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THE POWER AND PRIVILEGES OF A MASTER.

AS will be seen in our report of the Proceedings, the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday evening passed off most satisfactorily. Lord Carnarvon presided, and moved the adoption of the recommendation made at the Especial Communication held on the 3rd January. Lord Skelmersdale seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously and with acclamation. But there is one matter which was brought under notice and demands more than a passing remark. Bro. Edmund Waller, M.D. appealed against the decision of the D.P.G.M. of Northamptonshire and Hunts on a point involving the power and privileges of the Master of a Lodge. Bro. Dr. Waller at the time of the occurrence, which led to the complaint being laid before the G.L. of his province, was W.M. of St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442, Peterborough. At one of the meetings of his Lodge, it seems, our W. Brother invoked the aid of a brother in working the ceremony of the third degree. The I.P.M., however, expostulated and claimed the right to fulfil this important duty. The Master denied there was any such right attached to the I.P.M.-ship, but vacated the chair under protest, and the remonstrant P.M. took his place and performed the ceremony. Somewhat serious differences resulted. The harmony of the Lodge was disturbed, and, in the end, this and the subsequent disputes were referred to the Dep. Provincial Grand Master for adjudication. Bro. Butler Wilkins in time gave his decision, censuring Bro. Dr. Waller W.M., and it was from this judgment that Bro. Waller appealed to Grand Lodge itself, in the firm belief that he had acted in strict accordance with his powers, as defined by the Constitutions of the Craft. The result we state elsewhere. The decision was affirmed, but Bro. Waller is proved to have exercised his just power and privileges in inviting a brother, other than the I.P.M. or any other of the P.M.s of his Lodge, to perform for him one of the functions of the Master. We fully and unhesitatingly endorse this judgment. Our readers will doubtless call to mind a correspondence which took place in these columns, in the months of May and June of last year, on this very subject, and nearly every one who took part in the correspondence agreed that, as a matter of strict legal right, it was in the power of the Master of a Lodge to invite any qualified brother to assist him in, or perform for him any of, his duties. The Constitutions are very clear upon the point. In the absence of the Master, the I.P.M., or in his absence the S.P.M. present, shall take the chair. In the case we are considering the Master was not absent. He merely wished to have the assistance of a certain brother in working the ceremony of the third degree. It will be obvious, therefore, to our readers, that the claim of the I.P.M. to occupy the chair and fulfil the duty rested on no foundation of right. The W.M., as we understand the merits of the case, had not the slightest intention of vacating the chair even for a single moment, and so virtually absenting himself. He simply desired that, for sufficient reasons of his own, another brother should speak the words he would himself have spoken, had he felt that his ability was equal to the full discharge of his duty. A case occurs to us at the moment of writing which, if not perfect in all the points of its parallelism, will, at all events, serve to illustrate our meaning. The Queen opened Parliament in person about a month since. She presided in person at the ceremony, but her speech was delivered for her by the Lord Chancellor. The speech had exactly the

same virtue as though it had issued from Her Majesty's own lips. Only in her absence would it have been necessary to provide a representative to enact this particular duty of Her Majesty. The Queen's address, calling her Parliament together to deliberate for the good of the State, was spoken *per alium*, the act was done directly *per se*. No one would pretend to affirm that, because Her Majesty did not deliver the speech, she should have vacated the throne in favour (say) of the Lord Chancellor, in order that it should have due validity. *Parvis componere magna solemus*. In the case of the St. Peter's Lodge, the act of raising the candidate would have been the act of the W.M. Bro. Waller, though the words necessary to be spoken in performing this act would have been spoken *per alium*. This we take it, so far as relates to this portion of the case, is the sum and substance of the Grand Registrar's ruling on Wednesday.

But a question arises, whom may a W.M. invite to assist him in his duties? The Grand Registrar says, as we understand him, *any* brother, which we naturally take to mean, any brother who is qualified to enact the duty. But what constitutes qualification? Many there are who argue that only Installed Masters are able to perform the ceremonies of initiation, passing, and raising. We admit this is the case, or rather would be in the absence, virtual or actual, of the Master. In St. Peter's Lodge, had the Worshipful Master remained in the chair, the work of raising would have been his work, though the words had been spoken by another.

We are glad to have had a decision from so authoritative a quarter on a question which has caused not a little vexation of mind to many worthy brethren. Henceforth the power and privileges of a Master will be clearly defined, or at least in this important particular, that he may invite whom he chooses to do his work for him so long as he occupies the chair. We think however, it will be equally clear that if the Master vacate the chair, his place can only be occupied by an Installed Master. But while we think the law is sufficiently explicit, we consider it would be only an act of courtesy on the part of the Master to consult the feelings and wishes of his Immediate and other Past Masters, before inviting any one else to fulfil a portion of his duties.

THE PROVINCE OF NORFOLK.

WE note with much pleasure that at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province held at Yarmouth on the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, it was unanimously resolved to establish a Masonic Charities' Committee for Norfolk. This county enjoys the honour of including the Prince of Wales among its magnates. It was highly favoured in November last, when His Royal Highness installed Lord Suffield Grand Master of the Province, as successor to the late Bro. the Hon. F. Walpole, M.P. This was the first meeting of P. Grand Lodge since that auspicious event, and we congratulate Lord Suffield on the circumstance that at his first official presidency over our Norfolk Province, a resolution so important should have claimed and received the first attention of P.G.L. But this is far from being the full measure of praise and congratulation which it is our duty to mete out to this particular Province. This is not the first, nor in all probability, will it be the last occasion, on which it will fall to our lot, to notice the efforts that are being made from time to time in order to strengthen and promote the

interests of our great Masonic Institutions. We know, and our brethren know likewise, that many of our Provinces are very liberal in the assistance they render to their Charities. They and we are also aware that some Provinces are very backward in satisfying the claims which these same charities have upon their support. We shall not specify those included in the latter class, for it is no part of our duty, nor have we the slightest wish to inflict pain. *Mens conscia rei infecta*,—the consciousness of an unfulfilled duty is burden enough to bear without adding to its weight. But it strikes us it would be miserably churlish in us if we did not draw attention to the singular magnanimity of our Norfolk brethren in publicly acknowledging their shortcomings. The statement that Norfolk did not contribute as liberally as she was bound to do, and as the wealth of her members enabled her to do, was made deliberately in Provincial Grand Lodge assembled. It was no hasty announcement, educed by a passing fit of remorse, but an honest, open acknowledgment, that the cause of charity had not been properly supported, that more assistance might be given to our three Institutions, and that more assistance *must* be given them. This handsome recognition in public of a duty omitted in the past is an *amende honorable* it is not often our good fortune to remark, and therefore it is that we lay this great stress upon the incident. But to pass to the Norfolk Charities' Committee and its organisation. The subject was introduced at a very early period of the meeting by Bro. Colonel Duff, M.P., P.G.S.W., who said there was a wide-spread feeling throughout the Province that the support accorded to our Masonic Charities was wholly inadequate. There were present those who would, with the sanction of the Provincial Grand Master, bring the matter before the notice of the brethren. Lord Suffield at once expressed his wish that the question should be fully considered, and Bro. H. J. Martyn, of Perseverance, No. 213, forthwith laid the figures and facts of the case before Provincial Grand Lodge, showing what the contributions from Norfolk to the several Masonic Charities had been during the past three years, and what benefits the Province were receiving from them. The Province had contributed about £100 annually to the three together. On the other hand, there were in the Boys' School four Norfolk boys, in the Girls' School one Norfolk girl, and on the Benevolent Fund three male annuitants from Norfolk, receiving each £40 per annum, or, in the aggregate, £120, and the widows of two others receiving together £64 per annum. Thus, in return for the annual contribution of £100, the Province benefitted to the extent of about £400, and Bro. Martyn argued very justly that Norfolk, instead of being a pillar of support, was, in truth, a burden upon our Charities. We wish all our Provinces regarded these things as clearly and precisely as Bro. Martyn, but, unfortunately, all brethren are not blessed with equal perceptive power. Be this as it may, the truth thus deliberately enunciated is not to be explained away by any known process of argument. There it stands out clearly in the light of day. Norfolk has been unintentionally, but none the less actually, a burden upon our Institutions instead of a support, and it repenteth Norfolk of this wrongful interchange of places between itself and them. Nor is this a mere verbal or ephemeral repentance to which the Province is now in all sincerity devoting itself. The brethren have girded up their loins. They have resolved henceforth on doing battle, both manfully and Masonically, in support of the sacred cause of Charity. To this end they have organised a Committee of the whole Province. Every Lodge will be represented and there will be, in addition, a President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary elected annually. It will be the business of this Committee to take charge of and promote Masonic Benevolence in the Province, to aid the Charities, and to investigate all real claims and applications for relief. No one, of course, has ever doubted that our brethren of Norfolk were as benevolent as the brethren of other Provinces. Now, however, they will shine by the beneficence of their acts as well as by their benevolence. They will figure henceforth—and no doubt conspicuously in proportion to their ability—in the category of active supporters of three of the noblest Institutions ever devised of man. Nor does this Committee, with its well regulated task already marked out for it, represent the full extent of what Norfolk intends doing. Bro. Baldwin has propounded a scheme not unlike some of those which our worthy Bro. Constable has again and again set going for establishing a Norfolk Masonic Charitable Association, whose object

will be to obtain, if possible, from every brother in the Province, the small weekly subscription of one shilling, so that each contributor will, in course of time, become possessed of a Life Governorship in one or other of our three Charities. By payment of four shillings weekly he will naturally in time become Life Governor of all three. Five shillings paid weekly will entitle him to the benefits of a Vice-Presidency in one or other of them. The term of this Association will extend over four years and then, of course, it will be time to repeat the experiment in ample form.

We shall add only a few lines to the foregoing remarks. We desire our readers to think chiefly of Norfolk and its well devised schemes of beneficence. But let them endeavour to realise the product of a shilling per week spread over a wide surface. Twenty thousand contributors of this modest sum weekly will raise amongst them in one year £52,000, or about enough for the present needs of our three Institutions. Is this beyond the ability of the Craft?

JEWISH MASONIC DISABILITIES.

OUR readers will notice elsewhere in our columns a copy of a petition it is proposed, at the instance of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to submit to Grand Lodge, with a view to bring immediately under the cognisance of that august assembly the exclusion of members of the Jewish faith from certain German Lodges. We are always prepared—we feel, indeed, that it is our duty to meet our German brethren on all occasions with feelings of loving-kindness, to greet them well and heartily, and to act towards them in all things as we would they should act towards us; but bearance—if we may use the word—and forbearance have their limits. We may do our duty religiously towards others, but we have a right to expect that others will fulfil their duty towards ourselves. We have no right, from any misplaced sense of weakmindedness, to make ourselves *participes criminis*, because they are guilty of a dereliction of Masonic duty, more or less serious. It is beyond all doubt that in some parts of Germany, and notably in Prussia, Jews who seek admission into our ranks are refused all participation in the benefits of Freemasonry; not because they are unfit, socially or morally, but because these German Lodges are untrue to the instincts of our Craft, and will only receive into the fold of Freemasonry those who believe in Christ. These difficulties have not arisen for the first time in the history of our Craft in Germany. It is but little more than thirty years since that the same unfortunate departure from true Masonry was brought under the notice of our Grand Lodge. It was in the Grand Mastership of the late Earl of Zetland, and we believe in the year 1846, that representations were made to his Lordship to the effect that an English Brother, after having been admitted into a Berlin Lodge, had been requested to withdraw when it was discovered that in his religious belief he was a Jew. It was further represented at the same time that two other English brethren, though fortified with their Grand Lodge certificates, had been refused admission on the ground of their religious faith. This exclusiveness in the conduct of Prussian Freemasons attracted general attention at the time, and was almost universally condemned by the Grand bodies in other countries. Here, in England, the Grand Master instructed the Grand Secretary to require of the Prussian Grand Lodges to receive and acknowledge all certificates granted by the United Grand Lodge of England without regard to the religious faith of those who presented them. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship stated, in reply, that for forty years none but Christian brethren had been admitted into the Lodges under its jurisdiction, or under that of the other Berlin Grand Lodges; that no complaint had been made till the year 1838, since when the question of admitting Jewish brethren had been again and again agitated, and it had been settled to admit them by all but the Prussian Masons. But nothing was said in answer to the request of our Grand Master that all diplomas issued by the Grand Lodge over which he presided should be recognised, irrespective of the religious faith of the brother to whom it had been granted. Under these circumstances, the Grand Master protested against the refusal, and recalled Bro. Chevalier Esser from his post of representative of the United Grand Lodge of England at the Grand Lodge Royal York of Friendship. At the same

