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THE RIGHTS OF WORSHIPFUL MASTERS.

WE do not think too great importance can be attached to the question, What are the powers and privileges of a Master? We revert, therefore, to the subject, in order that our readers may have before them, as far as we are able to state it, an exposition of the law as pointed out by the Grand Registrar at the last Communication of Grand Lodge—so far, at least, as regards the assistance the Master may call upon a member of his Lodge to render him in the fulfilment of his duties, and whom he may invite to render such assistance. A certain amount of obscurity would seem to have attended this knotty point, not because the law was not sufficiently precise, but because it had not been studied with sufficient care. There has been some amount of confusion between the requirements of the law and the satisfaction of courtesy. The more clearly it is understood what may be done by the Master, the less likely is it that any heartburnings will be excited. No brother will have a right to feel offended when the Master of his Lodge does that which he is legally allowed to do, nor do we think the latter will be less studious of the feelings of his Past Masters because his powers and privileges are more clearly defined. At all events, there is less prospect of discord arising in a Lodge, when its members are well-informed upon this subject, and this being so, we need hardly apologise to our readers for troubling them with this second disquisition on the authority of Masters.

The case which led to the statement of the law by the Grand Registrar will bear repetition. The W.M. of one of our Provincial Lodges expressed a wish that a certain member of his Lodge should assist him in working one of our ceremonies. The I.P.M. objected, and claimed the right to do so; and he did so, the W.M. vacating the chair for that purpose, but under protest. The I.P.M. was wrong in advancing any such claim, and the Grand Registrar has ruled that the Master of a Lodge may invite *any* brother—that is, *any qualified* brother—to speak the words for him in working any of the ceremonies, the words being, in fact, his own words, though spoken by another; and, moreover, that he may place the brother assisting him either near his pedestal, or in any other part of the Lodge. This, of course, applies to the case of a Master who is momentarily “incapable of discharging the duties of his office,” but has no intention of vacating the chair. But in the event of his withdrawing, not from the Lodge itself, but from the presidency of the Lodge for it matters not how brief a period of time, he clearly abdicates his functions. In such case, though he has the right to invite any brother present to take his place, it can obviously be only one who is *qualified*, and the only brethren qualified to fill the chair of a Lodge, are Installed Masters. We think it important that this should be clearly understood by our readers; for, unfortunately, in his very elaborate judgment, the Grand Registrar made use of the words *any brother*, without adding the important word “qualified.” We have throughout conceded that this was what he intended by the use of the word *any*, and no doubt it was so understood generally by his audience; but it is well in all such matters to be as precise as possible, especially as there have arisen at different times sundry misunderstandings on this very point. This, then, appears to be the law according to the latest exposition. A Master who retains his seat may invite *any* brother to perform any of the ceremonies for him, and he may place him in any

part of the Lodge, the ceremony thus performed having the same validity as though he had himself rehearsed it. If he vacate the chair during the performance, he may invite *any* brother he chooses to occupy his seat, who is qualified to fill it, that is, any brother having the rank of an Installed Master. Thus far, then, the I.P.M. and other P.M.’s of a Lodge in the order of their seniority, have no rights at all, except that it is only one of their degree who can legally occupy the chair of a Lodge in the absence, actual or virtual, of the W.M.

We must now consider the rights and privileges of Past Masters. In the absence of the Master, it devolves, in the first instance, on the Senior Warden to “act as Master in summoning the Lodge;” in the Senior Warden’s absence, on the Junior Warden; and then, in his absence, “the Immediate Past Master, or, in his absence, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge present shall take the chair.” But if no Past Master is present, then “the Senior Warden, or, in his absence, the Junior Warden, shall rule the Lodge.” Here, then, we have a clear and precise definition of the rights of the Immediate and other Past Masters. It is only in the absence of the Master and Wardens that any one of the P.M.’s can summon the Lodge. It is only in the actual absence of the W.M. that it devolves on the I.P.M., or the S.P.M. present, to occupy the chair of the Lodge. In the absence of Installed Masters, then the Lodge is ruled by the Senior, or, in his absence, by the Junior Warden, but without occupying the chair. When, then, we hear of the I.P.M., or S.P.M. present, claiming the right to occupy the chair momentarily vacated by the Master, we know that he is advancing a claim to which he is not justly entitled, for the Master may invite *any qualified* brother to occupy his place. It is only in the event of no such invitation being addressed to a particular P.M., that the chair is taken as of right by the Immediate or Senior Past Master. It is clear, therefore, that no Past Master has any reason to feel aggrieved if his junior, or a visiting P.M., is preferred over his head to fill the chair. We confess that, for the sake of courtesy, we should like to see a W.M. show respect for the feelings and seniority of the Past Masters of his Lodge. It is to them he must always look for advice in any difficulty. They are the sage counsellors, on whose wisdom and experience he must rely chiefly for support. It is impossible, therefore, that he can be too conciliatory in his bearing towards them. On the other hand, the Past Masters must exercise some forbearance towards their brother in the chair. It is not calculated to promote either harmony or discipline in the Lodge, when the authority of the Master is disputed, or when offence is taken where none was intended probably. It cannot tend to the good of Freemasonry in general, or of any Lodge in particular, that unseemly differences should arise among our “Conscript Fathers,” whom we are accustomed, or expected, to regard with feelings of respect. And now that it has been stated authoritatively what are the powers and privileges of a Master in this particular respect, we trust that, in the interests of the whole Masonic body, we shall hear no more of this class of bickerings; and that, as the Grand Registrar remarked so particularly, we shall find our laws interpreted broadly and liberally, not in a narrow and cantankerous spirit. Liberality of view is essential to the well-being of the Craft, and it is in order to secure this as far as possible that we have again reverted to the proceedings at the last meeting of Grand Lodge.

While on this subject, it will interest our readers perhaps to learn that, in America, in the absence of the Master, the practice adopted differs conspicuously from

ours. Oliver, indeed, has noted this in his *Masonic Jurisprudence*, but by mere accident the question was lately brought under our notice in turning over the pages of an old American Masonic newspaper, the *American Freemason*, Louisville and New York, bearing date 1st November 1855. Herein a writer had culled, from the pages of our *Freemasons' Quarterly Review*, the opinions of that journal on different points of Masonic Law. He then contrasts, where desirable, the practice adopted in America. Among the points noted, occurs a case in which our English editor had evidently been consulted as to some of the powers possessed by the Master of a Lodge, for he is quoted as saying—we have reproduced the words as given in the American journal—"No Mason below the rank of an Installed Master can initiate, pass, or raise. The pretence of a Warden's power to initiate in front of the pedestal, is a breach of Masonic law as regards the party so offending; and, in our opinion, any Past Masters present are equally guilty, and, the act not being legal, confers no privilege on those who are the objects of the fault." (1837 p. 554; also, 1841 p. 128). In commenting on this, the *American Freemason* says, "that this is contrary to the Ancient Rule—we refer, of course, to Lodges under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges in the United States, for with the most of these we are well acquainted"—will be immediately remarked, if the formulæ used in the Installation Services are borne in mind. "They all attribute to a Warden *all* the powers of the Master when presiding in his absence." The writer then goes on to wonder how the fact of a brother being a P.M. will enable him to fulfil any one of these ceremonies better. He also objects to the spirit of our law, by which he, on whom the degree is thus conferred, is in no wise benefited. Oliver's statement agrees with this in all essential particulars, though he mentions a *more* ancient rule in America, which provided that, in such cases, the Master's authority ought to revert to the last Past Master who is present, and also that the Wardens, as a matter of courtesy, will generally invite a Past Master to take the chair, on account of his experience and skill in conducting the business of a Lodge. However, we have said enough as to the contrast between the law in the two countries, for this is of less importance than the interpretation we put upon our own law. What this latter is we have already shown above.

GRAND LODGE VIRGINIA.

WE acknowledge with hearty thanks the receipt of Proceedings at the Annual Communication of this Grand Body held in the City of Richmond, on the 11th, 12th, and 13th December 1876. Bro. Taliaferro, the Grand Master, presided, and was supported by Bro. Richard Parker, Deputy Grand Master, Bros. Beverley R. Wellford jun. and Peyton S. Coles, S. and J. Grand Wardens respectively, other of the Grand Officers, the representatives of most of the Lodges in the jurisdiction, certain Past Grand Masters, District D.G. Masters, and others, together with the representatives of the Grand Lodges of Nebraska, Ireland, Dacotah and Canada. The Grand Master delivered the customary address, in which he touched, in brief, but appropriate terms, on all the leading incidents of the past year. His allusion to the loss sustained by the Grand Lodge through the deaths of the late Grand Secretary Dove, Grand Treasurer Thomas W. Dudley, and Grand Lecturer James R. Dowell, was couched in language befitting the occasion. We have already included in our columns a short sketch of the late estimable Bro. Dove, who, at the time of his death, was the oldest Grand Sec. in the world, having filled the office uninterruptedly from the year 1835. The other two Grand Officers were younger than Bro. Dove, both as men and Masons; Bro. Dudley having attained the age of sixty-eight only, and having served the office of G. Treasurer for a quarter of a century, while Bro. Dowell, the Grand Lecturer, was younger still, being only in his fifty-fifth year, and having discharged his very important functions for only a few years. It rarely happens that a Grand Lodge sustains such serious losses within the brief period of a few months. We sympathise deeply with our Virginian brethren in their present sorrow. The Grand Master then dwelt on the antiquity of Freemasonry, its inestimable value as an Institution, and the need there is that all who profess it should most reli-

