

# THE Freemason's Chronicle;

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## "A MASON" ON FREEMASONRY.

SOME one, it seems, has been making certain inquiries respecting the rules of our Society in the columns of the *Rock*, a journal devoted, we believe, to the support of one of the numerous schools or sections into which the Anglican Church is divided. We do not know if any editorial response was made to these inquiries, but in a recent issue of this journal there appeared a letter from a correspondent, who signed himself "A Mason," voluntarily communicating what doubtless the anonymous contributor would himself describe as the "requisite information." Now we are by no means displeased when attacks are made upon us from without. We feel it to be a kind of honour—unsought, but certainly not undeserved—that is being conferred upon us, when the thunders of that worthy old gentleman the Pope are launched against us, or the edicts of a civil tyrant are issued to destroy us. We know then, if we knew it not before, that we are a power for good in this world, or the spirit of evil would not be thus excited to ruin us. But when the attack comes from within—when we find one of our own brethren malevolently decrying the Order of which he is a member—we pull ourselves together, and look around us, in order to see if there really be any ground for the charges he makes. Thus, when this letter of "A Mason" was brought under our notice, we turned to it at first with some interest—a feeling which, as our readers will soon have an opportunity of judging, was very speedily converted into one of indignation. On finding, in the first instance, that this correspondent proclaimed himself to have been a member of our fraternity for a quarter of a century, we naturally enough expected to find in his letter a truthful exposition, if not of our system, at all events of the laws and tenets of Freemasons. And as no human institution is perfect, we were not without hope that the weak points of Freemasonry would be touched upon lightly, and with some tenderness, at least, by a brother of twenty-five years' standing. Judge, then, our surprise when, on proceeding, we found "A Mason's" statement quite as calumnious, and equally devoid of all truth, as the most reckless and offensive charges ever levelled at us by our most determined enemies. "A Mason" of "a quarter of a century" has "no hesitation in saying that its" (our Society's) "tenets and its practices have a very deleterious influence upon Society at large, and that it exerts a very bad influence over the Christian character; and indeed," he adds, "I have come long since to the conclusion that it is very antagonistic to the spread of religion." We presume "A Mason" has not been a member of our Fraternity for so many years without having seen or heard of our Constitutions. Doubtless he must at some time or other have read our old Charges. The first of these latter lays it down, absolutely, that "A Mason is obliged, by his tenure, to obey the moral law; and, if he rightly understand the art, he will never be a stupid atheist nor an irreligious libertine." And, further on, "Let a man's religion or mode of worship be what it may, he is not excluded from the Order, provided he believes in the glorious Architect of heaven and earth, and practises the sacred duties of morality." Considering this anonymous personage announces himself as still "A Mason," after a membership extending over "a quarter of a century," we can only suppose he still considers himself bound to observe the Charges and Constitutions which he has solemnly sworn to observe, and indeed, generally to fulfil, both literally and in the spirit, each and every of the

obligations he undertook at his initiation, and subsequently. How then can he reconcile the statements made in his letter of denunciation with either the spirit or the letter of the laws that govern us or the tenets we profess. He knows well, or ought to know, it is a fundamental principle of Freemasonry that all its members should profess and practise a religion. To say, then, that "where Freemasonry rapidly advances, spiritual religion invariably declines," is to say that which is not. Men are religious before they become Freemasons. They must indeed have in them some source of religion in order to become members of our body. Freemasonry, of course, can no more guard itself against the wilful perjurer than can Christianity or any other religion. We impose on all who join us certain obligations, and if the initiate has no sense of honour in him—setting aside all question of religion—he will observe or violate those obligations at pleasure. But to guard against the admission of such is impossible.

We do not understand how any man of sense or honourable feeling could remain "A Mason," and yet say, honestly, after a quarter of a century's experience of the Craft, "I have long since come to the conclusion that it is very antagonistic to the spread of religion." Nor are we able to appreciate the further remark, "I know of many instances where it has ruined individuals, and I cannot see how a thoroughly religious man can remain in the society." It is no part of our duty to pry into the inner life of private individuals, but it is only a natural inference we are fully justified in drawing from this apparently authoritative statement that "A Mason" who has remained such for so many years is not himself "a thoroughly religious man." *Ergo*, his statement, on religious matters and opinions is entirely without weight. As for persons being ruined by Freemasonry, we should like "A Mason" to furnish something more trustworthy than a mere general assertion. We should like to see a few instances of this particular form of ruin with which he professes to be acquainted; and to examine minutely the circumstances on which he bases his statement. It is easy to affirm that a person has been ruined by Freemasonry, but the difficulty is to prove it. We have heard of people being ruined by Christianity, but we put no faith in the rumour. Freemasonry, of course, has its black sheep, as well as Christianity, but these are not the members we should offer to the world as specimens of our craftsmen. No sane man, indeed, would ever dream of selecting his illustrations of the value of any particular religion from the tagrag and bobtail of its professors. It may, indeed, be said, without fear of contradiction, that Freemasonry surpasses all religions, at least in this respect—that its members generally are taken from the very cream of intellectual, religious men. There is left only the very narrowest margin imaginable for worthless outsiders.

We regard the statement, "The only man who seems to understand Masonry appears to be the Pope," as a lame attempt on the part of "A Mason" to be funny. It is quite true he anathematises us, not annually perhaps, but certainly periodically. But so does he anathematise the school of Christians to which "A Mason" apparently belongs. Thus, if the Pope only anathematises whom and what he understands, and, understanding, considers worthy of anathematisation, then "A Mason's" form of Christianity is worthless; and, again, we say, his opinion as to the irreligious tendencies of Freemasonry are without value.

As to our meetings being characterised by "feasting and revelry," that in no way applies to Freemasonry, at least not

more than it does to any other Society. The members of our Lodges dine together after they have transacted their business, or they sup together, or perchance they go home to their dinner or supper; but seven or eight meetings in a year—that being about the average number per Lodge—even if they close with dinner or supper, afford but a very unsubstantial evidence of “feasting and revelry.” We know there are many Masons who make a god of their bellies; so are there many Christians. We should never think of denouncing Christianity for the sins of its worthless members.

We are not surprised at clergymen being Freemasons. Freemasonry is a science as well as a morality, and clergymen are men of intellect as well as supporters of the moral law. Then many Masonic clergymen have attained to episcopal honours. We presume, therefore, their clerical ability was in no wise spoiled by their Masonry. Moreover, charity is the ruling principle of Freemasonry, and charity is likewise the basis of that religious faith of which the clergyman is a professor. There is, then, a peculiar fitness in clergymen belonging to our Society.

We have done with “A Mason’s” letter to the *Rock*. Having regard to our obligation, we say nothing further. If indeed any remark of ours can by any possibility be regarded as personally offensive, we are deeply sorry, and shall apologise accordingly. We believe, however, we have strictly confined ourselves to the business of just criticism. We shall merely add that “A Mason” will confer an obligation on the Craft generally by disclosing his name and the number of his Lodge. We should then be in a better position to judge of the personal value of his criticisms. No man, at least no *honourable* man, has a right to denounce publicly the whole body of Freemasons and yet withhold his name.

### UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, 6th Dec., at Freemason’s Hall. The chair of Grand Master was occupied by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master. The Senior Grand Warden’s seat was held by the Earl of Donoughmore, and the Junior Grand Warden’s by Captain Vivian. Among the other brethren present were Bros. Hervey Grand Secretary, Sir Albert Woods Grand Director of Ceremonies, Revs. J. S. Brownrigg P.G.C., Charles W. Arnold G.C., R. J. Simpson P.G.C., C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Sir J. W. Hayes P.G.C., S. Tomkins G.T., J. McIntyre Q.C., J. B. Monckton President Board of General Purposes, Bros. Boord, Birchall, Barron, Case G.D., W. Rhys Williams M.D., Assistant G.D.C., W. F. Nettleship G.S.B., Wilhelm Knhe G. Organist, E. P. Albert G.P., S. G. Foxall A.G.P., Earl of Shrewsbury G.M. for Staffordshire, Col. Burdett, F. A. Philbrick Q.C., Hyde Pullen, Bracholme Baker, R. J. Bagshawe P.G.M. Essex, W. W. B. Beach P.G.M. Hants, Richard Giddy, G.M. Guisualand, Joshua Nunn, H. Browse, John Boyd, Griffiths Smith, J. A. Rucker, Joseph C. Parkinson, Thos. Fenn, Robert F. Gould, C. F. Hogard, S. Poynter, F. Binckes, H. D. Sandeman, Dr. Erasmus Wilson, besides about 500 other brethren.

After the preliminary business, Bro. Robert F. Gould W.M. 92, P.M. Nos. 153, 570 and 743, said, Most Worshipful Grand Master in the chair, I beg to nominate his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales for re-election as Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Acting Grand Master said,—Has any brother any one else to nominate? (laughter.) After a pause: The next business is the appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence. Bro. J. M. Clabon P.G.D., is appointed by the Grand Master to that office. The next business is the election of Senior and Junior Vice President of the Lodge of Benevolence.

The Grand Secretary said there were only two brethren nominated at the Board of Masters, and therefore there would be no election. The names were Senior Vice President Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., and for Junior Vice President Bro. James Brett P.G.P. (applause.)

On the Acting Grand Master stating that the next business was the election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence.

The Grand Secretary said that only twelve Past Masters had been named at the Board of Masters, and consequently there would be no election. The names of the Past Masters nominated were—Bros. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, Henry Bartlett P.M. 147, Herbert Dicketts P.M. 25, Henry Garrod P.M. 749, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, W. T. Howe P.M. 1445, William Mann P.M. 186, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, Samuel Poynter P.M. 1491, Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, William Smith P.M. 33, and William Stephens P.M. 1365.

The following grants, recommended by the Lodge of Benevolence, were then severally moved, seconded, and confirmed, the movers and seconders being Bros. Clabon and Nunn:—

A Brother of the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 243, Guernsey	...	£50
A Brother of the Royal Navy Lodge, No. 429, Ramsgate	...	£50
A Brother of the Athol Lodge, No. 74, Birmingham	...	£100
The Widow of a Brother of the Worcester Lodge, No. 280, Worcester	...	£50
A Brother of the Cleveland Lodge, No. 543, Stokesley	...	£50

The Widow of a Brother of the Lodge of Unions, No. 256, London	...	£100
A Brother of the Globe Lodge, No. 23, London	...	£50

### THE REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England:

The Board of General Purposes have to report that their attention has been called to several instances of the issue of circulars on the part of proposed new Lodges, prior to consecration, inviting members of the Craft to become joining members of such Lodges.

The Board have the special directions of the Pro Grand Master to make it known that such proceedings meet with his lordship’s entire disapproval, and entail the risk of the withdrawal of the Warrant.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON,

President.

FREEMASONS’ HALL, LONDON, W.C.,  
21st November 1876.

To the report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 17th day of November instant, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £4,086 15s 10d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary, for petty cash, £75; and for servant’s wages, £96 15s.

Bro. J. B. Monckton said there was nothing for Grand Lodge to do on this report, and after moving that it should be received, and entered on the minutes, the same was carried by Grand Lodge.

Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., G.R., afterwards brought forward the appeals. In bringing up the appeal of the Sussex Lodge, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica, against the judgment of the District Grand Lodge of East Jamaica, directing the Lodge to rescind its minute of the 28th July, 1875, accepting the resignation of a brother, until certain charges alleged against him had been inquired into. He said it was not a pleasing case to deal with, on account of a complication of facts in the case. It was evident from the papers he had read, that the conduct of the Lodge had been extremely disrespectful to the District Grand Master. A brother who was J.W. of the Lodge had certain charges preferred against him before the Deputy District Grand Master. Before the matter was brought before his Lodge he tendered his resignation of his office. A Lodge of Emergency was called to consider whether the resignation should be accepted, and at this Lodge of Emergency, a brother, who was not a Past Master under the English Constitution, was in the chair. This was a violation of the Constitution, as, if no P.M. was present, it was the S.W.’s business to rule the Lodge. The resignation was accepted, and the District Grand Master’s charge was not entertained. The resignation was entered on the minutes, and the District Grand Master subsequently had the Lodge before him, and ordered the resignation to be expunged from the minutes. He had often said in Grand Lodge that if a brother tendered his resignation the Lodge was bound to accept it. In this case the District Grand Master could have summoned the brethren before him for contumacious conduct, and have dealt with them as he might be advised. But he had no power to order them to rescind their resolution. He wished it to be understood, however, that a brother could not get rid of his responsibility for improper acts—by resigning his Lodge. He was amenable to the Masonic authority of the district in which he was, so long as he was a Mason, whether he belonged to a Lodge or not. He should advise Grand Lodge to reverse the District Grand Master’s decision.

Bro. Philbrick seconded the resolution, which was put and carried.

Bro. McIntyre also brought up an appeal from Cape Town, in which he also advised the reversal of the District Grand Master’s decision.

This also was carried.

Bro. Binckes afterwards withdrew the motion of which he had given notice, and explained that at the time he gave it he was not aware of Lord Carnarvon’s intention to call a Special Grand Lodge to consider the report of the Special Committee appointed at last Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge was then closed.

List of Lodges for which warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:—

- 1639.—Watling Street Lodge, Stony Stratford, Bucks.
- 1640.—Amatole Lodge, Alice, Victoria East, Cape of Good Hope.
- 1641.—Crichton Lodge, Camberwell.
- 1642.—Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, Notting-hill.
- 1643.—Perseverance Lodge, Hebburn-on-Tyne, Durham.
- 1644.—Alma-Mater Lodge, Birmingham.
- 1645.—Colne Valley Lodge, Slaithwaite, Yorkshire.
- 1646.—Sir Donald McLean Lodge, Raleigh, Taranaki, New Zealand.
- 1647.—Star of the North Lodge, Whangarei, Auckland, New Zealand.
- 1648.—Prince of Wales Lodge, Bradford, Yorkshire.
- 1649.—Berar Lodge, Budnaira in Berar, Bombay.
- 1650.—Rose of Raby Lodge, Staindrop, Durham.
- 1651.—Lodge of Progress, Southbridge, New Zealand.

HOLLOWAY’S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Rheumatic Pain, Tic Doloréux.—These diseases are, unfortunately, very prevalent in this country, and are frequently most distressing, sometimes for years baffling all medical skill to alleviate the sufferings of the victim. In no case have Holloway’s Ointment and Pills failed to produce a cure. The Ointment exerts a peculiar and soothening influence over the nerves and muscles, relaxing spasms and subduing pain. The attack soon becomes milder and the intervals between the paroxysms longer; until they cease altogether. The Pills restore the body from a weak and debilitated condition to a state of health and strength. Persons bedridden for months with rheumatic pains and swellings after using the Ointment have been cured in an incredibly short period.

MEETING OF THE PROVINCIAL GRAND  
MARK LODGE OF LINCOLNSHIRE.