time, our Grand Master, while regretting the circumstances "which for a time unfortunately impeded the wonted intercourse," expressed the sense of his high consideration and brotherly affection for the Grand Lodge Royal York, and its M.W. Grand Master. So much for the past. Now, it seems we are once again landed in the midst of a similar difficulty. Jews are not admissible into certain German Lodges in 1877 any more than they were in 1846; and the petition we reproduce elsewhere calls upon our M.W. Grand Master and the other officers of Grand Lodge, to take the matter into their serious consideration. We hope and trust that those who are agitating this important question will persevere in their endeavours, and that our Grand Master will himself unhesitatingly grant the prayer of our brethren. There are Parsees, Hindoos, Mohammedans, as well as Jews and Christians, under the jurisdiction of our Grand Lodge. All these enjoy equal privileges and rights. Our English Freemasonry is in this, as in all other respects, pure and unadulterated. We admit all men who are found worthy, provided they have in them a due sense of religion. They must worship the Creator of all things, but there is no special form of worship presented for all to follow. Moreover, with every sense of respect towards our German brethren, we in England may justly claim to know better than they do of the intent and purpose of Freemasonry, and of its laws and constitutions. And, after all, though Prussia is justly entitled to a place among European powers of the first rank, it has not yet acquired, and we do not think it ever will acquire, the right to prescribe limits to what, as regards religious persuasion, is illimitable. Our Grand Lodge is the Mother Grand Lodge of nearly all the Masonic bodies in the world. It is *our* constitutions and *our* laws which the great majority of them have adopted. Local differences may be accepted as a just reason for modifying those laws and constitutions so as to suit the altered circumstances of each case, but not for undermining that basis of universality on which the structure of Freemasonry has rested throughout all ages. It is our duty to remonstrate when we find other Masonic powers setting the very first principles of our Society at defiance; and if our remonstrances are allowed to pass unheeded, it then becomes our duty, how painful soever that duty may be, to indicate in a manner that cannot be mistaken, and with an energy, the depth and sincerity of which it is impossible to deny, our sense of the indignity that has been cast upon us. If our German brethren insist that Freemasonry is not a universal system, it will be for our Grand Master to consider dispassionately whether such denial does not place the recusant German Grand Lodges outside the pale of Masonry, and whether it will not be his duty, not only to withdraw our representatives from the German Grand Bodies to which they are severally accredited, but also to order the withdrawal of the German Masonic Ministers accredited to our Grand Lodge. We are not called upon to champion the rights of Masonry all the world over, but it is our duty to resent injustice to the Craft universal when it is brought directly under our cognisance. Otherwise, as we said at the outset, we shall be *participes criminis*.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

WE offer our thanks for copy of the Proceedings at the Annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, held in the Masonic Temple, Boston, on the 13th December last, Grand Master P. Lowell Everett presiding, and there being a strong muster of Grand Officers and brethren to support him. As we have already noted briefly the particulars of this meeting, there are only a few portions of this report to which we shall call the attention of our readers. These are the Grand Treasurer's account, the financial condition of Grand Lodge, and the numerical strength of the Craft in this jurisdiction. The accounts present the following features:—The receipts for the year amounted to dollars 57,987 33c., including a balance brought forward from last year of dollars 1691 34c. The expenditure reached the sum of dollars 57,180 12c., the principal items being, for "principal of the debt," dollars 12,250; for "interest," dollars 22,320 10c.; and salary of Grand Secretary and Treasurer dollars 3,000. Thus there was a balance at the end of the year on the right side of the account of dollars 807 81c. As to the financial position, the picture is as follows:—There is a "Mortgage to Provident Institution," amounting to a quarter of a million of dollars; "Notes to Masonic Bodies,"

dollars 37,550; and "Note to Third National Bank," five thousand dollars, making a total of dollars 292,550. Deducting cash in hand and rents outstanding, this sum is reduced to dollars 290,981 41c., and though this is unquestionably a heavy load of debt to bear, yet it is satisfactory to find that it is less by a little over nine thousand dollars than at the same period last year. As regard the numerical strength of the Craft in the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, the total number of affiliated members is 26,141, and this shows a decrease from last year of no less than 667. The jurisdiction is portioned out into eighteen districts, besides the China and Chili Districts, there being altogether 216 Lodges, three of which are in Chili, and one in China, leaving, therefore, 212 Lodges in the State itself. Each of these districts is governed by a District Grand Master, corresponding with our Provincial Grand Master. District No. 1 is in the City of Boston, and has twelve Lodges, and a total of 2,260 members on the roll; District No. 2, ten Lodges, and 1,520 members; District No. 3, twelve Lodges, and 1,867 members; District No. 4, eleven Lodges, and 1,282 members; District No. 5, twelve Lodges, and 1,571 members; District No. 6, thirteen Lodges, and 1,689 members; District No. 7, nine Lodges, and 1,437 members; District No. 8, eleven Lodges, and 1,046 members; District No. 9, ten Lodges, and 844 members; District No. 10, eleven Lodges, and 1,947 members; District No. 11, twelve Lodges, and 1,616 members; District No. 12, twelve Lodges, and 1,200 members; District No. 13, fifteen Lodges, and 1,621 members; District No. 14, twelve Lodges, and 1,555 members; District No. 15, eleven Lodges, and 1,053 members; District No. 16, fourteen Lodges, and 1,618 members; District No. 17, ten Lodges, and 1,154 members; and District No. 18, ten Lodges, and 809 members. In the Chili District, two Lodges muster together 162 members, and the Lodge at Shanghai has 47 members on the roll. The number of initiations during the year amounts to 1,307. There were 1,233 brethren passed, and 1,360 raised. The considerable number of 481 candidates for degrees was rejected. No less than 306 members were suspended, and one was expelled, while the number of dismissals amounted to 523, and there were 316 members discharged from membership. In addition 284 members died, so that the reduction of numbers from all causes was very considerable. Against this we must record that 1,662 members were admitted and 123 were re-instated. The number of Grand Lodge diplomas granted during the year was 1,173, and there were 88 Past Masters' diplomas granted.

We have thus far confined ourselves especially to the statistical portion of the report, in order that our readers may learn how it fares with Freemasonry in one of the most ancient Grand Lodges of the United States. It remains for us to add that this report is very ample in the information it affords. Not the least valuable and interesting portion of its contents is the list of Grand Officers who have held office during the past hundred years. The list includes the names of many eminent brethren, not the least eminent of whom are those of Bros. John T. Heard, W. T. Coolidge, W. Parkman, C. C. Damey, W. G. Gardner, Sereno, and D. Nickerson, who are still living, and are both able and willing to take an active part in the government of the Grand Lodge and in the general furtherance of its interests. It is also a matter of duty on our part that we should offer a few words of compliment and thanks to the Rev. Bro. Charles S. Titus, the Recording Grand Secretary, who fully realises our ideal of what a Secretary should be. His arrangement of the matter comprised in this record is admirable. The record itself is clear as the sun at noon-day, so that he who runs may read without the slightest impediment whatever. The Grand Feast was held on the 27th December, and a very full account is given of the speeches attending the various toasts, the first of which was that of the "Holy Saints John." After this, followed a toast, "To the memory of our illustrious Brother, George Washington," which it is almost needless to say, was drunk standing and in deep silence. The evening passed off most harmoniously, the chair being ably filled by the M.W.G.M. Everett. We congratulate our brethren of Massachusetts on the order, regularity, and harmony which mark all their proceedings, and the extremely lucid manner in which such proceedings are recorded, not only for their own benefit, but also for that of brethren who reside at a great distance. It is also worthy of remark that on Thursday this Grand Lodge completed the first century of its existence as an in-

dependent Grand Lodge. At the banquet held on the 27th December, mention was made of this by Past Grand Master Gardner. It had been resolved at the Stated Communication, previously held on that day, to celebrate the "Centennial of its independent and sovereign existence in such manner as the Most Worshipful Grand Master may direct." In referring to this, Bro. Gardner, in the course of his speech, said, "They met on 8th March 1777 for the purpose of granting a Charter to a new Lodge; and when they met they found they had no authority; that the Colonial Congress had declared that these States were free and independent, and that by means of the Declaration of Independence of the Fourth of July they had severed themselves from all connection with both Scotland and England, with the Grand Lodges of which they were connected. It became necessary at that time to form some Lodges . . . and the brethren then voted that they were free and independent," just as the civil government had previously voted its freedom and independence on the 4th July 1776, and from that day till now it had maintained its independence. We trust the anniversary passed off in a manner befitting so important an occasion. We congratulate our Massachusetts brethren on the circumstance, and hope they have before them a long and prosperous career.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE results of the Cambridge Local Examination (Christmas, 1876) are now known, and we are enabled to say that our Boys' School has had a very fair measure of success.

Twenty-eight boys were sent in as candidates for the examination, and of this number 26 passed; 1 senior and 25 juniors.

Of the 25 juniors more than half (14) obtained a place in the honour list: 2 in the 1st class; 3 in the 2nd class; 9 in the 3rd class.

These results testify both to the quantity and quality of the work done in the School, whereby it is placed among the most successful of the middle class schools which send up candidates to the Cambridge Local Examinations.

The names of those who have passed are here subjoined:—

SENIOR.	Third Class.
1. R. Bryant.	7. Uwins.
	8. Newman.
JUNIORS.	9. Martin.
First Class.	10. Rose.
2. Parker.	11. Grimes.
3. Green.	12. Heavyside.
Second Class.	13. Doswell.
4. Bowler.	14. Widdowson.
5. Sage.	15. Watkins.
6. Pawley.	

The following satisfied the Examiners:—W. Sparkes, Pinson, Harding, Tayler, Battye, Booser, Warr, Moon, Whyatt, A. Bryant, and W. White.

CONSECRATION OF THE BEACONSFIELD LODGE, NO. 1662.

THE Consecration of this Lodge, and installation of its W.M., took place at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, on Saturday, the 24th February, the consecrating Officer being V.W. Bro. John Hervey G.S. and P.G.D., who was assisted by Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.D. as S.W., Bro. W. T. Howe P.G.P. Middlesex, as J.W., Bro. H. G. Buss P.J.G.W. Middlesex, as D.C., and Bro. W. Stephens P.M. as I.G. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Secretary read the petition and warrant from Grand Lodge. An oration on the nature and duties of Freemasonry was delivered by the consecrating Officer, which was listened to with very great attention by the brethren present, and was brought to a close by reading some very appropriate verses. The Lodge was then constituted, and Bro. Walter T. Christian was installed as the first W.M. He, having been saluted in the ancient form, invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., Fred. Hallows Hon. Sec., C. T. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J.D., A. Oldroyd I.G., T. Upward Organist, G. Brown D.C., J. H. Cambridge W.S., and J. Gilchrist Tyler. The furniture and the room were well arranged, and the whole of the ceremony was performed in a manner rarely equalled. Several propositions were given to the Secretary for initiation, and the names of several brethren as joining members, hearty good wishes were given to the W.M., and success for the future of the Lodge. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren, to the number of thirty, sat down to a banquet and dessert. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed "the Queen and Craft," followed by that of the M.W.G.M., which was enthusiastically received. The W.M. next proposed the Pro G.M., and the other Grand Officers, which met with a hearty cheer. Bro. Joshua Nunn replied for them in a very suitable speech. The next toast was the Consecrating Officer. Bro. Hervey replied, and thanked the brethren for the reception he had met with from the Beaconsfield Lodge; he felt sure, by the working which he

had seen and heard, and the brotherly love and unity which existed amongst the members, that the Lodge was bound to prosper; he wished it every success and further stated he should come down and have another look in shortly, to see how the work was going on. He concluded by proposing the health of the W.M., who replied in a very neat and pithy speech, and finished by proposing the Officers of the new Lodge. He felt quite sure that, with such assistance as he had had that day, and also knowing how they could all work, he was confident that the Lodge would be second to none in the manner in which all the duties would be carried out. The S. and J.W. and S.D., replied in a few appropriate sentences. The next toast was the Visitors, which was replied to by Bro. Buss, with a few very kind words and wishes for the success of the new Lodge, and thanking the brethren for giving them all such a hearty and cordial reception. This was followed by the toast of the host, Bro. W. G. Hallows, whose catering was pronounced by all present to have been perfect. He returned thanks; he was very pleased to hear every one of the brethren had appreciated what had been put before them, and hoped he should always be able to give them as great satisfaction as he had done that night. During the course of the evening several of the brethren contributed to the harmony by some capital songs. Altogether the new Lodge has opened under the most favourable auspices, and there is every reason to congratulate the founders and joining members upon the success that has so far attended it. The following were present as Visitors:—Bros. Barford P.M. 55, Downing P.M. 20, Lyall P.M. 73, W. Steadman P.M. 754, Rumsey P.M. 201, Mackey P.M. 861, Leech P.M. 861, Townsend P.M. 820, Rev. C. J. Stevens 813, Davis I.G. 1309, Carter 1507, St. Alphonse S.D. 108, Badkin S.W. 1365, Warman W.M. elect 15, Wilson 1228, Taylor 1598, Lake 1471, Grist 1489 and 1637, Field 1602, Trebeck 1445, Evannett 1426, E. A. Wells 15, Tolliss 1185, Claridge 1598, E. Brown 1598, Laverack 917, Baxter 1421, Bare 1598, M. Christian 860, C. B. Payne P.M., G.T., 327, &c.