giously observe the precepts set down for their guidance. Among other matters passed under review, Bro. Taliaferro announced that he had withheld approval, for reasons which commend themselves to us, as to him, to the holding of "Lodges of Sorrow." He likewise announced the interchange of representatives with the Grand Lodges of New York, Louisiana, and Nevada, that a communication relative to the new Grand Lodge of Cuba would be submitted for the consideration of the brethren, and that he proposed to reject the petition of the so called Grand Lodge of Ontario, for recognition and the interchange of representatives. He congratulated those present on the steady progress of the Craft. He urged on them the necessity of preparing historical sketches of their several Lodges, as material for a general history of the Fraternity in Virginia, and also to use all speed in preparing a new edition of the Virginia Text-book, the last edition, compiled by the late Bro. Dove, having been exhausted more than twelve months since. Having invoked their sympathy and support on behalf of the "Masonic Widows' and Orphans' Home," which, we regret to hear, is not in so flourishing a condition as it should be, and having enumerated the various decisions he had felt called upon to make during the year, on questions submitted for his judgment, the Grand Master brought his remarks to a conclusion, and, as usual, the address was referred to a Committee for their report. The standing Committee having been appointed, and other business transacted, the Grand Lodge was closed till the following morning, when the Grand Working Committee "exemplified the work of the three degrees by questions and answers." In the evening Grand Lodge again met under the Presidency of the Grand Master, when the election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, the following being chosen to fill the principal offices, namely: Bros. W. Parker as G. Master, B. R. Wellford jun. as Dep. G.M., Peyton Coles and Reuben M. Page Senior and Junior Grand Wardens respectively, P. M. Marshall G. Treasurer, and Wm. B. Isaacs G. Secretary. Those who were present having been introduced and installed, the Grand Master appointed Bro. James Evans as Grand Lecturer. A resolution having been adopted, authorising the Committee on Finance and Investment to make arrangements with the trustees of the Masonic Temple Association for the occupancy of the room in which they were then assembled, at the "annual and emergent meetings" of Grand Lodge, a brief adjournment took place; after which the Committee on Dispensations and Charters submitted its report, which was adopted, and Grand Lodge closed. At the morning session on the third day, the Grand Lecturer, assisted by members of the Grand Working Committee, exemplified the third degree of Masonry. In the evening, a series of very elaborate reports was submitted, among them that of the Committee on the proceedings of Grand Officers, those of the District Deputy Grand Masters on the condition of the Craft in their several districts, and also that on Masonic Jurisprudence, in which sundry of Past Grand Master Taliaferro's judgments were not endorsed. The financial Report showed a balance as yet undetermined, owing to the recent death of the Grand Treasurer. The Committee on the Grand Master's address having delivered their report, and the Deputy Grand Masters having been appointed for the several districts, Grand Lodge was closed till the second Monday in December 1877, unless sooner convened by the Grand Master. Then follows a variety of important statistical information. The sum paid to the Grand Treasurer by Lodges at this Communication amounted to 4,260 dollars, the sum yet due from the same being 1,896 dols. 50c. Then, in a most minute report, are given the rolls of the several Lodges in this jurisdiction, arranged, in the first place, under their respective districts, in order to show the strength of each, and then tabularly and in alphabetical order, with other statistical matter, in order to show the strength of the Craft during the year, and its present status. As many Lodges appear to have made no return, the figures represent imperfectly the numerical strength of the Craft; but the result, as regards those which have furnished the needful information, exhibits the following results:—There are in the forty-one districts into which the Jurisdiction is divided, 231 Lodges, with an aggregate membership of 8,992. The reinstatements during the year amounted to 23, the suspensions to 207, the expulsions to seven, and the deaths to 109. In the Appendix is a list of the general regulations adopted by this Grand Lodge, and the affirmed decisions of successive Grand Masters from the year 1866 to this last year both inclusive. An Index to the

contents completes this highly interesting and very elaborate report of this Grand Lodge.

Two among the points we have recapitulated above deserve the special attention of our readers. The first of them is the great importance attached in this, and we may add, in all American jurisdictions, to the appointment of a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it is to see that the working of the different Lodges is uniform throughout the jurisdiction, and that it is not neglected. The other is that the working, on one day of the meeting, of the three degrees, and of the third degree on the second occasion was exemplified in Grand Lodge under the direction, in the latter instance, of the Grand Lecturer, who was aided in his duties by members of the Grand Working Committee. We in England may take a lesson from our brethren of Virginia. We are far too indifferent in this country to the working of our beautiful ceremonies, and the sooner Grand Lodge takes upon itself to appoint officers, whose duty it shall be to see that the different degrees are well and uniformly worked, the better for the general body of the Craft. We may add, however, that this will be of very doubtful benefit indeed unless Lodges themselves are careful in the selection of competent officers. Were there Grand Lecturers in England at this present time, we doubt if one-half of the Lodges would be able to acquit themselves even moderately well, much less with credit, in the labours of the Lodge; while in far too many cases, the attempt at working would amount simply to a most pitiable display of absolute—we feel almost disposed to add—crass ignorance on the part of the Worshipful Masters. This is a matter which calls for immediate remedy. Lodges of Instruction are of little use if they are not properly attended; and it is very little good in brethren visiting them unless they go prepared to expend some trouble in acquiring a portion of that knowledge in which so many of them are so lamentably deficient. We beg leave to add that this is our deduction from the Proceedings of the Virginia Grand Lodge recorded above. We think it is a very fair one, and we trust that, at no very distant date, it will be in our power to announce that it has been acted upon. It is not creditable that, in the motherland of Freemasonry, the members of the Craft should be left to pick up their crumbs of knowledge anyhow. Still less creditable is it that brethren should be pitchforked into positions they are utterly incompetent to fill. The oft quoted lines of Horace's epistle to the Pisos occurs to us as very appropriate—

Humano capiti cervicem pictor equinam
Jungere si velit, et varias inducere plumas
Undique collatis membris, ut turpiter atrum
Desinat in piscem mulier formosa superne;
Spectatum admissi risum teneatis, amici?

Had Horace lived in these days, and been a member of one among sundry of our English Lodges of Freemasons, he would have written, perhaps, somewhat to the following effect:—"How, my brethren, will you be able to refrain from laughter, if, when you enter a Lodge for the solemn purposes of Freemasonry, you find the representative of King Solomon with the body of a Worshipful Master, the head of a donkey, and the gorgeous plumage of an unintelligent parrot?"

GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND.

ELECTION OF GRAND SECRETARY.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Grand Lodge of Scotland was held at Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Monday, the 19th inst., for the purpose of determining the salary of the Grand Secretary, and to elect a brother to fill the position. Grand Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock, in ample form, by the M.W. the Grand Master, Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, with H. Inglis D.G.M., William Mann acting S.G.W., W. Hay acting J.G.W., Captain G. R. Harriott, Prov. G.M. of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, Roger Montgomerie, M.P. Prov. G.M. of Ayrshire, the Rev. A. Thomson Grant, Grand Chaplain, W. Officer, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Egypt, Dr. Loth, Representative of the Grand Orient of France, David Kinnear, interim Cashier and Secretary, Alexander Hay, Grand Jeweller, Daniel Robertson, Grand Bible Bearer, G. Hunter Thoms, Proxy Grand Master of South Australia, F. A. Barrow, D.G.M. Glasgow, J. J. Muirhead, W. Clark, W. L. Mair, &c. The first business transacted was the reading of the report of the Grand Committee. This stated that there had been fifteen candidates for the office of Grand Secretary, from whom the Committee had selected three, and they recommended that the salary should be fixed at £400 per annum, with £100 extra for clerks. It was moved by Bro. Officer that £300 be allowed the Grand Secretary, with £100 for a clerk. Grand Lodge, he said, for some time past had been spending more

than its income, and he thought they ought to act as they would for themselves, and retrench the expenditure until their income would allow them to be more liberal. Bro. Mackenzie, Past Master of St. John's, Fishrow, moved that the salary be £400, with £100 for a clerk, if necessary. These motions were seconded, and after a deal of discussion the roll was called, when there voted for Bro. Officer's motion, 196; and for the amendment, 187; so that, by a majority of nine, the salary was fixed at £300, with £100 for a clerk.

The appointment of Grand Secretary was then proceeded with. For this office Grand Committee had suggested Bros. D. Murray Lyon, Ayr, R. Wylie, Secretary and Past Master of Mother Lodge, Kilwinning, and W. B. Heath P.M. and Sec. 198, London. It was suggested by the Grand Master that as Bro. Heath, though highly respectable and highly recommended, was necessarily unknown to the brethren in Scotland, and would not receive any considerable amount of support, his name should first be put to the meeting. His election was accordingly proposed by Bro. Mann, who referred to the very high certificates the candidate had been able to produce, and said that while he might not expect success, it was extremely gratifying to him to find himself so highly appreciated by his Scotch brethren. Bro. G. C. C. Christie duly seconded the nomination, but the result was such as to leave no hope of success, and accordingly the vote was left as between the two other candidates.

Bro. F. A. Barrow, Glasgow, then moved the election of Bro. D. Murray Lyon, recommending him, from a knowledge of his qualifications for many years, as a man of honour, high character, position, and ability for the office. He had bestowed a great amount of labour on Freemasonry; his writings thereon were held as standard works, not only in Scotland, but all over the globe. He had had considerable practical experience in financial and literary matters, and he had no doubt he would bring all this experience to bear favourably upon the interests of Grand Lodge. In support of his remarks, the speaker referred to a recommendation from the Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, and a letter from the office-bearers of that Lodge. Bro. Daniel Robertson seconded, and referred to the assistance which the candidate had rendered in connection with Masonry in the province of Ayr.

Bro. Roger Montgomerie, M.P., moved the appointment of Bro. R. Wylie, remarking that he had taken upon himself, as Past Master of Mother Kilwinning, to appear before them to propose Bro. Wylie, who for many years had been Grand Secretary of the Provincial Lodge of Ayrshire. He submitted his name along with that of Bro. Murray Lyon, for whom he had the greatest respect, and asked them to give their vote to the candidate they thought the best. If their decision were in favour of Bro. Wylie, he had not the slightest hesitation in saying that their choice would be beneficial to Masonry in Scotland, and highly satisfactory to the Provincial Lodge with which he had the honour of being connected. As stated by Bro. Barrow, Bro. Wylie had signed an address, in which it was said that Bro. Murray Lyon would make a good Secretary; but he did not see that that fact should prevent Bro. Wylie from coming forward as a candidate when pressed by a number of office-bearers. During the past fifteen years Bro. Wylie had done good service to the Craft in Ayrshire Lodge Kilwinning. He was a man in the prime of life, had been brought up in business habits, and had acquired practical experience of the working in Freemasonry. This motion was seconded by Brother James W'Cosk, Dalry; and the two propositions were then put to the vote, when Bro. Murray Lyon was elected by 210 against 128. The newly appointed Secretary was then formally installed into his office, the Grand Master expressing a hope that he would show his appreciation of the manner in which he had been elected by devoting himself entirely to his important duties, in which no doubt he would be aided by the assistance of the office-bearers of Grand Lodge, and the members of the Craft in general. The Grand Secretary having appropriately acknowledged these remarks, Grand Lodge was closed in ample form.

ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

THE following changes have taken place in the Supreme Council 33° for England and Wales:—

III. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon having resigned his high office of M.P.S.G.C., was succeeded therein by III. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips, who appointed the Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale as Lt.G. Commander.

III. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips having likewise resigned his office was succeeded by III. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale, who appointed III. Bro. Captain N. G. Philips as his Lt.G. Commander.

The Supreme Council is now constituted as follows:—

GRAND PATRON.

III. Bro. H.R.H. Albert, Edward Prince of Wales, K.G.

SUPREME COUNCIL.

III. Bros. The Right Hon. Lord Skelmersdale M.P.S.G.C.

" Captain Nathaniel George Philips Pt.M.P.S.G.C. and Most Ill. Lt.G.C.

" Major-General Henry Clerk, Grand Treasurer-General.

" John Montagu Pulteney Montagu, Grand Chancellor.

" Major Shadwell Henry Clerke, Grand Secretary-General.

" Dr. Robert Hamilton, Grand Chaplain.

" Sir Michael Costa, Grand Captain of Guards.

" Colonel Alexander William Adair, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

" Hugh David Sandeman, Sov. Grand Inspector-General.

