O., F. T. Hancock P.M. Treasurer, H. H. R. Chapman Registrar, H. Howse P.M. Secretary, W. F. Gaby S.D., F. G. Billingham J.D., J. A. Randell P.M. D.C., T. C. Hopkins P.M. Organist, F. Reynolds I.G., C. R. Barnes Tyler. Bro. Hopkins performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, and afterwards delivered the usual addresses to the W.M., Officers, and Brethren.

The next annual meeting of the Northumberland Provincial Grand Lodge will be held under the banner of the Blagdon Lodge, No. 659, and the meeting will probably be held at Blyth, in the autumn of next year, under the presidency of Sir M. W. Ridley, Bart, M.P., Prov. G.M. There is a movement on foot in Blyth for the building of a Masonic hall, and the project has been most favourably received by Sir M. W. Ridley, who has promised to offer a site for such erection.

On the 4th instant, the Brunswick Lodge, No. 159, elected Bros. F. J. Price W.M., H. Mortimer Treasurer, and W. J. Bartlett Tyler.

Bro. A. H. Pilcher has been installed as W.M. of the St. Augustine's Lodge, No. 972, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Sibert Saunders P.M. 1915. The brethren, to the number of sixty-four, including thirty-eight visitors, afterwards adjourned to the Royal Fountain Hotel, where a banquet was served by Bro. H. Ward.

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On Tuesday, 24th December, the 6.20 p.m. fast train from Paddington, usually running to Bristol only, will run to Exeter, and the 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. fast trains (1, 2, and 3 class) from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance; a special fast train to the West of England, going through to Penzance, will leave Paddington at 11.50 p.m. midnight on 24th December, and carry third-class passengers at reduced fares. On Tuesday, 24th December, a special train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, calling at the same stations as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train.

On Christmas Day the usual Sunday Service of trains will be run, but for the convenience of persons who are unable to leave town before the morning of Christmas Day, the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as on week days to Oxford, Bristol, Weston-Super-Mare, and Swansea, and will connect at Oxford with trains to Worcester, Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Dudley and Wolverhampton.

In order to meet the extraordinary demands upon the Company's resources, by the enormous parcels traffic despatched both from and to London at Christmas time, special fast trains carrying parcels only, and calling at the principal intermediate stations, will run between London and Plymouth, Birkenhead, Worcester and New Milford.

LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.

THE London and North Western Railway Company announce that the ticket offices at Euston, Broad-street, Kensington, and Willesden Junction will be open throughout the day from Monday, 16th December, to Tuesday, 24th December (Sunday excepted), so that passengers wishing to obtain tickets for any destination on the London and North-Western Railway can do so at any time of the day prior to the starting of the trains. The tickets will be dated to suit the convenience of passengers. Tickets for all the principal stations on the London and North-Western system and its connections can be obtained at any time—Sundays and Bank Holidays excepted—at the following Town Receiving Offices of the Company:—15 Queen-street, E.C.; Spread Eagle, 3 Whittington-avenue, Leadenhall Market, E.C.; Swan-with-Two-Necks, Gresham-street, E.C.; 13 Eastcheap; Cross Keys, Wood-street, Cheapside, E.C.; 22 Aldersgate-street, E.C.; 65 Aldgate, E.; 30 West Smithfield, E.C.; 8 and 9 Clerkenwell Green, E.C.; Bolt-in-Tun, 64 Fleet-street, E.C.; 116 Holborn, E.C.; George and Blue Boar, 285 High Holborn, W.C.; 43 New Oxford-street, W.C.; Universal Office, Spread Eagle, Piccadilly-circus, W.; Golden Cross, Charing Cross, W.C.; Hotel Windsor (late Army and Navy Hotel), Victoria Street, S.W.; 231 Edgware Road, W.; Atlas Office, 167 Tottenham Court Road, W.C.; 70 St. Martin's Lane, W.C.; Lion, 108 New Bond Street, W.; 233 and 234 Blackfriars Road, S.E., &c. The ordinary service of express and mail trains will be supplemented by additional express trains as named below: On Friday, December 20th; Saturday, December 21st; Monday, December 23rd; and Tuesday, December 24th, the 1.15 p.m. from Euston will be divided—the first portion will leave Euston at 1.10 p.m., and will convey traffic for Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Blackburn, Bolton, Fleetwood, Barrow, Lancaster, Windermere, and Carlisle. On Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th, a special train will also leave Euston at 2.50 p.m. for Bletchley, Wolverton, Northampton, Rugby, principal stations on the Trent Valley Line and Stafford, in advance of the 3.0 p.m. ordinary train from London (Euston). The 4.30 p.m., Euston to Birmingham, will be divided—the first portion, which will run express to Birmingham, will leave Euston at 4.25 p.m.; the second portion of the train will leave Euston at 4.30 p.m., and convey passengers for Northampton, Rugby, Coventry, Birmingham, Walsall, Dudley, and Wolverhampton. The night Irish mail, due to leave Euston 8.20 p.m., will not leave until 9.15 p.m. Passengers from Birmingham, Liverpool, and Manchester, for Holyhead and Ireland, will leave at the usual hours, and will be taken forward to Holyhead in advance of the London train. The mail packet for Kingstown will not leave Holyhead until the passengers from London are on board. The 12.0 night train from London (Euston), due at Warrington at 5.15 a.m. on Christmas Day, will be extended from Warrington to Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow, as on ordinary week days. On Christmas Day the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, with the following additions:—The 5.15 a.m. newspaper express from London (Euston) will run to Northampton, Rugby, Birmingham, Nuneaton, Tamworth, Lichfield, Rugeley, Stafford, Shrewsbury, Crewe, Liverpool, Manchester, Warrington, Wigan, Preston, Lancaster, Carnforth, Oxenholme, Kendal, Windermere, Tebay, Penrith, Carlisle, Edinburgh, and Glasgow. The 7.15 a.m. down day Irish mail from Euston to Holyhead, and the 11.30 a.m. up day Irish mail from Holyhead to Euston, will be run on Christmas Day the same as on week days. The down mail will call, if required, at Rhyll, Conway, and Bangor, and the up mail, if re-

quired, at Bangor, Conway, Colwyn Bay, Rhyll, and Holywell. The 11.17 a.m., Chester to Birkenhead, will wait at Chester the arrival of the 7.15 a.m. from London. On Thursday (Bank Holiday), 26th December, numerous residential trains in the neighbourhood of important cities and towns will not be run.