The first meeting was held on Saturday the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. W. T. Christian W.M., W. Groome S.W., W. B. Brand J.W., Frederick Hallows Sec., C. J. Saunders S.D., T. Franklin J.D., W. G. Hallows acting D.C., J. H. Cambridge Steward, A. Oldroyd I.G., J. Gilchrist Tyler. Past Masters, Bros. J. Pinder, &c. Visitors, Bros. Carter 1507, Varley 1421, Claridge 1598, Laverick 917, Simms 1445, Fisher 1498, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the Consecration and Installation meeting read and confirmed. The brethren balloted for several joining members, whose names had already been handed in, they were all elected. Five gentlemen were initiated, and the Lodge adjourned until the first Saturday in April.

THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

THE first anniversary meeting of this prosperous Association was held at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, on Wednesday 28th February. The annual report and balance sheet disclose the simple fact that in the first year of the operations of this Association the large amount of £247 had been presented to the Masonic Institutions through its agency.

Bro. J. G. Stevens the President, in his opening remarks explained the objects of this and kindred Associations to be that every member subscribing 1s per week for something like four years, would become a Life Governor of one of the Charities. The appropriations in this particular Association, have averaged two per month since its formation, and such a result must be highly gratifying to the committee and equally so to all those who have obtained a Life Governorship through its instrumentality. The working expenses of this, the most expensive year of the Association's operation, have amounted to only £4 14s.

The committee and officers were unanimously re-elected; and after two Ballots were taken, the members adjourned to a dinner, presided over by the worthy President (J. G. Stevens), the vice-chair being occupied by the vice-President (W. A. Tharp). There were also present the Treasurer (T. Lacey), Bros. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., Terry R.M.B.I., and a company of over thirty members of the Craft.

In proposing the Charities, the President paid a high tribute to the three Secretaries; he hoped Bros. Binckes and Little would not be downcast at the result of Bro. Terry's festival, but would go in and get, if possible, £20,000 each. (Applause).

Bro. Binckes being obliged to leave, Bro. Terry responded for the Three Charities, and was warm in his commendations of the Association, under whose auspices they had met. He related his experience while Hon. Sec. of three similar Associations, and trusted the brethren would rally round and bring this to a successful termination. As an encouragement to brethren in all positions in life, he would state as a fact, that a most distinguished Peer of the realm thought it not beneath his dignity to subscribe 1s per week to one of the Associations. He also said the popular opinion was that Freemasons were a selfish race of men, but the proposals then under consideration for commemorating the safe return of our M.W.G.M. from India were sufficient answer to this, and abundantly shewed the Catholicity of Freemasons.

The health of the Chairman and vice-Chairman, Hon. Sec. and others, brought this, the first annual meeting to a conclusion.

The First Annual Supper of the Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227, will take place at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton-foigate, E.C., on Friday, the 16th instant, when it is hoped a goodly muster of brethren will take place. Tickets, 4s each, can be had of Bro. Bolton, or of any of the Stewards.

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THE EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am sure the Montefiore Lodge is wrong in stating, in their request to sign a petition to the Grand Lodge of England, that the "three" Grand Lodges in Germany do not admit Jews in Freemasonry, as I know myself personally several Jewish brethren, now in England, who have been initiated in Berlin. There might be one "of the three," where no Jew is admitted, but decidedly not all of them, ergo: "The Montefiore is wrong."

Yours, &c.,

S. M.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I know as a fact that many Lodges had the intention of petitioning the Grand Lodge of England in regard to the "obnoxious law" of "non-admission of Jews" in one of the German Grand Lodges, but hearing that the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, have appointed a committee, first to inquire properly into the subject, they postponed all action till the report of this committee could be known.

Might it not have been better if the Montefiore Lodge had done the same?

Yours, &c.,

A GERMAN FREEMASON.

"THINGS NEW AND OLD."

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to thank "Quiz" for so courteously and readily furnishing substantial evidence of his deduction that Bro. Dunckerley was Superintendent of Royal Arch Masons in Cornwall. The excerpt he gave in his letter of last week, from one of Dunckerley's own letters, is strongly corroborative of his statement. Whether or not it is conclusive, I am not in a position to say.

Fraternally yours,

"Q."

THE MIGRATION OF LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I noted, in a correspondence that occurred in your columns between Bro. Hughan and your Reviewer, some allusion was made by the former to the migration of a London to Lodge Chatham, this one being now in existence as R. Kent Lodge of Antiquity, No. 20. He also suggested that, possibly, our present No. 35, Medina Lodge, at Cowes, I. of Wight, may have migrated in a similar manner from London. Some days since I was turning over the pages of an old Masonic magazine, in search of something I did not find, when I alighted on the following particulars of a Lodge now deceased, but which, at the closing up of the list in 1832, figured on the roll as "Lodge of Philanthropy," No. 28, Stockton-on-Tees. The particulars will, doubtless, interest that learned brother in particular, and your readers in general. Lodge of Philanthropy, says my authority, was constituted on 2nd February 1725, by Dr. Desaguliers, Deputy Grand Master, and was held at the Swan and Rummer, Finch-lane. The first W.M. was Bro. Martin O'Connor, the first S. and J. Wardens Bros. Richard Shergold and Samuel Berrington. The Lodge flourished for many years. Lord Kinsale was initiated in it, and it was frequently visited during the G. Masterships of the Earl of Inchiquin and Lord Kingston. Bro. Berrington was the second W.M. In 1728, Bro. O'Connor was Junior Grand Warden. On 24th February 1730-1, the Lodge was removed to the Swan, Exchange-alley, but in November of the same year, returned to Finch-lane, and here, according to Rawlinson's and Pine's lists, we find it located as Lodge No. 39 in 1734. Up till this time it was greatly beholden to the services of Bro. Berrington, who in 1741 was Grand Warden. We have few particulars of the Lodge till the latter part of 1756, when, it is stated, "the Constitution and Lodge were transferred to Stockton, in the county of Durham, and the Lodge was accordingly opened in due form at the Queen's Head Tavern on the 2nd December, Thomas Burdon M., Thomas Rudd and Thomas Whorlton S. and J. Wardens." Here it flourished exceedingly, and on 23rd August 1764, by which time it had become No. 23, played the chief part in the ceremony of laying the foundation-stone of a bridge intended to be built over the Tees. From then till the month of August 1794, when the account from which I have extracted the foregoing particulars was published, the Lodge continued to work on flourishingly. By the latter date it had risen to No. 19 on the roll, and this place it continued to occupy till the union of Ancients and Moderns in 1813. After this it became No. 30, and at the closing up of Lodges in 1832, it became No. 28. Since then it has become defunct.

Here then is another conspicuous case of a London Lodge removing into one of the Provinces, and, to all appearances, a well-authenticated one. It is a great pity that a Lodge, with such a record as this seems to have had, should have been allowed to pass away. I see the oldest of the present Stockton Lodges—Tees Lodge, No. 509—was founded in 1845. Perhaps some member of this latter may be able to inform the readers of your journal how it was the venerable Lodge of Philanthropy, with over a century of years to its credit, was so neglected; or, perhaps, the present Philanthropy, No. 940, the second in order of seniority of the Stockton Lodges, may be able to throw some light on the decease of its namesake, of Finch-lane, in the City of London, and subsequently of Stockton.

Fraternally yours,

"READER."

EXCLUSION OF JEWS IN GERMANY.

WE publish the following circular letter from the Montefiore Lodge and the petition it is in contemplation to present to Grand Lodge on the subject of Jewish Masonic Disabilities in Germany. Our remarks on the subject will be found elsewhere.

8 Bloomsbury-place, London, W.C., 5th March 1877.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A committee having been appointed by the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, to carry out the objects mentioned in the accompanying resolutions, I beg to enclose herewith a copy of the petition, and respectfully request you will submit it to the consideration of the members of your Lodge.

Should it meet with their approval, I shall be glad if you will sign the same, and return it to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,

S. V. ABRAHAM P.M.

Resolved unanimously:—

1. That it appearing by the Book of Constitutions of the Three Grand Lodges of Freemasons in Germany, held at Berlin, that those only professing Christianity are eligible to become members of the Craft, or to join the subordinate Lodges in Germany, this Lodge of Freemasons assembled under the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of England, with every feeling of fraternal regard for their brethren in Germany, hereby enters its most solemn protest against any law which prevents any properly qualified person from joining the Order on account of his religious belief, such exclusion being, in the opinion of this Lodge, contrary to the fundamental principles of Freemasonry.

2. That with a view of obtaining the repeal of what appears to be a most obnoxious law, a petition be prepared for presentation to the Grand Lodge of England, asking them to take such steps in the matter as in their judgment they may think advisable, and that such petition be first submitted to the various Lodges in Great Britain, requesting their co-operation.

3. That a committee of six be appointed for the purpose of carrying out the above resolutions, and that the sum of £5 is hereby voted for defraying the preliminary expenses.

That the committee consist of Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., Lazarus P.M. J.W., S. V. Abraham P.M., Pollitzer P.M., Lewis Jacobs Treasurer, Matthias Levy Hon. Sec.

To the Most Worshipful H.R.H. the Prince of Wales K.G., &c., Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Present and Past Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of England.

We, the undersigned, Masters, Wardens, Officers, and Members of the various Lodges make declaration as follows:—

That it has come to our knowledge that certain Lodges under the Constitution of the Grand Lodges in Germany, held at Berlin, exclude from the benefits of Freemasonry all persons except those professing Christianity:

And it appearing to your petitioners that many good and worthy men are thus necessarily debarred from entering into the Order or enjoying its advantages, and that the Craft is likewise deprived of the assistance and usefulness of many intelligent and influential persons:

Your petitioners beg to call the attention of Grand Lodge thereto, and most earnestly and respectfully solicit that Grand Lodge will take the same into their serious consideration, and will use such means as may be deemed by them most advisable to secure a permanent and satisfactory alteration of the laws of the said Grand Lodges of Germany, which laws, your petitioners humbly submit, are, in their present rendering, contrary to the first principles of Freemasonry.

Signed

on behalf of the

W.M.

Lodge No.

March 1877.

FREEMASONRY is being liberally erected in South Africa. Some difficulty in the matter of personal insignia was at first experienced in dealing with the more native and less attired part of the population, but these very aboriginal creatures finally consented to forego their prejudices so far as to allow the indispensable symbols of the Craft to be stencilled on their bodies.—*Figaro*.

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE regular Quarterly Communication was held on Wednesday. The Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master presided, and was supported by Lord Skelmersdale Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Donoughmore G.S.W., Bro. F. Pattison as G.J.W., Sir A. Woods G.D.C., Bros. McLutry Q.C., G. Registrar, S. Tomkins G. Treasurer, and John Hervey G. Secretary, and between 700 and 800 brethren. After the minutes of the December Communication, and of the Especial Communication in January, had been read by the G. Secretary and confirmed, the Pro Grand Master rose, and in a few words moved the adoption of the resolution recommended at the Especial Communication made in January, in remembrance of the Grand Master's safe return from India. Lord Skelmersdale having seconded the motion, it was agreed to unanimously. The Earl of Limerick then proposed, and Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded, that a sub-Committee, consisting of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Senior Warden be appointed, in order to confer with the Secretary of the Royal National Life Boat Association, for the arrangement of all matters of detail. This was likewise agreed to unanimously, as also was a third resolution proposed by the Pro Grand Master, and seconded by Lieutenant-General Brownrigg, to the effect "that a memorial tablet be erected in Grand Lodge in commemoration of the event." The Pro Grand Master then rose again, and announced that a portrait of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, in full Masonic costume, painted by Bro. Louis Desanges, a member of the Lodge of Friendship, had been presented by that Lodge to, and now graced the walls of, Grand Lodge. His lordship therefore proposed that the picture be accepted, and a cordial vote of thanks be presented to the Lodge of Friendship, for its acceptable present. This was seconded by Lord De Tabley, and unanimously adopted. Bro. R. F. Gould P.M. Nos. 22, 153, 570, 743, then rose, and proposed the election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master for the ensuing year. In doing so, Bro. Gould said, "M.W.G.M. in the chair, Having had the honour to nominate the Grand Master, it now becomes my privilege to follow up that nomination, by proposing in due form, and in accordance with ancient custom, the re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the high office which for two years he has filled with so much grace and dignity. As I am conscious that the brethren must be awaiting, with a very natural impatience, the moment, when they can by acclamation, give expression to the feelings which are dominant in our hearts, I shall trespass upon their attention for a few seconds only; but however inadequate I may feel myself to the duty I am attempting to perform, I believe myself to be, though but a humble member of the rank and file, yet for the time being the spokesman, both of Grand Lodge and of the Craft, and I think it would be considered unbefitting, if the occasion were allowed to pass without there being manifested the most cordial recognition and most serious appreciation of the vast and unprecedented strides which Masonry has made within the past two years, during which it has been the happiness and the pride of the Craft to be under the genial sway of His Royal Highness. I may be permitted to assure our Royal Grand Master, that by graciously consenting to remain at our head, a further incentive will be supplied to us all, to maintain and support the dignity and importance of Freemasonry, so as in all respects to merit a continuance of that illustrious patronage, which we one and all so heartily welcome and appreciate." The motion having been seconded, was carried unanimously, and after formal proclamation by Sir Albert Woods of His Royal Highness's style and titles, the customary salute was given. Bro. S. Tomkins was then proposed for re-election as Grand Treasurer, and the motion having been seconded and carried unanimously, Bro. Tomkins rose and briefly returned thanks. The grants by the Lodge of Benevolence, enumerated in our last issue, were next confirmed. The Report of the Board of General Purposes was then brought up by its President, Bro. J. B. Monckton, and having been taken as read, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Harding's report as Auditor of Grand Lodge accounts having been adopted, the Grand Registrar, in a long and exhaustive speech, explained the nature of the appeal made by Bro. Edmund Waller, the then Master of St. Peter's Lodge No. 442, Peterborough, against the decision of Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. of the Province of Northamptonshire and Hunts, on certain issues submitted to him, and all the circumstances which subsequently arose to disturb the harmony of the Lodge. The Grand Registrar having laid down the law defining the power and privileges of a W.M., and especially the right he possessed of inviting any brother to assist him in working the ceremonies, who might occupy any place in the Lodge the W.M. thought fit to assign to him, either at the Master's pedestal or elsewhere; and having carefully noted all the bearings of the case, the Grand Registrar expressed his belief that the decision of the D.P.G.M. should be upheld, and moved accordingly. At the same time he felt that the censure of the Deputy P.G.M. should not have been confined to Bro. Waller, but should have included others who deserved it as much. The motion of the Grand Registrar was then submitted, in a few words, by the Pro Grand Master and carried *nem. con.*