Assistant-Secretary—III. Bro. W. Hyde Pullen.

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THE FESTIVALS OF THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Our Rev. Bro. Simpson deserves great credit for suggesting a means by which the expenses of our Masonic Festivals may be curtailed to the extent of about £100 per annum. I trust, however, he will kindly excuse me for pointing out that in his zeal to effect a worthy object he has lost sight of the real facts of the case. This is all the more surprising as he was himself a Steward at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution.

The Festivals cost the Institutions not one halfpenny per annum. The expenses are defrayed out of the Stewards' fees. Let us take the case of the latest Festival for purposes of illustration. The fees, at two guineas apiece [to which the fee is now reduced], amounted, for the whole 260 Stewards, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, to 520 guineas, or £546. Of this sum, after allowing a guinea for each Steward who was present at the banquet, about four shillings for the rosette to which each is entitled, the cost of the skilled professionals, and all other expenses, such as complimentary tickets, &c., &c., incident to the occasion, there remained in hand a balance of £47. This was still further reduced by the presentation to Bro. Marsh Case, President of the Board, of a Life Governorship to the Institution, the remainder being presented to Bros. Terry and Knill in token of the valuable services they rendered in connection with the Festival. The whole of the amount collected was paid over intact into the coffers of the Institution. Thus the Stewards not only undertook all the labour of canvassing and collecting for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, but they also, as is customary on these occasions, shared among themselves all the expenses of the banquet and of the musical entertainment that followed, the ladies' tickets being separately paid for by the brethren who invited them. How, under these circumstances, Rev. Bro. Simpson can affirm that the engagement of skilled professionals costs the Charities close on £100 a year puzzles me.

There have been Festivals at which sundry pupils of the Boys' School were present, and sung a number of glees and part-songs, but considering the lateness of the hour at which the musical portion of the entertainment begins—in the case of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution especially—I do not think it either wise or expedient that our boys and girls should be invited, as a general rule; more especially as they have the opportunity allowed them of exhibiting their musical talents at the public distribution of prizes which, in the case of the Schools, immediately precedes the Festivals.

There is one other point to be noticed, and I have done. If the Stewards like to engage the services of skilled professionals, why should the Masonic public object to their doing so? We all know they work hard enough. The immense contributions they have succeeded in raising during the last two or three years are evidence of this. I do not for one moment imagine that Rev. Bro. Simpson had any such idea in his mind when he was prompted to write you on this subject, but it seems to me it would be extremely churlish to deny the Stewards the privilege of expending their own fees in the manner that seemeth best to themselves. We must not scrutinise too narrowly an outlay which is so very profitable to our Institutions, especially when those who promote the outlay discharge it out of their own pockets.

Fraternally yours,

T. B. A. G.

THE JEWISH QUESTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have seen, according to your valuable paper, that petitions have been presented from the Lodge of Montefiore, and also from Lodges in Warwickshire and elsewhere, respecting the refusal to admit Jews into certain Lodges in Germany. Surely such intolerance ought not to exist in this enlightened age. In almost all societies, as well as in the House of Commons and municipal corporations, civil and religious disabilities have been removed. Why, then, should they be allowed to exist in one of the noblest Orders in the world, an Order which has for its foundations Brotherly Love and Charity? Those of our brethren who are privileged to attend the Grand Lodge of Benevolence know full well, that applicants are always relieved irrespective of creed.

We are supposed to be bound by our Book of Constitutions. The following therein refers to the admission of candidates:—Name, age, residence, and business or profession. Creed is never mentioned, and is but seldom known until the candidate is in the Lodge. There are four so-called Jewish Lodges in London, one in Birmingham, and one in Liverpool; at the present time most of these have almost as many members of the Christian faith as of the Jewish. In these so-called Jewish Lodges many brethren of the Christian religion have filled the several chairs with credit and ability, and with satisfaction to the Lodges. Under these circumstances I might suggest that the term "Jewish Lodges" has probably not been fully explained. The ritual is precisely the same. The only notable difference is that grace is said in Hebrew, while in supplying the viands proper regard is paid to the Mosaic Law. While the Lodges freely admit on

proper recommendation, all classes and denominations, surely it is unjust to refuse the members of the Hebrew Faith admission into Lodges in Germany.

Let the brethren unite and bring the matter before Grand Lodge, where we have the representative of the Grand Lodge of Germany, Bro. Wendt, and surely this blot will be speedily removed.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

A PAST MASTER.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In reply to "Equity's" letter in your last week's issue, I beg to say that eight years ago I had the honour to be Worshipful Master of the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, and then initiated at least five non-Jewish brethren during my year of office.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

S. POLLITZER, P.M.

Upper Brook's Wharf, Upper Thames-street, E.C.

19th March 1877.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—For the guidance of our friends, allow me to ask you to insert the following statement.

The Lodge of Montefiore, 1017, was consecrated in November, 1864. Five of the founders were not of the Jewish faith. During the years from 1865 to 1876 inclusive, fifty-four gentlemen not professing Judaism were initiated, several of whom are still members of the Lodge, one being our respected S.W. I may add, of the fifty-four previously mentioned, one was a Hindoo gentleman.

I am, dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

LOUIS JACOB, Treasurer 1017.

CRAFT MASONRY AND THE HIGH GRADES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—An interesting relic, which is, perhaps, somewhat illustrative of this subject, was placed in my hands the other day. This is an old seal, which at some period has evidently belonged to a Masonic body, meeting, probably, in the north of England, if not at York, where, during last century, Craft Masonry seems to have been curiously intermingled with Templary, according to old records. The seal in question is of brass, round in form, and one and three-eighths inches in diameter. Upon the summit of a vaulted dome rests a passion cross, bearing the serpent entwined round it, the three upper limbs of the cross surrounded by the letters I.H.S. On the left of the cross are a pair of trumpets crosswise, and on the left a pair of crossed swords. Below the trumpets is a Senior Warden's level, and below the swords a square and compasses. The manifest combination of Craft, Royal Arch, and Templar symbols, in the device of a massive official seal of some antiquity, seems to me to be, if not of value, at any rate remarkable, and worthy of notice at this time, when there seems to be such a disposition to regard "Craft" Masonry as the only legitimate phase of Masonry, and the Christian degrees as modern innovations. I enclose for your inspection an impression of the seal in question.

Yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD 16°.

York, 19th March 1877.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS, &c.

The Kemeys Tynte Preceptory met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Friday, the 16th March, at 5 p.m., V.E. Sir Knt. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.E.P., P. Prov. Prior of Essex, E. Preceptor. Among those present were V.E. Sir Knts. Major General H. Clerk, P. Prov. Prior of Kent, and Captain N. G. Philips, Prov. Prior of Suffolk and Cambridge; E. Sir Knt. Captain Portlock Dadson R.B.G., P.D.G.C. of Kent; Sir Knts. Col. C. W. Randolph, Constable, J. Lewis Thomas, Marshal, Rev. P.M. Holden, Chaplain, Peter Laird P.E.P., Almoner, Thomas Harrison P.E.P., Registrar, J. Sandilands Ward, Sub-Marshal, John T. Gibson, 1st Standard Bearer, Captain C. F. Compton, 2nd Standard Bearer, and Kenneth R. Murchison, W. H. Kempster M.D., Captain Henry S. Andrews, Robert Myers, John W. Figg P.E.P., Captain W. S. Gilbert, Frederic J. Macaulay, William Beattie, &c., &c. Visitors—Major George Barlow, Unity Preceptory, Rev. F. K. Harford, E.P. Holy Sanctuary. The Great Prior of England and Wales, V.E. Sir Knt. the Right Honourable the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot, was received under the Arch of Steel, and saluted with the usual honours on taking the throne. Sir Knights Captain H. S. Andrews, late 7th regiment, of the Calpe Preceptory, and Captain Metcalfe Studholme Brownrigg, 52nd Light Infantry, of No. 12 Preceptory of Ireland, were elected as joining members, and V.E. Sir Knt. Hugh David Sandeman, Bengal C.S., P. Prov. Prior of Bengal, as an honorary member of the Preceptory. Comps. the Right Honourable Lord Henniker, Sir Thomas Douglas Forsyth C.B., K.C.S.I., and Captain W. S. Gilbert, of the Friends-in-Council Chapter, and Frederic J.

Macaulay and William Beattie, of the Frederick of Unity Chapter, were ballotted for and approved for installation, and Comps. Captain Gilbert, F. J. Macaulay, and W. Beattie being in attendance, were duly installed in the Order, receiving their honours at the hand of the Great Prior. A donation of £5 5s was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and subscriptions of £1 1s per annum to it, and also to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Colonel Randolph was elected as Preceptor for the ensuing year, and Captain Portlock Dadson as Treasurer. Several Companions were proposed for ballot and installation at the meeting in May, and after a cordial vote of thanks had been passed by acclamation to the Great Prior for his presence, the Preceptory was closed in solemn form, and the Great Prior retired under the Arch of Steel.

The Bayard Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 13th March, at 5 p.m. Ill. Bros. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney 31° M.W.S., Major Shadwell H. Clarke G. Sec. Gen. 33°, H. D. Sandeman 33°, Raphael Costa D.I.G. 33°, W. Hyde Pullen 33°, Captain Portlock Dadson 33°, Frank Richardson 30°, Major J. R. Pearson R.A. 30°; Bros. the Rev. C. J. Ridgeway M.A. as High Prelate, Captain R. P. Leeson, Captain W. S. Gilbert, Robert Fyers, Major F. C. Wemyss, J. W. Waldron, the Rev. Lloyd Cosmo Williams, Captain Henry S. Andrews, Lieut. A. Hamilton Des Barres R.M., Captain Henry Burton 76th regiment, Herr Edouard H. F. Sauerbrey; and, as a visitor, Bro. E. M. Lott, of the Canterbury Chapter, Rose Croix. Bros. Captain Henry Burton, 76th regiment, of Lodge 421, and Herr Eduard Heinrich Ferdinand Sauerbrey, of Lodge 1615, were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Canterbury Lodge, No. 1635, met at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Tuesday, 20th March. W. Bro. the Rev. Dr. John Robbins M.A. W. Master. Several candidates were initiated into the Order, and brethren duly advanced to the 2nd and 3rd degrees. Bro. the Rev. F. Kill Harford M.A. was elected as W.M. for the ensuing year.

The St. Peter and St. Paul Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Wednesday, 21st March, at half past 7. Ill. Bro. Thomas Jowitt 32° M.W. Sov. For the election of the M.W.S. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Bladud Preceptory, K.T., met at the Masonic Hall, Bath, on Thursday, 22nd March, at 8 p.m. Sir Knt. W. E. Reeves E.P. For the reception of candidates, and the election of the Eminent Preceptor and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

The Talbot Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield, on Friday, 16th March, at 5 p.m. E. Bro. Alexander Hay M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates, and election of the M.W. Sov. and Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Cornwall Chapter, Rose Croix.—At the meeting of this Chapter, at Truro, on Wednesday, 14th March. E. Bro. the Rev. George Ross M.A. M.W. Sov. Two brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Oxford University Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Apollo Lodge, Oxford, on Friday, 16th March, at 8 p.m. Ill. Bro. Colonel the Hon. W. E. Sackville West 31° M.W. Sov. Two brethren were duly perfected in the 18°.