NEW MUSIC.

All Music intended for review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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"All in the wild March Morning." Song. Written by William Twamley, composed by C. F. Horan.

"Stories." Song. Written by Mary Mark-Lemon, composed by A. H. Behrend.

"The Albert Victor Waltz." Composed by Felix Burns.

"Un Chant D'Amour Valse." Composed by Felix Burns.

"May Queen." Country Dance. Composed by Felix Burns.

London: PATEY AND WILLIS, 44 Great Marlborough Street, W.

WE have received a capital selection of music from Messrs. Patey and Willis, got up in a careful style. "All in the wild March Morning" is a good, spirited and attractive song, written by William Twamley and composed by C. F. Horan. The words are interesting, while the melody is tuneful. Mary Mark-Lemon and A. H. Behrend's song "Stories" is, we feel sure, destined to become one of the attractions of the season. Good words, set to a most attractive and melodious refrain, make up a really charming composition. The compilers of ball programmes have also had their wants looked after. "The Albert Victor" is a capital waltz, easy to play, and a good one to dance to. "Un Chant D'Amour" is another spirited piece, with a catchy and melodious refrain. Both these waltzes have been composed by Felix Burns, as also has "The May Queen," a country dance for the pianoforte, which is a piece admirably suited for the drawing-room; the music is not difficult, yet tuneful, and will become popular. We recommend all these pieces to the notice of our readers.

THE THEATRES, &c.

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Kilburn Town Hall.—On Tuesday last a dramatic recital took place, which deserves special notice from the fact that Miss Ethel Davies, who gave it, showed quite exceptional elocutionary and dramatic powers, which augur well for her future should she be persuaded to devote that future to art. Her recitations included the whole range from comedy to tragedy, and it says a great deal for her powers that only in the case of the somewhat hackneyed "Charge of the Light Brigade" were we disappointed. Her recitation entitled "A Lawn Tennysonian Idyll" was particularly effective. Among those who assisted were Mr. Lawrence Kellie, who sang with feeling the well known song, of which he is the composer, "Douglas Gordon," and Miss Hope Temple, who gave an effective rendering of the song "Because I love thee." Miss Hope Temple, whose pupil Miss Davies is, must have been gratified at the success of the evening's entertainment.

A recent number of the *Melbourne Age* contains the following letter:—

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH AND FREE-MASONRY.

To the Editor.

SIR,—Referring to the above subject and the controversy it has evoked in your columns, I should like to correct your last correspondent, "Grand Chaplain," on a matter of history. First of all, though, let me explain that I have been for a number of years a subscribing member to one or more Lodges in different parts of the world, and that, like many active Masons, I have long been in the habit of treating the misrepresentations and falsehoods fulminated against the Order by the Roman Catholic Church with the supreme contempt and indifference they merit. In other words, if it pleases the clerics of that church to vilify and misrepresent an honourable, a loyal, and a philanthropic Institution, they are welcome to the pleasure it affords them; but it does not harm Freemasonry in the least. I am therefore not about to combat the Rev. Father Cahill's statements; but, as I have said, desire to point out an inaccuracy on the part of "Grand Chaplain." His reference to Sir Christopher Wren and the supposed connection of that great architect with the Freemasons is entirely erroneous. It has never been proved that Sir Christopher was a member of our body; indeed, there is no official document or authoritative record existing in support of a statement that appears to have had its origin in the imagination of an enthusiastic and not over careful writer of the last century. Elias "Ashworth" should also be printed Ashmole.

Yours, &c.

14th October.

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DEATH.

PRICE.—On the 11th inst., Anne, the wife of Bro. Harry Nelson Price, of 129 Kennington Park Road, S.E.

GREAT WESTERN RAILWAY.**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.**

ON DECEMBER 18th, and during the Week, CHEAP THIRD CLASS RETURN TICKETS, available on forward journey from December 21st to 23rd, and for return up to December 29th inclusive, will be issued, as well as ordinary tickets, at PADDINGTON, Victoria, Battersea, Chelsea, West Brompton, Kensington (Addison-road), Uxbridge Road, Hammersmith, Shepherd's Bush, and Westbourne Park, and at the Company's Receiving Offices, viz.: 193 and 197 Oxford-street, 23 New Oxford-street, Holborn-circus, (Bartlett's-buildings), 26 Regent-street, 269 Strand, 29 Charing-cross, 5 Arthur-street-east, London Bridge, 82 Queen Victoria-street, 43 and 44 Crutched-friars, 67 Gresham-street, and 1 Cheapside, to BATH, Bristol, Taunton, Barnstaple, Ilfracombe, Exeter, Torquay, Plymouth, Falmouth, Penzance, &c.; also to the Yeovil and Weymouth districts, and to most of the Stations below Bristol. The tickets will be available by all trains from Paddington except the 11.45 a.m. Express.

Ordinary tickets issued in London between December 18th and 24th will be available for use any day between (and including) those dates.

Tuesday, December 24th.—The 11.45 a.m. from Paddington will carry passengers to the Minehead Branch. The 1.0 and 5.0 p.m. trains (1, 2, and 3 class) from Paddington to Plymouth will be extended to Falmouth and Penzance.

The 8.20 p.m. from Paddington to Bristol will run to Exeter, calling at Weston-Super-Mare, Bridgwater, Taunton, and Tiverton Junction, reaching Exeter at 11.40 p.m., and will convey passengers for stations on the Barnstaple Branch. In connection with the Weymouth portion of this train, a Special will be run from Witham to Wells.

A Special Fast Train will leave Paddington at 10.0 p.m. for New Milford, calling at the same stations between Swindon and New Milford as the 9.15 p.m. ordinary train, and will convey passengers for the Llandyssil Branch. A Special will leave Oxford at 10.5 p.m., Abingdon 10.0, Radley 10.15, and Culham at 10.23 p.m. in connection with this train, returning from Didcot after arrival of the 10.0 p.m. Special.

A SPECIAL FAST TRAIN (1, 2, 3 class) will leave Paddington at 11.50 p.m. Midnight, on December 24th, for Reading, Swindon, Bath, Bristol, Bridgwater, Taunton, Exeter, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Newton Abbot (for Torquay and Kingswear), Totnes, Kingsbridge Road, Plymouth, and stations thence to Penzance. The cheap tickets will be available by this train.