## PRESENTATION TO BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE.

A GRAND Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the Province of Lincolnshire was held in the Old Hall, at Gainsborough, on 29th November, by command of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master, Bro. John Sutcliffe, of Stallingsborough House, Grimsby, who also issued invitations to the Mark Master Masons of the Lodges in Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Durham, Cheshire, and North Wales, which were responded to by such an assemblage as rarely meet together in any Provincial Lodge of Mark Masonry. The following is a list of the brethren present:—Grand Officers—C. F. Matier P.G.W., Wm. Roebuck G.M.O., J. N. Scherling P.G.J.O., F. Binckes Grand Sec., Thos. Cubitt P.G.D.C., J. D. Sugden P.G.S.B. Provincial Officers—Bros. Thos. Perkinson Prov. G.M.M.M. W. Yorks., Thos. Entwisle P.P.G.M.M.M. Lancs., J. Y. Strachan Past Deputy P.G.M.M.M. N. and D., W. S. Wade Past P.G.S.W. West Yorkshire, Wm. Roberts Prov. G.M.O. Lancs., Jesse Firth Prov. G.M.O. ditto, Thos. Oakden Prov. G.M.O. ditto, Thos. Clarke P.P.G.M.O. ditto, Hy. Maiden P.P.G.S.O. ditto, Wm. Briggs P.P.G.O. ditto, F. N. Stevenson P.P.G.O. ditto, Geo. Green Prov. G.J.O., Ed. Sewell M.A. P.P.G. Chaplain W. Yorks., A. A. Bagshawe M.A. Prov. Asst. G. Chap. ditto, T. B. Ashworth P.P.G. Reg. of M. Lancs., J. B. Champion P.P.G. Reg. of M. ditto, W. Cooke Prov. G. Sec. West Yorkshire, R. Newhouse Prov. G. Sec. Cheshire, H. W. Wrigley Prov. G.S.D., W. Ashworth P.P.G.D. East Lancashire, G. E. Bennett P.P.G.S.D., Mark Newsome P.P.G.J.D., S. Titmas P.P.G.D.C. Lancashire, R. Butterworth, P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Prince P.P.G.S. of W., Robt. Heathcott Prov. G.S. of W., W. F. Wilkinson Prov. G.S. of W. Yorks., J. B. Crossby P.P.G.S.B. ditto, Jno. Bell P.P.G.S.B. Lancashire, Jos. Halroyd P.P.G.S.B. ditto, N. Horrocks P.P.G.S.B. ditto, Hy. Beaumont Prov. G. Std. B., Geo. Marshall Prov. G.I.G. W. Yorkshire, A. Middleton Prov. G. Steward, Geo. Normanston Prov. G. Tyler. Brethren representing other provinces:—Bros. R. S. Cumberland, Josh. Best, T. F. Pettinger, T. C. Hope, S. R. Stott, R. H. Hutchinson, Henry Haigh, J. H. Emes, C. H. Johnson, C. H. Hunt, Jno. E. Dixon, H. E. Voigt, R. T. Vivian, Henry Shaw, W. Ashworth, James Clegg, James Holt, J. Taylor, R. Dodds, A. Wheeler, S. Lord, T. Parker, J. Ashworth, Wm. Beswicke, J. S. Cumberland, W. F. Parkinson, J. Bromley, H. J. Garnett, Ensor Drury, J. B. Wostinholm, F. M. Tindall, S. B. Ellis, J. Unwin jun., Amos Moss, Alex. Hay, F. Waddington, Thos. Whittaker, C. F. Rhodes, T. H. Shaw, George Scarborough, C. H. Leeming, John Hanney, A. Britton, W. Denison, J. W. Swann, W. M. Tyers, J. Calverley, Thomas Ruddock, Hiram Burley, M. Kemp, W. Needler, M. Haberland, J. Walker, R. Boggett, John Sutcliffe, Chas. Harrison, W. Watkins, A. Kirke, A. Bates, Jack Sutcliffe, R. C. Carline, Robert Gough, C. Scorer, R. Goodman, W. H. Roberts, W. E. Howlett, W. Mason, Jas. Robinson, W. Marshall, P. P. Dickinson, J. S. Codd, D. Swanstone, W. H. Rodley, F. Watson, C. J. Hayward, C. Mann, A. L. Peacock, R. D. Davies, Wm. Pratt, G. M. Lowe, T. C. Lazenby, C. Hughes, G. Broadway, H. S. Close, E. F. Arnold, T. M. Wilkinson, Geo. Jay, M. Crowden, Geo. Motley, John T. Purvis, Geo. Honsham, W. M. Green, John Moxon, Wm. Amcoats, C. F. Liversidge, B. Box, W. W. Copeland, R. McSheen, Geo. Lister, H. Barker, R. J. Tonge, Hy. Wardale, W. B. Louth, J. Chapman, T. Rippon, W. Pollitt, A. S. Steffenson, John Nelson, T. Jewitt, S. Walmsley. The large gathering is mainly attributable to the convenient and liberal train arrangements affected with the various railway companies by Provincial Grand Mark Master Sutcliffe, and to the liberality with which the Right Worshipful Master distributed his invitations to the banquet, which followed the business of the Lodge, and which were accompanied by a programme giving in detail all the information that was necessary to be known in reference to accomplishing the journey from distant provinces, the special railway tickets—issued at a first-class single fare for the double journey—being available for three days. After the ordinary duties of the Lodge had been gone through, the R. W. Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Chas. Harrison Deputy Prov. G.M.M.M., Alfred Kirk Prov. G.S.W., W. W. Copeland Prov. G.J.W., Charles Scorer Prov. G.M.O., M. Crowden Prov. G.S.O., P. P. Dickinson Prov. G.J.O., Jack Sutcliffe Prov. G. Treas., R. Cotton Carline Prov. G. Reg. of M., R. Gough Prov. G. Sec., Joseph Chapman Prov. G.S.D., George Housham Prov. G.S.D., W. H. Roberts Prov. G.D.C., J. Moxon Prov. G. Assist. D.C., H. S. Close Prov. G. Supt. of Works, G. M. Lowe Prov. G. Sword Bearer, C. J. Hayward Prov. G.I.G., G. Motley Prov. G. Steward, W. Pollitt Prov. G. Steward, Charles Mann Prov. G. Tyler.

A further matter of special interest and attraction in the day's proceedings was the presentation to the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master of a picture containing portraits of himself and his first Provincial Grand Officers, who were photographed in a group whilst being entertained at Stallingsborough House. The photograph was subsequently enlarged, finished in oil, and handsomely framed. The Mark Masons represented in it are—Bros. John Sutcliffe, Charles Harrison, F. Watson, H. Watson, T. H. Oldman, J. Bellamy, William Watkins, Jack Sutcliffe, R. Cotton Carline, R. Gough, W. J. Bland, F. S. Judd, C. J. Hayward, T. E. Jacobson, George Robinson, E. J. Cullen, Charles Scorer, R. Goodman, Rev. D. Ace, D.D., W. G. Moore, Capt. Lowcock, Charles Mann, F. Binckes, and William Roberts. The frame is enriched with Masonic emblems, and the inscription engraved on a brass plate is as follows:—

FIRST PROV. G.M. OFFICERS FOR  
LINCOLNSHIRE.  
PRESENTED TO THE R.W. BRO. JOHN SUTCLIFFE,  
PROV. G.M.M.M.,  
29TH NOVEMBER 1876.

The formal presentation of the picture was made during the after-

dinner proceedings, and the terms in which it was offered and accepted will be found reported below in the *post prandial* speeches.

The banquet, to which about 160 sat down, was of a magnificent description. The tables, laden with choice dessert (including pine apples, melons, grapes, &c.) had a charming appearance as the guests entered the room; but what crowned the brilliancy of the gathering was the regalia of the brethren, emblazoned with jewels, representing the different degrees and orders of Masonry to which the wearers had respectively been admitted. The *menu* was in harmony with the high character of the occasion, comprising every available delicacy, and the dinner was served *à la Russe* by Mrs. Frith, of the Hickmann Hotel.

The Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Mark Master, Bro. Sutcliffe, occupied the chair, and, in commencing the toast list, gave "The Queen and Mark Masonry," in terms glowing with loyalty. The Right Worshipful Brother also gave "H.R.H. Albert Edward Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales, and the Members of the Royal Family," observing how little need be urged in recommending this toast, and that the more they said about it the greater damage they might do it. They all admired the lovely Princess of Wales; all England were ready to lay down their lives for her. He might add that, at the moment they were sitting there, their brother Prince Leopold was being installed in office as Master of a Mark Lodge at Oxford. They would, therefore, add his health to the toast, and if he were present, he would respond to it in a way they would all be pleased to hear. (The National Anthem was sung after the first toast, led by Bro. Copeland).

Bro. P. P. Dickinson, Mayor of Lincoln, in rising to propose "The Bishop and Clergy," said he had pleasure in serving the chairman in any position he might call him to. He asked the company, as Mark Masons, to join him in drinking the health of those men who by their piety showed them the way of life, and invited them to walk therein.

Bro. the Rev. A. A. Bagshawe responded, remarking that, although he did not belong to this diocese, he was a member of the Mark in Lancashire, and as such he had been honoured by being made the Provincial Grand Chaplain, and also the Chaplain of his Lodge, of which he was very proud. He felt a very deep gratitude to the Provincial Grand Master of Lincolnshire for inviting him and the Lodge to which he belonged. They came with a right hearty and especial pleasure, because they knew what a large-hearted man Bro. Sutcliffe was, whose heart was in Mark Masonry, and he rejoiced that he was to be the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire for the second period of three years. It had given him (Bro. Bagshawe) very great satisfaction to meet them on this occasion, seeing that they had such an earnest Provincial Grand Mark Master. He (the speaker) put his soul into it, as he did in the Craft and in the Arch, but he did so particularly as a Mark Mason, and he thought Master Masonry without the Mark was not understood. They did not understand it till they became Mark Masons. He dare say they knew what he meant (hear, hear). Five different provinces had assembled together that day to do honour to their excellent and right worshipful brother the Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire. It had been a great pleasure for them to meet together and stir up each other's good feeling towards one another. Wherever they met they knew each other, and felt that there was a mark between them, and that mark bound them together in sincerity (hear, hear).

The Chairman proposed "The Most Worshipful the Grand Mark Master Mason, the Right Honourable the Earl of Limerick, and all other Grand Officers, present and past." He was glad, he said, to have to announce that they had several P.G. Officers present. They all, as good Masons, looked to their head and their chief, and they were happy to recognise their head in the Earl of Limerick. (Applause). He had had the pleasure of sitting under him on several occasions, and found him a very pleasant and agreeable chairman and a very good Mark Mason, and they would join him in drinking the toast heartily and sincerely. He coupled with it the name of Bro. Roebuck, the Grand Master Overseer, who would respond.

Bro. Roebuck, in acknowledging the toast on behalf of the Earl of Limerick, observed that it would be his especial privilege to report to Grand Lodge the re-appointment of the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire for another three years. It had been gratifying to him to find the reception that had been given to the name of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, not only by Lincolnshire but by the provinces around. He was aware the Earl was well known in this and other counties; he was also known in London as a good Mark and Craft Mason, and as a supporter of the charities. (Applause). He must say with all the Masonic gatherings he had been amongst he had never been more pleased than to see the manner in which Bro. Sutcliffe had been received by this meeting. (Applause).

The Chairman next proposed "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Mark Master Masons of other provinces, and all present and past Provincial Grand Officers." In doing so he said he need not occupy their time long in urging the claims of this toast. The characters of the Provincial Mark Masters were all so well known that they required no recommendation from him to ensure them a hearty and cordial reception. They ought to feel highly honoured that a brother came here to-day from Newcastle to visit their Provincial Lodge. He himself (the Chairman) felt highly complimented by Bro. Strachan, D.P.G.M. for Northumberland and Durham, coming amongst them. They also had Bro. Tom Perkinson P.G.M.M.M. from West Yorkshire. He must not forget to say that he had not the opportunity in Lodge of reading a number of letters of apology from brethren not present, and he might inform the brethren from Lancashire that he had received a very polite note from Bro. Le Gendre Starkie, D.P.G.M. for Lancashire, saying that previous engagements prevented him coming. He wished to say that for the information of the brethren from Lancashire.

Bro. Strachan said he felt highly honoured in having the opportunity of thanking the Most Worshipful Chairman for inviting him



and the other Northumberland and Durham brethren, and must say how honoured he also was by the way he had received them, by the way he had proposed their healths, and by the way they were received in the province. He probably should not have been able to come from his district, except that he was returning from the metropolis for the north, and by stopping two days he was able to be present. Therefore it was from no want of confidence in the Chairman that more had not come, but he would take back to them an account of this gathering, and the prospect there was that Mark Masonry was an increasing institution (hear, hear), and they might rely upon it that this was only the beginning of much greater things. He could congratulate the Chairman on his province, and the province on its Grand Mark Master. He felt a peculiar pleasure in being present, and should remember it as a red-letter day when he had the honour of meeting the Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire and his Provincial Officers. (Applause.)

Bro. Perkinton acknowledged the pleasure he felt in having his name connected with the toast. He had been a Provincial Mark Master five and a half years, and now his time was nearly ended. ("No, no.") He had been very much cheered with what he had seen to-day. He was much attached to Mark Masonry, and it would ever live in his heart.

Bro. Prince was also proud to respond for his province, whose Grand Master, like the Lincolnshire Grand Master, was a man with a large heart. Addressing the Chairman, the speaker said—"I thank you, Right Worshipful Sir, for the kind support you give to Mark Masonry. You are a most honoured man in this district, and if others can be found like you when your time is run out we shall have cause to be hopeful for the future of Freemasonry. I trust you will accept, through me, the thanks of our Provincial Grand Mark Master for what you have done to-day." (Applause.)

Bro. Newhouse responded for Cheshire and North Wales, by asking the Chairman to accept their heart-felt thanks, and by saying he was glad to hear he had accepted again the office of Provincial Grand Mark Master of Lincolnshire. He (the speaker) had been many years connected with the Craft and Arch and Mark. He liked the Mark, which had a tendency to bring them more in unity with the Craft and Arch. (Applause.)

Bro. Perkinton again rose, and said he would give without much preface the health of "The Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason for Lincolnshire, Bro. John Sutcliffe" (great cheering.) Nothing he could say would add to the esteem of those present, by whom he was so well known. (The toast was drunk with Masonic honours.)

The Chairman, who was received with prolonged cheers, said he felt very much obliged to his brethren for the proposal of his health and the kind reception it had met with. He knew not what he could say more. He valued their opinion, and allowed them to be the best judges. He could only say he thanked them—thanked them most heartily—for the very generous reception they had given to the toast. He would not sit down without taking the opportunity of proposing the toast of the evening, that was the health of "The Visiting Brethren," and he would call upon them to open their lungs and open their shoulders (laughter), and to receive the toast in a way that would be heard through Lancashire, Yorkshire, Northumberland, Cheshire, and North Wales. It was not often they had representatives from so many provinces, and he thanked them for the honour they had done the province of Lincolnshire in coming from all corners of those counties to the old port of Gainsboro'. The Old Hall in which they were assembled would be interesting to archaeologists, and he thought they would like to visit him in that fine old hall, where they were all on a par—all on an equality, which did not exist in any other kind of assembly (hear, hear.) Having thanked them again most heartily and sincerely, he coupled with the toast the name of an "old pal" of his—Charley Matier.