The Shakespeare Chapter, Rose Croix, met at the Masonic Rooms, Warwick, on Thursday, 22nd March, at 5.25 p.m. Ill. Bro. A. F. Godson M.A. 32° M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates.

The St. Mary Chapter, Rose Croix, will meet at the Town Hall, Wirksworth, Derbyshire, on Wednesday, 28th March, at 2 p.m. Ill. Bro. William Milligan 30° M.W. Sov. For the perfection of candidates, &c.

The Bayard Lodge, No. 1615, will hold a meeting of emergency at the Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W., on Monday, 26th March, at 4 p.m. W. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney, P.G.D. of Essex, W.M.

BOMBAY.

Islam Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—This Mahomedan Lodge was officially inaugurated at a special meeting held on the 30th January last, when, surrounded by a large number of the most influential Past Masters, office-bearers, and members of the other Lodges in Bombay, the R.W. Master elect, Bro. Francis Turner, was duly installed by the M.W., the Grand Master of all India, Bro. H. G. Morland, who conducted the interesting ceremony with that tact, thoroughness, and ability for which he is conspicuous, and which has won for him, on all sides, the envious and honourable position of being recognised and respected as one of the most efficient rulers of the Ancient Craft in the East. Immediately after the opening of the Lodge, the arrival of the Grand Lodge was announced, and the M.W. Grand Master was admitted and saluted with all the honours. He was accompanied by R.W. Bros. Manockjee Cursetjee, Hon. P. Sub-Master, K. R. Kama, Hon. P. Sub-Master, Geo. B. Thomson, Hon. P. Warden; Bros. Frant Grand Clerk, H. Holland G. Sword Bearer, J. C. Houghland Grand Tyler, and several others. The Hiram having been handed to the M.W. the Grand Master, he raised the Lodge, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. Turner, who has worked the Lodge for some months, under a special dispensation, as the first W.M. The newly installed W. Master was proclaimed and saluted according to due and ancient form, in the several degrees, and after the transaction of some formal business, the R.W. Master proceeded to appoint the following brethren as officers for the ensuing twelve months, viz.:—R.W. Bros. E. Freeborn D.M., C. Matthews S.M.; W. Bros. Mirza Ali Ackbar Khan, Bahadoor, S.W., Mhir Ali Mahamed Patell J.W.; Bros. R. M. Seaneer Treasurer, S. H. Cassim Secretary, Kajeer Bhurawodeen

S.D., Mhir Abdool Ali Khan J.D., Hussan Hajeer Lndah I.G., Mirza Hussan Khan Tyler. After receiving the congratulations of the numerous Past Masters on the dais, the Lodge was duly closed, when the brethren and the guests adjourned to refreshment, and the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The auspicious opening of this new acquisition to the roll of Lodges in Western India, induces the hope that it will rapidly enlist under its banner many of our Mahomedan citizens who are worthy of admission into the Ancient Craft.

Caledonia Lodge, No. 490, S.C.—Wednesday, 31st January last will long be held in happy remembrance by the numerous members of this prosperous Lodge, as being one of the most cordial re-unions which has characterised its operations since its establishment. Caledonia has been fortunate in the careful selection of its officers during the few years of its existence, but, without wishing to draw any invidious comparison, in none more so than in the gentleman whose term of office as R.W.M. has just terminated. The Lodge assembled at 7.30, and was opened in the usual manner when there were present—Bros. G. B. Thomson 32° W.M., Rodger 30° S.W., J. Y. Lang 30° J.W., Archibald Taylor S.M. as S.D., Thorpe S.M. as J.D., Allan Treas., Ogg I.G., W. Smith Tyler, and a large attendance of members and visitors, upwards of one hundred and thirty being present, including some of the oldest and most influential members of the Craft in Western India. On the dais were W. Bros. Mackenzie, Fred Cull, MacClumpha, Mitchell and other Past Masters. The minutes of the previous regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. John Young Lang J.W. of the Lodge, having been unanimously chosen for the position of W.M. for the ensuing year, was presented by P.M. E. M. Walton for installation. Previously, however, the important announcement was made that the M.W. the Grand Master of all Scottish Freemasonry in India, Bro. Captain Henry J. Morland, and the officers of his Grand Lodge were in attendance. The R.W. Master immediately called the brethren to order, when the following Grand Officers entered the Lodge, and were received with grand Masonic honours: M.W. Bro. Henry Morland, Grand Master for all India, R.W. Bros. James Gibbs, Member of Council and District Grand Master under the Grand Lodge of England, Macintosh Balfour, Deputy Grand Master, K. R. Kama, Hon. Sub. Grand Master, Rev. Chas. Gilder, Grand Chaplain, E. Freeborn, Hon. Past Grand Junior Warden, and a number of Masters and Officers of Sister Lodges. A fraternal invitation had been sent to the members of the Craft on the Flag Ship of Admiral Macdonald, on the Indian station, and of H.M.S. Undaunted, now refitting in the harbour. A number of the officers and crew availed themselves of the hospitality so kindly proffered, and proved an agreeable accession to this influential assemblage. On the M.W. the Grand Master ascending the dais, the R.W. Master handed him the Hiram, when the usual inquiries were made, and finding everything satisfactory, he returned the Hiram to the R.W. Master, and congratulated him on the highly efficient state of the Lodge, particularly on its flourishing financial condition. The Lodge having been passed to the F.C. degree, the W. Master elect was introduced and presented for installation. Having given assent to the regulations of the Grand Lodge, he took the oath *de fidei*, after which the Lodge was raised to the sublime degree of M. Masons. A Lodge of Installed Masters having been formed, R.M. Bro. Lang was duly inducted into the Orient chair, after which the Lodge was reduced, and the brethren who had retired were re-admitted, and called upon to salute him in form. The new W.M. having returned thanks for the high honour conferred upon him, proceeded to appoint the following brethren as office-bearers for the ensuing year: Bros. Taylor S.M., Clarke D.M., Rodger S.W., Doolittle J.W., Hanscheer Treas., Pirrie Sec., Cooper S.D., Ogg J.D., Roberts I.G., Smith Tyler. This concluded the business of the evening, and was succeeded by a banquet, which was a great success, and to which nearly 100 brethren sat down. The usual toasts followed, the health of the R.W. Master being proposed by the M.W. the Grand Master, and received with the greatest enthusiasm. During the evening some excellent songs were sung by the members and visitors, one of which, by a brother of the Undaunted, drew forth special applause.

We understand that the movement in favour of the formation of a Provincial Grand Mark Lodge for North and East Yorkshire, initiated by the York Mark Lodge (time immemorial), has been suspended, it having been found that a large proportion of the brethren in the Province are opposed to such an organisation, on the ground that the number of Lodges (four) does not justify the expense necessarily involved.

The Secretary of the Masonic Mutual Benefit Society of Indiana announces in the columns of the *Masonic Advocate* that five benefits, amounting together to the sum of 20,689 dols. 51 cents, were paid during the preceding month, raising the total benefits paid in first division to 1,321,853 dollars 20 cents. During the same period the sums received and paid over into the hands of the Treasurer amounted to 18,000 dollars, raising the amount in the Treasury since the seventh annual meeting to 114,000 dollars. We learn from the same source that a similar institution in Connecticut has been three years in existence, and is proving a great success. With over fifteen hundred members, it had but five deaths during the past year.

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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Early History and Transactions of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York, 1781-1815. Part X. Published by authority of the Grand Lodge. Granted to Kane Lodge, No. 454, June 1874. New York: Masonic and Miscellaneous Publishers, No. 2 Bleecker-street: D. Sickels and Co., Managers. 1876.

IN the minutes of the 1st December 1813, a part of which appeared in Part IX., we find recorded a resolution to the effect that the School Committee take measures for raising money, by means of individual contributions, for clothing the Masonic Charity Scholars, and that if they should think it expedient, they should convene the different Lodges in the Free School, and Bro. Vanderbilt be invited to deliver an oration. The minutes close with a record of the fact that communications had been received from the Grand Lodges of England, North Carolina and Tennessee, and Maryland, and also that suggestions had been submitted by different Lodges recommending the adoption of certain alterations in the present plan of Grand Visitors. At the meeting of the 2nd March 1814, a petition from a number of brethren, officers of the several divisions of the Northern army assembled at Plattsburgh, for a Masonic Warrant for a Lodge to be known as the Northern Light Lodge, was referred to the Grand Officers. It is also minutened that communications had been received from certain bodies, known respectively as the Supreme Council of Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the 33rd degree, holding its sittings in Charleston, South Carolina, and signed by E. De La Motta, John Mitchell, and Frederick Dalcho, and from the Most Potent Grand Consistory of the United States, sitting in the city of New York; but as these degrees were unknown to and not recognised by the New York Grand Lodge, it was ordered that such communications should be returned. On the 1st June, after the election of officers, a report was presented by the Committee appointed to discuss the plan of Grand Visitors. In this it was recommended that the State should be divided into three districts, with a Grand Visitor attached to each, and also that, in addition to their expenses, a suitable compensation, to be determined between the Grand Officers and Grand Visitors, should be paid to the latter. A series of resolutions based upon this report was then submitted, and unanimously carried. A report from the School Committee was also submitted, and likewise one from the Committee on Finance. Communications from the Grand Lodges of Maryland and Ohio were read and ordered to be filed, soon after which the Grand Lodge was closed. At an Emergency meeting, held on the 22nd August, it was resolved as follows—namely, "That the Grand Lodge will perform one day's labour on the fortifications at such times as shall be appointed by the Committee of Defence; that the several Lodges in the city, and the Fraternity in general, be earnestly requested to co-operate in this laudable work; and that the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden, the Assistant Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, Bros. Simson, Riker, and Nicholas Roome be a Committee to make the necessary arrangements for carrying the same into effect." Accordingly, at a second Emergency meeting, held on the 1st September, the G. Lodge met at sunrise, at the Park, and, having formed a procession to the steamboat, were conveyed to the fortifications, and, having worked the whole day long, reformed themselves in the same order of procession, and, having returned to the Park, were dismissed to their homes. At the meeting held on the 7th of the same month, communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire and Ohio, furnishing the names of their respective Grand Officers, and lists of the Lodges under their respective jurisdictions, were read and ordered to be filed. It was further announced that a similar communication, together with a full account of its organisation, and extracts from its Proceedings, from 11th December 1810 to 11th January 1814, had been received from the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia. Having made arrangements to perform another day's labour on the fortifications, and especially on Fort MASONIC, which had been so named in honour of the Craft, Grand Lodge was closed. Effect was given to this resolution at an Emergency meeting, specially convened for the purpose on the 19th of the month, when the Lodge assembled and worked as on the occasion already mentioned. On the 7th December it was resolved that the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer be authorised to borrow on account of Grand Lodge a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and to repay the same as the funds of Grand Lodge should allow. On the 14th of the month a Rev. Bro. Fairbanks prayed for the patronage of Grand Lodge for a work on 'The Elements of Masonry, which he was about to publish, but it was resolved not to pledge support without a knowledge of the work. At the same time, a sum of twenty-five dollars was voted in order to defray the Rev. Brother's expenses in attending the Lodge and submitting his work for approval. At the same meeting an announcement was made of the union of Ancient and Modern Masons in South Carolina, and the matter was referred to the Grand officers for their report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge. Accordingly, on the 1st March 1815, the said Grand Officers reported that the union of Freemasons in South Carolina and likewise in England, Ireland, and Scotland, "by which events the Masonic Fraternity throughout the world have been united into one happy family, appears to have been made on a footing of perfect equality, but how the precise differences have been arranged and adjusted cannot be collected from printed communications." It was thereupon resolved, "that all Freemasons who are acknowledged as such by any of the Lodges under the jurisdiction of