Bro. Monckton then explained the circumstances which led to the next appeal, which was directed against the refusal of the Board of General Purposes to entertain a complaint by the Rev. Bro. Hobson, of Lodge No. 1242, Isle of Man, against Bro. John Brown, in a matter not relating to the Craft; and having justified the action of the Board, Bro. James Mason moved, and Bro. Raynham Stewart seconded a motion to the effect that the appeal be dismissed. This having been put and carried unanimously, Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch rose and moved the resolution of which he had given notice, but as he was unsuccessful in finding a seconder, the motion fell through. Bro. Mallam having withdrawn his proposition, Grand Lodge was closed with the customary formalities.

Among the brethren present, in addition to those we have named,

were Bro. W. W. Beach M.P., S. Ransom, Rev. C. J. Martyn, Dr. J. Hogg, T. Cubitt, W. J. Hughan, Captain Homfray, and the Revs. R. J. Simpson and Sir Jno. Warren Hayes Bart. The Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Colonel Lawrie, was also present, and at the special invitation of the Pro Grand Master, was greeted with the customary salute of 9.

NEW ZEALAND.

THE news from this promising colony, by the mail which arrived this week, is of importance, as it brings us the news of the death of our Brother Sir Donald Maclean, District Grand Master for the North Island of New Zealand. It seems but the other day since we chronicled his appointment to that office, and now we hear of his unexpected demise, at the early age of fifty-seven. It was about thirty-six years ago that our lamented brother arrived in New Zealand, a poor lad scarcely able to read and write, and he commenced his career as a shingle splitter in the island of Waiatieke, near Auckland, living amongst the Maoris. During his residence amongst the natives, he laid up that store of knowledge which fitted him for the important position he so lately occupied. In 1847 he obtained the appointment of Inspector of Police, owing to his knowledge of the native language and habits, and in 1849 he was appointed Land Purchase Commissioner. From that period he had constant employment in the Native Office, his extensive knowledge of Maori lore well qualifying him for positions of trust; and in 1869 he became Native Minister in the Fox Government. From that date to the 15th December last, he administered the native affairs of the colony, with what success or otherwise it is not our province to enquire: there are differences of opinion on the subject. Our brother had numerous friends amongst both races, and there was widespread grief in the colony at his loss. Many years ago he suffered from rheumatic fever, which left the seeds of heart disease, the complaint which at last carried off its victim. It was in 1872 that he was made a Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George, and in 1874 he was knighted for his services in the colony. He leaves an only son to inherit his accumulated fortune of some £20,000 a year. Our brother was perhaps a remarkable, though by no means exceptional, instance of what may be achieved in the colonies by a man of neither family, interest nor means. The funeral was Masonic, and was conducted by the Scinde and Victoria Lodges, under the Irish and English Constitutions respectively. Having met at the Masonic Hall, a funeral Lodge was opened, and the brethren moved in procession to the residence of the deceased, Bro. Alexander Kennedy W.M. acting as D.C. Douglas McLean, son of Sir Donald, was chief mourner, and a number of Maoris took part in the procession. Probably 3,000 persons were present at the funeral. The Masonic service was read by the Rev. Darcy Irwin, Chaplain of the Victoria Lodge, a lambskin apron and sprig of acacia were thrown into the grave, and the Masonic honours were given, after which a hymn was sung, and the brethren returned in procession to the Masonic Hall, where the Lodge was closed.

The movement in favour of the North Island being formed into two Districts is gaining strength rapidly, and the death of the District Grand Master will remove any semblance of a difficulty which might have appeared in the way of such a step. We have not heard of any Brother having been spoken of in Wellington as the probable successor to Sir Donald at the time of the mail leaving.

News also reaches us from Auckland of the decease of Bro. Thos. Jenkins P.M., who was a Prov. Grand Officer of Berks and Bucks, and who had attained the age of 70 years. Bro. Jenkins was a prominent Mason in Auckland, and took an active part in all movements for the advancement of the welfare of the Craft. He had been resident ten years in the colony, and was an architect by profession. At his interment the funeral service was read by the Rev. Dr. Bruce, Chaplain of St. Andrew's Lodge S.C. Bro. Jenkins officiated as D.C. at the consecration of the Corinthian Lodge, recorded by us a short time since, and on that occasion said to the assembled brethren that he did not expect to be able to take part in another celebration in consequence of his failing health. He was much respected by the brethren of the district.

On the 5th January, Bro. M. S. Leers P.M., who is always active in matters Masonic, and is in every sense a bright Mason, acted as installing officer at the anniversary of the Coromandel Lodge 456 I.C. The following officers were installed:—G. W. Basley W.M., T. Warner S.W., E. Wilson J.W., C. Fraser Treas., H. Picket Sec., A. King S.D., A. Kelso J.D., H. Macdonald I.G., C. Coglan Tyler. The brethren afterwards sat down to a *recherché* banquet, provided by Host Boyd, of the Coromandel Hotel. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk and responded to, the splendid Glee Club of Tokatea entertained the brethren with some beautiful musical selections, and the festivities closed after a most enjoyable reunion.

On St. John's Day Captain A. C. Turner was duly installed W.M. of the Tauranga Masonic Lodge for the ensuing year.

The Freemasons of Onehunga have resolved to erect a Masonic Hall in the township. A meeting was held on the 4th January, at which it was resolved to form a company for the purpose. The proposed building is to be 70 feet long by 34 feet wide.

A movement is on foot to petition for a warrant for a new Lodge at Newmarket, near Auckland, to be called the Remuera Lodge, Bro. Wm. Lodder P.M., to be the first Master. The petition has been recommended by the Prince of Wales Lodge 1338.

Southern Star Lodge, No. 735, Nelson.—The annual installation of officers took place on 27th December last. The Lodge was opened at 3.30, when the following members were duly installed and invested:—Bros. L. Boor W.M., W. Holmes S.W., W. M. Stanton J.W., W. B. Sealey Treas., H. M. Moor Sec., J. Cann

S.D., M. Sedgwick J.D., J. Kissel I.G., H. Hargreaves Tyler. The brethren at a later hour sat down to a really first-class repast prepared by Bro. J. Tregoe. The chair was taken by the W.M., who, after justice had been done to the good things provided, proposed the following Loyal and Masonic toasts: The Queen, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Most Worshipful Grand Master, and the Grand Lodge of England, The Grand Lodges of Ireland and Scotland, and the Most Worshipful Grand Masters. Bro. Sealey P.M. then proposed the retiring Worshipful Master of the Southern Star Lodge, Past Master Bro. J. C. Moutray, and this having been honoured according to Masonic custom, Bro. Squires P.M. proposed the newly-installed Worshipful Master, Bro. Boor, and the officers invested this day, a toast that was enthusiastically received. Bro. W. M. Stanton proposed the Installing Officer, Bro. Sealy, coupled with the Supreme Council of New Zealand, 33rd degree, of which our esteemed brother is a worthy Companion. Bro. Sealy P.M. responded, and in so doing gave a clear and interesting account of the rise and progress of the Supreme Council of New Zealand. Bro. Lightfoot proposed The Trafalgar Royal Arch Chapter of Nelson, coupled with the name of the 1st Principal, Bro. Squires, who responded to the toast, and thanked the brethren present for the hearty manner in which it had been responded to. Bro. Moutray proposed the Sister Lodges of Blenheim and Wakefield—Lodge of Unanimity and Forest Lodge. This toast was followed by the Visitors, the Ladies, the Host, and all poor and distressed Masons. These having been duly honoured, several songs were sung by the brethren present, among which "The Good Rhine Wine," by Bro. Taylor, and "Oh, Let me like a Soldier Fall," by visiting Bro. Harris, deserve special mention, and the company spent a very pleasant evening.

MEETINGS HELD, &c.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Bro. Hallows, The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., Evannett S.W., Franklin J.W., Pinder Preceptor, Brown S.D., Christian J.D., F. Hallows I.G.; also Bros. Clark, Hunt, Bell, Carter. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bros. Hunt and Clark acting as candidates. Bro. Christian worked the 1st and 2nd section of the lecture. Bros. Hunt, Carter and Clark, of Lodge 1662, and Bro. Bell, of Lodge 1178, were elected members. Bro. Evannett was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.—A meeting of the W.M. P.M.'s officers and audit committee of the above Lodge was held at Bro. Beeton's, Punch Tavern, Fleet-street, on the 28th February. The accounts were carefully examined, and after the auditor's report had been drawn up, congratulating the members of the Lodge upon its successful position and the good balance for the W.M. elect to commence his year of office with, the brethren sat down to a capital dinner, served in Bro. Beeton's well-known style, the viands and wine giving great satisfaction. After the removal of the cloth, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, given and received in a capital manner, the W.M., in a very fluent speech, proposed the health of Bro. Southwood S.W. and W.M. elect, and informed the brethren how correctly he had worked the ceremonies at his examination previous to being elected, and said that fact showed he would be an ornament to the Lodge. He might safely predict a very prosperous and successful year of office. He was also glad to tell the brethren that Bro. Southwood had undertaken to represent the Lodge at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School; he hoped that his list would be a good one. The W.M. concluded by wishing Bro. Southwood prosperity during his year of office, and it is needless to say the toast was responded to enthusiastically. The W.M. elect returned thanks in a very feeling speech. After the high encomiums of the W.M. he trusted that he would not disappoint the brethren now they had placed such confidence in him. He always had Masonry at heart, and tried his best to promote its interests. He felt sure if he had the support of his officers, that the Lodge would be satisfied with his conduct of it. In concluding, Bro. Southwood said he had a very pleasing, though at the same time painful task, to perform. They all knew how seriously ill their P.M. and Secretary, Bro. G. King jun., had been since May last, and that his medical advisers had ordered him a voyage to Port Natal. It was very gratifying to him (Bro. Southwood) to find the members of the Lodge had so unanimously responded to his letter, and that the result had been the collection of a sufficient sum of money to enable our worthy Secretary to pay his passage out and home. He much regretted the more recent illness which had prevented Bro. G. King jun. from being with them that evening, but would ask Bro. King sen. P.M. to accept on behalf of his son the purse which contained the collection, and desired him to inform the Secretary that with the present he had the entire wishes of the subscribers that the voyage, with the help of the G.A.O.T.U., would prove of the best service to him in restoring him in a few months to perfect health. Bro. King sen. responded in a suitable manner, and after the various other toasts, the brethren separated.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The extraordinary range of temperature prevailing in our climate is extremely trying to the delicate-chested, the weak and nervous. All troubled by these afflictions should resolve to resort to this strengthening and regulating medicine immediately they perceive in themselves discomfort, or that feeling of restlessness which betokens disordered digestion and defective secretion of bile. One of Holloway's Pills taken about noon, and followed at bed-time by a dose sufficiently large to act aperiently, will speedily recruit the faculty functions, and restore order throughout the whole system. A treatment so safe in operation and so successful in result should be known and practised when, from cold and sundry other causes, disease is attempting to gain a vexatious footing.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 67 Barbican, E.C.

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The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia of History, Rites, Symbolism, and Biography, Part VI. Edited by Kenneth R. M. Mackenzie, IXth ("Cryptonymus"). London: Bro. John Hogg, 15a, Paternoster-row, E.C.

THIS completes Bro. Mackenzie's work. We have already expressed our entire satisfaction with the manner in which he has accomplished his very difficult task. There is no more serious undertaking—in the way of literary labour, at least—than the compilation of a cyclopædia. Accuracy is essential, or the book is worthless, but how shall a man find time to be accurate in all things, when the knowledge of even one thing is denied to so many of us? There is room to indulge in propounding novel theories of one's own, or even in writing at length on a favourite subject, but considerations of space forbid this. Then something must be said even on matters of which one has gleaned at best but an imperfect knowledge, and that something must be said creditably, or the cyclopædist will be laughed at for undertaking a work beyond his powers. Bro. Mackenzie, however, has done well. There is evidence of painstaking throughout. No one can read the more abstruse articles without entertaining the conviction that, as regards this most trying section of the work, it would have been difficult to find a more learned exponent. In short, *The Royal Masonic Cyclopædia* has been well and conscientiously done, and deserves an honoured place in the library of every Masonic student.