Bro. Matier, in returning thanks, said that all the compliments bestowed upon the Right Worshipful Bro. Sutcliffe had been justly made, and he could only say ditto to all that had been said in his honour. He narrated what he called a "little incident" that occurred on the journey to Gainsboro'. When about three miles on this side of Worksop, and when they were going about 60 miles an hour, the driving axle of the engine broke, but he was happy to say—thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe—no fatality had occurred. He was only too pleased in coming to visit the Provincial Grand Mark Master for the first time, and he sincerely trusted it would not be the last. He hoped they would not allow him to sneak out of the chair. He could not be put out. No one could put him out of the chair of Grand Mark Master—no man, wherever he came from; and they would see him again elected for the third, fourth, or twentieth time. (Applause.)

Bro. Ruddock also responded, saying he would be second to none in giving his adhesion to the Right Worshipful Master. It had been said he was a large-hearted man: so he was, but he was also a large headed man, and so all would say if they knew him as well as they did in West Yorkshire, where they had proved him before he came into Lincolnshire. No better man was ever put into shoes than Worshipful Master Sutcliffe. He said it freely, and without fear of contradiction—with all respect and without flattery—that there never was a man who worked himself up to the position Bro. Sutcliffe now held more rapidly and more successfully than he had done. It was only the week before last that he (Bro. Ruddock) was at a meeting of Royal Arch Masons, and if this gathering had only heard the remarks which were then passed by the brethren of the Provincial Chapter, with reference to their brother who now presided at this meeting, there was no one but would have been proud, and deeply proud, to have had those feelings expressed towards himself. There was no worthier man than the present Worshipful Master of their Mark Lodge. The speaker then referred to the Masonic Schools, mentioning the desire that Bro. Sutcliffe had evinced to have them placed on a proper footing. They were all, he said, actuated by one feeling, and they wished to place those schools in a right position. They did not want to have "fish for one and flesh for

another," and he for one wished to find out the feeling that existed in the Province of West Yorkshire, and he was determined to do so. (Hear, hear.)

Bro. Kemp said he had been singled out to propose a toast, and though he lacked the ability he did not believe in shirking a duty. He felt a very great degree of pleasure in doing so. He congratulated the Right Worshipful Chairman most heartily, most sincerely, and most fully on the proceedings of the day, and said the Humber Lodge—of which he was a young member—felt a great pleasure in meeting him and seeing him surrounded as he was by such a large and influential gathering of the brethren. He should have pleasure in reporting it to his Lodge. He was glad to find that West Yorkshire had put in such an appearance as she had done. In the North and East Ridings they had no Provincial Mark Lodge, but they did indulge the hope that they would eventually have a Province, and such a Master to preside over them as Lincolnshire had. He then presented the toast, namely, "The Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason, Bro. Harrison, and all other Present and Past Grand Officers of Lincolnshire," and again reverted to Bro. Sutcliffe, saying he had made them feel that Mark Masonry was no simple thing, and had made them feel proud that they were Mark Masons, and whether they were recognised by Grand Craft Lodge or not it was a fact, and might she mark well.

Bro. Harrison, in responding, said,—I assure you, worshipful sir, we feel the honour of being here under your presidency, and hope for many years to see you at the head of the province. I have a very pleasing duty to perform. At the last Provincial Grand Mark Lodge the Provincial Grand Mark Master was kind enough to invite the officers to breakfast, to Stallingboro' House. When we arrived an artist was there from Grimsby, and we were photographed in a group. We felt that we would like, as a memorial of our visit, to have it enlarged and painted, and ask our Worshipful Master to accept it. I have now, on behalf of the Past Provincial Grand Mark Officers, to request you to accept this picture as a mark of the esteem and respect of those who had the honour of acting as your first Provincial Grand Mark Officers (applause).

The Chairman gave some account of the first production of the photographic group. He called on the artist to order a copy for each Provincial Officer, but was informed that several brethren had requested him to finish it, and he was about to do so. Therefore it was taken out of his—the Chairman's—hands altogether. It was his intention to present that group to his officers, but he was told in a sense to mind his own business, and he saw no more of it. He thought it had taken a wrong turn, but still he thought they would all agree with him that he could not be so ungrateful as to refuse the honour of accepting that handsome picture. It would not belong to him; it would belong to Masonry—Mark Masonry—and he felt bound to accept it; and some day they would see it hung up in the Province of Lincolnshire as a mark of respect to the Worshipful Master. I accept it (concluded Bro. Sutcliffe) at your hands, and thank you on behalf of the family to whom you have paid this high honour. (Cheers.)

The brethren then separated, to return to their homes by their respective trains.

### THE GRAND BARD'S SONG.

Sung at the Masonic Banquet, in Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Thursday, 30th November, in celebration of the Festival of St. Andrew.

COME, gather round the cozy hearth,  
And let us chant a canty lay,—  
For Scottish hearts owe a' the earth,  
Are blythe upon St. Andrew's Day.  
Since that gude Saint in days o' yore,  
Led forth our sires in battle fray,  
And won for Scotland deathless gloir,  
A' Scotsmen bless St. Andrew's day.  
Come then, brither, join wi' brither,  
Lilt and sing a' blythe and gay;  
Linked in holy love thegither,  
Blessings on St. Andrew's Day.

In every clime, in every land,  
On every shore, on every sea,  
Far, far frae Scotland's rugged strand,  
Are members of her millions three—  
Parts of her small, but matchless band,  
Men born the world to teach and sway,  
All bound together heart and hand,  
By Scotland and St. Andrew's Day.  
Come then, &c.

And here within this regal hall,  
With dear St. Andrew shrined on high,  
We'll cherish deep the pledge we all  
Have made beneath yon radiant eye.  
And may the holy star of love  
Light up our hearts with genial ray,  
And Mason aye to Mason prove  
True brother on St. Andrew's Day.

Come then, brither, join wi' brither,  
Lilt and sing a' blythe and gay;  
Linked in holy love thegither,  
Blessings on St. Andrew's Day.

JAMES BALLANTINE, *Grand Bard*.

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## THE HERVEY LODGE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I trust to your well-known impartiality for permission to enter a little more fully than has been done elsewhere into the question whether a member of my Lodge was right in proceeding to extremities against one of its members who declined to pay his initiation fees, and endeavouring by legal means to recover a debt of honour freely and voluntarily contracted by him. On the 11th ult. a contemporary of yours introduced into one of its articles the respected name of our Grand Secretary, and, upon something which fell from his lips at a public dinner, proceeded to charge the Hervey Lodge with having committed "various blunders, too numerous to mention." He then proceeded to express an opinion that "every step the Lodge has taken is constitutionally wrong and illegal."

To the first part of the charge I simply reply, that it is recklessly untrue. The Lodge, like other young Lodges, may have passed through vicissitudes of good or bad fortune. It may have had persons enter it, for purposes of their own, whom it was afterwards found necessary to exclude for non-payment of dues, or other causes, and thus have made a few enemies; but this gives no one any right to charge the Lodge with innumerable blunders, neither does it show "a laxity of system," or that the character of the Lodge "has been sacrificed to obtain funds." It is exceedingly malicious on the part of any one to suggest anything of the kind; for, at the worst, it merely proves that the best regulated society is human, and that Masonic Lodges can no more expect to be free from the danger of receiving "incongruous or heterogeneous elements," than any other institution, or even a family circle. The most damaging charge, however, brought against our Lodge is, that it has acted "unconstitutionally and illegally," because, forsooth, it did what it believed to be right, and took steps to compel an initiate to pay a just and honourable debt, or in the words of our ancient charges, "act honourable to all men." The journal which has made this charge, condemns my Lodge, without judge or jury, although it politely intimates that it may have to answer for its misdeeds before the Board of General Purposes. Now, I ask, is this doing as one would like to be done by, or is this the way to cultivate brotherly love in Freemasonry?

In as few words as possible I will endeavour to place before your readers the facts of the case, and I think it will be admitted that the Hervey Lodge neither acted "unconstitutionally" nor "illegally" in this matter. The person against whom it was decided to enforce payment holds a responsible public appointment, of considerable trust and importance. At his initiation he gave a reasonable excuse for not coming provided with the entrance fee—namely, "that he had been given to understand he was to present himself 'poor and penniless.'" He joined the brethren at the banquet, and expressed himself thoroughly well satisfied. Some time elapsed, and his proposer communicated with him. The Secretary wrote, and so did other brethren who had some acquaintance with him. Ultimately, he promised to attend the duties of the Lodge and settle his arrears. This, however, he failed to do, and treated all further applications with contemptuous silence. It was then thought, as a last resource, that one of our members, who was learned in the law, might make some impression on him, and it was agreed that he should apply in a semi-legal form. This mode of attack met with no better success, and, with feelings of indignation and disappointment, our brother took the case into the County Court. In this he was, no doubt, somewhat hasty, and certainly committed an error of judgment, for it turned out that, if he sued at all, it should have been in the name of the Secretary (or of his proposer, as for money lent), obviously not in the name of the Lodge. In my opinion, it would have been little short of a Masonic scandal had the Lodge permitted an educated, well-to-do man to escape "scot free," and treat his solemn obligation as some well-devised joke, to be kept or broken at pleasure. I also consider, in a matter of this kind, Masons owe a duty to society, as well as to the Craft, and that it is against public morals and policy to submit to dishonour, and permit a man to regard a solemn obligation, which he has already acknowledged "to be binding on him as long as he shall live," as a mere farce. If such a notion gets abroad, it must inflict a mortal injury on Masonry, and good bye to all its attempts to spread among men active virtue and enlightenment. We are told, however, that such a case is provided for in the Book of Constitutions. This is a question fairly open to discussion. The rule, as set forth at page 86, Art. 9, is to the following effect:—"No person shall be made a Mason for less than three guineas, exclusive of the registering fee, nor shall a Lodge, on any pretence, remit or defer the payment of any part of the sum. The member who proposes the candidate must be responsible to the Lodge for all the fees payable on account of the initiation." The latter part of this rule is governed by the first. It clearly follows as an eventuality, and neither invalidating nor superseding what precedes it, and may or may not be put in force by the Lodge. It is in no wise compulsory, and in the case of the Hervey Lodge it was decided not to remit any part of the sum, although in the first instance there was no help for deferring payment, for neither the Initiate nor the proposer was at the moment able to pay. Again, it appears that Grand Lodge intended this rule to be relaxed or modified at the pleasure of the Lodge, otherwise there could have been no occasion at all for any bye-law, which, having received the sanction of the G.S., is a good and valid rule. This law is to the effect that "the brother proposing

a candidate shall deposit one guinea on account of the initiation fee," and the forfeiture of this sum is held to be sufficient in all cases. In this particular case, the Lodge unanimously decided not to call upon the proposer, but rather proceed, to extremities, against the person who had evidently made up his mind to avoid, if possible, payment of a just debt freely and voluntarily incurred—an educated gentleman! who had sworn "to conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order." This is what your contemporary has designated "unconstitutional and illegal."

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother, yours fraternally,

A P.M. OF THE HERVEY LODGE.

November, 1876.

[We have refrained hitherto from offering any comments on the difficulty recently encountered by the Hervey Lodge. The less that is said publicly of such matters the better. We think, however, it would have been more judicious had the Lodge excluded the defaulting member, and reported him to the Board of General Purposes for expulsion from the Society. But we do not consider the member who represented the Lodge, or the Lodge itself, acted either "illegally" or "unconstitutionally." The attempt to recover a just debt by legal means may be unwise, or inexpedient, but it cannot be either "illegal" or "unconstitutional." Nor do we see how, under the circumstances as described above, any blame whatever can possibly attach to the Hervey Lodge. We have known cases where candidates have attended without bringing with them the initiation fee," but in these the momentary default was promptly made good. We should not reject the apology of a person "holding a position of trust and importance" for not bringing his fees, nor should we think of distrusting his promise to pay them forthwith.—[Ed. FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.]

## "ERRATIC SHILLINGS."

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very pleased to see you again refer to the question of Pounds versus Guineas with regard to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I have frequently heard comments made on this subject, and think that if the authorities only had the matter put before them officially, they would devise some means for altering it. Where do you find a brother who would object to giving the odd shilling when he has made up his mind to contribute? Ask any Steward if he would have had any more difficulty in getting 21s than he had in getting 20s. With respect to the larger amounts, it is the same, and yet, when we consider the amount collected, these "erratic shillings" would now amount to £500 a year. The question is, would any one be worse off? Certainly not. But put the question the other way round.—Would any one be better off? and a very different answer can be given. Suppose, for instance, we decide to allow, out of this fund, annuities at the rate of £26 per annum (10s per week), in its present proportion we could relieve twenty persons to this extent, and yet the matter is allowed to rest. If between now and February next all the Stewards who intend to support our Royal brother, Prince Leopold, would unite and work for the "erratic shillings" I do not think he would refuse to accept the little amount it would realise, and it would be a compliment to him, giving him a reason to look back on his Chairmanship with pride, and his name might be handed down to future generations as the founder of the Leopold Annuities. Brother Stewards, assist in this matter. Remember, we are working for 10s per week for twenty brethren by means of "erratic shillings."

Yours, &c., ALPHA.

On Thursday evening next a Concert will be given at the Bow and Bromley Institute, Bow Railway Station, E., for the benefit of the Masonic Charitable Institutions. This promises to be a great success. Any brother wishing for tickets, or any information, should apply to the Treasurer, Bro. E. J. Moore P.M., 14 Oriental-street, Poplar, E., or to the Hon. Sec. Bro. C. Blain, Bromley-by-Bow, E. Special inducements are offered for the sale of tickets by allowing each brother who sells one guinea's worth to participate in a ballot for a Life Governorship. We hope to see a large amount handed over as the proceeds of this entertainment.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382, on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street (opposite the Pantheon). Bro. I. L. Coombe P.M. 382 will preside. Bros. Ferguson P.M. S.D., C. W. Davis W.M. 382, J.W. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock. Brethren are invited to attend.

We are pleased to state that Bro. John Coutts P.G.P. is recovering from his severe indisposition.

## NEW ZEALAND.

From files of the *New Zealand Herald* to hand this week we extract the following Masonic items:—

On 9th October, Brother Malcolm Niccol, Past Master of the Lodge St. Andrew, S.C., was presented by the brethren of the Lodge, at the Lodge room, Star Hotel, with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of his great services to the Lodge as Master and Past Master for several years. The presentation was made at the conclusion of the business by the Right Worshipful Master, William Charles Walker, who was assisted by Past Master's Dewar and Anderson. The jewel, which is a very handsome one, bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Brother Malcolm Niccol, P.M., by the officers and brethren of the St. Andrew's Lodge, 418, S.C., as a token of their appreciation of his services to the Lodge as its Right Worshipful Master, during the years 1874 and 1875. Auckland, May 31, 1876." Brother Niccol acknowledged the presentation in feeling and appropriate terms. During the evening, Brother P.M. Niccol proposed the health of the youngest member of the Lodge, Bro. Cornwall, of Samoa. In the place where Bro. Cornwall was resident, he would not at present have an opportunity of meeting with Masonic brethren in Lodge, there being no Lodge nearer than Fiji, which was nearly as far away from Samoa as Auckland. They would be always glad to see him, however, in Auckland, and he hoped the time would come when a Masonic Lodge would be constituted in the island of Samoa. Brother Cornwall said that he had long wished to become a Mason, and one of the principal objects of his present visit to Auckland was that he might be able to join a Lodge. It was pleasant to him to reflect that although he resided in a far distant island of the sea, he had friends in every quarter of the globe, and no doubt at some time a Masonic Lodge would be formed at Samoa.