the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland, and Ireland, and South Carolina, shall be considered as legitimate Freemasons by the Lodges under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge." On the 7th June, the usual election of Grand Officers was held, after which some business was transacted, and the Lodge adjourned till the 14th of the month, when the remaining business was dispatched, and communications from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, New Hampshire, and Kentucky were read and ordered to be filed. On the 6th September, Bro. Simson, Grand Treasurer, tendered the resignation of his office, and it was arranged to elect his successor on the 13th of the month, when a Lodge of Emergency was held, and after a ballot, Bro. Bogert was chosen and invested. On the same occasion, application was made by a Brother for the loan of a hundred dollars, in order to enable him to visit Europe for the benefit of his health, but was refused, owing to the reduced state of Grand Lodge finances. Another Emergency meeting was held on the 29th September for the purpose of hearing the complaint of a brother whose expulsion from Trinity Lodge, No. 10, had been published in a newspaper. Resolutions condemning the conduct of the Lodge were passed, and also "That no Lodge within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, nor any member thereof, shall publish, or in any manner make public, except it be to the Fraternity or within the walls of a Lodge, the expulsion of any member." At the meeting on the 6th December a report was delivered on the finances of Grand Lodge, and it was further resolved, after hearing the report of the School Committee, to recommend that, if possible, each Lodge should raise the sum of sixteen dollars for providing two children with shoes, stockings, an overcoat, and hat. A number of petitions for warrants were referred to the Grand Officers and a communication from Grand Lodge of South Carolina was also read and filed. The last minute of all relates to the meeting on the 6th March 1816. Among the records are several important resolutions. One series provided that the use of distilled spirits at Lodge meetings is pernicious, and should be forbidden; that the contributions due from Lodges in that jurisdiction to the Charity Fund must not be diverted from their benevolent purposes, and that no Lodge should divide its funds among its members, or provide any banquets or other refreshments out of the same, till the dues to the Charity Fund have been satisfied; that Lodges should "return annually to the Grand Lodge a true and correct list of all their members, together with their Grand Lodge dues, to the end that no regular Mason shall be exempt from contributing to the Grand Charity Fund," and that notice be given to the District Grand Visitor of members who are suspended for non-payment of their dues; that Lodges which had forfeited their warrants should surrender the same, together with all books, papers, furniture, jewels, &c. to the Grand Visitor, and that the practice of Lodges lending money to individuals be prohibited as unwise. The consideration of these was, however, postponed till the next meeting, copies being sent in the meantime to the Masters of Lodges in the City. Resolutions were then submitted and agreed to, settling the future constitution of the Grand Stewards' Lodge from the following June. The new composition was as follows:—The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand J.W., G. Secretary, Grand Treasurer ex-officio, and twelve Grand Stewards of Charity to be elected from the Past Grand Officers, Past Masters and Masters of the several Lodges in the city and county of New York, who at the time shall be members of this Grand Lodge. The election of these latter was arranged to take place at the annual election of Grand Officers, and it was resolved that the twelve should be arranged in four classes of three each, the seats of the first class being vacated at the end of the year, of the second class at the end of the second year, and so on: so that three Grand Stewards of Charity should be annually elected. The new Lodge was to enjoy the same powers as the present, there being also a Grand Stewards' Committee of Charity of three, to be organised in the same manner as the present Committee, and for three months, so that the whole of the twelve would in return discharge these duties during one quarter of the year. It was also resolved, that henceforth the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Secretary should be elected annually, at the same time, in the same manner, and for the same term as the Grand Wardens; the salary of the Grand Sec. being fixed at 600 dollars per annum. It was also resolved that Committees be appointed (a) to report what, if any, amendments are necessary in the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, and for the better government of the Fraternity generally, and (b) to superintend the printing and publication of as many copies of the book of Constitutions as may be thought necessary, with discretionary powers to select and publish such bye-laws and resolutions of Grand Lodge, from the 5th December 1800 to date, as they may judge proper. It was also agreed that henceforth the names of the Grand Officers elected annually shall be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, and to the different subordinate Lodges, as well as all such matters as have a general relation to the Craft, or the government of the individual Lodges in this jurisdiction. Communications from the Grand Lodges of Kentucky, New Jersey, and Tennessee, having been read and ordered to be filed, Grand Lodge was closed, and the transactions closed likewise.

We have now gone *seriatim* through the several parts of this valuable history. It is in the highest degree creditable to the Kane Lodge to have taken upon themselves the cost of its publication, and it says much for the wisdom of the New York Grand Lodge that it should have lent its subordinate Lodge the sanction of its own high authority. It remains for us to add that we appreciate the fraternal kindness of the New York brethren to whom we are indebted for the opportunity of reading what they have assisted in publishing. That we have derived much pleasure and profit from its study we heartily confess, and this confession and the analysis we have been able to publish in our columns is the only return it is in our power to make. Here then, for the present at all events, we must take our leave of the Masonic history of New York, though it is highly probable we shall have occasion to refer to it at odd times in elucidating Craft history in this state:

Tasmania—Past and Present. A Lecture at the Town Hall, Colchester, delivered on the 3rd January 1877. By Sir Charles Du Cane, K.C.M.G., Ex-Governor of the Colony. Colchester: Printed at the "Essex Standard" Office, 1877.

We have read this little pamphlet with a great deal of pleasure, and we may add with as much profit as pleasure. As Ex-Governor of the Colony, Sir Charles Du Cane speaks with a full knowledge of its condition and future prospects. He is also well versed in its antecedent history. Above all things, however, must be noted the singularly clear and genial manner in which he imparts his knowledge, experience, and hopes. Nor is this all. There is a mass of valuable information which has been specially compiled for the benefit of intending emigrants. This information is derived from official and, therefore, trustworthy sources, so that any one who contemplates emigrating to this colony will know beforehand what he should take with him, what he must expect on his arrival out there, and what his prospects of establishing himself successfully. Were there more of these pamphlets published—the price is only ninepence—relating to other colonies and countries, we should hear less frequently of the disappointments and misfortunes of emigrants from these shores. We congratulate the proprietor of our Essex contemporary, not only on the excellence of the publication which has appeared under their auspices, but likewise on the neat and workmanlike manner in which they have presented it to the public.

Cook's Handbook for London. With maps. London: Thomas Cook and Son, Ludgate-circus, and Simpkin, Marshall and Co.; and New York: Cook, Son and Jenkins, 261 Broadway. This is a most accurately compiled guide to the railways, tramways, omnibus routes, steamers, cab routes, &c., of the Metropolis, as well as to all the principal churches and chapels, public buildings and offices, museums, picture galleries, educational institutions, law courts, prisons, monuments, and the like, and also to the theatres, clubs, newspaper offices, and foreign consulates. It further contains the needful information about hotels and boarding houses, foreign money and measures, with the equivalent of the former in English, mileage and weather tables, variations of time in different countries, and a calendar for 1877 and 1878. The maps are clearly drawn, that which shows the railway system being especially so. In fact, this handbook contains in modest compass all the information which a Londoner or visitors to London can possibly need for general purposes. Nor is the excursionist overlooked, for there is a long catalogue of places within easy access of the metropolis, and the needful particulars how to reach them. Any of our readers who may want such a handbook should buy one. We feel certain they will consider the sixpence it will cost them a profitable investment.

We have received copy of the *New Boat Race Map of the Thames* on the large scale of six inches to the mile, published by Thomas Letts, 72 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. To the large number of our readers who will doubtless make a point of witnessing the Inter-University race of to-day, this timely publication will be of great value, as showing the leading points such as Bishop's Creek, the Soap Works, the Oil Mills, Corney Reach, Chiswick Eyot, &c., &c., to which reference is so frequently made in the records of each day's practice. But not only on this particular occasion will it be found serviceable; the new race map likewise shows all seats, roads, lanes, parks, gardens, along the route, together with the height of different spots above high-water mark, and will be of value, therefore, to residents and intending residents in the neighbourhood of this portion of the river. It is, moreover, entirely trustworthy, as it has been taken from the recent ordnance plans of Middlesex and Surrey. Continuation sheets of maps north, south, east and west of this, on the same scale, can be obtained of the publisher.

BEGINNING A LODGE.

(From the Voice of Masonry.)

By no means limited experience and an extensive observation in the matter of Lodge establishment, convinces me that a great proportion of the evils that beset, and the difficulties that environ, the progress of a Lodge, have their origin in the early stages of its existence, and many of them within the hours that give it birth. There are many causes which work together to produce and formulate this fact. It is deemed desirable by those who seek to establish a Lodge, that as large a number as can conveniently be obtained should be received at the time it is formed. This is desired for two reasons; if a large number then become members, it gives éclat to the proceedings, and public notice is more concentrated upon a Lodge that starts out with such a following. Hence we sometimes hear members of the young Lodge congratulating themselves on the great number of Masons which are made in the early days of its existence; and then, it frequently happens, that a pecuniary calculation enters into the account. It costs money to fix up halls for Lodge purposes, and often those who have borne the burden of the preparation are led by a necessary regard for their own exchequer to count the number of fees which will liquidate the indebtedness. Hence a point is often strained to admit one, who, if the Lodge was older or out of debt, would never be taken by the hand as a brother. Cases have been known where this money operation has been carried so far as to allow the unballotted candidate to advance his initiatory fee before there was any Lodge to which he could make application. These cases ought to be rare. By the influence of these considerations men of doubtful character and principles pass the ordeal and are received into full fellowship as Masons. It is but fair to state, in this connection, that a lack of experience may be pleaded by those who are guilty of the sad indiscretion of allowing such men to figure on the roll of members; and

this plea may go far to mitigate the offence, but does by no means remedy the evil when once it is consummated. The evil consequences sometimes remain to curse their authors, and the Lodge for years and decades, and not unfrequently a second generation is plagued by the loose action of the too trusting fathers.