On CHRISTMAS DAY the usual Sunday service of trains will be run, but the 5.30 a.m. newspaper train will run as on week days to Oxford, Weston-super-Mare, and Swansea. The train will be five minutes earlier than usual between Didcot and Oxford, so as to connect at Oxford with the 7.25 and 7.40 a.m. trains, thence to Banbury, Leamington, Birmingham, Worcester, Malvern, Kidderminster, Wolverhampton, &c.

For further particulars see special bills obtainable at the Company's Stations and Offices.

Hx. LAMBERT, General Manager.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, E.C.
1st November 1889.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.—The Quarterly Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys having agreed to the retirement of the present Secretary, I intend to offer myself as a candidate for the vacancy which will thus be created.

I have been a Mason over 10 years, and am now nearly 34 years of age.

I was educated at King's College School, London, and Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge, and took the degree of B.A. in the Mathematical Tripos 1879, (M.A. 1885). Shortly after quitting the University, I was appointed Mathematical Master in Truro Grammar School, but retired from that position on being called to the Bar, in 1881, since when I have practised, up to the present time, and have been engaged in the compilation of more than one legal work.

In Masonry I hold the following positions—Past Grand Steward (Eng.); W.M. Tuscan Lodge, No. 14; P.M. and Founder West Kent Volunteer Lodge, No. 2011; Secretary and Founder Argonauts' Lodge, No. 2213; J. Asaph Chapter, No. 1319; P.S. George Price Chapter, No. 2096. Member of the Board of General Purposes, and Life Governor Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

I have for some years been Hon. Secretary of the Langton Masonic Benevolent Association, through which between £1300 and £1400 will, in four years, have been subscribed to the Masonic Charities.

Should I have the honour of being elected I shall always endeavour to discharge my duties with advantage to the Institution and to your full satisfaction.

I have the honour to be, Ladies and Gentlemen,
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LONDON AND NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY.**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS, 1889.**

TICKETS for all the principal places on the London and North Western system, available from either Euston or Kensington (Addison Road), and dated to suit the convenience of passengers, can be obtained at the Spread Eagle office, Piccadilly Circus, and other principal Town Receiving offices of the Company, and at Messrs. Gaze and Sons' office, 142 Strand, W.C., as well as at the Railway Stations.

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On Bank Holiday, Thursday, December 26th, Numerous residential Trains in the neighbourhood of important Cities and Towns will not be run. For further particulars, see Special Notices issued by the Company.

G. FINDLAY, General Manager.

Euston Station, December 1889.

Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

To the Patrons, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents, and Life Governors.

BRETHREN desirous of supporting the Candidature of Bro. ALFRED CRAVEN GREENWOOD, Assist. Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey, in the event of a vacancy in the Secretaryship, are respectfully solicited to forward their Names to Bro. CHARLES GREENWOOD, P.M., P.P.G. Reg., P.ov. Grand Secretary Surrey, 12 Serjeant's Inn, Temple, E.C.

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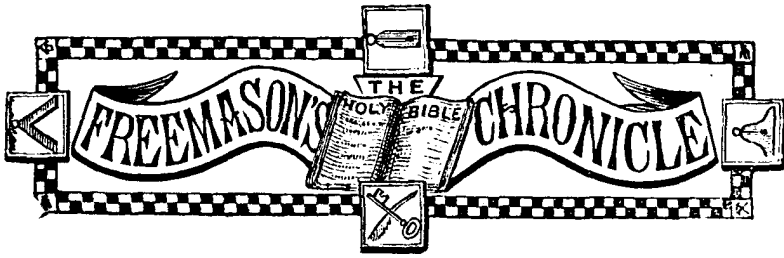
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SATURDAY, 14TH DECEMBER 1889.

HAMPSHIRE AND I. OF W. EDUCATIONAL AND BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

ON Tuesday, the 3rd instant, the Festival of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Commercial-road, Landport, under the presidency of the Chairman (the Right Worshipful Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight). The D.P.G.M. (Bro. J. E. Le Feuvre), the Worshipful the Mayor (Bro. Sir William King), and other well-known members of the Craft were unavoidably absent. The Provincial Grand Master was supported by the Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. Edgar Goble), the Provincial Grand Treasurer (Bro. John W. Gieve), the Rev. J. N. Palmer (P.G. Chaplain of England), the Provincial Grand Senior Warden (Bro. Major W. Campbell P.M. 257), and the Hon. Secretary of the Institution (Bro. G. F. Lancaster). The company included Bros. Henry Cawte, S. R. Ellis, E. S. Main, W. A. Hill, T. H. Williams, Thomas W. Haydon, J. G. Mason, W. Miller, R. G. Pither, W. H. Sperring, W. J. Townsend, Henry Edwards, H. Simes, E. Godwin, George W. Peel, Fred. Avery, George Backler, W. F. Westerman, Bernard Harfield, Charles Dobson, Francis Orford, Lieut. T. Cowd, F. H. Woodrow, W. Bates, J. Collings, H. W. Smith-Parsons, J. E. Buck, R. Boughton-Smith, Arthur J. Firth, G. F. Brown, Fredk. P. Anslie, &c. An excellent dinner was served under the direction of Mr. Pearce, the steward of the club, a string band, conducted by Bro. T. F. Wilton, played choice selections. Grace before and after the repast was said by the Rev. J. N. Palmer, after which the Provincial Grand Master proposed the Queen and the Craft. Loyalty to the Sovereign of their native land was, he said, a duty incumbent upon all Englishmen, and discharged with the greatest pleasure, because they cherished love towards her person and a devoted attachment to the institution of which she was the head. Freemasons yielded to no section of the community in loyalty and devotion to Her Majesty. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, who had presided over them with such great advantage to their Institution for many years. From the moment that His Royal Highness had acceded to the wish that he should like to be their head, Freemasonry had grown to an almost unexampled extent, and the interest which he had taken in the work of their Order had been of the utmost advantage to and reflected the greatest credit upon it. Looking forward to the time when he must be the head of this Kingdom, though he might not then act as their Grand Master, he was sure that His Royal Highness would not relinquish the love which he bore towards Freemasonry. The Provincial Grand Master submitted the Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon), the Deputy Grand Master (the Earl of Lathom), and the Officers of Grand Lodge present and past. The Rev. J. N. Palmer Prov. Grand Chaplain, in responding, said that as a Province they ought to congratulate themselves that they had a man to rule over them who was looked up to in Grand Lodge with such thorough respect and esteem as their Grand Master was. He had often presided at Grand Lodge, and whenever he was called upon his decisions were marked by calmness and prudence, and were universally accepted. Bro. E. Goble, in proposing the R.W. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, Chairman, said that in his capacity as Provincial Grand Secretary he had great opportunities of seeing the work that was done by their Grand Master. From his youth up he had been a Freemason, and ever since he had joined the Craft he had worked hard in the cause. He was initiated in the Apollo Lodge at Oxford, and he had manfully worked himself up from an "entered apprentice." He had done everything that one could for the cause of Freemasonry, and he could look back with a large amount of pride to a few years ago when he sat as Chairman at the Festival of one of their London Charities, and when the largest sum ever gathered into that fund on such an occasion was received. Whenever there was a call upon him they would always find him to the front, and he was there to-night to put before them the cause of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Educational and Benevolent Institution. He hoped that when they heard their Honorary Secretary speak they would hear of a good sum being gathered for the Institution, which he looked upon as almost absolutely necessary for this Province. The toast was drunk with cheers. The Provincial Grand Master, in responding, said that it had given him very great pleasure to be there that evening. It was quite true, as Bro. Goble had said, that from the time he was initiated into Freemasonry he had taken a great interest in the welfare of the Craft, and one of the first things he undertook after he had been made a Mason was the Stewardship of one of their Masonic Charities. He thought that gave him the first insight into the good the Craft was doing, because he saw the vast benefits that accrued from the cause of education being carried out at one of their great institutions, and he then made an inward resolve to do all he could to support an Order conferring such great advantages. He did not think he had relaxed his efforts in the cause, neither did he think that his ardour was damped in any way, and he had done his duty whether in a low position or the high one which he now filled for the benefit of the Craft. He was quite