The ceremony of installing Bro. Clayton W.M. of the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1338, took place at the Lodge-room, Star Hotel, on the 28th September. Bro. P.M. Leers acted as installing Master for the occasion, and conducted the ceremony in a most impressive manner. Bro. Clayton having been duly installed according to ancient form, proceeded to appoint the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. W. H. Skinner I.P.M., C. M. Nelson S.W., F. W. E. Dawson J.W., E. Browne Chaplain, W. H. Kissling P.M. Treasurer, M. S. Leers P.M. Secretary, R. C. Dyer S.D., W. Rattray J.D., G. N. Brassey P.M. Director of Ceremonies, C. T. Saxton Organist, J. H. Gossett I.G., C. Barton and W. S. Collins Stewards, C. Porter Tyler.

The inauguration of the Corinthian Lodge, a new Lodge under the English Constitution, at the Thames Goldfields, near Auckland, was announced to take place on the 16th November.

## TRAFALGAR ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NELSON, NEW ZEALAND, 157 S.C.

THE third annual meeting of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter, for the election and installation of office-bearers for the ensuing year, was held on the 25th of September, in the Masonic Hall. Lodge being opened in due form, the election was proceeded with, and the choice fell upon the following Companions:—W. W. Squires Z., W. Holmes II., L. C. Boor J., W. B. Sealy P.Z., W. M. Stanton Scribe E., J. Hounsell Scribe N., W. Lightfoot Treasurer, J. C. Moutray First Sojourner, A. B. Jackson Second Sojourner, A. R. Oliver Third Sojourner.

These officers having been duly installed by First Principal W. B. Sealy, Comp. W. M. Stanton brought forward the annual report and balance-sheet, which showed that the funds of the Chapter were in a very satisfactory condition. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions re-assembled at eight o'clock to partake of an excellent supper, served by Comp. Tregga. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the First Principal elect, the chair was taken by Comp. Sealy, and, after ample justice had been done to the good things provided, the following toasts were drunk with musical and Masonic honours:—"Her Majesty the Queen," "The three Grand Principals of England, Ireland, and Scotland, coupled with the name of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales," "The Grand Superintendent, M. E. Comp. Caldwell, and District Grand Chapter of New Zealand," "The Canterbury Kilwinning Chapter, coupled with the health of M. E. Comp. Thiel," "The First Principal elect of the Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter, Comp. Squires," who returned thanks; "The Past Principal of the Chapter." Comp. Sealy responded, and proposed the health of Comp. Stanton in an appropriate speech, which contained a graceful acknowledgment of his services in the founding and organizing of the Chapter, and of his duties in the capacity of 1st Scribe, to which office he was again re-elected. Companion Browning proposed "The Southern Star Lodge, 735 E.C.," coupled with the name of the W.M., Bro. Moutray, who responded in suitable terms. Several songs were well sung in the intervals between the toasts and addresses, and, after spending a most pleasant evening, the Companions parted in harmony.

Bro. Geo. Fredericks commenced his proprietorship of the Bedford, Camden Town, on the 6th inst. Bros. A. Trotman, late proprietor, and Bro. S. Adams presided during the evening, and a host of talent lent their valuable services. The hall was crowded by friends, who heartily wished Bro. Fredericks success in his new undertaking.

SOAP.—In our notice on this article last week, we should have referred to Pears's Transparent Soap, and not, as was inadvertently printed, to Pearce's, Messrs. Pears, of Great Russell-street, having been the inventors of the Transparent Soap so highly approved of by Professor Erasmus Wilson, and there being no such firm as Pearce in the manufacturing trade.

## COMPLIMENTARY DINNER TO BRO. JAMES JACKSON, P.M. 172.

AN interesting gathering took place at the Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate-street, on Thursday evening, the occasion being to commemorate the second anniversary of Bro. Jackson's tenancy of this old established house, which has been associated with many a Masonic gathering in the days of yore. The chair was taken by Bro. Herbert Rymill, of the Barbican Repository, who was supported by Mr. J. C. James as Vice-Chairman, while amongst the numerous company assembled we may mention Messrs. J. R. Robertson, J. Dawson, F. Noble, P. Fowler, S. G. Ashwin, T. Keene, F. Keene, F. Watson, Jones, E. Deale, J. Martin, R. M. Stollery, Gryspeerdt, C. Bird, J. Oliver, Biscoe, E. Chesterman, Wilkinson, Davis, Carter, Stollery jun., Robertson jun., Honnor, Edwards, Powell, Cuddeford, W. W. Morgan, &c.

The company assembled at six o'clock, and partook of a capital banquet. On the cloth being cleared, the chairman proposed "The health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." This toast was followed by that of "The Army, the Navy, and the Reserve Forces," briefly replied to by Capt. Jones, who concluded his remarks by saying that the reserve forces would be ready should they ever be wanted. Mr. J. C. James then rose to propose "The Health of the Chairman of the Evening, Mr. Herbert Rymill." He referred to the thorough business qualifications of that gentleman, and to the kindness always evinced by him to all with whom he was associated. His consideration for those with whom he was surrounded had tended to render his business prosperous, and had made the every day work of life go on smoothly and satisfactorily to those who had dealings with his establishment. This toast was received most heartily, and after a song, capitably given by Mr. Edwards, Bro. Rymill replied, assuring the gentlemen around him that he fully appreciated the success that had attended his business relations with them, and that no effort should be wanting on his part to retain their good opinion.

After a musical performance by Bro. J. C. Bird, which was deservedly applauded, Bro. Rymill rose to propose the toast of the evening, viz.: "Health and Prosperity to their host, Mr. Jackson." In the course of his remarks the chairman spoke in highly eulogistic terms of our worthy Bro. Jackson, he mentioned that the course of events had not gone so prosperously with their friend as his well wishers could have desired, but he hoped that a brighter prospect was now dawning. This he could say,—that Bro. Jackson appeared before them that evening with a smile on his face, and this was very different to the condition he had found him in a few years since. He sincerely hoped business would prosper, and that both Mr. and Mrs. Jackson might never regret the step taken by them in connecting themselves with the Clarence. This toast was feelingly replied to by Bro. Jackson. The toast of the Vice-Chairman was then given, and followed by several others. A capital stump speech was delivered by Bro. Keene, while the vocal abilities of Messrs. Bird, Stollery, Edwards, Dawson, Morgan, &c., enlivened the proceedings. The company separated after spending a very enjoyable evening.

The report and balance sheet of "the Tranquillity and Confidence Masonic Charitable Association" has reached us. From it we learn that since its establishment there have been 80 members enrolled, of this number ten withdrew. The Life Governorships resulting from the monthly payments to the Association were distributed as follows, viz.: 30 to the Benevolent Institution, 25 to the Girls' School, and 15 to the Boys' School. By this means, therefore, we have had upwards of £700 contributed to the Institutions since 1872. The expenses attending the collection and management are remarkably low, amounting during the four years to £6 8s 6d, or less than 1 per cent. on the amount contributed. Thirty Stewardships were undertaken by the members of this Association, thus aggregating the sum of £2,509 12s for the three Masonic Charities. The name of Bro. Constable, Hon. Secretary, is sufficient to evince to the brethren that the work has been done with pleasure. We congratulate him on the successful termination of his labours. Those of our brethren who have not yet enrolled their names on any of the Associations established would do well to follow the advice of the Committee of the Tranquillity and Confidence Association, who:—

"Earnestly invite those who are not already Life Governors of the Masonic Institutions, either to join or establish kindred Associations feeling confident that with the increased numerical strength of the brotherhood there is ample room for many more, both in London and the Provinces, and from their experience of the successful working of this Association, cordially recommending them to all who are desirous of obtaining a Life Governorship, so that there may not be a brother but will be able to say he is a Governor, if not of all at least of one of our noble Institutions."

We are sure Bro. Constable will be only too pleased to give any information he can as to the establishment of such Associations, and we commend to our Provincial brethren this means of becoming Life Governors.



## 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 Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

## SATURDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1426—Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

## MONDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Jerusalem, St. John's-sq., Clerkenwell, at 8. (Instruction.)  
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
68—Royal Clarence, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.  
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
589—Druids' Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.  
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.  
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.  
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.  
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon, Stepney, E.

## TUESDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's alley, Cornhill, at 8.30.  
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, York.

## WEDNESDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart College-street, Lambeth.  
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
193—Confidence, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1165—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms Tavern, St. John's Wood.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
861—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-st., Fitzroy-sq., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1426—Great City, 111 Cheapside, E.C., at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1098—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredgar, Mon.  
1204—Royd's, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1457—Bagshaw, Bald Faced Stag, Buckhurst-hill.  
R. A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.

## FRIDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

- 933—Doric, Earl Grey Tavern, Mile End-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.  
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

## SATURDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
R. A.—Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## TUESDAY.

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
1515—Baildon, Angel Inn, Baildon.  
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## WEDNESDAY.

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemason's Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.  
R. A. 337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

## THURSDAY.

- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

## FRIDAY.

- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

## SATURDAY.

- R. A. 308—Affability, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## DURHAM AND NORTHUMBERLAND.

## MONDAY.

- 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.  
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
919—Williamson, Royal Hotel, Monkwearmouth.

## TUESDAY.

- 80—St. John, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.  
764—Harbour of Refuge, Freemasons' Hall, Upper Church-street, West Hartlepool.

## WEDNESDAY.

- 661—Fawcett, Masonic Hall, North-road, Seaham Harbour.  
R. A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

## THURSDAY.

- 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Park-terrace, Sunderland.  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington-quay.  
R. A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Wellington-road, Stockton-on-Tees.

## FRIDAY.

- 541—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street-west, Newcastle-on-Tyne

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.

- TUESDAY—1—Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.

- WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.

- THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.

- FRIDAY—R. A. 83—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

All the Meetings are at 8.0 p.m., unless otherwise stated.

- MONDAY—102—St. Mark's, St. Mark's Hall, Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

- " 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

- " 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

- " 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.

- TUESDAY—413—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

- " 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.

- " 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.

- " 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.

- " 556—Clydesdale, 106 Rose-street, Glasgow.

- " 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.

- " R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.

- WEDNESDAY—178—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

- " 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

- " 510—Maryhill, 167 Main-street, Maryhill.

- THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springbourne, Glasgow.

- " R. A. 50—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

- FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

- " 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF ARMAGH.

PURSUANT to notice, the quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Armagh, which embraces the counties of Armagh, Louth, and Monaghan, took place at the Tontine Rooms on 30th November, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Brother Maxwell Close, M.P., Provincial Grand Master, and representative in Ireland of the United Grand Lodge of England, supported by Brother John G. Winder J.P., Deputy Grand Master of the Province. The various Lodges of the Province were fairly represented, although the representatives in many instances travelled long distances in cold, raw weather—Bros. Thomas A. Young, of Monaghan, V.W.G.S.W., James Whitla V.W.G.J.W., & H. H. Handcock V.W.G. Treasurer, J. J. Hesse W.G. Secretary, &c., &c.

After confirming the minutes of the last meeting, held at Dundalk, and transacting the routine business, a Committee of seven brethren, selected from the entire Province, were appointed to carry out preliminaries, and report progress of the formation of a Masonic Library, after which the new officers were duly installed by the Grand Master, in his usual courteous and efficient manner, to the following offices, viz.:—Bro. George H. Smith V.W.G.S.W. 299 Armagh, William Shimeld V.W.G.J.W. 384 Dundalk, A. K. Young W.G.S.D. 223 Monaghan, A. Murchie W.G.J.D. 24 Lurgan, H. H. Handcock, Armagh, P.G. Treasurer, James Hesse, Dundalk, P.G. Secretary, Rev. Augustine Young, Monaghan, P.G. Chaplain, Arthur Nelson, Armagh, P.G. Organist, and Dr. F. E. Clarke, Drogheda, G.P. Inner Guard; Bros. Richard Harvey, Drogheda, and Hugh Leonard, Dublin, as Representatives of the Board of General Purposes at the Grand Lodge of Ireland; and R. Turner 39, Armagh, and James Hesse 384, Dundalk, as Representatives on Board of Instruction; after which the Lodge adjourned to Clones, county Monaghan. Subsequently the brethren dined together at the Beresford Arms Hotel,

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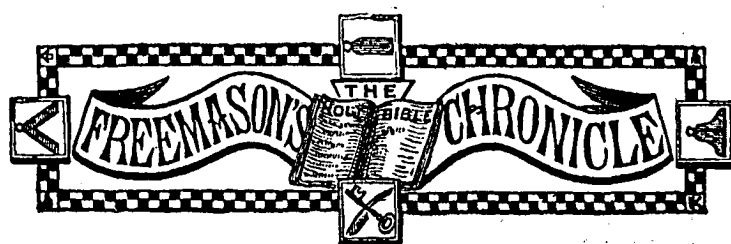
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen, who will shortly quit Windsor Castle in order to spend Christmas at Osborne, entertained the gallant Arctic voyager Captain Nares, R.N., as her guest at dinner on Friday last. Captain Nares slept at the Castle, and left early on Saturday morning. Her Majesty has also been pleased to appoint him an extraordinary member of the second class of Knights Commander of the Order of the Bath, as a further mark of her gracious appreciation of his services.

As announced last week, the thirty-second birthday of the Princess of Wales was celebrated on Friday the 1st instant, with the usual festivities. The Prince and Princess also gave a ball to the principal tenants on the Sandringham and neighbouring estates, while the children of the various schools in and around the neighbourhood had their tea in the Royal Mews in the afternoon. At King's Lynn the occasion was duly honoured, the children of the Lynn Union being entertained with a substantial tea at Her Royal Highness's cost. The town was extensively decorated with flags, and the church bells rang out merrily during the day. Nor was Windsor behindhand in its rejoicings. The Royal Standard was hoisted at the Guildhall, and the inhabitants decorated their houses and streets with profusion, regulated by taste. A Royal salute was also fired from the the artillery on the Long Walk.

There was a full attendance at Grand Lodge on Wednesday, Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, presiding. On the proposition, duly seconded, of Bro. Gould, W.M. of the Moira Lodge, 92, his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales was again chosen Grand Master for the ensuing year. Bro. Clabon was then re-appointed President of the Lodge of Benevolence, and Bros. Joshua Nunn and James Brett Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents respectively. The other business having been disposed of, Bro. Binckes' motion, to the effect that £6,000 should be distributed in equal shares among the three Masonic charities, in commemoration of the Grand Master's visit to India, came before Grand Lodge. It was ruled that, until the report of the Special Committee had been received, no proposition of any kind could be entertained. When, however, such report came under discussion, it would be competent for Bro. Binckes or any other member of Grand Lodge to submit an alternative motion by way of amendment. The proceedings then came to an end, and the members separated, after the usual formalities had been satisfied.