Masons who are about to constitute a Lodge should remember that numbers are not always strength, and that one unworthy member can, and probably will, do more harm to Masonry than the combined hosts of all outside antagonists. They should also charge their memory with the fact that it is much more easy to keep a bad man out of the Lodge than it is to expel an unworthy member. And, again, one good member cannot be supplemented by any number of bad ones. With these facts in mind, the founders of a new Lodge will not be likely to prefer numbers to merit, nor to hold a full muster roll as superior to a meritorious membership, and will very likely conclude that no new members will be better for the Lodge than any number of bad ones.

The future of a new Lodge depends in a greater or less degree upon the character and standing of those who originate it. These associated together in a Lodge naturally draw to them men of their own sentiments and principles. The staid churchman attracts his brother churchman; the rough, uncultivated man brings that class with him; the scientist influences scientific men of his acquaintance; and so through all grades of character and attainment. A Lodge, the projectors of which should all be of the strict Puritan school of theology, would hardly gather in the free-thinking class of religionists; neither would a Lodge composed of persons with aristocratic tendencies, bring to their fold any greater numbers of the less pretentious classes of society.

As a general rule Masonry flourishes best and grows most luxuriously among the middle classes—the workers of the community. Its leveling principles do not harmonise with its notions of exclusive holiness in religion, nor exclusive privilege in the social world. Our Order finds its chief supporters among the producers of the country—those who meet all men—even the king on his throne—on the level, and treat each, though he be as poor as Lazarus, on the square. These are the men who give character to the community in which they live, and who will give character to any Lodge they may join. Common sense, then, would dictate that the organization of a Lodge should be of such material as will command the efforts and secure the influence of this class. It should always be remembered that Masonry has little in common with aristocracy, and least of all with the aristocracy of wealth. "It regards no man for his worldly wealth or honours." Hence it may be concluded that all efforts—and such are sometimes put forth, to secure as a member, the little, great man—the rich man of the community, a character which almost every neighbourhood possesses—might better be withheld or directed to other objects. Almost certain to claim precedence in the Lodge on account of his possessions, he breaks up the level on which the true Mason seeks always to travel, and the road of all becomes more difficult in consequence. And, in most cases, such men do not appreciate either the benefits or beauties of Masonry. They do not feel the need of an institution founded upon the mutual wants and capabilities of the race. They feel their own provision against adverse fortune is made, and hence conclude that the benefits of the Order, so far as they are concerned, are theoretical rather than practical; and hence are Masons in theory only. It is impossible, in the nature of man, that such an individual should love Masonry for its own inherent value, because the circumstances by which he is surrounded do not conspire to teach him its actual, practical worth. At long intervals we find wealth combined with a natural sympathy with human infirmity, which enable their possessors to fully appreciate the value of the Fraternity in mitigation of human ills. but these cases may be classed as an exception to the general rule; While it, by no means, should be understood that the possession of wealth disqualifies a man for Masonry, it should be understood that the fact of wealth is of no value in his examination. Let him come in, if a good man, but he should get the degrees in such fashion as will convince him that the favour received is on his part, and not on the part of the Fraternity—a proposition that is sometimes, if not frequently, reversed in practice.

In the light of the foregoing remarks, it will appear that in the organization of a new Lodge, if we would have it prosperous, we should prefer those in moderate circumstances, for in that class we find those who need its aid, and consequently can appreciate its blessings. It is in that class that the workers and producers of the world are found. They are the men that fill the street with traffic, and cause the whirl of machinery to be heard all over the land. They wield the saw, the hammer, the trowel, and the chisel. They run our railroad trains, and go down to the sea in ships for the benefit of trade and commerce. They traffic with the nations, exchanging the products of our soil for necessities and luxuries which we do not produce. They follow the plough in seed time, and in the harvest guide the reaper and feed the threshier with the golden sheaves of the ripe grain. These are the men to make a prosperous and permanent Lodge. They give their character to every community, and the results of their labours to the ends of the world. And such men sustain our Institution. Hence, more than anywhere else, when beginning a Lodge, we should look among them for material from which to build. It is not meant by anything here said, that the doors of the Lodge should be closed against any respectable calling or profession, any more than it is intended to say that every active worker, whatever his character in other respects may be, should be received into the Lodge. Masonry finds its largest sustaining power and most active members among business men—the workers and producers. Therefore it should seek more especially for the "living stones," with which to "erect its moral and Masonic edifice," in that quarry. Masonry does not find ready sympathy and aid from those whose wealth has removed them from the fellowship of the people, therefore it should not seek for goodly material for the building in that direction, expecting to find in plenty stones such as are wanted.

The meaning of this is, "always select the best material."

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SMITH TESTIMONIAL FUND.

A MEETING of the Committee will take place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, the 29th inst., at 7 o'clock precisely. In accordance with the resolution passed at the last meeting, representatives of Lodges and Chapters collecting subscriptions towards this fund are requested to make their returns to Bro. J. WILLING, Treasurer pro tem, at this meeting.

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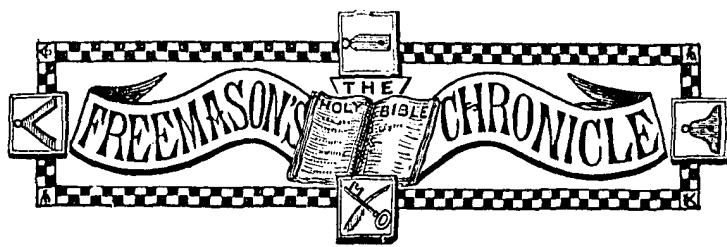
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE progress of the week has been marked, in the House of Lords, by the transaction of a small amount of business. The Irish Peerage Bill, which is not a government measure, however, has passed its third reading, while the Bankruptcy Law Amendment has, on the motion of the Lord Chancellor, received a second reading. One or two questions about the Eastern difficulty pretty nearly completes the picture. In the House of Commons there has been almost as much discussion as in the week previous, but we question if the amount of business done has been as great. There has been further progress made with the supplementary Civil Service Estimates and Navy Estimates, and some Government measures have been advanced one or more stages. A motion of inquiry into the constitution and rules, &c., &c., of the Stock Exchange, brought forward by Mr. R. Yorke, was assented to by the Chancellor of the Exchequer on behalf of the Government. On Wednesday, Mr. T. Butt made an attempt to induce the House to accept the second reading of his Land Tenure (Ireland) Bill, but he was overwhelmingly defeated by 323 votes to 84 votes.

The Queen returned to Windsor, as usual, shortly after holding her levée at Buckingham Palace. Here various members of the Royal Family have visited Her Majesty, among them the Prince of Wales, the Princess Christian and the Princess Louise (Marchioness of Lorne) and the Marquis of Lorne. On Tuesday, His Excellency General Ignatieff and his wife paid a visit of ceremony to the Castle, being accompanied thither by the Earl of Derby, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, and the Countess of Derby, as well as by the Russian Ambassador, Count Schouvaloff. The General was presented to Her Majesty by the Russian Ambassador, and Madame Ignatieff by the Countess of Derby. Lunch was served later in the day, and shortly after the distinguished visitors returned to Claridge's. When the reception was over, the Queen held a council, at which the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hertford, and Mr. Cross, M.P., were present. Subsequently, Messrs. Walter H. Medhurst, James Gell, and W. Leece Drinkwater were introduced and received the honour of knighthood. To-day, their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales leave Marlborough House, for a cruise in the Mediterranean, in the Royal yacht Osborne, and are expected to be absent for a period of six weeks. During their excursion they will visit the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh at Malta, and the King and Queen of Greece at Athens. We should add that as Sir William Knollys has accepted the office of Usher of the Black Rod, vacant by the death of Sir Augustus Clifford,

he has resigned the post of Comptroller to the Prince of Wales, which he has held for a period of about fifteen years. He is succeeded in the Comptrollership by Major-General Sir D. T. Penrhyn.

The Grand Lodge of Scotland held a meeting on Monday, for the purpose of electing a Secretary in succession to Bro. John Laurie, who, our readers are aware, resigned the office a short time since. The choice lay between Bros. D. Murray Lyon and Wylie, the former a man of great erudition, the latter of great secretarial experience. A ballot was taken, and the result showed a considerable majority for Bro. Lyon, to whom, accordingly, we offer our most cordial congratulations at the distinction thus conferred upon him. The defeated Bro. Wylie has the usual consolation that of two candidates to fill one office, how meritorious soever they may be, one only can receive the appointment. But more than this, he has the satisfaction of knowing that it is only to him who is acknowledged on all hands to be one of the brightest lights in Masonry in this or any age, he has had to yield the palm of victory. We have it on the authority of Homer himself that the Wylie Ulysses, albeit a brilliant leader of men, was no match, in war at least, with the Lyon-like warrior Achilles.

The greatest excitement of the week has been to judge, as far as practice will enable people to judge, which will win the day, the Light or Dark Blue. When these lines meet the eye of our readers, the result will most probably be known throughout the length and breadth of the land. Yesterday was devoted to the Inter-University Athletic meeting at Lillie Bridge, but the exigencies of time prevent us giving any details of the sport. To-day will be another great meeting at the same popular resort of the athlete. Lillie Bridge, in fact, will witness a sight which we cannot call to mind as having ever before been presented to the London public, and we strongly advise those of our readers who have leisure or who may not care to undergo the fatigue of business after witnessing the boat-race to visit these grounds for the purpose of "assisting" at some very singular trials of strength. There will be what is known now as "The Tug of War," not only between men and men, but between fifty men — guardsmen and life-guardsmen — and an elephant. There will also be trials of speed between the camel and a donkey, a trotting horse and the bicycle ridden by the Champion, J. Keen, and also the Tug of War between horses and men. If the weather is favourable there ought to, and we trust there will be, a grand assemblage of people to witness so unusual a spectacle. On Monday will be held another great annual athletic festival, the championship sports, under the auspices of the Amateur Athletic Club, which will be held on the same ground, commencing at 2 p.m.

The visit of General Ignatieff to London has caused no little excitement. His Excellency has been, the principal part of his time, the guest of the Marquis of Salisbury, at whose seat at Hatfield he has been staying chiefly. He has also been received at dinner by the Earl of Derby at the Foreign Office, and by the Prime Minister, the Earl of Beaconsfield, at his residence in Whitehall-gardens. On the latter occasion the Prince of Wales was present, to meet the distinguished Russian.

The first exhibition of spring flowers was held in the Royal Botanical Gardens on Wednesday. The entries were very numerous, and there were some very fine specimens among them. The show was held, as a matter of course, under cover, and everything was done to make the visitors as comfortable as possible, there being the additional attraction of the band of the Royal Horse Guards. The Duke of Teck visited the exhibition in the course of the afternoon, and was conducted over it by Mr. Sowerby, the Secretary.