The present number of *Picturesque Europe* is descriptive of Old English Homes. The principal attraction in this periodical are the admirable engravings, with which each number is so profusely embellished. Those in Part 13 are fully equal in execution and artistic merit to all that have gone before. The steel engraving from a picture by J. Mogford, and engraved by S. Bradshaw, is of "Bam-borough Castle." The minor illustrations include several views of Haddon Hall—from the Terrace, from the River, the Courtyard, the Banqueting Hall, and Dorothy Vernon's Postern; of Kenilworth Castle; the Courtyard Penshurst; the Gateway, Hever Castle; Scarborough Castle; two views in Bristol, of Temple-street and St. Peter's Hospital, and the Gate at Chepstow Castle.

Albeit a somewhat eccentric, the Rev. Rowland Hill was a thoroughly good man, and the sketch which the current number of *Sunday at Home* contains of him, from the pen of the Rev. E. Paxton Hood will find a host of appreciative readers. Indeed, we have seldom read a biographical sketch which has afforded us greater pleasure. "A Passover Night on Gerizim," by the Rev. J. W. Bardsley, and No. III. of "Pictures from Jewish Life," by J. Alexander, are not only appropriate to the work in which they appear, but of themselves admirable pictures of the olden time. "Our China Teacups" is a neatly told little tale, and there is likewise mentionable No. III. of the late R. Demaus's series of articles on "The English Bible," which we take this opportunity of commending to the notice of our readers. A coloured illustration, "The Convalescent," makes an excellent frontispiece, and there are in addition the regulation number of engravings which, as usual, are in every respect praiseworthy.

Mr. Gilbert Marsh contributes to the *London Magazine* a neat little poem, entitled "A very Bro vu Stady," and the accompanying illustration is quite in keeping with it. "Mayfair," by a London writer, is an excellent representative of serial fiction. Cuthbert Bede's account of "A Chivalrous Adventure" is amusing, and there is much righteous indignation in Mr. Herbert Dollman's unfortunately too true picture of what many "Penny Readings" are. We have read Mr. Edgar Brinsmead's *History of the Pianoforte*, so that we can fully appreciate the review of it in these pages. The sketch of "Edmund Burke," and the dramatic article "From the Stalls," are worthy contributions to a well-conducted and readable magazine.

ELIGIBLE FOR THE APRIL (1877) ELECTION ONLY.

To the Vice-Presidents, Governors, & Subscribers to the

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MARIA GERTRUDE GODDIN,

AGED 10 YEARS,

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PATRON AND PRESIDENT.

A VACANCY having occurred in the office of Collector of this Institution, Brethren desirous of becoming Candidates for the same are requested to send in their applications not later than Monday, the 13th March next, to the undersigned, from whom all information respecting the same can be obtained.

23rd February 1877.

By order,
JAMES TERRY, Secretary.

To the Patron, President, Vice-Patrons, Vice-Presidents and Committee of Management

OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION FOR AGED FREEMASONS AND WIDOWS OF FREEMASONS.

YOUR ROYAL HIGHNESS, MY LORDS AND BRETHREN,—I most respectfully beg to inform you that I am a candidate for the appointment of Collector, rendered vacant by the death of Bro. William Lane.

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I have the honour to remain,

Your Royal Highness, my Lords and Brethren,

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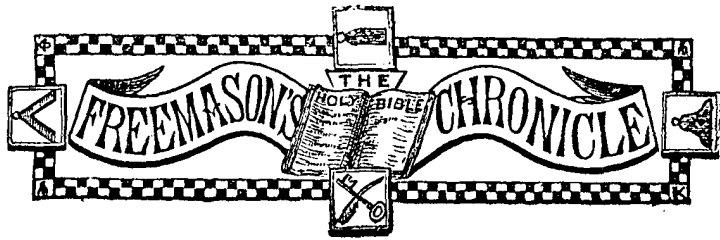
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE week has been a very quiet one in the House of Lords. Two Bills, on Bankruptcy and Law Reform respectively, were introduced by the Lord Chancellor, and received a first reading, and there was a debate on the motion for the second reading of the Metropolitan Board of Works Bill, which was negatived without a division. In the House of Commons the chief business has been the introduction of the Army Estimates in Committee of Supply. Mr. Hardy, as Secretary of State for War, moved the usual resolutions, fixing the number of men for the service of the year, and the amount to be voted for their pay and allowances. These resolutions were passed, the House resumed, and shortly after adjourned. This was on Monday. A brace of abstract resolutions were disposed of on other evenings, and on Wednesday afternoon the second reading

of the Ancient Monuments Bill was affirmed by the very substantial majority of 48, in a tolerably full house, the numbers being—for the motion 211, against it 163. The result was hailed with cheers by the Opposition.

On Friday last the Queen held a Court and Drawing Room at Buckingham Palace. There were present in the Royal circle the Prince of Wales, the Princesses Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and Beatrice, Prince Christian, and the Duke of Teck. The corps of Gentlemen-at-Arms were on duty under the command of their Captain, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, and the Yeomen of the Guard under their Captain, Lord Skelmersdale. The diplomatic and general circles were both numerously attended, and then followed a number of presentations, the names of the ladies having been previously left at the Lord Chamberlain's office, and submitted for Her Majesty's approval. The Queen left London for Windsor Castle on Saturday afternoon.

On Monday evening the Prince of Wales presided at the 119th Anniversary of the Orphan Working School and Alexandra Orphanage. There was a large attendance of noblemen and gentlemen to support His Royal Highness. Following the toast of the evening, which was proposed by the Prince in the warmest possible terms, the Treasurer, after duly acknowledging the toast, read out a long list of subscriptions and donations, amounting to little short of £6,650, the Chairman himself, whose list exceeded £3,000, contributing £100. On Wednesday His Royal Highness left town for Melton Mowbray on a visit of a few days to Colonel Williams. At Leicester a large crowd was assembled for the purpose of greeting the Prince as the train passed through. During his stay H.R.H. will hunt with the Quorn, weather permitting; for, on the day of his departure, snow, hail, and rain fell heavily, and the prospect of any improvement in the weather was extremely doubtful. Previous to leaving town, the Prince presided at a meeting of the Governors of Wellington College.

The Regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday. The attendance was large, and the minutes of the Special Communication were confirmed without a dissentient voice. Thus the vote of £4,000 to the Royal National Lifeboat Institution is now *un fait accompli*. Full particulars, however, are given elsewhere in our columns.

On Saturday, a Chapter of the Order of St. Patrick was held in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin, and His Grace the Duke of Manchester, by command of Her Majesty, was formally installed by the Viceroy, the Duke of Marlborough, as a Knight of that most illustrious order. The scene was a very brilliant one, the wives of the Knights being present as well as the ladies of the Viceregal Court. Previous to the investiture, the Duke received the honour of knighthood. The usual ceremony was then performed, after which the Duke's banner was unfurled, and His Grace received the congratulations of those present. A banquet followed, at which the Duke of Marlborough presided. The health of the newly-invested Knight was drunk with great enthusiasm, and appropriately acknowledged. Since then the Viceroy has held the second Levee of the season, there being a numerous attendance. Thus, Dublin, under the auspices of the new Lord Lieutenant, is having a very gay time of it.

The Cambridge Crew reached their usual quarters at Putney on Monday afternoon, and have been taking their usual practice every day since. Their rivals will arrive from Oxford on Monday next, and then, of course, those who have the time will be watching almost daily the performance of the two crews. We need not trouble our readers with a disquisition on their merits or demerits. They are both above the average weight, and in this respect are well matched. Moreover, as we said last week, in both boats the number of old blues is greater than usual. It is to be regretted, for the sake of the spectators, if not of the crews themselves, that the weather should be so keenly cold; but young men in perfect training are not so much affected by weather changes as ordinary mortals. If any of our readers are anxious to "spot" the winner we shall have great pleasure in communicating to them our views on the subject, if they will call at our offices this day fortnight about the hour of noon.

Two new members have been latterly returned to Parliament—Mr. Hibbert, as member for Oldham, vice Mr. Cobbett deceased, and the Solicitor-General, for Launceston, vice Mr. Deakin, who has accepted the office of Steward of the Chiltern Hundreds. On the occasion of Sir Harding

Giffard presenting himself to take the oath and subscribe the roll, the hon. and learned gentleman was received with loud cheers; but when, after in vain turning a mass of papers out of his pockets, it was found that his return for the borough was unproducible—for the moment, at least—the House resolved itself, not as it frequently does, into Committee of Supply, but into the heartiest laughter. At length Sir W. Dyke found the missing document on the seat under the gallery, which the hon. member had just vacated, and then the oath was taken, and the roll subscribed, amid reiterated laughter and applause, the Solicitor-General himself being altogether unmoved during the brief delay.

On Wednesday the Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs and the Countess of Derby entertained at dinner, at the Foreign Office, the Turkish, German, French, and Italian Ambassadors, and other guests, covers being laid for forty-two. Amongst those present were three members of the Imperial Chinese Embassy, now visiting London. The Countess of Derby had a reception afterwards, which was numerously attended. The same evening, the Chancellor of the Exchequer entertained at dinner several members of the House of Commons, and the Speaker gave his third Parliamentary banquet this session.

Two important resolutions were passed at the meeting of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society on Wednesday, at their offices in Hanover-square. Lord Skelmersdale presided. Professor Brown of the Veterinary Department of the Paris Council having given all the needful statistical information relating to the recent outbreak of Cattle Plague in London and at Hull, the Council unanimously accepted resolutions, the first of which declared that nothing short of the total prohibition of live stock from European ports, will meet the present exigencies of the case; while the second affirmed, that uniform and compulsory measures should be enforced throughout the kingdom for the suppression of contagious diseases in cattle.

The Lord Mayor has announced his intention of opening a fund for the relief of the sufferers by the recent calamitous loss in the North Sea of thirty-six vessels and smacks belonging to Yarmouth, Lowestoft, Grimsby, Hull, and Ramsgate. By these losses no less than 215 men and boys have been drowned, the consequence being that 88 widows, 164 children, and 15 aged relations, are left entirely destitute of means. We trust the appeal of his Lordship will meet with a hearty response.

The latest political news from the continent is not of the most assuring character. It is said that in certain eventualities Russia will declare herself no longer bound by the Treaty of Paris. Elsewhere, it is rumoured that Russia will not retire from the advanced position she took up last December, unless she receives some compensation for the expenses incurred in mobilising a portion of her army. But Russia has no right to expect any compensation, for it was not more incumbent on her to arm than on any other of the Great Powers. We are naturally reminded of certain events which occurred in the reign of our Saxon King Ethelred the Unready, when the Danes threatened to ravage different parts of England, and were induced to abstain by the payment of large sums of money. When these were spent, they returned and renewed their threats, and were again bought off by the weak, irresolute monarch. In the end a massacre of the Danes took place in England, and Sweyn of Denmark landed at the head of an overwhelming force, and he, and subsequently his son Knut, drove out the Saxon Royal Family and reigned in its stead. The Russians of to-day are not a whit more civilised than our Saxon and Danish ancestors of between eight and nine centuries ago. It will require yet a few centuries of polish to eradicate from their character the greed and cunning of their Tartar ancestors. The rumours we have referred to may turn out to be false, and we trust, for the honour of Christendom, this may be the case. Meanwhile, peace has been concluded between Turkey and Servia, and the negotiations of the former power with Montenegro are said to be making considerable progress, though in some quarters this latter statement is denied, it being reported that Russia is using her best efforts to prevent the conclusion of peace.

On Wednesday evening a grand subscription ball took place in the Royal Opera House, Berlin. Among those present were the Emperor and Empress, the Crown Prince and Princess, and their eldest son, Prince William, the Duchess William of Mecklenburgh, all the ambassadors, and the diplomatic corps. The Court, with the exception

of the Empress, walked twice through a polonaise. The Emperor was in wonderful health and spirits, considering his advanced age. The scene was a very magnificent one, though the number of guests was not so great as in former years.

Mr. Hayes was inaugurated President of the United States on Monday, in succession to General Grant, who had filled the office for two consecutive terms. President Hayes's speech was briefer than is usually the case on these occasions. Mr. Wheeler was also sworn in as Vice-President, and took the chair as Speaker of the Senate. The ceremonial observed was of the usual character. Mr. Hayes has since formed his Cabinet, the Hon. W. Evarts, of New York, being Secretary of State; the Hon. J. Sherman, of Ohio, Secretary of the Treasury; the Hon. G. W. M'Crary, Iowa, Secretary of War; the Hon. R. M. Thompson, Indiana, Secretary of the Navy; the Hon. Charles Devens, Massachusetts, Attorney-General; the Hon. David M. Key, Tennessee, Postmaster-General; and the Hon. Carl Schurz, Missouri, Secretary of the Interior.