Captain Nares and his officers and crews of the Arctic Expedition have every reason to be gratified at the recep.



tion accorded them. Since the banquet to the men given on Thursday last, by the town of Portsmouth, they have been entertained at the Mansion House by the Lord Mayor. The gallant fellows thoroughly enjoyed themselves, while his Lordship proved a thoroughly genial host, entering into the spirit of the somewhat novel entertainment with a heartiness which did him infinite credit. Indeed, the Lords of the Admiralty are so pleased with this exhibition of his Lordship's hospitality, they have directed a most cordial letter of thanks to be sent to him, expressing their deep sense of his very great kindness.

The great attraction of the week has been the Smithfield Club Cattle Show at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. In quality and numbers, but especially in the former, the entries this year are greatly in excess of last, the numbers being 456 against 395, thus distributed:—Cattle 242 against 186; sheep 153 against 162; and pigs 61 against 46. It will be seen there is a slight falling off in sheep, but the quality is exceptionally good, and the lambs are so great a success, that we may reckon, perhaps, on their becoming a permanent feature of the Show. The Champion Plate of £100 for the finest beast in all the classes was awarded to a splendid Devon ox, exhibited by Mr. S. Kidner, of Bickley Farm, Milverton. This animal had already carried off the first prize in its class, as well as the silver breed cup of £40, and the £50 silver cup for the best steer or ox of any breed. The other silver breed cups were awarded as follow: Hereford, to Mr. T. Fenn; short-horn, to Mr. J. Stratton; Sussex, Captain W. Taylor; Scotch, to Mr. W. McCombie; Cross-bred or other than the above breeds, to Mr. J. Reid. Mr. J. Stratton also secured the silver cup for the best heifer or cow of any breed. Lord Walsingham was awarded the Champion Plate for the best pen of three in the sheep classes, his pen having previously secured for him the breed cup in the Southdowns, and the first prize in its class. Messrs. J. T. Homer, C. M'Niven, and T. C. Baker were severally adjudged the breed cups in the different breeds of pigs. Among the other prize-winners were the Queen and the Prince of Wales. There was a large and excellent display of all kinds of agricultural implements. The Show was open to the public on Monday at 1 p.m., and as it was known that His Royal Highness, who is president of the club would come up specially from Sandringham to inspect the show and preside at the Board meeting, the throng of visitors was considerably above the average. The Prince was greeted on his arrival, punctually, at 3.30 p.m., in the Hall, and at his departure, with the greatest enthusiasm. In his capacity of President he presented Mr. Brandreth Gibbs, who has held the post of honorary Secretary for over three-and-thirty years, with a very handsome testimonial on vellum, enclosed in a richly mounted box of Coromandel-wood, in token of "the valuable and efficient services" he had rendered to the Club for so many years. Mr. Gibbs having suitably acknowledged the gift, the Prince and the distinguished guests who had accompanied him left the Hall. The show closed yesterday, and, according to all accounts, the attendance of visitors has been in every respect satisfactory, though it must be confessed the weather has not been the most attractive.

Lord Salisbury has reached Constantinople, where he was received, on landing, by our ambassador, Sir Henry Elliott. He has had interviews with the Grand Vizier, the Turkish Foreign Minister, and the various ambassadors. It is expected that the Conference will hold its first sitting to-day. As regards the general aspect of affairs, there is little additional to record of any special interest, save that Prince Bismarck has delivered a speech in the German Reichstag, in which he pointed out the course that Germany would follow. His remarks have been commented upon freely, some critics regarding them favourably, as tending to promote the interests of peace, while others consider he has merely given additional encouragement to Russia to persist in her designs. But Prince Bismarck is not a statesman born only yesterday. There are few men so capable as he of concealing his real intentions under a mass of verbiage, which sounds well, but yet may be interpreted differently by different people. He can be oracular or confidential, as the whim of the moment or circumstances incline him. We must wait some time yet ere it will be possible, either to indulge any reasonable hope of a peaceful issue from the present complication, or resign ourselves, as best we may, to contemplate the horrors of a local, and the dangers of a general, European war. We can but hope and believe, in the mean-

time, that Lord Salisbury's efforts will be so backed up by the representatives of the other Powers that the outcome of all these diplomatic conferences and *pourparlers* will be an honourable and enduring peace.

There has been a Ministerial crisis in Paris, the result of which is not yet known; and another in Greece, which King George has not yet succeeded in arranging. From the United States we hear that the Republican candidate for the Presidency has been declared elected by the Returning Boards in South Carolina and Florida. Lastly, it is with great regret we announce that a terrible calamity has befallen Brooklyn, the theatre of which was burned down on Tuesday. It is estimated that between 200 and 300 persons have perished.

## Old Warrants.

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No. 44.

No. 138, "Moderns;" No. 167 at the Union of 1813, No. 120 from A.D. 1832, and No. 103 from A.D. 1863.

GEORGE G.M.



No. 138

To all & every our Right Worshipful Worshipful & loving brethren we Francis Rawdon Hastings Earl Moira &c. &c. &c. acting G.M. under the authority of His Royal Highness George Augustus Frederick Prince of Wales &c. &c. &c. G.M. of the most Antient & Honorable Society of Free & Accepted Masons send greeting

Whereas it appears by the records of our Grand Lodge that on the 8th day of March 1758 a Warrant of Constitution was granted in due form under the seals of Masonry to several Master Masons residing in the city of Bristol for the purpose of holding a Lodge of this most antient & honorable Society at the Bell in Broad-street Bristol which was then numbered in the list of Lodges 233 but by subsequent alteration of the numbers is now become 138 That the said Lodge was from thence removed to the sign of the One Pound One in Small-street, from thence to a house on the Quay from thence to a house in King's Head-court from thence to a house in Currant-lane from thence to the Shakespeare in Prince-street & lastly to the Cornish Mount on the Quay Bristol & whereas it has been represented to us by our right trusty & well beloved brethren Joshua Spinger, John Whittingham, William Davies, Walter Ellis, Thomas Cook, & Joseph Sanders & several other brethren of the said Lodge that the said constitution has been lost or destroyed owing to the last mentioned house in which the said Lodge was held having been consumed by fire that they are very desirous for the prosperity of the craft & therefore humbly request to be recognised or acknowledged as a regular Lodge notwithstanding the loss of their constitution & to retain the same number order & rank on the records of the Grand Lodge as they heretofore enjoyed by virtue of the above mentioned constitution.

Now know ye that we having taken the premises into consideration & being satisfied of the propriety of their above mentioned request have & do hereby confirm the said brethren as a regular Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons to be now held at the Cornish Mount on the Quay Bristol aforesaid the said house being rebuilt with every right & privilege they might & could enjoy by virtue of the above mentioned constitution.

Given under our hand & the seal of Masonry this 7th day of May A.L. 5800 A.D. 1800.

By the G.M.'s command

P. PARKER D.G.M.

Witness, William White G.S.

(Warrant of Confirmation) The present Title, No., &c. are, The Beaufort Lodge, No. 103, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

No. 45.

No. 234, "Ancients;" No. 293 at the "Union," No. 206 from A.D. 1832, and No. 177 from A.D. 1863.

GRAND MASTER Antrim

LAURENCE DERMOTT D.G.M.

JOHN FEAKINS S.G.W.

THOMAS HARPER J.G.W.



To all whom it may concern

We the Grand Lodge of the most ANCIENT and HONOURABLE Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York

Anno Domini Nine Hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand nine hundred twenty and six) in ample Form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful Most Potent and Pious Lord the Right Honourable Randal William McDonnell Earl and Baron of Antrim Lord Viscount Dunluce, Lord Lieutenant of the County of Antrim in the province of Ulster and Kingdom of Ireland, Knight of the most honourable Military Order of the Bath one of his Majesty's most honourable Privy Council & in that part of Great Britain called England and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott Esq. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Feakins Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq. Junior Grand Warden (with the Approbation and Consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster) Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well beloved Brethren viz. The Worshipful John Wood one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Charles Broad his Senior Warden and the Worshipful John Perkins his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid at the sign of the Ship Little Turnstyle Holborn in the Parish of

St. Giles in the Fields (or elsewhere) in London No. CCXXXIII upon the last Monday of each Callender Month and on all seasonable Times and lawful Occasions:

And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And We do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren John Wood Charles Broad & John Perkins (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons &c., And such Successors shall in like Manner nominate, chuse and install their Successors &c &c &c. Such Installations to be upon (or near) every St. JOHN'S DAY during the continuance of this Lodge for ever, Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue, Given under our Hands and the Seal of our GRAND LODGE in LONDON this Seventh day of February in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred Eighty and six and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand seven hundred Eighty and six being the fourth year of the Grand Mastership of the Right Honourable Earl of Antrim.

JOHN McCORMICK Grand Secty.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol 6, Letter F.

The present No., title, &c. are, The Domatic Lodge, No. 177, Fleet-street, London.

### No. 46.

No. 72, "Ancients;" No. 95 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 81 from A.D. 1832, and No. 68 from A.D. 1863.



AUGUSTUS FREDERICK G.M.

To all & every our Right Worshipful Worshipful & loving brethren.

We Prince Augustus Frederick of Brunswick Lunenburg, Duke of Sussex, Earl of Inverness, Baron of Arklow, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter &c &c &c. Grand Master of the Ancient & Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of England

Send Greeting

No. 95

Whereas, it appears by the records of the Grand Lodge that a warrant bearing date 24th September 1772 was issued under the seal of Masonry enabling certain brethren therein named to open & hold a Lodge of Free Masons at a private room in Sheffield, which Lodge was then No. 72, and which by consent of Grand Master was on the 14th day of September 1807 removed to Bristol; and by the alteration of the numbers, in consequence of the union of the Fraternities of Masonry on 27th December 1813, it became & is now registered in the books of the United Grand Lodge 95, and subsequently by special permission granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master it assumed & took the title of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Mariners, and is now held at the Freemasons' Hall Bridge-street Bristol. And whereas the brethren comprising the said Lodge having by their memorial represented to us that the said warrant is destroyed, & they have prayed us to grant them a warrant of confirmation.

Now know ye that we being satisfied of the reasonableness of the said request do hereby grant this our warrant of confirmation unto our right trusty & well beloved brethren John Adolphus Stansbury, Robert Slade, James Clift, George Hill, Wintour Harris, William Shaw, John Carter & John Hipwood & the other brethren comprising the said Lodge, authorising & empowering them & their successors to assemble & hold a Lodge of Free & Accepted Masons of England, under the title or denomination of the Royal Clarence Lodge of Mariners, at such times as to the brethren thereof may appear necessary, & then & there when duly congregated to make pass & raise Freemasons according to the ancient customs of the craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And further, at the petition of the said brethren, we do appoint the said John Adolphus Stansbury to be the Master, the said John Carter S.W. & the said John Hipwood J.W. for opening & holding the said Lodge, & until such time as another Master shall be regularly elected & installed, especially charging that every member who shall be elected

to preside over the said Lodge shall be installed in ancient form & according to the laws of the Grand Lodge, that he may thereby be fully invested with the dignities & powers of his office. The said Lodge to be upon the general register of Grand Lodge No. 95; and we do require you the said John Adolphus Stansbury & your successors to take especial care that all & every the said brethren are & have been regularly made Masons, & that you & they & all other the members of the said Lodge do observe perform & keep the laws rules & orders contained in the Book of Constitutions, & all others that may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge or transmitted by us or our successors Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Masters for the time being & we do require you to make such bye-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper & necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the several laws & regulations of the craft, & a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such bye-laws & regulations, & an account of the proceedings in your Lodge to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose, & you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors Grand Masters, or to the Right Honourable Lawrence Lord Dundas our D.G.M. or to the D.G.M. for the time being, at least once in every year a list of the members of your Lodge & names & descriptions of all Masons initiated therein & brethren who shall have joined the same, together with the fees & monies payable thereon, it being our will & intention that this our warrant of confirmation shall be in force so long as you shall conform to the laws & regulations of our Grand Lodge.

And you the said John Adolphus Stansbury are further required as soon as conveniently may be to send to us an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

WILLIAM H. WHITE } G.S.  
EDWARD HARPER }

Given under our hand & the seal of the Grand Lodge at London this 21st August A.L. 5824 A.D. 1824.

DUNDAS, D.G.M.

(Warrant of Confirmation) The present title, No., &c. are, The Royal Clarence Lodge, No. 68, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.

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## RAILWAY TRAFFIC RETURNS.

The following statement shows the receipts for traffic on the undermentioned railways for the past week, as compared with the corresponding week in 1875:—

Railway.	Miles open.		Receipts.	
	1876.	1875	1876	1875
Caledonian	742½	54,886	53,763	
Great Eastern	764½	45,561	41,784	
Great Northern	555	54,589	53,385	
Great Western	2,058	122,853	120,653	
Lancashire and Yorkshire	441½	71,365	69,150	
London and Brighton	379½	30,917	27,908	
London, Chatham and Dover	153½	16,443	14,319	
London and North Western	1,613½	173,479	168,504	
London and South Western	—	34,039	30,706	
Midland	1,062	118,786	115,623	
Metropolitan District	8½	5,433	5,108	
North British	870	44,211	40,998	
North Eastern	1,423½	118,548	117,254	
North London	12	7,155	6,421	
South Eastern	350	30,764	28,934	

How A PLUM-PUDDING WAS MADE IN PARIS.—Most of our readers have heard of a famous attempt to make a real English plum-pudding in Paris, and how it failed, in spite of all the art of all the King's cooks, because they were not told to tie the materials in a cloth! Dr. Schomberg, of Reading, in the early part of his life, spent a Christmas at Paris with some English friends. They were desirous to celebrate the season, in the manner of their own country, by having as one dish at their table an English plum-pudding; but no cook was found equal to the task of compounding it. A clergyman of the party had, indeed, an old recipe-book; but this did not sufficiently explain the process. Dr. Schomberg, however, supplied all that was wanting by throwing the recipe into the form of a prescription, and sending it to the apothecary to be made up. To prevent all possibility of error, he directed that it should be boiled in a cloth, and sent in the same cloth, to be applied at an hour specified. At this hour it arrived, borne by the apothecary's assistant, and preceded by the apothecary himself, dressed, according to the professional formality of the time, with a sword. Seeing, when he entered the apartment, instead of signs of sickness, a table well filled and surrounded by very merry faces, he perceived that he was made a party in a joke that turned on himself, and indignantly laid his hand on his sword; but an invitation to taste his own cookery appeased him, and all was well.—*Leisure Hour.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Royal York Lodge of Perseverance, No. 7.**—This Lodge, one of the oldest on the roll of Grand Lodge of England, held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 6th instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street W.C. Bro. Geo. Johnston presided, and was supported by his officers. Amongst the P.M.'s present were Bros. John Hervey G. Sec., F. Adlard, Mansfield, R. E. K. Wilkinson, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes, the election of Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in the unanimous appointment of Bro. Sewell S.W. Bro. P.M. Adlard was re-elected (for the twenty-first time) to the office of Treasurer, and Bro. Gilbert was re-appointed Tyler.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—This Chapter met as usual on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee-house, Cornhill, but the attendance was meagre in the extreme. We regret this exceedingly, more particularly when we find officers at their regular chapter meetings incapable of performing their duties. The chapter was opened under the guidance of Comps. Dr. Bedolfe Z., J. Constable H., P. Wagner J., Major Finning N., E. S. Norris Assistant Scribe E., T. Griffiths P.M. 907 P.S. The M.E.Z. rehearsed the ceremony of exaltation, Comp. Medwin acting as candidate. This completed the business of the meeting. Companion Boyd was unavoidably absent, consequently clauses were not worked. There were present the following members:—Bros. G. K. Lemann, Geo. J. Row, John Seex. The Chapter meets every Tuesday at 6.30 p.m.