sure that it was working a great good amongst those children who had no means of supporting themselves, and in a social point of view, because it brought men together and made them friends in the time of need, uniting them in a bond of brotherly love. Freemasonry did not only a great work in their own social gatherings and in their own country, but was a benefit with regard to the relationship of one country with another. He appealed to them to adhere to the ancient rules of the Craft, and not to allow innovations to be introduced which would destroy the essential principles established by their forefathers. Let them adhere to their ancient principles and traditions, and do their best to fulfil them themselves and transmit them to their descendants. He acknowledged the support he had always received as Grand Master of that very large and important Province, and said it was a great gratification to him to come amongst his brethren and receive such a hearty welcome as he had received that evening. The Provincial Grand Master next proposed the Worshipful Brother J. E. LeFeuvre Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, present and past. He said that he was sure that Bro. LeFeuvre would have been there if he could have managed it, but unfortunately he was in the North of England. They all knew the interest he took in this Province and also in Grand Lodge. He was for many years Provincial Grand Secretary, and in that very onerous capacity always did good service, and his ability and geniality commended him to all his brother Masons. The Provincial Officers, present and past, always rendered him the most ample assistance in the promotion of Masonry in that Province. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. J. W. Gieve, the Provincial Grand Treasurer, who, he said, had served with great credit to himself, and had given the greatest assistance to Grand Lodge. His office required considerable tact and ability, and he had received from Bro. Gieve the greatest assistance. Bro. Gieve, in responding, said the Provincial Officers all felt bound to support the Grand Master in every possible way that lay in their power. He felt it an honour to work with so able a Mason, who was looked up to not only by the brethren of that Province but throughout England, and more especially by those who were connected with the Grand Lodge. Meeting together to celebrate the second anniversary of that institution he congratulated Bro. Lancaster on its present position. He (Bro. Gieve) had received, with a certain deduction, the legacy of £200 of the late Major Hooper, a Past Warden of the Province, and suggested that it should be invested for the benefit of this institution, and adding that this would be for the brethren to decide at the Provincial meeting to be held in January. The Provincial Grand Master next introduced Success to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. He said that but for the inclement weather the attendance would have been much larger, and mentioned that one eminent Mason in that locality had intended to come, but was prevented through being unwell—he referred to Colonel Crease, a Past Master of the Phoenix Lodge. The interest which had been felt in this institution was very great and unexampled. He thought the balance sheet in their hands showed that it had been very successful. There were great Masonic institutions demanding large support from the Craft, which they had received with no unstinted hand from the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. There was a time when their charities received more support from London than the country, where they were not then sufficiently known. But in time they became better known, they received very great support from the Provinces, and now the great central charities were not only supported by London but very much from the Provinces. There were large Provinces, which, though they gave great support to these charities, could not expect to get their children elected very often. If they got one elected every year or two it was all they could expect. When they had a great number of Lodges in a Province, with a great many brethren, the demands upon the charities became greater than they could bear, and naturally there was some call for fresh institutions which might take up those who could not expect to get into the larger charities. Therefore he thought a very good work was done when, through Bro. Lancaster, this charity was established. In most of these things some one must pull the stroke oar, give an impetus to it and put his shoulder to the wheel, and Bro. Lancaster, with unexampled energy, had instituted and, with the assistance of others, carried out this great work. He thought it reflected great credit upon him and the brethren who had supported him that the institution had borne such good fruit, as there were now no less than six children receiving the benefits of education. He thought the institution well deserved the support of Freemasons in the Province. In smaller Provinces it could not be expected that a local charity should receive sufficient assistance to render it successful. It seemed almost doubtful, even in this Province, whether a charity could be supported, but no doubt it was doing a great and important work in the cause of charity. He should be very loath himself to support it if their central Charities were in consequence to suffer to any extent. But such was not the case, and, on the contrary, they did their utmost to support this institution in harmony and side by side with the great Masonic Charities of the Order. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Lancaster, who had done such very good work in starting the institution. Bro. G. F. Lancaster, in reply, said that when he had the pleasure to bring this idea to the front and submit it to a few friends in the room overhead, he had no idea that it would reach such successful results as it had done. He explained why a festival had not been held last year, and read a list of subscriptions, amounting to £119 10s 3d. Although they would have liked to see a large number present, the magnificent total—the result of the exertions of 23 Stewards, two of whom had not yet made their return—was matter for great congratulation. The last toast was the Stewards, proposed by Bro. Goble, and responded to by Bro. E. S. Main, who referred to the fact that in two years the Province had subscribed £1764 to this institution, besides what it had given to the central Charities.