This is unquestionably the age of statistics. The most abstruse calculations are made about the most diverse matters, and tables of calculations on every subject are to be met with everywhere. We read every week all about the averages and per centages of the Births, Deaths, and Marriages in London and many of our large provincial towns. We are informed periodically about the average rainfall, and the rainfall on special occasions, or for special periods. We have now, in addition, particulars as to the number of hours in the week during which the sun shines. However, these particulars have been neither brilliant nor assuring. The latest news is, that the sun has only been visible for $26\frac{1}{2}$ hours out of the 81.9 hours it has been above the horizon. This is very unkind of the

sun, or else London is too dull and dark a place to receive the visits of Phœbus Apollo more than occasionally, and for brief intervals only.

It is still doubtful what course affairs will take in the East. But the business of the Protocol has certainly made matters look a little more hopeful. General Ignatieff's visit to London has had a beneficial influence, and people are beginning to feel a little more comfortable in their minds. The great event that has occurred since last we submitted our Budget is the meeting of the new Turkish Parliament, on which occasion the Sultan himself was present, though the imperial speech was delivered by one of his officers. This looks as though Turkey were resolved on carrying out the reforms to which she stands committed in the face of Europe; in which case she will not be behind her great antagonist, Russia, in the march of civilisation. We trust that, after the heavy diplomatic labours of the last eighteen months, the peace of Europe will not be broken between Russia and Turkey, for, if so, we do not know where the disturbance will end. As regards Montenegro, it is rumoured the negotiations are faring better than they were a few days since, though the smaller state is still making very exorbitant demands. However, it cannot be long now ere we receive some definite news, which will either set us all happy once more, or trouble the diplomatic and financial worlds for, it may be, several years to come.

The regular meeting of the Grand Lodge of Benevolence, was held on Wednesday, the 21st inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. John Clabon P.G.D., President, in the chair. J. Nunn P.G.S.B. S.W., E. P. Albert G.P. J.W. Grants to the amount of £220 were confirmed, and new grants to the amount of £610 were made. There were present Bros. H. Browne, H. Docketts, S. Rawson, J. Smith, C. A. Cottebrune, J. Constable, W. Smith, W. J. Howe, C. F. Hogard, C. Atkins, H. Bartlett, S. G. Foxall, J. Bingemann, H. Massey, H. Garrod, S. Poynter, W. C. Crick, John Hervey G.S., H. G. Buss, Pendlebury, B. S. Swallow, &c.

The *Masonic Chronicle* of New York mentions the names of several brethren who have recently quitted the sphere of their earthly labours, after a long and meritorious career, both civil and Masonic. W. Bro. Maurice Hoyt, a P.M. of St. John's Lodge No. 1, of the New York jurisdiction, died on the 10th ult., within a few days of completing his 85th year. Bro. Hoyt was initiated into Freemasonry in the year 1822, in Clinton Lodge No. 143 of the same jurisdiction, and was elected W.M. in 1825. In 1834 this Lodge amalgamated with St. John's No. 1, the Morgan excitement being at its height just then. He became one of the original members and Chaplain of Warwick Lodge No. 544 in the year 1864, and was likewise a R.A. Mason, having been exalted in Jerusalem Chapter No. 8, City of New York, in 1824, at the time when the late Marquis De Lafayette, and his son, M. G. Washington De Lafayette, received that degree. In 1828 he attained the honourable office of High Priest. His funeral was conducted with full Masonic rites. We also read of the deaths of Bro. D. Whitney Hyman, aged 53, buried with Masonic honours, several distinguished members of the Supreme Council A. and A. Rite 33°, for the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction, U.S., being present; of Bro. P. D. Ballou 33°, Ex-Mayor of Burlington Vt., and honorary member of the same Supreme Council, who was killed by accidentally falling down a mining shaft; and of Ill. Bros. S. W. K. Ellis, 33° Indiana, Wendell T. Davis, 33° Mass., and Will. S. Patrick, 33° Michigan, who were all honorary members of the same body.

It is with much pleasure we draw the attention of our readers to a Fund, which is known as the "Mace Fund," now in course of being raised for the purpose of assisting Mr. Thomas James Mace, a former pupil of our Masonic Boys' School, in obtaining sufficient funds in order to prosecute his studies with the ultimate object of taking Holy Orders. During his career in our school, Mr. Mace distinguished himself by carrying off the silver medal and the Maybury prize. On leaving, he entered himself as a student at the Evening Classes held in King's College, London, and here again, he secured the favourable regard of the authorities, by gaining several first-class certificates, and the College Prize for Divinity, and at the close of his

three years' term, was elected to an Associateship. Several of the Bishops of the Established Church have expressed their willingness to ordain him after a further course of study. But the Funds of the Institution are not applicable to the case of a boy who has already ceased to be on the books of the School. Hence the establishment of the "Mace Fund," of which Bros. Benjamin Head and William Paas, of the House Committee, have kindly consented to act as Trustees, and of which Bros. Captain W. Pollock Dodson as Treasurer, and Fred. Binckes, Secretary R.M.I.B., are members. The list of donors, as at present constituted, includes, in addition to the names we have already mentioned, those of Bros. J. Sutcliffe, S. Tomkins, Sir Henry Edwards Bart., Rev. C. J. Martyn, Major Pearson R.A., Lord Leigh, and other distinguished and influential brethren. We commend the Fund to the notice of our readers, and trust that the needful sum may be raised, so as to enable a former and very worthy pupil of our Boys' School to gratify a most laudable ambition.

We read, in the columns of *Le Monde Maçonnique*, that latterly, at Stockholm, a new Lodge of Freemasons was constituted. The ceremony, which was conducted on a scale of great magnificence, took place in the Hall of the Knights, an apartment capable of holding 1,600 persons, but on this occasion hardly spacious enough, owing to the presence of large numbers of brethren, not only from various parts of Sweden, but also from Norway, Denmark, Germany, France, and England. At seven o'clock, King Oscar arrived, accompanied by the Crown Prince, who had a short time previously been admitted into the Brotherhood, and Prince John of Glücksburg, brother of the King of Denmark. The Masonic Regalia were borne on a cushion before the King and Princes, and, on their entrance, a solemn march was played, and lasted till they had taken up the places assigned to them. The King having delivered an address suitable to the occasion, Bro. Dahlfelt sketched briefly the history of the Order in Sweden, after which the National Anthem was sung. At eleven o'clock, a banquet was served in the Hall St. John, covers being laid for 870 guests. We learn, from the same source, that the Grand Orient of Italy has passed sentence of expulsion against certain members, who have withdrawn from its obedience, in order to range themselves under the banner of a Grand Orient at Naples. It is further announced that the Supreme Council of the Grand Orient of France, at its meeting on the 10th ult., decided on opening a subscription in favour of the Lyons workmen. The Grand Orient itself headed the list with the handsome contribution of a thousand francs, and directed a circular letter to be addressed to all the Lodges within its jurisdiction, inviting them to participate in this excellent work. On the same occasion, the Council decided to present a sum of three hundred francs to the Lodge *La Sagesse*, of the Orient of Barcelona, towards the relief of the victims of the inundations which have lately caused such damage in certain provinces of Spain.

We have great pleasure in announcing that an amateur dramatic performance, the proceeds of which will be presented in equal moities to the Funds of our Girls' and Boys' Schools, will take place on the afternoon of May the 5th, at the Opera Comique Theatre. Mrs. Monckton has kindly consented to appear on the occasion, and she will be assisted by Captain Arthur Gooch, Mr. S. Brandram, Captain FitzGeorge, 20th Hussars, Captain J. F. C. Hughes Hallett, Mr. F. O. Barrington Foote, R.H.A., Mr. Bingham R.A., Mr. Dundas Gardiner, Mr. Bolton Rowe, &c. The prices of admission to the reserved seats will be as follow—namely, to orchestra stalls and front row of balcony stalls, one guinea; to balcony stalls, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th rows, half a guinea; and to the upper circle, five shillings. The box plan will be opened at the theatre and at the libraries the 2nd prox. Seats may be previously secured on written application to the "Acting Manager," 33 Golden-square W. We feel assured that, from the known dramatic talent of Mrs. Monckton, the occasion will prove a great success, and we trust the Craft will show their appreciation of her kindness by supporting her. The Prince and Princess of Wales have signified their intention of being present.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales attended the Lenten Services at St. Anne's, Soho, on Friday evening, the 16th inst.

Old Warrants.

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To all whom it may concern.

We, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six, in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathtay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable 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., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful William Dickey, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Joseph Brown, 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 brethren, No. 299 viz., The Worshipful John Bird . . . one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Adam Armstrong, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful George Louthean, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at Merlin's Cave, in the town of Liverpool, or elsewhere in the said town of Liverpool, upon the second and four Wednesdays in every Calendar month . . . on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most ancient and honourable custom of the Royal Craft in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said trusty and well beloved brethren John Bird, Adam Armstrong, and George Louthean . . . with the consent of the Members of their Lodge, to nominate, *chuse*, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c., and such Successors shall in like manner nominate, *chuse*, and install their Successors, &c., &c., 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 or Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-second day of April, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred *Ninety and Six*, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred *Ninety and Six*.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.



NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered
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Letter H.

The present No., title, &c. are, The Harmonic Lodge, No. 216, Liverpool.

THE BIBLE IN MASONRY.—The following are Bro. E. H. Cushing's views on this topic. Bro. C. is Chairman of Committee on Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Texas:—"Masonry is founded in Biblical history. Its teachings are all derived from the Bible. Its tenets are all derived from the same source. Its patrons are Bible characters. It is as much an institution of the Jewish and Christian religion as is any society in China, founded upon the writings of Confucius, a part of the religion of Confucius. The universality of Masonry is a worn-out dogma. Show us a Masonic Lodge in a Mahomedan country. Show one where the Avesta is regarded as authoritative. Show one among the natives of Africa, find one in Persia, or China, or Tartary, or even in aboriginal Russia, or aboriginal Ireland, or aboriginal Norway. It is not a part of cultivated human nature, except such as is cultivated in the line of the Christian religion. Japan, with all its intellect, had no Masonry; China, with a third of the human race under one Government, had no Masonry. With these facts, the Bible takes its place where it belongs—in the centre of the Lodge—and as the first of the Great Lights. And whoever denies its Divine authenticity denies all the Masonry we know anything about, and consequently is unfit to be a member of a Lodge—much more its Master."—*Keystone*.

CONSECRATION OF THE GOSFORTH LODGE, No. 1664.