**St. Paul's Lodge, No. 43, Warwickshire.**—The regular meeting of the above was held on the 27th ult., at Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham. Bro. John Moore I.P.M., in the absence of the W.M., occupied the chair. He was supported by Bros. M. Rotchild S.W., Smeaur J.W., Solomons Sec., Spiers as S.D., Liebless as J.D., M. Davis as I.G., and P.M.'s Blankensee P.P.G.S.D., and M. Joseph. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. One brother was passed to the 2nd degree. A letter was received from the W.M., regretting his absence, owing to illness in his family. The Lodge was then closed. A very capital banquet followed. The acting W.M. gave the usual toasts, both Loyal and Masonic, Bros. Blankensee, Rotchild, and Dr. West contributing some excellent harmony. The visitors were Bros. Dr. West P.M. and S. M. Harris, No. 406.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held its meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadonhall-street, on Tuesday, 5th December. The officers were Bros. Parker W.M., Sayer S.W., Daniel J.W., Maidwell S.D., Holtham I.G.; Hollands, Ellis, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Parker, a young Mason, worked the ceremony of initiation, for the first time, exceedingly well, and a vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to that effect. Bro. Hollands rehearsed the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. Sayer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. In the absence of the Preceptor, Bro. Ellis acted in that capacity, and a profitable and instructive evening was spent.

**Lodge Union and Crown, No. 103.**—The installation meeting was held on 27th November, at 130 Hope-street, Glasgow. Bro. A. Bain P.M., after transacting the usual business, which included a special vote of thanks to the Secretary and Treasurer, for the excellent style of their book keeping, proceeded to instal the Officers, in that quiet but impressive manner that distinguishes all his working. David Murray R.W.M. (re-elected), Andrew Muir Wright I.P.M., Robert Munroe D.M., John McFarlane S.M., William Thomas S.W. (re-elected), Wm. Forsyth (re-elected), Neil Cameron Treasurer (re-elected), James Gilles P.M., Sec. (re-elected), A. Gray S.D., G. Patterson J.D., Rev. J. C. Stewart, Chaplain (re-elected), Peter Cullen B.B., P. Cameron, J. C. Robinson P.G.S., John Derry S.S., T. Arthur J.S., J. G. Allen M., Jas. Gray I.G., and Wm. Mc Allynch Tyler. After the R.W.M. had returned thanks for the confidence reposed in him; he again urged on the brethren the necessity of each one feeling a direct interest in the welfare of the Lodge, to see that only good men were brought into the Order, that to keep up the dignity of the Lodge the annual fees should be raised, by this means they would be enabled to display that charity which should be their distinguishing characteristic. Charity in its double form characterises brotherly love as well as relief, and on this point he would call their attention to the case of their old Tyler. They had elected a new one—but he hoped they would not forget to render the last days of their old servant comfortable. On a motion, it was afterwards agreed to petition the Benevolent Fund on Bro. Boyd's behalf, and in addition the Lodge voted him 6s per week for the remainder of his days. The Lodge then went to refreshment, and was ably presided over. Bros. McKie P.M., Kavan, Forsyth, Thomas, Banks, Murray, Gilles and others, contributed to the harmony. Bro. Nevil, of Star 219, responded on behalf of the visitors, of whom there were twenty present. In replying to the toast of "Prosperity to the Lodge," the R.W.M. said, Founded as they were in 1766, they had seen times of depression as well as prosperity, indeed, at one time it was for several years dormant, but for the last fifteen years its course had been uniformly upward, this he attributed to the good work of his predecessors in office, and now they were honoured by having two of their P.M.'s P.G. Officers, one of them holding the onerous post of P.G. Treasurer. Bro. J. Gilles responded to the toast of the P.G.L. Bro. Thomas and Forsyth for the office bearers of the Lodge. The final toast sent all home well pleased with the time spent at the Union and Crown.

**Hillhall Lodge, No. 121.**—This flourishing Lodge held its monthly communication on the 25th ult., in the house of Bro. Samuel Rainey, Hillhall. A very large number of the brethren were present. The Lodge having been opened in due form, in the first degree, the following brethren were elected office-bearers for the ensuing year:—William John Rainey W.M., Wm. A. M'Clean S.W., George Greenfield J.W., Scott Crone Secretary, Wm. Rainey Treasurer, M'Millen S.D., Henry M'Keavney J.D., Samuel Rainey jun. I.G. After the ordinary business had been transacted, the Lodge closed in ancient form and adjourned. Refreshments having been served, the usual toasts were given by Bro. John Keatly W.M., and responded to in the customary manner of the Craft. Bros. David Clarke P.M. and John Forsythe P.M. entertained the brethren with some good songs. The brethren afterwards separated, highly delighted with the evening. Visiting brethren James M'Carrison and Robert M'Gee 811 were present.

**Marquis of Granby Lodge, No. 124.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th of December, at the Masonic Hall, Old Elvet, Durham. Present—Bros. George Johnston W.M., John Sewell S.W., Samuel Fenny J.W., William Coxon P.M. 1274 Sec., George Bailis Treas., Harry Gill S.D., Thomas Bell as J.D., William C. Blackett P.M. D.O., William Malcolm P.M. Steward, Joseph Walker P. Prov. Org. as I.G., John Carter Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. George Greenwell I.P.M., H. Laurence, W. Brignall jun. Visitors—Bros. Thos. Shepherd 302, T. R. Richardson, M. Richardson, W. J. Brown 541, I. G. Holt. Messrs. William Robertson and John Carr were initiated. Bros. Harry Ernest Hughes and William Iveson were passed. The election of W.M. then took place, when Bro. John Sewell S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. George Bailes was appointed Treasurer, Bro. John Carter Tyler, in each case the election being unanimous. The W.M. appointed Tuesday, 19th December, for holding the Festival of St. John the Evangelist. Propositions for two gentlemen to join the Order were then handed in, and the Lodge closed in due form.

**Lodge of Good Fellowship, No. 176.**—At the monthly meeting of the members of this Lodge, on the evening of Thursday, the 30th ult., Bro. E. Robbins was unanimously elected W.M. for the year ensuing; and Bro. F. Whitmore P.M. was also unanimously re-elected Treasurer. Other Lodge business was transacted, and the brethren afterwards passed a pleasant evening. On the following day an application was made to the magistrates for the use of the Grand Jury-room at the Shire Hall, Chelmsford, for the annual meeting of the Lodge, to instal the new W.M., where it has been held for some years past; but the chairman of the bench (Mr. Kemble) said a resolution and order of the Court of Quarter Sessions now defined for what purposes the use of the room might be granted, and the object of this application did not come within that rule. They were thus compelled to refuse it.

**Caveac Chapter, No. 176.**—On Saturday, 25th November, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, City, the regular convocation was held. There were present Comps. W. S. Wyman M.E.Z., J. B. Sorrell J., G. K. Lemann H., and other officers. Bro. Charles Graham, 1326 and 1540 Lodges, was exalted. The elections resulted in Comps. G. K. Lemann being elected Z., J. B. Sorrell H., W. M. Goss J., F. Walters P.Z. Treas., R. P. Hooton S.E., S. Pownceby S.N., R. P. Tebb P.S., and C. T. Speight Janitor. G. K. Lemann P.Z. was inducted into the M.E.Z.'s chair. He installed J. B. Sorrell H., W. M. Goss J. He invested with the robe, collar, and jewel of office as his officers, Comps. F. Walters P.Z. Treasurer (re-invested 10th time), R. P. Hooton S.E., S. Pownceby S.N., R. P. Tebb P.S., who appointed and invested Comps. A. Williams 1st A.S., C. Browne 2nd A.S. The M.E.Z. appointed H. Faija D.C., A. Middlemass W.S., C. T. Speight Janitor (re-invested 10th time). A splendid P.Z.'s jewel was presented to Comp. W. S. Wyman P.Z., for his exertions in doing the work of the past year, which had been unanimously voted to him from the Chapter funds at a previous meeting. Comp. R. P. Hooton S.E. was unanimously elected as Steward, to represent this Chapter at the Royal Benevolent Institution for Male and Female Annuitants. The work rendered by every officer was done in an admirable manner. Comp. G. K. Lemann particularly distinguished himself in doing the installations in a careful, correct style. Business ended, the Chapter was closed. There were present Comps. C. T. Dorey P.Z., P. A. Nairne P.Z., M. Scott P.Z., R. S. Foreman P.Z., W. T. Lover, R. Griggs, W. Jameson, J. H. Dodson, J. B. Sorrell jun., F. Pertwee, and others. Visitors—Comps. H. Garrod P.Z. 507, Vockins J. 1329, Stacey P.Z., &c.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The regular meeting was held on Monday, 4th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and, being the election night, a great number of the brethren were present. The W.M., Bro. A. G. Dodson, occupied the Chair. Bros. L. Lazarus S.W., Miller J.W., A. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert G.P. Sec., M. Spiegel J.D., H. Hymans I.G., Campion D.C., H. P. Isaac Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Org., and P.M.'s Bros. S. Hickman, L. Alexander, Israel Abrahams, H. M. Levy, O. Roberts, Joel Phillips, M. Alexander. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Morse was raised. The election for W.M. then took place, and was unanimously in favour of Bro. L. Lazarus S.W. The W.M. bore testimony to his aptitude for the office, and to the admirable manner he had filled every place in the Lodge. Bro. L. Auerhaan was re-elected Treas. Bro. Woodstock P.M. was elected Tyler. Bros. A. Auerhaan, M. Spiegel, J. S. Lyons, H. Hymans, L. M. Myers and S. Davis were elected on the Committee of Management. Bros. S. Hickman P.M., O. Roberts P.M., and A. Auerhaan were elected Trustees of the Benevolent Fund. The committee and auditors of the Benevolent Fund were elected, and a sum of £5 5s was voted on the list of Bro. H. M. Levy, representing



the Lodge as Steward for the R.M.B. Institution. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved with the sum of two guineas. Seven propositions for initiation were handed in, and it was intimated that a Lodge of Emergency would be held previous to the installation meeting. Bro. S. Hickman P.M. proposed that a sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge, to form a nucleus for the purpose of presenting the W.M. with a suitable testimonial on his retiring from office. The following notice of motion was given by Bro. M. Spiegel S.D.:—"That the Lodge of Joppa co-operate with other Lodges to petition Grand Lodge respecting the non-admission of members of the Hebrew Faith in Lodges in Germany. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of slight refreshments. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. E. P. Albert replied for the Grand officers. The toast of "The W.M. elect" was received with applause, the W.M. saying that the members could not have made a better selection. Bro. L. Lazarus briefly and appropriately returned thanks. Bro. L. Alexander P.M., President of the Benevolent Fund, responded to that toast, and informed the brethren the sum had nearly reached £1,200. When the necessities of a brother required aid, it was given liberally, and in some cases £100 had been given; this had enabled many brethren to resume their positions. Amidst great cheering he announced the following donations:—Bros. S. Davis 21s, qualifying him to become a V.P., L. M. Myers 21s, Israel Abrahams P.M., in the name of Bros. A. 21s, Morse 21s, Reibold 21s, Shuter C.C. 21s, Burdon 10s 6d, J. S. Lyon 10s 6d, A. Van Vollen 10s 6d, M. D. Hyman 10s 6d, Mrs. Hyman 10s 6d, Mrs. Heibuth 10s, and H. P. Isaac £3 3s, to constitute him a V.P. Bro. Hickman I.P.M. proposed the toast of "The W.M.," and spoke of his excellent working, and the able manner he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. J. E. Walford P.M. 177, C.C., returned thanks for the visitors in a very excellent speech. The toasts of "The Wardens," "Junior Officers," and "The Tyler" concluded a very enjoyable evening, the W.M., Bros. Benjamin, Baum, Clark, and Myers contributed some very excellent harmony.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—This Lodge met on Wednesday the 6th inst., at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Coleman-street, E.C. Bro. Tollis in the chair. Bros. Croaker S.W., Walker J.W., Abell as Sec., John Constable P.M. Treas., Fenner S.D., Staley J.D., Lay I.G., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, &c. The first ceremony was very ably rehearsed by Bro. Tollis, after which three of the sections were worked. This being his first attempt to work a ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. was proposed, and unanimously carried. Six visitors were present, four of whom were enrolled members of the Lodge. Before the closing of the Lodge, Bro. Constable said: Brethren, You are all aware of the absence of our respected Secretary, Bro. J. K. Pitt. The reason of his non-appearance is that, in the bosom of his family, he is this day celebrating his fiftieth anniversary. I am sure you will all join with me in wishing him every happiness, and many years of life to enjoy such; and, as an expression of our fraternal feeling towards him, I beg to propose that a vote of congratulation be recorded on our minutes, which will also mark the high esteem in which he is held by this Lodge. The proposition was seconded by Bro. I. P. Cohen, who concurred in all that had fallen from the proposer. The motion was carried with great applause. It was announced that the second of the series of Lectures would be given on the 20th inst. Bro. F. Croaker will occupy the chair next Wednesday.

**York Lodge, No. 236.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, 4th Dec., Bro. Wm. Cowling P.M. was elected to the chair of the Lodge for the coming year—being the centenary year of the Lodge. Bro. Wm. Lawton P.M. was at the same time elected to the post of Treasurer. Between forty and fifty brethren were present.

**Alfred Lodge, No. 306.**—This Lodge held its annual meeting for the installation of Master, on Friday, the 1st December, at the Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds. Present—Bros. J. C. Malcolm W.M., E. W. Barker S.W., F. Dunsford as J.W., John Bell jun. Secretary, Thomas Schofield P.M. Treasurer, E. Appleby as S.D., W. J. Boer J.D., G. H. Stallard I.G., R. Sterling Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. F. J. Fox, C. H. Hopps, T. E. Seanor, Samuel Freeman P.P.G.D. Visitors—Bros. J. Denton P.P.G.D.C., W. Fleming P.M. 1211 and many others. Business—Bro. John Dolby was duly installed according to ancient custom, the ceremony being performed by W. Bro. T. Schofield P.M. P.P.G.D. of West Yorks, in his usually impressive style. After the ceremony, the brethren adjourned to the Great Northern Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet was provided. The customary toasts were drunk, and a pleasant evening spent. The following brethren were invested as officers for the coming year:—Bros. J. Bell jun. S.W., F. Dunsford J.W., T. Schofield P.P.G.D. Treasurer, E. Appleby Secretary, W. J. Boer S.D., G. H. Stallard J.D., A. Austin I.G.; Bro. J. C. Malcolm I.P.M. as representative of the Lodge on the Provincial Charity Committee.