The Preliminary Meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on the 9th of May, the Rt. W. Lord Suffield P.G.M. for Norfolk in the chair, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at the Freemason's Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. in the chair. Bro. Philbrick Q.C., P.G.S., was voted as Chairman, Dr. Woodman P.G.S.B. Treasurer, and Bro. Robert Wentworth Little Hon. Sec. Thirty Lady Stewards were appointed. The number of Complimentary Tickets was agreed upon. The tickets for brethren are to be 21s, and for ladies 10s 6d. A Sub-Committee was appointed to inquire as to where the Festival should be held, to report thereon at the next meeting, consisting of 12 Stewards. The following brethren were appointed on the Musical Committee:—Bros. J. Boyd, S. Rosenthal, G. Bubb, E. Jones, C. F. Hogard, H. M. Levy. The Secretary announced that up to the present time there were 154 Stewards, the next meeting of whom will take place on Friday the 23rd, at half-past 4. A cordial and unanimous vote of thanks was accorded to the Chairman for his able presidency.

We understand that a movement has been originated by the York Mark Lodge (time immemorial) for the formation of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire. There are now four Mark Lodges in that Province, and we hear that two or three more are likely to be formed shortly.

In our analysis of the subscription list at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution we stated that Devon was represented by five Stewards. As a matter of fact, there were only four. It is, moreover, only due to a very worthy brother, who worked most diligently in order to increase the funds of the Institution, to state that Bro. Curteis' amount of £365 was the highest sum raised by an individual Steward. Bro. Curteis, with Bro. Godtschalk, both of Lodge No. 580, represented the whole of Devon, and very hard indeed they must have worked to have raised £565 out of the £590 standing to the credit of the Province. This, of course, we had no means of knowing till the information was kindly conveyed to us, and that was after our analysis had appeared.

We have received the first number of Vol. 50 of the *Masonic Review* (Cincinnati, Ohio), this being the first issue since the new arrangements were made, and Bro. Melish assumed the editorship. It is worthy in every respect, as regards matter and style of printing, of the preceding volumes, and fully bears out our expectations, that the superstructure raised on the very admirable basis laid down by Bro. Corn. Moore, would likewise be admirable. Among the contents are a sketch of Freemasonry in the year 1876, and a history, to be completed next month, of Nova Cæsarea Harmony Lodge, being No. 2 on the roll of the Ohio Grand Lodge. It affords us likewise great pleasure to state that a testimonial is about to be raised to Bro. Moore, who has laid aside the active duties and responsibilities of the editorship,—duties and responsibilities which he had borne for the long period of thirty years, only to find himself in

comparative penury. This is a result of a life devoted to the interests of Freemasonry, which is neither pleasant to contemplate nor in any wise creditable to our Ohian brethren. It is their duty now, when Bro. Moore has reached the evening of his days, to make him amends for their weak support of him, and we trust the testimonial now about to be raised, will be sufficient to enable him to pass the remainder of his life in comfort.

The Leicester Freemasons' Hall Library was established in the year 1860, under the auspices of the then D.P.G.M., Bro. Kelly, and the St. John's and John of Gaunt Lodges. The number of works in the library has been from time to time increased by donations from Bros. Hodges, Brewin, Partridge, Hughan, H. Neilson, and others. The four local Craft Lodges and the Chapter have each voted the annual subscription of two guineas, and out of this sum the committee are having a number of Masonic pamphlets bound, and have also arranged for a number of Masonic publications, including the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, to be supplied for the use of brethren. There are now in this library over 200 volumes and pamphlets, but these are very properly not considered an adequate supply of Masonic literary *pabulum* by our Leicester brethren, nor are the funds equal to the demands made upon them for the purchase of new works. An appeal, therefore, is being made for further contributions of books or money, and we trust the appeal will not be made in vain. Masonry will go on flourishing the more, the more the cultivation of Masonic literature is pursued by brethren.

The *Keystone* humorously alludes to a typographical error which occurred in our review of Part VII. of *The Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of New York*. It seems we had written "Bro. Jacob Norton was re-elected Grand Master," and again "A jewel was presented to Past Grand Master Jacob Norton." We should have said "Morton," not "Norton." We do not, however, attach the same degree of importance to the error as our contemporary appears to do. We do not think even the wildest imagination will associate the Bro. Jacob Norton of Boston, Mass., now living, in this year 1877, with the Grand Mastership of New York in the year 1805. Bro. Norton is not a chicken, but neither is he a patriarch—at least as to his age.

THE DRAMA.

The Opera Comique—The Compton Benefit at Drury Lane.

So amusing a burlesque as the "Bohemian Gynel," now being played at the OPERA COMIQUE THEATRE, has not been produced for some years past. The well-worn opera of Balfe offers so tempting a subject for caricature, that it is a wonder the theme has not oftener been employed by writers of this class of entertainment. In witnessing the performance, one is reminded of what enthusiasts might call the palmy days of burlesque, when STRAND and OLYMPIC audiences were moved to uproarious laughter and applause by the acting of Marie Wilton, Patty Oliver, Robson, Mathews, and a host of other celebrities who have now either passed away, or become devoted to a higher order of dramatic representation. The dialogue is so brisk, the puns so good, so plentiful, and so promptly appreciated by the audience; and withal the acting is so spirited throughout, that the piece would seem to be destined for a very long run indeed. Miss Farren is, of course, the foremost figure of the group, and in the character of Thaddeus, of Warsaw, is certainly the life, if not the soul of the performance. Miss Kate Vaughan is an adequate exponent of the charming Arline, and Messrs. Royce and Terry are characteristically amusing in the principal male parts.

The Compton benefit at DRURY LANE, on Thursday, the 1st inst., was a great, perhaps unprecedentedly great, success. Both in the number and excellence of the artists engaged, and the general effect of the performance, the results achieved were far beyond anything that has hitherto been attained. Financially also, the benefit has been all that could be desired, and more than was probably expected by the projectors. The treasurer announced that he had himself received £2,200; at Manchester a further sum of £1,000 had been realised, and more was yet expected. The performance comprised the council scene from "Othello," the farce of "Lend me Five Shillings," the first act of "Money," the "booming" scene from "The Man of the World," the last act of "The Critic," Messrs. Gilbert and Sullivan's dramatic cantata "Trial by Jury," and recitations by Miss Heath and Mr. Irving. With regard to the actors, it would be an easier task to say who were not in the performance than to enumerate all who were. In "Trial by Jury" alone upwards of sixty artists took part, including Misses Pauline Rita, Carlotta Addison,

Kate Bishop, Lucy Buckstone, Ella Dietz, Camille Dubois, Maria and Nelly Harris, Kathleen Irwin, Fanny Josephs, Rachel Sanger, Florence and Marion Terry, Lottie Venue; and Messrs. George Honey, George Fox, Arthur Cecil, W. H. Cummings, George Barrett, J. Fernandez, Howard Paul, J. D. Stoye, &c., &c. The house was, of course, crammed to excess, and the applause frequent during the performance of the various portions of the entertainment.

Old Warrants.

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To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable 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 and Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardale, Viscount of Ballquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinclaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., Grand Master of Masons, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper Esq. Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron Esq. Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield 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 authorize and empower our Trusty and Well beloved No. 213 Brethren, viz. The Worshipful Thomas Holland, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Davis, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Savage, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house called or known by the name or sign of the Golden Marine, in Stonehouse, in the County of Devonshire, or elsewhere, upon the Second and Fourth Wednesdays in every 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 Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known World. And we do hereby further authorize and empower our said Trusty and Well beloved Brethren, Thomas Holland, John Davis, and William Savage (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, choose, 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, choose, 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 Thirtieth day of June, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

Seal

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 7, Letter II. 10th October 1781.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Perseverance, No. 164 Sidmouth, Devon.

The annual supper of the Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174, will be held on Monday, the 19th inst. at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7 p.m.

Bro. Alfred Long, No. 188, announces his Fifth Annual Ball, on Thursday, 22nd March, at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. An efficient number of the brethren have consented to act as Stewards. Tickets can be had at 46 Penton-place, Newington.

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.

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SATURDAY, 10th MARCH.

- 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
 1436—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1556—Addiscombe, Alma Tavern, Addiscombe.
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 12th MARCH.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
 1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate.
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 6 o'clock.
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
 104—St. John's, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 282—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
 1502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 639—Druid's Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
 1089—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
 1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 1449—Royal Military, Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury.
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
 1611—Eboracum, Micklegate, York.
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.

TUESDAY, 13th MARCH.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.
 55—Constitutional, Wheatheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
 193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 7.0.
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
 184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
 426—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
 1509—Mauro, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

WEDNESDAY, 14th MARCH.

- 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.C.
 67—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 193—Confidence, Blue Anchor Tavern, 3 Coleman-st., E.C. at 7.0. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1198—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1298—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
 1624—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.)
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
 281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith, Kent.
 686—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Scarborough.
 1249—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.
 1421—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
 1592—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

THURSDAY, 15th MARCH.

- 8—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C., at 4.0.
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)

THURSDAY—Continued

- 813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 8.30. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road.
 1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 M.M.—Temple, Gun Tavern, Wapping. (Instruction.)
 58—Howard, High-street, Arundel.
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.

FRIDAY, 16th MARCH.

- 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Earl Gray 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 Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 147—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton.
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

MONDAY.

- 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
 K.T. 29—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
 R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.

TUESDAY.

- 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
 R. A. 285—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

- 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 R. A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

THURSDAY.

- 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

FRIDAY.

- 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.

SATURDAY.

- R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.]

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

- MONDAY—145—St. Stephen, St. James's Hall, Writer's-court.
 TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, 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—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.
 R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 86 Constitution-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, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
 " 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.
 " 362—St. Clair, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.
 " 541—Marie Stuart, Freemasons' Hall, Crosshill, Glasgow.
 R. A. 16—Abbey, 18 High-street, Paisley.
 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.
 " 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, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.
 " R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.
 THURSDAY—27—St. Mungo, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
 " 370—Renfrew, Co. Kilwinning, Freemasons' Hall, High-st., Paisley.
 " 465—St. Andrew's, Freemasons' Hall, Garngad-rl., Glasgow. 7.30
 FRIDAY—360—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.
 " 408—Clyde, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.
 " 553—St. Vincent, Freemasons' Hall, Dumbarton-road.
 SATURDAY—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.

The annual supper of the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at Bro. Yetton's, Globe Road, Bethnal Green. Bro. I. P. Cohen, the W.M. of the mother Lodge in the chair. About fifty brethren sat down and spent a very pleasant evening. The usual toasts were given, interspersed by songs.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday, 8th inst. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Hewlett S.W., Powell J.W., Wharman S.D., Cay J.D., Batie I.G., Grammer Secretary, Hoare P.M., and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed in a very perfect manner by the W.M., Bro. Grammer acting as candidate. The 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 5th sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was then closed in the 2nd degree, and the 2nd section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Cay 731 and Waters 211 were elected members, and Bro. Hewlett W.M. for next week.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 5th inst. Present, Bros. R. Percy W.M., Halford S.W., Powell J.W., Cook S.D., Garbett J.D., Beckett P.M. Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Christopher I.G., Tolmie, Crawley, Robinson, Millward, Gibbs, Solomons, Stock. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the 4th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren; Bro. Beckett the 5th, assisted by Bro. Tolmie, and Bro. Tolmie the 7th, assisted by Bro. Beckett. Bro. Wm. Day of Royal Union Lodge 382, and Bro. Gibbs of the Perfect Ashlar Lodge 1178 were unanimously elected members. Bro. Halford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 6th inst. Present—Bros. Rich W.M., Wharman S.W., Brown J.W., Hallar S.D., Cay J.D., Gieberman I.G., and Bros. Rudderforth, Hollands Preceptor, Daniel Hon. Sec., Lees, Ellis, Maidwell, Richards, Powell, Browne, Hill, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lees candidate. The 1st section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Ellis, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rich vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Daniel. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the 2nd degree and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Maidwell passed. Bro. Rich resumed the chair and closed the Lodge to the 1st degree. Bros. Browne and Cay of 731 and Powell 186 were elected members. Bro. Wharman was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was recorded to Bro. Rich for his efficient working. Nothing further offering the Lodge was closed.

Caledonian of Unity Chapter, No. 73.—This Chapter held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 28th February, at 213 Buchanan-street, and a Lodge of Mark Masters was opened by the Z., G. W. Wheeler, with Wm. Horden as S.W., C. Lindsay J.W., J. Balfour Sec., J. Bannerman T., when the following six Master Masons were duly advanced, viz., Bros. John McGhie, A. Sherriff, George Johnson, James Cammeron, and Thos. F. Monck, all of Lodge 233 Hamilton, and Jas. Hunter of 416 St. John, Duziel, Motherwell. A Lodge of Most Excellent Masters was then opened, with the same officers, assisted by 3rd Captain of the Veil, and the same gentlemen were duly instructed by Comp. Wheeler, who then opened the R.A. Chapter, J. Balfour P.G.S.E. acting as H., G. McDonald P.G. 3rd S. as J., J. Bannerman Treas., Wm. Hoy 1st S., Wm. McMurray 2nd S., and J. Pent 3rd S., when the same six brethren were duly exalted. Comp. Wheeler congratulated Comp. Wm. Hoy, the new 1st Sojourner, on the excellent way he had performed his duties, it being the first time he had essayed the part, and he being only a young Arch Mason.