CONSECRATION OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENWICH LODGE, No. 2332.

WE have on previous occasions called attention to the fact that in no district in the kingdom is there more zeal displayed in advancing the best interests of Freemasonry than in the South-eastern part of London. We shall not attempt to account for or explain the charm, the attraction,—or to decide the knotty point whether it is the hope of benefits to be afterwards secured,—that may be the motive that draws so many to our ranks in this particular quarter, but take it as accepted the power must be a potent and a mighty one. Moreover, we are proud to be in a position to record that our brethren thus located are not perfunctory or half-hearted in what they set about. When they undertake the duties of Stewards at each or other of our Festivals, it goes almost without a doubt that their Lists will be substantial ones; if a Masonic Hall is needed, there is but little difficulty in raising the necessary funds, while as for competency as workers the South Easterners can satisfactorily hold their position in the foremost rank. Under all these circumstances, then, it cannot be matter for wonder that the necessity for a new Lodge in the district asserted itself, and Greenwich was selected as the most fitting place for the brethren to meet at. A strong contingent of brethren now combined, and the following constituted themselves a band of Founders:—Bros. A. H. Bateman P.M., W. T. Hunt P.M. 79, C. C. Featherstone, H. T. Grey, J. O. Pearson, J. Harper, A. Morgan, S. W. Phillips, G. P. Carter, T. P. Newton, E. G. Grove P.M., E. Jerrard, J. J. Pitt, J. G. Thomas, Daniel Bear, E. Burale, E. Watkins, E. W. Carpenter, A. H. Oakley, T. D. Hayes P.M., J. W. Boord P.M., W. J. Woodwell, B. R. Banks. The next proceeding was to select one of these to conduct the preliminary negotiations, and we venture to say a wise choice was made when our good brother A. H. Bateman P.M. was induced to undertake these duties. In due course the prayer of the Petitioners was granted, and Wednesday, the 11th inst., was fixed for the consecration. The Masonic Rooms, at the William the Fourth, East Greenwich, was made headquarters, and here on the day we have named the brethren assembled at four o'clock. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, was the Consecrating Officer, and he was assisted by Dr. Ralph Gooding P.G.D. as S.W., Lieut-Col. George Haldane P.G. Sword Bearer as J.W., the Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg P.G.C. as Chaplain, Frank Richardson P.G.D. as D.C., and Col W. Bristowe P.G. Sword Bearer as I.G. Amongst those who were present were:—H. Nuding P.M. 140, A. W. Kemp 1924, W. Rowley P.M. 1924, A. Zimmer Carl G.A.L. Frankfort-on-the-Maine, R. J. Amos 871, J. L. Watts P.M. 158, C. N. Syder I.P.M. 79, Alfred Baigent 1032, C. Newman 1597, W. Wilkinson 1531, G. Whitley S.W. 871, W. C. S. Barney W.M. 140, H. K. Lewis 140, Thomas Kemp 871, Thomas Heaps Sec. 1973, W. Cuming I.P.M. 1593, W. B. Wallack (Argonauts), J. Ingle J.W. 79, H. Stevenson P.M. 1613, T. S. Warne P.P.G. Senior Warden Kent, Thomas W. Hayes P.M. 913 P.P.G. Senior Deacon Kent, Doctor George Mickley P.M. 449 P.P.G.S.W. Herts, A. Hubbard 813, C. Jolly P.M. 1472, T. J. Merritt 1924, E. C. Lister W.M. 1320, J. W. Phillips 186, P. Newbould P.M. 426, J. B. Sherring W.M. 186, Andrew Holmes W.M. 548, Edm. Leaphard 147, John Cook 147, J. G. Milbourne P.M. 13, W. J. Newell S.W. 73, A. Brokenshire 871, R. Stringer P.M. 871, G. Brown P.M. 169, A. A. Frigant 171, C. Beckett 2000, R. Price P.M. 1320, W. Hutchinson 1765, E. W. Snow 55, H. Sadler G. Tyler, R. A. Hose 1314, J. Elliot P.M. 1973, C. Kedgley W.M. 79, W. W. Morgan P.M. 211, H. Slyman P.P.G.D.C. Middlesex, Thos. Hutchinson 1900, W. J. Bennett 211, T. W. Worn P.M. 33, Thos. Smith 38, W. C. Bell 860, E. J. Williams P.M. 1539, Thos. Bugler 1638, W. F. Crook P.M. 1275, E. J. Gittin S.W. 179, Dr. Wendt G. Secretary German Correspondence, W. J. Blakey P.P.G. S.W. Kent. After the brethren had taken their places no time was lost; Col. Clerke opened the Lodge. After the Hymn "Hail, Eternal," the Consecrating Officer addressed the brethren, and the Chaplain gave the Opening Prayer. The Petition and Warrant were read, and then the Grand Chaplain delivered the following Oration:

BRETHREN,—With all that is great, and good, and useful, whether in the past, present, or future, our Craft has a natural sympathy. You have therefore chosen a most appropriate name for your new Lodge in calling it the "Borough of Greenwich." There are few places in England which are more full of history and interest. Situated as it is on the Water Way to London, and on the earliest English road—the Watling Street, which runs from Dover to York through your Borough, it has always been, from the earliest times, a place of note. The little green village of the Saxons has grown with our country, and has borne its share in making England what it is.

It would be impossible for me in the few minutes at my disposal to attempt even an outline of your history. I will select only a few of those practical works of usefulness, wisdom and mercy, with which your Borough has had a close connection, feeling sure that these bright memories of the past will stir up your new Lodge to copy and emulate them. And first as to your share in that great work of the past, the Watling Street, first a British track and then a Roman Road. At one time it was probably the only means of communication from one end of the kingdom to the other. In making and maintaining this road, for possibly more than a thousand years, Greenwich has had its share.

Man is socially and intellectually bettered by being brought out of the narrow limit of self and of his own locality into communion with his fellow man, and so that early historic road was one of the means of preventing England continuing separated into many isolated kingdoms; was one of the means of consolidating us into that strong and loyal nation which as yet neither the traitor within or the foe without has been able to rend asunder.