**Commercial Lodge, No. 360.**—The 25th anniversary of this Lodge was celebrated by the members dining together at the Blytheswood Hotel, under the presidency of Bros. J. Munro R.W.M., J. M'Oliver, and W. Findley Croupiers. After full justice had been done to the catering of Bro. Leary, the brethren adjourned across the road to their own hall, where Bro. Munro proceeded to open his Lodge. Bro. Findley S.W., in the absence, through illness, of the J.W., his chair was taken by Bro. Oliver D.M. On the dais were five P.M.'s—Bros. John Davidson, Allan Mackenzie, J. Wallace, Julius Brodie, and the I.P.M., Dr. Morton, P.G.J.W. of the Province. The Master was also supported by F. A. Barrow D.P.G.M., and Bros. McMaster R.W.M. of Greenock, St. John's 175, James Colquhoun S.M. Amongst the other visitors we recognised Bros. C. Scobq, Mother

Kilwinning, J. Brownlie J.W. 3 bis, G. W. Wheeler 73 and acting P.M. 153, P.G.J.W. Renfrewshire East. Letters of apology were read from H. Inglis of Torsonce S.G.M. of Scotland, D. Murray Lyon of Ayr P.G.M. for India, and T. Baird S.P.G.M. Glasgow. The Lodge was then called for refreshment. The toast of "The Queen and the Craft" being given, the National Anthem was sung with that effect that the musical department of No. 360 is celebrated for. After the "Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family," Bro. Grunow sang "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The three Grand Lodges were next honoured. P.M. J. Brodie then gave the "Provincial Grand Lodge of Glasgow," highly eulogising the work they had done, and the example they had set to the other provinces in Scotland. Bro. Barrow D.P.G.M., in the course of a lengthy reply, said he was glad to find their labours acknowledged in so influential a Lodge as the Commercial. He had known that Lodge in its young days. It was nearly twenty years since he first visited them, on their taking a hall in Croy-place, since which time he had been an honorary member. Bro. Davidson, then P.M., had filled the office of P.G.J.W. and S.W., and he was glad to know that their I.P.M., Dr. Martin, had just been appointed as P.G.J.W. During the twenty years that he had himself been connected with their Prov. G.L., their labours had not been light. They found Freemasonry at a very low ebb, holding its meetings in public-houses, perhaps because in those days it was not easy to get good halls. Now he was glad to say there was not a Lodge in the province that met in a public house. Still their labours were not light; the numbers of the Lodges to superintend had doubled, and, owing to the continued illness of their respected Provincial Master, the greater part of the work devolved on him. The work called, not only for a deal of energy, but also for a deal of patience and forbearance; but he was glad to say that they had never had a single case of dispute between the Lodge Commercial and any of its members to settle. The change was a marked one. This Lodge had a hall of its own, where we are now assembled; it was a perfect little gem in its way, and good surroundings help to make good members. By the help of this Lodge and others like it the tone of Masonry, not only in the Province, but throughout Scotland, had been elevated. (Cheers). Bro. Barrow again rose, to propose Prosperity to Lodge Commercial, and her Master, paying to the Lodge and the Master some well merited compliments. Bro. Munro expressed the pleasure he felt, not only in presiding on this occasion, but also at receiving such encomiums from so distinguished and experienced a Mason as Bro. Barrow, who, without doubt, had done more to elevate Masonry than any other brother in the Province, and he might add even in all Scotland, for the Craft at large had taken an example from the P.G.L. of Glasgow. To-night they were celebrating an epoch in their history; they had existed for a quarter of a century, and though he was tempted to enlarge on such a theme, as they had Past Masters present who were at the formation of the Lodge he would leave that pleasant duty to them. Bro. D. Lamb then proposed the P.M.'s of the Lodge. Bro. J. Davidson, one of the founders, who had filled the chair from 1855 to 1858, and again for the years 1868 and 1869 then gave a lengthy, but interesting history of the Lodge from its formation to the present time. Like a good many of the brethren, it had seen its ups and downs; when he took to the chair it had been closed for two years, its whole possessions were its charter, the Bible, twenty-four aprons and the gavel; now they had opened a Hall of their own. (Cheers). Bro. Brodie gave the Wardens and other Officers. Bro. J. M. Oliver replied, saying the officers had been praised for their efficiency, but with such a Master and the aid of the P.M.'s it would be a shame if they were not proficient. P.M. McKenzie gave the Visitors. Bro. McAlister, Greenock, St. John, responded; he had at different times filled the chair for 8 years, and he was glad, from his experience, to testify to the good working of No. 360, and also the able way in which the P.G.L. was conducted; the Grand Lodge should see that other provinces did their duty. When he proposed to take a Hall in Greenock he was told he would ruin the Lodge; what was the result? they had now above £700 worth of property, and during the past seven years they had given away no less a sum than £470. He hoped they would send a deputation to see them in Greenock, on next St. John's Day; he would ensure them a cordial welcome. Bro. J. Colquhoun S.M., in a truly eloquent speech, proposed the Press. They were favoured to-night with four representatives, but he would ask Bro. Wheeler of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE to reply. Bro. Wheeler acknowledged the toast, on behalf of himself and brethren. Bro. Dr. Martin I.P.M., P.G.J.W. said, after a long illness, he had ventured out, as he could not resist the temptation of being present to assist in their 25th Anniversary; he proposed thanks to the musical brethren, especially Bros. Pentland, Peters, Kay, Greenlees, Lamb, Herron and R. Brodie. Bro. Pentland briefly replied, in a speech; Bro. Brodie with a song. The Master then gave "Happy to meet, sorry to part, but happy to meet again;" and after the company had sung Auld Lang Syne, they departed, wishing prosperity to Commercial, No. 360.

**Northampton Chapter, No. 360.**—The Companions of this Chapter held their first Convocation in the new Masonic buildings, Abingdon-street, on Thursday evening, 30th Nov., when there were present—Comps. S. Jacob M.E.Z., J. U. Stanton H., R. Howes J., M. A. Boeme P.Z. acting N., George Robinson P.Z. E., J. T. Green acting P.S., B. Wilkins P.Z., D.P.G.M. Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, M. W. Flewitt P.Z., G. Cotton P.Z., E. E. Welchman P.Z., T. Davies P.Z., Revs. J. T. Drake and Stimpson, E. Roberts, F. Gadsby, J. Cove, &c. Bros. John Henry Hale (Perseverance Lodge 445) and Henry John Atkins (Pomfret Lodge 360) were candidates for exaltation to this supreme degree. Being duly ballotted for and elected, the ceremony at once proceeded, Comp. Wilkins officiating for the M.E.Z. in a manner that even surpassed his unusually impressive delivery, the other officers very ably fulfilling their various duties; the whole ceremony being conducted so as to gain the highest encomiums from those present. The election of officers for the ensuing year was then proceeded with. Comp. Stanton was elected M.E.Z.,

and Comps. Howes H., Green J., Roberts N., Robinson E., Gadsby P.S., Flewitt and Wilkins Treasurers. The Companions then adjourned to refreshment, to which ample justice was done, a very agreeable and profitable evening terminating with the toasts usual amongst R.A.M.'s. Although all Masonic gatherings now take place in the new buildings, the premises are not yet quite completed, so that those who attend have hardly got settled in their new venture; but a bright prospect tokens for the Northampton Chapter 360 and the Pomfret Lodge 360.

**St. David's Lodge, No. 363.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th December, at the Freemasons' Hall, Berwick. Present—Bros. R. Thompson W.M., J. A. Forbes S.W., H. T. Heron J.W., James J. Oswald Sec., R. Weatherhead Treas., G. F. Steven J.D., Geo. Moor D.C., J. Weatherston and J. Teague Stewards, R. Craik I.G., A. F. Turnbull Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. Scott, C. Hopper, R. Wood, A. Winlaw, &c. Business—Bro. J. B. Kent was passed to the Fellow Craft degree. Bro. James Arthur Forbes S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The installation was fixed to take place on St. John's Day, at four p.m. Bro. Weatherhead was re-elected Treasurer, Bro. A. F. Turnbull Tyler, and Bros. G. Moor, C. Hopper, J. Carr, J. Russell, T. Pattison, and R. Thompson were elected as a board of works for the ensuing year.

**Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 7th of December, at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. G. Davis W.M., A. Weeks S.W., Neighbour J.W., T. Cull Sec., F. J. Taylor S.D., Farwig J.D., Wray I.G., and Bros. Mander Preceptor, S. Lloyd, Docker, Reibold, Harrison, Blundell, Collens, R. J. Taylor, Bentley, Rickard, Belfrage. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Harrison acting as candidate. The seven sections of the Lecture were then worked by the brethren, and Bro. G. H. Rickard, Lodge 1365, was elected a joining member. Bro. A. Weeks was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned to Thursday, 14th December.

**Royal Berkshire Lodge of Hope, No. 574.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 1st inst., at the White Hart Hotel, Newbury. Present—Bros. W. H. Herbert W.M., R. Ravenor S.W., G. J. Cosburn Secretary, F. G. Hall P.M. Treasurer. Past Masters Bros. J. Bance, W. C. Bland, T. Deller, Barron Fielder, F. G. Hall, &c. Business—The minutes having been confirmed, the election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place; this proved in favour of the S.W., Bro. Ravenor. Bro. P.M. F. G. Hall was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Dodd Tyler. The sum of £5 5s having been voted by the Charity Committee to this Lodge, it was decided to present that sum to the Benevolent Institution, and, after some further business, the Lodge was closed. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, which was presided over by the W.M.

**St. James's Lodge, No. 765.**—This Lodge held its ordinary meeting on Tuesday, the 5th of December, at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge. Present—Bros. Thomas Brown W.M., R. W. Gibbs S.W., J. Cox J.W., *Montagu Scott Sec.*, F. Child Treas., E. Goodwin S.D., W. Ponting J.D., G. A. Brock D.C., Nelson Reed I.G., W. Y. Laing Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. G. Hyde, T. Neville, R. P. Hooton. Very little work was done, simply the passing of Bro. R. Tilling, and the voting of £5 from the Benevolent Fund to Bro. R. W. Gibbs, towards reconquing him advances he had made to a distressed brother.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge of Instruction, under the sanction of the mother Lodge held its first meeting on Friday evening, the 1st inst., at Bro. Kennards, The Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road, W. The chair was taken at 8 o'clock by Bro. A. Braun P.M. 766, who, after a few preliminary remarks, inducted Bro. Rudderforth D.C. No. 12 into the chair of K.S. The W.M. then invested his officers as follow:—Bros. G. West S.D. 1287 as S.W., G. Tribbel 1287 as J.W., A. Braun P.M. 766 as P.M. and Secretary, J. Kennard 145 as Treasurer, J. Davison 733 S.D., Lucas S.D. 192 J.D., and S. Nichols 1287 I.G. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed in a most impressive manner, Bro. Hayes 1287 acting as candidate, after which the sections of the Lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The W.M. then submitted a code of bye-laws, which were duly discussed and adopted. Bro. Radderforth was unanimously elected Preceptor, Bro. Braun Secretary, and Bro. Kennard Treasurer. A cordial vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, was then passed to Bros. Rudderforth, Braun and Kennard. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. The Lodge was then closed in due form. Amongst the brethren present were Bros. Webster 1381, J. Murch 27, S. Godden 862, Frost 145, Sawyer 145, Brooks 145, Parsons 325, Dunham 1287, Cooper, Chalfont and several others. It is believed that a Lodge of Instruction is much required in this neighbourhood, the brethren are informed that the Lodge will meet punctually every Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, 5th December, Bro. Dr. Defriez W.M., Perrin S.W., Hewlett J.W., Barker S.D., Saunders J.D., Dallas I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, Worsley Secretary. The Lodge was opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lovelock candidate. Bro. W. J. Smith worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, Bro. Hewlett the 3rd, assisted by the brethren. On the motion of Bro. Wallington,

seconded by Bro. Perrin, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which the W.M. had worked the ceremony. Bro. Perrin was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony. The following brethren were present: Smith, Johnson, Foliot, Weige, Gompertz, Cambridge, Lovelock, and P.M.'s Ashburner and Musto.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.**—The regular meeting of this well-established Lodge was held at the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 23rd November. Bro. H. J. Tason W.M. opened the Lodge. The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed by the W.M. He passed Bros. Whibley, Sanders, Fowler and Davis to the second degree, raised Bros. Abbott and Michaels; and Bro. G. Andrews P.M. D.C. raised Bros. Bachele and Wildermuth to the third degree. The work was ably done. Several important notices of motion were agreed to. The initiation and joining fees were raised each to ten guineas. The services of the W.M. were accepted as Steward, to represent this Lodge at the Festival for the Royal Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, he heading his list with ten pounds, and the Lodge will supplement that amount with a similar sum; he also received promise of assistance from the members. It was unanimously decided to support the scheme to be introduced by the South Eastern Masonic Association, for securing the election of all candidates approved of for all the Charities, Bros. Wm. Andrews P.M. Treas. being elected as the representative from this Lodge. Business ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to January. There were present—Bros. J. J. Pakes S.W., J. Baxter Langley J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treas., F. Walters G.J.D. Middlesex, P.M. Sec., G. T. Limn S.D., R. Hannan J.D., F. G. Vohmann I.G., H. J. Fisher Organist, G. Andrews P.M. D.C., A. Macers, G. Eve, W. Simmons, F. G. Thomas, R. J. Harvey, W. A. Lochhead, H. W. Fellows, and others. The long list of visitors included Bro. C. Rolph P.P.G.J.D., Kent P.M. 188, P.M. 77, G. Roper P.M. 147, R. Beaver 700, T. Gambrell 1194, R. J. Dart 192, G. Brown P.M. 169, R. W. Robinson 879, D. Smith 1326, &c.

**Friendship Lodge, No. 928.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday, 5th December, at the Masonic Hall, Petersfield. Present—Bros. Lewis A. B. Cole W.M., Joseph Cole S.W., M. P. Creedon J.W., William B. Edgeler P.M. Secretary, William B. Edgeler Treasurer, John P. Cordery S.D., Frank C. Masters I.G., Charles Knight Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Francois, Carnarvon Lodge, Havant. Business—Bro. Head was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft by Bro. Edgeler. Bro. Joseph Cole was elected W.M. for the ensuing year. Bro. William B. Edgeler was re-elected Treasurer.

**Welch-Pool Lodge, No. 998.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Friday, the 1st of December, at the Lodge Room, Railway Station, Welch-Pool. Present—Bros. Thomas Rowley Morris W.M., Grahame Brown S.W., John Sides Davis J.W., D. P. Owen P.M. P.Z. Sec., W. Withy P.M. P.Z. Treas., John Damly S.D., Henry Nicholson Gilbank J.D., Richard Parry Steward, James Hughes Anderson I.G., John Barnard Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. F. Britten P.P.G.J.W. Derbyshire P.M. 850, 998, and W.M. 1594. W. Collender P.G.A.D.C. North Wales and Shropshire, P.M. 998, and W.M. 1582. After confirmation of the minutes, at the wish of the W.M., P.M. D. Powen passed Bro. Rev. A. Whitlow. The proposed new bye-laws, considered at the previous meeting, were read and confirmed. A petition on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother was ordered to be sanctioned, and the Secretary directed to apply for a fresh certificate for a brother who had lost his on the West Coast of Africa.