St. Mark's Lodge, No. 102.—Held its regular meeting in their own Hall, 210 Buchanan-street, Glasgow, on Monday, 26th February. Bros. J. Thompson R.W.M., J. O. Smith I.P.M., T. Halket P.M., R. Jameson S.M., A. Neil S.W., A. C. Patterson Treasurer, Wm. Martin Secretary. Bro. Halket P.M. conferred the E.A. degree on Bros. J. Ferguson, A. McDougal and R. Watson. A Lodge of Mark Masters (in accordance with Grand Lodge laws) was then opened, with J. Thompson as M.M., Wm. Ferguson S.W. and R. Jameson J.W., when Bro. T. Halket conferred the degree on ten brethren.

Union and Crown Lodge, No. 103.—Met at 30 Hope-street, and was numerously attended by about 80 of the members. Bro. D. Murray R.W.M., A. Muir Wright I.P.M., R. Munro D.M., Wm. Thomas S.W., W. Forsyth J.W., T. Gilles Secretary. A discussion with respect to increasing the annual fees resulted in the fact of three motions being carried, the Secretary protesting against the legality of the decision. £5 was then voted to the widow of a late member. Bro. A. Muir Wright then passed seven brethren to the Fellow Craft degree, after which Bro. A. Bain P.M. raised eight brethren to the sublime degree.

Panmure Mark Lodge, No. 139.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday, 5th March. Although not so numerously attended as is usual with this Lodge, there was a goodly muster of brethren. The Lodge was presided over, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., by V.W. Bro. James Stevens P.G.O., the founder and senior P.M., who was supported by a full staff of officers. Bros. E. Mitchell, of No. 720,

Wm. Chalk 72, and H. G. Gush 1541, were severally introduced, and advanced to the honourable degree. A notice of motion for raising the fees for advancement was adjourned for future discussion. Three brethren were proposed for advancement at next meeting. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of several visitors, amongst whom we especially noticed the Grand Assist. Sec., Bros. H. W. Binckes, George Yaxley W.M. Designate of the Croydon Mark Lodge, which is to be consecrated on the 9th inst., James Sutmore, Earl of Chester Lodge No. 196, Exeter, &c.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—This Lodge met at Bro. Seaton's, Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, on Monday, 5th inst. Bros. F. Brown W.M., W. Fraser S.W., Hilliard W.M. 174 J.W., Hill W.M., United Strength, S.D., Webb J.D., J. S. Fraser I.G., Ellis Secretary. Business—The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. A. H. Brown candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the first section of the lecture, and Bro. Webb the second and third, assisted by the brethren. Resolved that the office of Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction be declared vacant, and that Bro. P.M. Austin 933 be invited to accept the office. This he kindly consented to do, stating that he had no intention or wish for the office, but after the very flattering compliments that had been paid to him, and as the brethren had so decidedly expressed their wish to him to be their Preceptor, he could not refuse. The votes of the Lodge were given to Bro. P.M. Lacey, to assist the case of the child of the late Bro. Goddin. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Monday, the 5th inst., at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, was numerously attended. The W.M. (Bro. L. Lazarus) occupied the chair. Bros. J. Miller S.W., M. Spiegel J.W., L. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert G.P. Sec., A. J. Campion J.D., R. Baker I.G., H. P. Isaac D.C., and Past Masters Bros. A. G. Dodson I.P.M., L. Alexander, L. Hickman, H. M. Levy, H. Berkowitz Chaplain, I. Abrahams, O. Roberts. The Lodge having been opened and the minutes confirmed, Bros. Osborne, Lentzburg, Althorp, and Blanks were passed, and Bros. Wilenske and Buck were raised. Both these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M., every officer being equally perfect. A letter and petition were read from the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, with respect to the non-admission of members of the Hebrew faith in the three Grand Lodges in Germany. Bro. Harris proposed, and Bro. H. Berkowitz P.M. and Chaplain seconded, That the letter and petition be referred to the committee appointed by the Lodge for that purpose. Bro. Davis P.M. 147, Birmingham, by permission of the W.M., addressed the Lodge in reference to the question. He said that the R.W. Lord Leigh, P.G.M. of Warwickshire, together with every Lodge in his Province, had given their cordial support, as had also several others. A sum of £5 5s was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M., who represents the Lodge at the Boys' Festival to be held in June next. One candidate was proposed for initiation, after which the Lodge was closed until the 12th of April, in lieu of the first Monday in the month, that being Bank Holiday. After the banquet, the W.M. proposed the "Queen and the Craft." The National Anthem was sung by Miss Alma Yorke, Miss Blanche Grosvenor, Messrs. F. Brough and Prenton. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., was then given, and received with great enthusiasm, and Miss Alma Yorke sang "The beauty of my own heart." The W.M. then proposed the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. Mr. Prenton then sang "Homeward Bound." Bro. E. P. Albert G.P. returned thanks. He hoped to see at the next meeting of Grand Lodge many of those now around him, to do honour on that auspicious occasion, it being the election of the M.W.G.M. The W.M. then proposed what he considered was the particular toast of the evening, "Their Benevolent Fund." He would say that this Lodge was the first that instituted a Benevolent Fund, and it had now reached the sum of £1,250. (Cheers.) He would call on Bro. Louis Alexander P.M. and President to respond to the toast. Miss Blanch Grosvenor then sang "Looking Back," which was loudly applauded and deservedly encored. Bro. Louis Alexander, P.M. and President of the Benevolent Fund, spoke of its origin. It was established for the purpose of assisting members of their own Lodge, without their having to apply to Grand Lodge. They had had many applications, and had given many sums of £100 each. The brethren gave so liberally that they were then in a better position than last year. Bro. A. G. Dodson rose, and said he had to propose the toast of the W.M. They had seen how he had performed his duties, which, he was sure, had been done to their satisfaction. Mr. Frank Brough then sang "My sweetheart when a boy," after which the W.M. replied. He was pleased with the remarks of the I.P.M.—it was a labour of love, and he hoped they were satisfied with the manner he had conducted the duties of the chair. (Cheers.) He had a toast, which was one that was always received with acclamation; it was that of the Visitors. They were always pleased to see them. Bro. F. Binckes P.G.S. returned thanks. He was then suffering from a severe cold. It was many years since he had visited the Lodge, and the Visitors had always found an honest and hearty welcome. He was sure that was the feeling of every visitor. He felt a pride in listening to the words of the President of the Benevolent Fund, and he hoped every Lodge would follow such a good example. He was pleased to see Bros. White and Cotterell from Aldershot. He would be sorry to monopolise their time in prolonging his remarks. He spoke of the great work done by Bro. Constable, and hoped he would do some wonderful work in the way of his books. If every brother present would give Bro. Constable a shilling, they would soon see what good it would do. Bro. Constable followed in a very excellent speech. He hoped to get £1,000 for the Boys; as much good can be obtained by shilling tickets as by larger contributions. He was followed by Bros. Davis P.M. 147, and White, Miss Alma Yorke and Mr. Prenton then sang "The Syren and

the Friar." The W.M. proposed the Past Masters. He always looked to the P.M.'s for assistance; he had not yet required it, but they were always able to render their services. Every one is qualified to fill that office, and he could give testimony that they could and would give their assistance. Bro. White, P.M. 1331, sang "The Thorn" very excellently, and being deservedly encored, followed with "The Union Jack of Old England." Bro. A. G. Dobson I.P.M. replied, and said he felt proud to be in the position of P.M., and to occupy that position in so important a Lodge. Bro. H. M. Levy followed, and in the course of his speech said he looked with pride around the Lodge to see that brethren whom he had appointed to office had risen to be most proficient in their duties, and had so satisfactorily filled the chair. He urged the necessity of attending Lodges of Instruction, and he felt much pleasure in responding to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the Wardens, and spoke of their excellent working qualifications, for they were capable of filling every office required of them. Miss Alma Yorke sang very artistically "Nobil Signor." Bros. Miller and Spiegel severally responded, and said the bright example shown by the W.M. would be an incentive to them to occupy the chair. In proposing the toast of the Junior Officers, the W.M. said they had many zealous ones in their Lodge, but none more so than Bros. R. Baker and H. P. Isaac. He hoped to see them in much higher positions, which they were well qualified to fill. Mr. Frank Brough then sang "Love laid his sleepless head." Bros. Baker and H. P. Isaac replied. The toast of the Treasurer, Bro. L. Auerhaan, and Secretary, Bro. E. P. Albert, was given and cordially received, and the Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable and convivial evening. The Visitors were—Bros. A. Catford 1518, W. Cottrell 1424, White P.G.P. Hants, P.M. 1331, E. W. Coombs 1046, H. Margetson 172, J. H. Kemp 27, H. Ashley 77, J. Chappell 511, T. Maidwell J.W. 27, B. Benjamin 1348, Martinsky 187 N.S., F. B. Potts late 188, S. Jewell 1559, W. Vine P.M. 1046, M. Davis P.M. 147, H. T. Reid W.M. 193, P.M. 1293, H. Massey 619, J. B. Dodson 860, F. Binckes P.G.S., and J. Constable P.M. 185.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Blue Anchor Tavern, Coleman-street, at the hour of seven. Present—Bros. Lay W.M., Walker S.W., Masou J.W., Abell S.D., Croaker J.D., Ager I.G., Pitt Secretary. Bro. Christopher Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Gotthiel (Preceptor) and Turquand. The Lodge having been opened, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by Bro. Lay, Bro. Feigl as candidate. Bro. Turquand, assisted by the brethren then worked the first four sections of the first lecture. Bro. Marvin 1666 having been elected a member, and Bro. Walker chosen W.M. for the ensuing Wednesday, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren departed.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 3rd of March, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington N. Present—Bros. Badwell W.M., A. W. Fenner S.W., Goode J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Ross S.D., Powell J.D., Anshell I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Musto, Purday, Mackey, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. Wilenski 188, G. Bue 340, Job 1076. Business—The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. I. P. Cohen acting as candidate. The 1st and 2nd sections were worked by Bro. Percy, and the 3rd and 4th by Bro. Hewlett, the answers being dictated by Bro. Musto. Bros. D. Bue and Job were elected members. Bro. A. W. Fenner will preside next Saturday. This being the first occasion that Bro. Badwell had occupied the chair, a well deserved vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for the excellent manner in which he had fulfilled the duties.

Annual Festival of the Star Lodge, No. 219.—The brethren, with their female friends, assembled in large numbers in their own Hall, 12 Trongate, to celebrate their 78th anniversary, Bro. J. Martin R.W.M., in the chair, Bro. J. Harn S.W. being the Croupier. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Wilson, Chapter 27, J. Kinnaird R.W.M. 73, A. Bain 103 P.G.B.B., W. H. Bickerton P.G.S. 360, and D. Reid R.W.M. 465 P.G.S.B. On the dais were J. Morgan I.P.M. P.G.S.D., and his predecessor P.M. Joseph Wilson. After the usual Loyal toasts, the R.W.M. gave the P.G.L. of Glasgow, suitably acknowledged by Bro. Reid P.G.S.B. Prosperity to the Star 219 was given by Bro. A. Bain P.G.B.B., who thought the Star was shining with extra brilliancy, owing to the presence of the ladies. He also paid some well-merited compliments to the I.P.M., who, as interim P.G. Secretary, had filled the office so competently, that all regretted that he would not retain it. Bro. Marton, in reply, said the Lodge was prospering morally and financially. The toast of the Sister Lodges, proposed by P.M. Wilson, was responded to by Bro. Kinnaird R.W.M. of 73, in an excellent speech. After several other toasts, the ladies joined in the ball, which pleasantly wound up the evening's proceedings.

Royal York Lodge, No. 315.—On Tuesday evening the installation meeting took place at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The W.M. Bro. S. T. Foat, who has passed with the utmost credit through every minor office, and who was unanimously voted to the chair, was installed in office by Bro. Nell I.P.M. The newly appointed W.M. then proceeded to invest his officers as follows:—Bros. Hawkes S.W., Charles Hudson J.W., H. Saunders Treas., T. Peckham Sec., R. J. Pope S.D., G. Nash J.D., R. Erredge I.G., Payne and Willard Stewards and Hughes Tyler. A Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge at the previous meeting was then, in the name of the Lodge, presented by W.M. Foat to Bro. Nell, after which the Lodge was closed with the usual formula. The brethren adjourned to a banquet. The chair was taken by the newly-elected Master, who discharged his duties most admirably. The general company included Bro. Scott (Provincial G.S.), Kube, Walter Smith, Bramwell, Brown, Reed, V. P. Freeman,

Booty, and the Masters of the various Lodges in the Province. The usual loyal and patriotic toasts were given, and the proceedings passed off most harmoniously. The musical arrangements were under the immediate direction of Bro. Devin, who was most ably assisted by Bro. George Cole and other members.