Emulate, my brethren, the example of your ancestors, and in your times do all that lies within your power to preserve and cultivate the fraternal unity of our great Empire.

Created a borough in the year 1557, your town quickly sprang into importance, and for more than one generation Kings and Queens dwelt amongst you, at the Royal Palace of Greenwich, which was partly built by that great operative mason Inigo Jones.

Nor was it merely a pleasure resort for English Royalty. Charles the Second, in 1675, founded your Royal Observatory. It was founded because it was represented to the king that for the want of accurate astronomical observations his pilots and sailors were placed at a disadvantage. He declared at once that English sailors should not want what their king could give them, and so the Observatory, which makes the name of Greenwich known in every part of the habitable world, had its origin.

Is there not here again a spirit truly in accordance with our Craft? England has ever been ready to supply all that was needed for her servants' use. The English nature takes a pride in maintaining for England her proper place—the van of science and civilisation. The Liberal Arts and Sciences are under the special protection of our Order, and I need hardly remind every Craftsman of his duty.

One feature more in your past history. William the Third and his Queen devoted Greenwich Palace to its great object, namely, the relief and support of seamen of the Royal Navy. Our Grand Master Sir Christopher Wren contributing his time, labour and skill without any emolument or reward.

Brethren, here again is a matter for you to imitate. Give, if you can, your money, give any how your time and your skill to the sacred cause of Charity. Remember that true charity does not limit herself to pecuniary help. Do not think that money is the only thing you have to give. Many a good work languishes, not from want of funds, but from want of interest. Much money is thrown away and wasted because it is not accompanied with sympathy. May your Lodge learn how to give liberally, and, moreover, join to all its gifts the golden touch of brotherly love.

The ceremony was then completed in the manner that characterises all the work of our Grand Secretary. Lodge having been resumed, the W.M. designate, Bro. T. W. Boord, M.P., P.M. P.G.D., was introduced and regularly installed as the first Master. The following were appointed and invested as Officers:—Bros. A. H. Bateman P.M. acting I.P.M., Capt. Blakey P.M. P.G.W. Kent S.W., Henry Roberts P.M. J.W., W. T. Hunt P.M. Treasurer, George P. Carter Secretary, A. H. Oakley P.M. S.D., J. G. Thomas P.M. J.D., J. J. Pitt P.M. I.G., A. H. Bateman P.M. D.C., Kipps P.M. Organist, Watkins P.M. Steward, Spinks Tyler. Colonel Clerke delivered the addresses, and on taking his seat a cordial vote of thanks was voted him for his services. In addition, the Consecrating Officer with the brethren who had assisted him throughout the day were made honorary members. The W.M. next made complimentary allusion to the excellent work done by the acting Secretary, Bro. P.M. Bateman, and he was made the recipient of the Founder's jewel of the Lodge. This the brethren had decided to present him with as a slight recognition of the zeal he had displayed in the formation of the Lodge. The jewel is of neat design, and embodies the coat of arms and motto of the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge. In acknowledgment Bro. Bateman modestly referred to the duties he had had cast upon him, and congratulated himself that he had performed them to the satisfaction of his brother founders. Several gifts of "portables" towards the decoration and furnishing of the Lodge were then announced, and we are assured that in this regard the members will be in possession of all they require at no distant date. Brother Bateman contributed the Volume of the Sacred Law. The names of ten candidates for initiation were handed in; a Committee was formed to frame Bye-Laws, and the Lodge was closed. An admirably served banquet followed; Bro. George Burney, mine host of the William the Fourth, having spared no exertions to make this part of the entertainment a success. A full toast list was afterwards gone through, but we were compelled to leave at an early hour; we must therefore content ourselves with an outline of the speeches. The preliminary toasts were loyally honoured. The Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, with his characteristic brevity, replied for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Colonel S. H. Clerke; Bro. Boord was an old P.M., and received the collar of Senior Grand Deacon in 1876. He had, however, from a variety of causes not been so active a Mason in recent years as of yore. He was however a most popular man in the Borough of Greenwich, and he (the speaker) ventured to say no more acceptable choice could have been made for the first W.M. of the Borough of Greenwich Lodge. In reply, Bro. Boord thanked the Grand Secretary, and assured the brethren so far as his time would permit he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge and its members. In replying to the toast of the Consecrating and Installing Master, Colonel Clerke made reference to each of the brethren who had assisted him on this occasion; no better qualified brethren could have been found. The other toasts comprised the Visitors, the Officers, the Charities, &c. The musical arrangements of the day were entrusted to Bro. Kipps P.M., who was assisted by Bros. Schartau, Dalzell, and Hubbard. The furniture and appointments were supplied by Messrs. Spencer and Co.

STORES WITHOUT TICKETS.—The London and Westminster Supply Association in New Bridge-street, Blackfriars, which has been annexed by Messrs. Spiers and Poud to their adjacent stores and provision market in Water-lane, Ludgate, is as completely equipped as any in London. It has also one great additional advantage since no ticket is required, and thus no payment is demanded before dealing with it. As the prices will compare favourably with those of any other stores in the metropolis it is obvious that the London and Westminster offers exceptional advantages to householders.

FUNERALS properly carried out and personally attended in London and Country, by Bro. G. A. HUTTON, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. Monuments erected. Valuations made.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys held its monthly meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Saturday last. Bro. Richard Eve P.G. Treasurer, presided. Amongst others present were, Bros. George Plucknett, G. Everett, C. F. Hogard, G. Corble, W. Masters, J. Glass, Joseph D. Langton, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, F. E. Bennett, William Smith, E. Valeriani, E. de la Coste, C. H. Webb, E. Chamberlain, Stanley J. Attenborough, W. W. Morgan, J. S. Cumberland, Gordon Smith, George Mickley, M.A., M.B., the Rev. R. Morris, M.A., W. Maple, Arthur H. Scurrah, G. P. Britten, A. Durrant, Alfred Lamb, G. R. Langloy, G. P. Gillard, J. H. Hawkins, W. M. Stiles, J. Newton, C. D. Mote, E. St. Clair, Andrew Motion, A. J. Dixie, W. H. Saunders, C. Motion, Edwin Storr, and F. Binckes Provincial Grand Sword Bearer (Secretary). The minutes of the previous Committee having been read and verified, those of the Provisional Committee were read for information. On the motion of Bro. Dixie, seconded by Bro. Cumberland, the selection of Rev. H. Hebb as the new Head Master was approved. The report of the Provisional Management Committee, relating to Dr. Morris, stated:—

"The Provisional Management Committee has considered the claim of Dr. Morris against the Institution upon the termination of his services," and "under all the circumstances, the Committee recommends that a sum of £500 be offered to Dr. Morris in settlement of all claims under the agreement and in lieu of notice, and by way of recognition for his services to the Institution, as the Provisional Committee cannot see its way to recommend the granting of a pension to Dr. Morris."