**Welch-Pool Chapter, No. 998.**—This Chapter held its regular meeting on 1st December, at the Chapter-rooms, Railway Station, Welch-Pool. Present—Comps. W. Withy Z., W. Collender H., D. Power P.Z. as J., G. Brown as S.E., Sides Davies S.N., T. R. Morris P. Soj., Anderson and Gilbank as Assist. Soj. The minutes of the regular Convocation were read and confirmed. The M.E.Z. then informed the Companions that the only business was the election of officers, which resulted as follows:—Comps. W. Collender Z., G. A. Brown P.Z. 1098 H., J. B. Bagnall J., J. Sides Davis S.E., T. R. Morris S.N. and Treasurer, Graham Brown P. Soj., Barnard Janitor.

**Victoria Chapter, No. 1056.**—A regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 6th instant, at Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue E.C. Present—Comps. J. D. Taylor Z., Noehmer H., Hooper J., Pendlebury P.Z. S.E., E. Gottheil P.Z. Treas., Feargusson S.N., Bosworth P.Z., Forsyth P.Z., and an unusually small number of Companions. Bro. W. H. Edwards, of 619, was exalted to the supreme degree. A sum of £5 5s was voted to the Girls' School. A banquet followed, after which the usual proceedings on such occasions were briefly and speedily disposed of, and the Companions separated at a comparatively early hour. Comp. Copestake, M.E.Z. of the Lion and Lamb, was a visitor.

**Lewis Lodge, No. 1185—Emergency.**—A large number of the members of this Lodge assembled at the King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, on Saturday, 2nd December, pursuant to summons, for the purpose of passing a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of their late Treasurer, W. Bro. S. May, who was also one of the founders of this Lodge, and to elect a Treasurer in his stead. Bro. Turner W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Past Masters of the Lodge, viz.:—Bros. Cover, Leared Sec., Edwards, Ross and Durrant, together with the officers, Bros. Shipwright S.W., Sayer J.W., Bone S.D., Berrie J.D., and Hooper I.G. The Lodge

having been opened in due form, with solemn prayer, there were four passings and two initiations taken, in order to give the brethren full time to assemble. After which Bro. Turner W.M. addressed the members as follows:—Brethren,—I have called this Lodge of Emergency together for a special purpose; one which I have not the slightest doubt will recommend itself to every member—that of sympathising with the widow and family of our late, much respected and lamented Bro. May, who was one of the founders of this Lodge, and who has been our Treasurer from the very first, and you, brethren, know how efficiently he discharged the duties of that office. Taking into account the very kind interest which Bro. May has always taken in the welfare and happiness of this Lodge, the truly Masonic spirit displayed by him on all occasions, and the deep and sincere interest which he has always taken in our noble charities, of which we are all so justly proud, I have not the slightest fear but that the resolution about to be proposed by Bro. Cover, one of the founders, and now Senior Past Master of the Lodge, will receive your entire approbation. Bro. May was with us at our last meeting, having left, I might almost say his death bed on purpose to be present, but was too ill to remain long. For my own part, I shall ever remember the kind and hearty manner in which, on that occasion, he congratulated me on my installation, as Master of this Lodge. I shall now without further comment ask Bro. Cover to read his proposed resolution. W. Bro. Cover, having addressed a few well chosen remarks as to the high esteem in which Bro. May was held—not only by this Lodge, but generally,—and pointed out that, of the Founders there are now but two, himself and Bro. Leared left, as subscribing members—proposed a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of the late Bro. Samuel May, in their great and irreparable loss. This having been seconded by Bro. Leared, met with the unanimous approbation of the Lodge. W. Bro. Durrant I.P.M. was elected as Treasurer in the room of the late Bro. May. This having concluded the business of the evening, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren separated; there being no banquet on this mournful occasion.

**Milton Lodge, No. 1144.**—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Wednesday, the 6th of December, at the Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne. Present—Bros. James Devaney W.M., Abraham Hill S.W., T. Bowers P.M. as J.W., William H. Holt P.M. Sec., John Jones Treas., J. White P.M. as S.D., W. Housley J.D., D. Cordingley I.G. P.M.'s Bros. T. Bowers P.G.D.C. Cheshire, W. H. Holt, James White. Visitors—Bros. John Turner, Wm. Lowe, T. Bowers. After the minutes had been read, Bro. Davies was passed, and Bro. Moorhouse raised.

**Eastern Star Lodge, Bombay, No. 1189, E.C.**—This flourishing young Lodge held a meeting on Saturday evening, 11th November, for one of the most commendable purposes that contribute to honour, and likewise reflect credit on all who have the proud privilege to share in the ceremonies of the Craft. Lodges of Instruction are sometimes regarded, by old, effete, and crotchety elders of the Craft, as a sort of infringement, an exorcism, and a cornuscation on the superficial skill of Freemasonry. Yet, with all deference to such antiquated and obfuscated opinions, we desire to state how the highest and holiest behests of our Ancient Order are conducted and carried out in all their beauty and integrity in the far East. On the occasion above referred to, there was a most influential gathering of the R.W. Masters and Past Masters of all the Bombay Lodges that have been established for the propagation of the benignant tenets and principles of the Craft amongst our Parsee and Mahomedan brethren, together with an old member of Lodge St. Andrews, No. 48, Edinburgh. Bro. Dinshaw N. Saklatwalla occupied the Orient chair as President. The title for the nonce vividly recalling to memory the first, brightest and best *cum longum intervallo* of the United States President—George Washington—a true exemplar of our Order, under the "Star Spangled Banner." The ceremony of initiation was worked in all its minutiae, and the admirable manner in which the duties of each individual office were carried out reflected the highest credit on all. The Senior Warden, W. Bro. Dinshaw N. Saklatwalla, officiated as President, and was supported on the dais by W.P.M.'s Bros. F. K. Patrick, Darashaw Dorabjee Reporter, S. N. Cooper, Muncherjee Framurz Fardonjee C. Powrie acted as Senior Warden, Pestonjee Narielwalla Junior Warden. The candidate for the time being was a promising young Mason, Bro. Merwanjee Motisha, who comported himself as a hopeful novice for higher honours. Retiring from labour to refreshment, a pleasant evening was spent, and some Oriental legends, wedded to music, in the Persian tongue, were feelingly executed by W.P.M. Darashaw and other brethren. The usual conventional and convivial toasts were ably proposed and feelingly responded to, and all departed in peace, bearing with them unalloyed reminiscences of an intellectual evening, spent in unison with all that is good and virtuous in Freemasonry.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—On Friday, the 1st of December 1876, at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bros. Lane W.M., R. W. Percy S.W., Cleverley J.W., Gross Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Bolton Treas., Barnett S.D., Townsend J.D., A. W. Fenner I.G. Business—The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., and was performed in a very creditable manner, Bro. Franklin being candidate. After which the 1st and 2nd sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Percy was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Treasurer and Secretary were unanimously re-elected, and were complimented on the efficient manner they had performed their several duties. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his conduct in the chair, this being the first time of his occupying that honourable position, after which the Lodge was closed, in due form.

**Star Lodge, No. 1275.**—A meeting of the above Lodge was held on Friday, the 1st December, at the Ship Hotel, Greenwich. Present—Bros H. J. Green W.M., R. W. Williams G.O. Middlesex S.W., C. W. Williams J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treas., Rev. J. Colles P.G.C. Middlesex Chaplain, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Sec., W. Kipps S.D., E. W. Chetwynd I.G., A. Tirley D.C., S. Marketis W.S., J. Gilbert P.G.T. Tyler, and Bros. W. Ough P.G.P.C., J. Hogg P.G.S.P.M., H. Keeble P.M., W. Tong, G. S. Elliott, H. W. Elmer, J. Brooks, E. Lane, W. E. Williams, M. Van Boelen, W. Brough, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. W. A. Simmons J.W. 1559 and M. Van Boelen were elected joining members. Bros. Leonard Van Boelen and W. Vassila (the latter by the courtesy of the W.M.) were raised to the third degree. Several propositions for initiation were given, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren then partook of a very good banquet and dessert. The usual toasts were given, and complimentary speeches made; these were interspersed with songs and recitations. A very agreeable evening was passed. Among the Visitors were Bros. Dwaber P.M. 55, A. H. Tattershall P.M. 13, P.M. 140, Frampton 87, and Thomas P.M. 134, &c.

**Lodge St. Mary, No. 1312, Bocking.**—The annual festival of this Lodge was held at Bocking, Essex, on Tuesday the 28th November, when Bro. the Rev. H. L. Elliott P.M. 468, and P.P.G. Chaplain, Warwickshire, was duly installed W.M. for their ear ensuing.

**Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366.**—The Fifteen Sections were worked at the Bull and Gate Tavern, Kentish Town, on Thursday evening, 30th November. The following brethren occupied the chairs:—Bros. J. N. Frost W.M., P.M. 220, 704 and 865, C. Koester S.W. P.M. 435, Jas. Kew J.W. P.M. 179. The first Section was worked by Bro. Geo. Knill 1607, a young and very promising Mason, who, we doubt not, will make his mark in the Craft. The second by Bro. Eustace Barker J.W. 749, the third by Bro. Thomas Williams 1507, the fourth by Bro. Geo. A. Garratt P.M. 704, 1366, the fifth by Bro. Henry Ash P.M. 179, the sixth by Bro. J. N. Frost P.M., the questions in this section being put from the Senior Warden's chair; the seventh by Bro. C. Koester P.M. 435, the eighth by Bro. Geo. Gardner 749, the ninth by Bro. J. S. Kew P.M. 179, the tenth by Bro. C. Koester P.M. 435, the eleventh by Bro. J. F. Wuest P.M. 753, the twelfth by Bro. H. Ash P.M. 179, the thirteenth by Bro. J. J. Limebeer P.M. 1275, the fourteenth by Bro. J. L. Coulton P.M. 382, the fifteenth by Bro. Henry Ash P.M. 179. The working was worthy of much praise, and our readers will doubtless take notice of the number of P.M.'s of Lodges present; these shared the lion's part of the business amongst them, a circumstance auguring well for the prosperity and vitality of this Lodge, which possesses, in its Preceptor, Bro. Frost, one of the most accomplished Masons of the present day, and in its Secretary, Bro. Taylor W.M. No. 11, an officer to whom the brethren of the Lodge must be deeply indebted for the energy which he throws into his work, and the admirable manner in which its proceedings are recorded.

**Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.**—The Archaeological Section, on Wednesday 25th ult., visited Kirkby Knowle, and were most courteously and hospitably received by the Rector, the Rev. L. S. Kenny M.A., who conducted them through the Church, and read an interesting paper on its history and objects of interest. This was possibly one of the primitive buildings of the Northumbrian Church, and was dedicated to St. Wilfrid of York, but nothing remains of the original structure except the chancel arch, lancet-pointed early English, which has been built into the north wall of the chancel, and a few relics which were found when the foundations were cleared for rebuilding the Church the second time, in 1873. A rude holy water slop, a piscina, some ancient grave stones, a stone coffin, two curious stone crosses, and some sculptured Runic characters were pointed out and examined. Rubbings were taken from several brass plates which are fixed in the floor in front of the altar rails, and which bear crests and inscriptions relating to the families of Danby, Rokeby and Buxton, who formerly were the possessors of New Building, and which was originally known as Kirkby Knowle Castle.

**Albert Edward Lodge, No. 1557, Henham.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Friday, 1st December, at the Bush Hotel, Henham. Present—Bros. George White W.M., John Ditchburn S.W., Joseph Fishburn J.W., Joseph Catherall Secretary, William M. Bell S.D., E. Bulmer acting J.D., Thomas Pearson acting Steward, William Oates acting I.G., George Hedley acting Tyler. The principal business of the evening was the election of W.M., Bro. Ditchburn S.W. being unanimously chosen for that office. On Friday, 5th January 1877, the installation of the W.M. will take place, when the annual banquet will also be held.

**Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting on Saturday, the 2nd of December, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, London, E.C. Present—Bros. R. Pawson Hooton W.M., W. S. Whitaker S.W., Jas. Cowan J.W., J. Clarricoats Treas., Montagu Scott Sec., T. S. Hellier S.D., Nelson Reed J.D., Thos. Brown D.C., G. A. Brock W. Steward, Geo. Briggs I.G., W. Steedman Tyler. Visitors—31 in number, the two senior being Bro. H. M. Stottenhoff P.M. Emulation 21, and Bro. J. Wray, of the Robert Burns 25. Business—Pro. Philip Bullock was passed, Bro. Geo. Chaffey raised, and Bro. Walter Solomon Whitaker installed as W.M. for ensuing year. The address to the W.M. was given by Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, an honorary member of the Lodge; that to the Wardens by Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the R.M.B.I., who also is an honorary member; and that to the brethren by Bro. Montagu Scott, the Secretary. The officers (with the exception of the Treasurer and the Secretary, who were re-appointed)



were each promoted a step, and Bro. F. Morgan was appointed W.S. Five candidates were proposed. The banquet was given in the best style of the Albion, and 68 partook of it, there being present 37 out of the 40 members comprising the number on the roll of the Lodge, which number, we may add, is limited to 50.

**Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, 1st December, at Freemasons' Hall. Present—Bros. R. W. Raymond W.M., C. E. Soppet S.W., W. E. G. Leith J.W., D. M. Dewar Secretary, W. Hyde Pullen Treasurer, B. F. Cramer J.D., Samuel Browne D.C. and Steward, H. M. Sydney I.G., W. Steedman Tyler. Visitors—Bros. H. R. Perry 55, J. T. V. Hardy 521, and C. W. Reynolds 1479. Business—Minutes were read and approved. Mr. Frederick Gass was initiated. Bro. G. R. Mathews passed. Two candidates for initiation were proposed. It was resolved that an alms-box be circulated at every banquet, the amount collected to form a Benevolent Fund. Bro. Soppet S.W. kindly promised to present the Lodge with a box for this purpose.

**St. Brydes, No. 579, Uddingstone.**—This Lodge held its first annual meeting on Tuesday, for election and installation of the office bearers, when the following were duly installed into their respective offices:—Bros. H. J. Shields 338 R.W.M., Wilson Walker D.M., J. S. Street S.M., J. Partrick S.W., J. Bright J.W., R. Morton Treasurer, Wm. Micklejohn Secretary, J. Baird S.D., Robert Rea J.D., R. Latta S.S., Wm. Watson J.S., Henry McCall D.C., James Robertson I.G., Wm. C. Ross O.G. Arrangements were made for holding a Lodge of Instruction, to post the young officers up in their duty.

**Thistle Lodge, No. 87.**—This Lodge met in its own hall, No. 30 Cathedral-street, Glasgow, on Tuesday, 5th Dec. Bro. J. Booth R.W.M. in the chair, John Ritchie D.M., J. McLachlan S.W., A. E. Knowles J.W., A. McCubbin Sec., and a good attendance of brethren. Bro. J. Morgan I.P.M. 219 worked the Fellow Craft degree in an excellent way. Arrangements were made for a Harmonic Meeting on the 19th inst.

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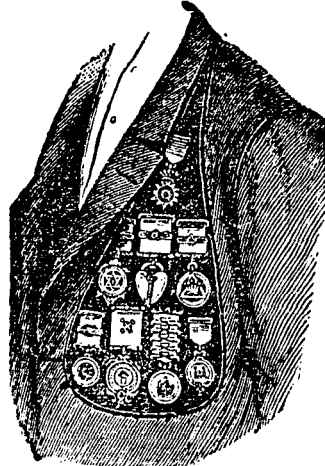
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