St. Peter's Lodge, No. 442.—This Lodge held its regular monthly meeting at the Masonic Hall, Peterborough, on Thursday, 1st March. Present—Bros. W. J. Pilcher W.M., E. Vergeter jun. S.W., Rev. H. S. Syers Chaplain, H. Park Treas., M. Dixey Sec., J. Jones S.D., W. Wilkins J.D., J. H. Pearson I.G., J. Sound D.C., T. M. Rutherford Steward. P.M.'s Bros. E. Vergeter sen. P.P.G.S.W., F. G. Buckle P.G. Sec., W. Paviour, R. H. Griffin Prov. G.S.W., E. Walter I.P.M. Bros. J. S. Bays, Bond, J. Simpson, H. K. Simpson, Gaunt, and several others. Visitors Bros. G. G. Pye W.M. 51, Platt 1391, and Broadley. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, a ballot, which proved favourable in each case, was taken for Messrs. Nichols, Bamber, and Glenn, who were then duly initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most efficient manner. The charge was afterwards delivered by Bro. F. G. Buckle P.M. Four candidates having been proposed for initiation, Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren, to the number of about thirty, adjourned to refreshment, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, interspersed with some excellent songs by Bros. Jones, Pilcher, Buckle, Rutherford, and others. This proved one of the most pleasant meetings ever experienced by the brethren of this Lodge.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—The first regular meeting of the above (late the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction), will be held on Wednesday, 14th inst., at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, Oxford-street, at 7 o'clock precisely, on which occasion Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, has kindly consented to work the ceremony of installation, Bro. Henry Wood W.M. No. 538 acting as candidate. The minutes of the last meeting of the Royal Union Lodge of Instruction will be put for confirmation, after which a Secretary and Treasurer will be elected, and committees to revise the bye-laws and audit the accounts will be appointed. Lectures on the Tracing Board will be delivered by Bros. H. Wood, and J. Kinch P.M. and Treas. 538.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its meeting on Friday, the 2nd of March, at the Feather's Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. John March No. 27 W.M., Coates S.W., Gellion J.W., Braun Secretary, Rudderforth Preceptor, Nichols S.D., Evans J.D., Hayes I.G., Peddie, West, Kennard, Parsons, Tribbel, Godden, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Parsons acting as candidate. The Preceptor, Bro. Rudderforth, then gave the lecture on the first Tracing Board *in extenso*, with his customary clearness and exactitude. Bro. Coates was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Rudderforth then called the attention of the brethren to the fact that it was the first time that Bro. March had ever occupied the chair. Considering the highly creditable and praiseworthy manner in which he had fulfilled the duties appertaining to it, he proposed that a vote of thanks should be recorded to him on the minutes, which was duly seconded and carried. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form. Brethren in the neighbourhood are requested to observe that a Charity Fund, entitled the "William Preston Benevolent Association," has just been started at the Lodge of Instruction, for the purpose of enabling members, by a small weekly subscription, to become life subscribers to either of the Masonic Institutions.

Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 834.—The usual weekly meeting took place at Bro. P.M. Millis's, the Bell and Anchor Hotel, Hammersmith-road, on Friday, the 2nd instant, Bro. J. H. Cumming (S.W. Polish National, 534) in the chair. After the first ceremony and second sections of the first lecture had been worked, P.M. G. Reed, the Preceptor, presented the Secretary, Bro. P.M. Alais, with a handsome cruet frame, well-fitted and suitably engraved, which had been subscribed for by the brethren of the Lodge, at the same time stating how thankful they all were for his past services. Bro. P.M. Alais suitably replied, assuring the brethren that he should always endeavour to study their welfare and promote the success of the Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 5th of March, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., Smith S.W., Barker J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Perrin S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Perry I.G. Past Masters Bros. Ashburner, Wright, Ros, Dallas, Ould, Appleby, Williams, Macklin, Cambridge, Wardell, and Lay. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Macklin acting as candidate. Bro. Smith worked the 1st, 2nd, and 4th sections of the Lecture, and Bro. Worsley the 3rd, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Smith was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Boltous, King and Queen, Norton-folgate, on Friday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Lane W.M., Crouch S.W., Kent J.W., Bolton S.D., Townsend J.D., Smith I.G., A. W. Fenner, R. W. Percy, Simpson, &c. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes read and confirmed. The

ceremony was very carefully rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Pearcey acting candidate. Bro. A. W. Fenner worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Crouch was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 6th inst., at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. The W.M., Bro. J. W. Wright, occupied the chair. Bros. P. Dickinson S.W., Cohen J.W., J. F. Wilson I.P.M. Treas., G. S. Bigley Hon. Sec., Gladwell S.D., Buderus J.D., Stevens I.G., and P.M.'s Bros. J. F. Wilson, W. J. Woodman. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes and report of the audit committee were read and confirmed. Bro. W. Simpson, Baltic Lodge No. 284, New York, was balloted for and accepted as a joining member. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Peter Dickinson S.W. and W.M. elect, was presented to the Lodge. He was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. W. Wright, in a very careful, perfect, and impressive manner, Bro. Nunn officiating at the harmonium. The newly installed W.M. then invested his officers as follows:—Bros. J. W. Wright I.P.M., W. H. Cohen S.W., G. Hunter J.W., G. Allison Treas., G. Bigley Sec., H. W. Gladwell S.D., L. Buderus J.D., Baldwin I.G., A. De Metz D.O., Hicklin Org., Shearman and Sargeant Stewards, Gilchrist P.M. Tyler. By the marks of approbation, the appointment of officers gave great satisfaction. Bro. J. W. Wright I.P.M. then gave the concluding addresses, deservedly receiving the congratulations of the brethren. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, provided by Bro. Ahrens. After grace was sung, the W.M. proposed "The Queen and the Craft," followed by The Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M., the National Anthem and "God bless the Prince of Wales" being sung. "The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was given. Bro. J. W. Wright I.P.M. then rose. He was sure they would all drink with great pleasure the toast of the W.M.; he was proud of having introduced him into Masonry; he is a credit to the Craft, for the manner in which he had conducted the duties since his occupation of the chair, shows that the Lodge had wisely selected him. The W.M. in reply, thanked the I.P.M. and brethren for the kind manner the toast had been given and received, he had worked to occupy the chair; and he was proud at having attained it. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office, he would have the same feelings exhibited. He hoped to carry out every duty the Lodge required of him in a satisfactory way. He then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master for the services he had rendered, the brethren had determined to present him with a jewel. He felt it a great pleasure in their name to place it on his breast, which was worthy of it. He hoped he might live long to wear it. The jewel was of very elegant design, bearing the Royal Standard arms, with suitable inscription. Bro. Keates sang "My old friend John." Bro. Wright I.P.M., in brief and appropriate terms, responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors; they had some very distinguished brethren among them. The Royal Standard Lodge would always be pleased to give them a hearty welcome. He would call on Bro. Sands, D.G.M. for Japan, to respond to the toast. He having replied, the Masonic Charities was proposed. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 responded to it. The P.M.'s followed; in a new Lodge all were aware they were few in number, but they had done their duties nobly. Bro. Wilson P.M. returned thanks. He was one of the founders of the Lodge. They had seen how ably the retiring W.M. had installed his successor, and he was sure it was a good omen for the prosperity of the ensuing year. Before resuming his seat, he hoped they would drink the health of those brethren who had contributed to the harmony—Bros. Nunn and Keates. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was given. The W.M. said no Secretary could have discharged his duties more faithfully than Bro. Bigley. Many things had been done by him, and it is to him the prosperity of the Lodge is due. The freedom of the Lodge had been voted by the brethren, and he had much pleasure in presenting it, with best wishes of long life and happiness. Bro. Allison, Treasurer, responded in a very excellent speech. Bro. Bigley thanked the brethren for the elegant testimonial presented to him. When hanging on his walls he would look on it with pride, as an appreciation of the small services rendered by him. It would be an incentive to go on and work for their benefit. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said they, having had an opportunity of working in Lodges of Instruction, now reap the reward of their labours. The Junior Officers are equally worthy. Bro. Linton Rogers then sang "What will you do, Love?" Bros. Cohen and Hunter responded, after

which the Tyler's toast was given. The W.M. and Bros. Nunn, Wright P.M., and Rogers contributed to the harmony.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 2nd inst.; at the Castle, Highbury. Present—Bros. Chant W.M., Hall S.W., Simpson J.W., R. Dickinson Secretary, Lee acting Preceptor, Elridge S.D., Hunter J.D., Passingham I.G., &c. Business—The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Gianelli being candidate. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wright, who duly installed Bro. Dickinson as W.M. The latter then appointed the various officers, and worked the 1st section. Three brethren were elected members, and a vote of thanks to Bro. Wright recorded on the minutes for his services in working the installation ceremony. The Lodge was then formally closed.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.—This Lodge, which was consecrated at the White Hart Hotel, by the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G.M. Middlesex on Saturday, 17th February, when Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, was installed as the first Worshipful Master, held its first regular meeting on Monday evening, the 5th inst. Bro. Hammond commenced proceedings shortly after six o'clock, supported by the following officers:—Bros. J. Hammond P.M. 201 S.W. 1512 Hon. I.P.M., B. Sharp P.M. 84, S.W., J. Bond P.M. 889, J.W., the Rev. F. J. Champion de Crespigny P.M. 708, P.P.G. Chap. Middlesex, Chaplain, T. W. Ockenden Sec., B. R. Aston S.D., J. Hurst J.D., T. C. Walls I.G. The Lodge being opened in the first degree, the Secretary read the minutes of the preliminary and consecration meetings, which were duly confirmed. Bro. C. R. Fitt, of the Hyatt Lodge 205, Brooklyn, U.S., was balloted for as a joining member, and unanimously elected. The W.M. then proceeded to initiate Messrs. Albert Marvin, Thomas A. E. Scott, C. Richer, and J. Featherstone into the mysteries of the Craft. Notwithstanding the indisposition of the W.M., who was suffering from a troublesome cold, the ceremony was most impressively performed. Each candidate was initiated separately, and the working throughout of the various officers left little, if anything, to be desired. The W.M., fully alive to the responsibility of his position, has been careful to invest with collars those brethren only who have proved themselves competent to discharge creditably the duties assigned to them. Bro. A. Nuthall was unanimously elected Treasurer. Several propositions for joining and initiation were handed in, and all business being concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Buckland, W.M. of the Dobie, Wells, Pearman, J. W. Baldwin P.A.G.P. Middlesex, an honorary member of the Lodge, was also present. At the banquet the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and well received. The health of the P.G.M. (Bro. Colonel Burdett) was responded to with much enthusiasm, for he is, and very deservedly so, most popular in the province. In proposing the health of the D.P.G.M. (Bro. Little), reference was made to the fact that, at its consecration, the Wolsey Lodge was the first to be honoured with a visit from that most worthy brother, after the recent distinction conferred upon him. Bro. Baldwin responded for the P.G. officers. In proposing the health of the W.M., the Senior Warden congratulated the brethren on having so excellent a Mason as Bro. William Hammond in the chair, he being a Bro. who has already occupied that exalted position in three other Lodges. The W.M. acknowledged the toast, assured the brethren of the great interest he felt in the success of the Wolsey and trusted the Lodge might always be as well manned by efficient officers as those with whom it had now set sail. The Initiates were next toasted, Bro. Scott responding on their behalf. The company would have been glad to have heard the other E.A.'s., but owing to the "rapid flight of time," business had to be proceeded with. For the Visitors, a toast which met with a hearty response, Bro. Buckland W.M. 889 responded in a brief, but effective manner. The health of the Officers was next given, and Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny, the Chaplain, in responding, made an excellent speech; impressing upon the brethren, in the course of his remarks, that quality must be sought after in the admission of candidates. With the toast of the Charities, the W.M. coupled the names of Bro. Bond J.W. who is the Steward of this Lodge for the Girls' School, and Bro. Ockenden, likewise a Steward for the same Institution, and representing a neighbouring Lodge. The Tyler's toast terminated the proceedings. Before closing our report, we must mention that the Lodge-room, though small, is exceedingly well furnished, and all the appointments are admirable.

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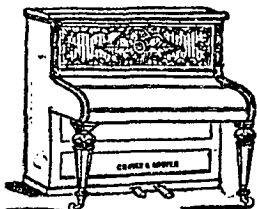
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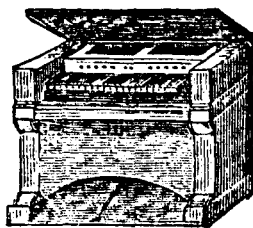
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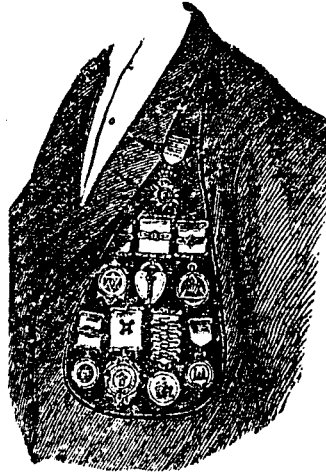
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