A long and stormy discussion ensued, but general confusion seems to prevail as to what was the result. With respect to Bro. Binckes's retiring allowance, the Provisional Committee say:—

"Having regard to the small majority with which the resolution as to Bro. Binckes's retiring allowance was carried, and the various other circumstances connected therewith, they ask the Court not to proceed further with the resolution granting a pension of £350, and to substitute in place thereof one of £250."

Three petitions were considered, with the result that one was deferred and two accepted, and the names ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in April 1890. Four applications made in respect of grants towards outfit were acceded to. A vote of thanks to the Chairman closed the proceedings.

The December meeting of the Committee of Management of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held in Freemasons' Hall on Wednesday. Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. occupied the chair, and there were present Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, Joseph Freeman, James Brett, Alex. Mullord, David D. Mercer, G. Bolton, W. J. Murlis, J. Newton, J. M. Case, Thomas Cubitt, William Smith, Charles G. Hill, A. H. Tattershall, Charles J. Perceval, Charles Lacey, W. Pierpoint, W. A. Scurrah, John Bulmer, Chas. Daniel, J. L. Mather, Sam. Brooks, H. Cox, James Fraser, C. H. Webb, Thomas G. Bullen, Hugh Cotter, W. Belchamber, W. H. Perryman, Hugh M. Hobbs, Geo. W. Marden, John Larkin, and James Terry P.G.S.B. (Secretary). After confirmation of the minutes, the Secretary reported the death of one male and one widow annuitant and one widow candidate. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and an application from the widow of a recently-deceased candidate for half her late husband's annuity was granted. Eleven petitions (seven men and four widows) were considered; of the male petitions five were accepted, one deferred, and one rejected; while the widows were accepted, the names being ordered to be placed on the list of candidates for the election in May 1890. A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the proceedings.

Bro. T. Foley has been elected the Worshipful Master of the Constitutional Lodge, No. 294, for the ensuing year.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them well worthy of trial in all diseases of the lungs. In common colds and influenza the Pills taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed externally, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills and Ointment purify the blood, remove all obstructions to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the overgorged air tubes, and render respiration free without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits. Such are the ready means of saving suffering when afflicted with colds, coughs, bronchitis, and other complaints by which so many are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7. (Inst)
1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
2012—Chiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
R.A.—Sinai Union, Air Street, Regent Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Toldurden

MONDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Gauden Hotel, Clapham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Atlantic Tavern, Brixton, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Bell and Bush, Ropemaker St., Finsbury, E.C., at 7 (In)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, at 8. (Instruction)
975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Three Nuns, Aldgate, E., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1425—Hyde Park, Rochester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8. (In)
1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Patney, at 8. (In)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King Street, Smithfield, at 7 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1707—Eleanor, Seven Sisters Hotel, Page Green, Tottenham, 8. (Inst.)
1743—Perseverance, 23 Adde Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington (Instruction)
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's (Westminster) and Marylebone, Criterion, W., at 8. (Inst.)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney

- 77—Freedom, Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sholfield
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
25—Robert Burns, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-hilts., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
65—Prosperity, City Arms Restaurant, 2 St. Mary Axe, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
148—Joppa, Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 8. (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst)
551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maid's Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
830—Jalhoasic, Middleton Arms, Middleton Road, Dulwich, at 8 (Inst.)
861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
1041—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Abna Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
1321—Ecclesiastic, Mount Hotel, Herrio-street, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 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)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Queen's Arms, Queen Street, E.C., at 7. (In.)
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich Road, East Brixton, at 9 (Instruction)
 2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, White Hart, Cannon Street, at 6.3
 R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 205—Israel, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 R.A. 704—Camden, the Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1385—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
 463—East Surrey of Concord, Grayhound Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 607—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup, at 7. (Instruction)
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1008—Tregullow Masonic Rooms, St. Dav, Superior, Cardiff
 1062—Callender, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Shoeburyness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangofni
 1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry Street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1638—Brownrigg, Alexandra Hotel, Park Road, Norbiton, at 8. (Instruction)
 1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 1941—St. Augustine's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeloy
 2022—Haven, Lyric Hall, Ealing
 2146—Surbiton, Maple Hall, Maple Road, Surbiton.
 R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
 R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
 R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
 M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 M.M. 330—Temple, Masonic Hall, Folkestone

WEDNESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

Board of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners, The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Mitre, Chancery Lane, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, George Inn, High Street, Borough, at 8. (Inst.)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regent's Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's Court, Fleet Street, at 8. (Instruc.)
 902—Burgoyne, Essex Arms, Essex Street, Strand, at 8. (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent Road, at 8. (Instruc.)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare Street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Victoria Mansions Restaurant, Victoria-st., S.W., at 7.30. (In.)
 1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Inst.)
 1803—Cornhill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 1963—Duke of Albany, 153 Battersea Park Road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2206—Hendon, Welsh Harp, Hendon, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Goose and Gridiron, St. Paul's Churchyard, at 7. (Inst.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Grand Masters, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street

20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Cshhatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Portano
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
 200—Old Globe, Masonic Hall, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Wandport
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
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 637—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 681—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 692—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 694—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 933—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 962—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1018—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Dillfield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkstall, Liverpool
 1120—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale

1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Aquarium Assembly Rooms, Aston
 1255—Dundas, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athonæum, Lancaster.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hill.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1092—Hervey, White Hart Hotel, Bromley, Kent, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 1971—Aldershot Army and Navy, Imperial Hotel, Aldershot
 1988—Mawddack, St. Ann's Buildings, Barmouth, N. Wales
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 200—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 361—Industry, Norfolk Arms, Hyde
 R.A. 691—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 R.A. 726—Royal Chartley of Fortitude, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 R.A. 847—Fortescue, Masonic Hall, High Street, Honiton
 R.A. 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Hall, High Lane, Chorlton-cum-Hardy

THURSDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, Colloge-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 135—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 704—Camdon, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 913—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 879—Southwark, Sir Garnet Wolsley, Warndon St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In.)
 1017—Montefiore, St. James's Restaurant, Piccadilly, at 8. (Instruction)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Sir Sydney Smith, Chester St., Kennington, at 8. (In.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., at 8. (Instruc.)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince of Wales Hotel, Wimbledon, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1571—Leopold, Austin's Hotel, 7 London Street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Thoberton Street) N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Bell Hotel, Ealing Dean, at 7.45. (Instruction)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Cammerwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (In.)
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tw., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 1681—Londesborough, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1744—Royal Savoy, Blue Post, Charlotte Street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Wheatshaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1996—Priory, Berrymead Priory Constitutional Club, High-st., Acton. (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 763—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Northampton House, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8. (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 14 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salon-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Lewes
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northampton
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mary's School, Surbiton
 2107—Etheldreda, White Hart Hotel, Newmarket
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 8
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 167—St. John's, York and Albany Hotel, Regent's Park, N.W., at 8. (Inst.)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Princess Victoria Tavern, Rotherhithe, at 8. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In.)
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction)
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1135—Lewis, Fishmongers' Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1223—Beacontree, Green Man, Leytonstone. (Instruction)
 1293—Royal Standard, Builders Arms, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1395—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1542—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1991—Selwyn, Montpelier Hotel, Choumont Road, Peckham, at 8. (Inst.)
 1982—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 2030—The Abbey Westminster, King's Arms, Buckingham Palace Road, S.W. at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Grayhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 390—Horsey, Porchester Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W., (Instruction)

R.A. 1275—Star, Stirling Castle, Church St., Camberwell, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30. (In)
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street, E.C.
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipston
 453—Chigwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Davizes.
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Lovenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 1993—Wolsley, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester. (Instruction)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 8
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 637—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

179—Manchester, 8 Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Dover Castle, Deptford Causeway, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruct)
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruct)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel Street, Fleet, E.C.
 2012—Ohiswick, Windsor Castle Hotel, King Street, Hammersmith, at 7.30. (In)
 R.A.—Sinai, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 2035—Beaumont, Royal Hotel, Kirkburton

NEW MASONIC HALL IN HULL.

ESTABLISHED but little more than four years ago, the Wilberforce Lodge, No. 2134, has made such rapid strides in membership that the accommodation to be obtained at the present premises in Charlotte-street has been found to be insufficient, and it was determined some months since to seek a new home for the Lodge. It was thought desirable by the brethren not to continue to rent a building for their meetings, but that an endeavour should be made either to erect a Masonic Hall for themselves or to purchase and adapt some building to that purpose. Accordingly the matter was taken in hand, and eventually a large building in St. Luke-street, known as the Baptist Tabernacle, and which was originally built for a temperance-hall, was purchased. The premises, which were copyhold, were made freehold, the purchase money being £750, while the expense of altering the building is estimated at about £400. The work of transforming the place into a Masonic-hall is now being rapidly proceeded with, the architect being Mr. C. Todd. Every inch of room in the building is being utilised, and, when completed, the Wilberforce Lodge will possess a hall which will do credit to the brethren, and suffice for their accommodation for many years to come. The banqueting room is on the ground floor, and is of large dimensions, being capable of seating about 200. A statue of Wilberforce has been presented to the Lodge by Bro. Keyworth, and this will occupy a prominent position in the banqueting-room. The vestibule is tiled. The Lodge-room, which is situate on the first floor, is very capacious, and will present a very handsome appearance when completed. Highly-ornamented Corinthian pillars surround the room, which will be lighted by a powerful sunlight burner, and the ceiling is bracketed and panelled. Around the room is a raised dais, and the seats will be of iron, handsomely upholstered. The kitchen, which contains a large range, supplied by Mr. Turner, of the Market-place, is also on the first floor, and is connected with the banqueting-room by a lift. There are waiting and retiring rooms on each floor, and every convenience for the comfort of the brethren. The whole of the rooms will be well ventilated and heated by the newest appliances. All the windows throughout the hall are fitted with double casements, and Mr. T. T. Davis has supplied a large lamp to be placed above the entrance to the building. The contractor is Mr. Crowther, Arlington-street; the plumber, glazier, and gasfitter, Mr. George Taylor, Osborne-street; and the painter, Mr. Drury, St. Luke-street. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. W. Woodhall, who has been well supported by the brethren, has taken a warm interest in the undertaking, and it is intended that the anniversary of the Lodge and the consecration of its new habitation shall take place on the 29th January next. A warrant for a Royal Arch Chapter, it may be mentioned, has been obtained for the Lodge. The whole of the money for the purchase and alteration of the new building has been raised from among the members of the Lodge by bonds.

At a meeting of the Newcastle-on-Tyne Lodge, No. 24, at the Masonic Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle, on the 5th inst., Bro. T. W. Alderson S.W. was unanimously elected to the chair of K.S. Bro. Aitchison was elected Treasurer.

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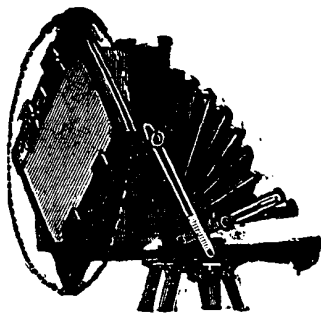
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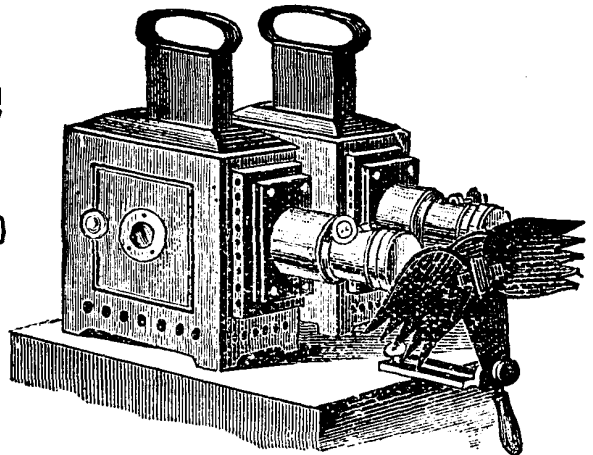
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