THE Consecration of this Lodge, and the installation of the Master, took place on Friday, the 9th of March, at the Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for which purpose a Special Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Northumberland was convened for four o'clock. At that time there was a very large gathering of brethren of the Province, as well as a full attendance of Grand Officers. The Consecrating Officers were the Very Worshipful L. M. Cookcroft, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who was assisted by Bros. J. Cook Prov. G.S.W. as S.W., A. C. Hanson Prov. G.J.W. as J.W., and E. D. Davis Prov. Grand Director of Ceremonies. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and the anthems were sung by a most efficient choir, under the direction of Bro. Richard Watson, Pro. G. Organist, who presided at that instrument. The brethren of the new Lodge were then arranged in order, and the Provincial Grand Secretary received the petition and warrant from the Grand Lodge. An oration on the nature and duties of Freemasonry was delivered by the Grand Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. B. East, which was listened to with very great attention by the brethren. The Lodge was then consecrated according to ancient custom, the ceremony being most impressively conducted. Bro. John S. Wilson Prov. G.S.D., was then installed first W.M., he having been saluted in ancient form, invested his officers; the installation was performed by Bro. E. D. Davis Pro. G.D.C., in a manner rarely equalled. Several propositions were given to the Sec. for initiation, as also the names of several brethren as joining members. The Lodge was then closed, and the Provincial Grand Lodge retired. The brethren adjourned to the Queen's Head Hotel, where an excellent banquet was served; after the removal of the cloth, the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given. The healths of the V.W.D. Grand Master, and the W.M. of the new Lodge, were most enthusiastically received; as also hearty good wishes and success to the new Lodge. During the course of the evening several of the brethren contributed to the harmony by some capital singing, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

CHESHIRE EDUCATIONAL MASONIC INSTITUTION.

THE Annual Court of Governors of this Institution will be held at the "Crewe Arms Hotel," Crewe, on Wednesday, the 28th inst., at 2 p.m., to receive and determine the several recommendations of the General Committee, to place on the Education Fund

CHARLES WM. ASTBURY, aged 7 years, Son of the late Bro. Charles Astbury, of Sincerity Lodge, 428, Northwich.

JOHN HEYWOOD, aged 7 years, Son of the late Bro. John Heywood, of Lodge of Peace, No. 322, Stockport.

To substitute Randall Poynton, aged 10 years, in place of Denis Poynton, who has finished his education.

For advancement of R. Heywood, aged 16 years, Son of the late Bro. John Heywood, of Lodge of Peace, 322, Stockport.

To receive the Treasurer's Accounts as Audited, and the Auditor's Report; to Elect the Medical Officers, Secretaries, Treasurer, Committee, and Auditors for the ensuing year; and for the transaction of the Annual Business of the Institution.

We understand that the Committee of the Montefiore Lodge, appointed to take steps with reference to the exclusion from the benefits of Freemasonry of all persons except those professing Christianity, have already received numerous petitions, signed on behalf of many Lodges throughout the country, together with many interesting letters sympathising with the cause that all Freemasons have at heart.

The 7th annual ball in aid of the Metropolitan and City Orphanage, now supporting 200 children, will take place on Thursday, the 26th of April, at the Cannon-street Hotel, under the patronage of the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Bro. Sir Thos. White, Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, Bro. Sheriff East, and the Under Sheriffs, who have signified their intention of being present. Bro. T. Butler will be the M.C., and there is an efficient body of Stewards, among whom we see the names of Major Bowman, Bro. G. B. Childs, &c.

We have received some remarks on the election of the Grand Secretary of Scotland, but they arrived too late for any notice this week.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Worthy of especial note.—These Purifying Pills excite every other medicine for regulating the digestion, acting healthily on the liver and bowels, invigorating the nervous system, and strengthening the body. They cause neither pain nor other inconvenience. At all seasons the system is liable to sudden checks. In such cases, these Pills restore the balance of the circulation, and ward off dangerous attacks of diarrhoea, dysentery, or cholera. They are the best correctives of the stomach, when disordered by repletion or by the presence of indigestible food. They speedily rectify the flatulent weight, and general uneasiness which are experienced in the bowels prior to the accession of more serious symptoms, which debilitate, if they do not endanger.

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, 24th MARCH.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction.)
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell. Consecration at 3 o'clock.
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.

MONDAY, 26th MARCH.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
171—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1625—Tredgar, 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.
102—Unanimity, Kings Arms, North Walsham.
383—Prudence, Three Tuns, Halesworth, Suffolk.
588—St. Botolph, Corn-exchange, Sleaford.
703—Clifton, Clifton Arms Hotel, Blackpool.
1168—Benevolence, Town Hall, Sherborne.
1477—Sir Watkin, Savings Bank, Mold.
1564—St. John's, Prince of Wales Tavern, Knaphill, Surrey.
1575—Olive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
M. M. 148—Stamford Town Hall, Antrincham.

TUESDAY, 27th MARCH.

14—Tuscan, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand Court, W.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.
51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

WEDNESDAY, 28th MARCH.

193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1521—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.)
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
606—Segontium, Masonic Hall, Carnarvon Castle.
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons Hall, Llandudno.
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.

THURSDAY, 29th MARCH.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Albion, Albion-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1612—West Middlesex, Railway Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
966—St. Edward's, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.

SATURDAY, 30th MARCH.

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

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

303—Prince George, Station House, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
827—St. John's, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

TUESDAY.

1214—Scarborough, Wilton Arms Hotel, Batley.

WEDNESDAY.

258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Pontefract.

THURSDAY.

208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
337—Candour, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.

SATURDAY.

140—Peace, Masonic Rooms, Meltham.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—349—St. Clair, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, Cockburn-street.
" R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—112—St. John, Fisher-row, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

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.

" 103—Union and Crown, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.

" 219—Star, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.

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

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

" 292—St. John, Bishop-street, Rothesay.

" R. A.—122—Thetis, P.G. Visitation, 35 St. James's-street.

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

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

" 543—St. John Dalnuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalnuir.

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

" R. A. 67—Cathedral, P.G. Visitation, 22 Struthers-street.

WEDNESDAY—510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.

" R. A. 73—Caledonian of Unity, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.

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

FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.

" 347—St. John, Operative, Freemasons' Hall, Cathcart-st., Rutherglen.

SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Kent Lodge, No. 15.—This Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday, the 14th March. Present—Bros. Pinder W.M., Wharman S.W., Cambridge J.W., Ginman S.D., Ball J.D., Levy I.G., Dukes P.M. Hon. Sec., Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, and a strong muster of the brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Rogers, Winkley and Burfold were passed by Bro. Sleeman P.M. in the absence of the W.M. On the arrival of Bro. Pinder W.M., the installation of Bro. Wharman W.M. elect, who is the first Hebrew Master of the Kent Lodge, was proceeded with, and worked in a very able manner. Bro. Wharman then invested the following officers:—Bros. Pinder I.P.M., Cambridge S.W., Ginman J.W., Sleeman P.M. Treas., Ball S.D., Levy J.D., Lipscombe I.G., Barlow P.M., Wells D.C., Dukes Sec. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Messrs. Walter Lipscombe and Thos. Holloway were initiated into Freemasonry. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a sumptuous repast was partaken of. The usual Masonic toasts were given and responded to, interspersed with harmony. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Gottheil, Posener, Hollands, How and J. Levy. The meeting broke up at a late hour after a very gratifying and harmonious evening. Besides those already mentioned, Bros. Holt 928, Back 1227, Pizo 1228, Taylor 1445, Hooper 1260, Southwood 1260 W.M. elect, Levy 188, and Williams 65, were present as visitors.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 22nd inst., at The Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. W. G. Hallows W.M., T. Franklin S.W., Appleby J.W., F. Hallows S.D., Groome I.G., Upward Organist; P.M. Bro. Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. H. Field, Mumford, Delvallè, Hunt. Visitors—Bros. Cates and Holloway, Chegwel Lodge 453. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Mumford acting as candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Appleby, assisted by the brethren.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—This Lodge held its meeting at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday evening, 19th instant. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Read S.W., Isaac J.W., Millward S.D., Killick J.D., Fenner Secretary, R. Percy Acting Preceptor, Christopher I.G., Robison, Alford, Tre-winnard, Curry, Saul, Stock. Lodge opened in due form; minutes confirmed. Lodge opened in 2nd degree. Bro. Killick answered the usual questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in 3rd, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony, giving the traditional history, Bro. Killick acting as candidate. This was the first time the W.M.

rehearsed the ceremony, and from the very effective manner in which he done it, deservedly brought forth high encomiums from the brethren present. Bro. Peartree worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Reed was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 20th inst. Present—Bros. Ellis W.M., Powell S.W., Brown J.W., Daniel S.D., Rich J.D., Lees I.G., Hollands, Walker, Harris, Haller, Baxter, West, Webb, Wharman, Lipscombe, Parker, Cant, Cornwall P.M. The Lodge was opened in due form. The minutes of the previous meeting confirmed. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Rich answered the questions leading to the 3rd degree and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and Bro. Rich duly raised. The Lodge was closed to the 1st, and the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of that lecture were worked by Bro. Ellis and the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the 2nd. Bro. Cant answered the questions leading to the 3rd. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree. Bros. Lipscombe, Cant, and Cornwall were elected members, and it was resolved that Bro. Cornwall should be an honorary member of this Lodge for four years, for the substantial donation given by him to this Lodge on the annual supper night. Bro. Powell was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.—The annual supper of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bro. Hilliard, the W.M. of the Mother Lodge, was in the chair, supported by Bros. Appleby and Webb. After the supper the usual toasts were duly honoured. Bro. P. M. Moore responded to that of the P.M.'s. Bro. Austin, in acknowledging the toast of the Preceptor, said that many years ago he had joined the Sincerity; in fact, it was there he had got his instruction; and he considered it was his duty to impart his knowledge to others, which he was always ready and willing to do. Bro. Ellis (the Secretary) thanked the W.M. for proposing, and the brethren, for drinking his health. He was very glad they had such a Preceptor. When they lost Bro. Crawley they were in a difficulty, but Bro. Austin had come forward and removed it. He was sure that, under the guidance of that brother, they would make the Sincerity equal to any Lodge of Instruction in London. Bros. Brown and Webb responded for the Stewards, Bro. Bateman on behalf of the Visitors, and Bro. P.M. Appleby for the Officers. Some excellent songs and recitations were given during the evening.

Tranquillity Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, whither it has migrated *pro tem.* from the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street. Bro. John Peartree W.M., presided, and there were present the following officers, namely, Bros. D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare, J.W. J.D. Bartlett I.P.M., J. Constable Treasurer, P. Levy Secretary W., D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., J.W.C. Bash acting I.G., Sadleir M.C. and Potter Tyler, together with a considerable number of members, and Bros. F. Binckes, Sec. R.M.I.B., Spiegel and Davis, both of Joppa, No. 188, and Plummer. After the Lodge had been opened, Bros. Tom, Cohen and Feigl, were passed. Mr. Moritz Vogl was then balloted for, and the ballot having proved clear, was in due form initiated. Two motions were then proposed by Bro. Constable, and seconded by Bros. Pare and Bash respectively. By the first it was moved that the initiation fee be increased to ten guineas, and the joining fee to five guineas. The second had for object the removal of the Lodge to Anderton's Hotel. Both these motions were accepted, and likewise another proposed by Bro. N. Moss, and duly seconded, to the effect that a Committee be formed to inquire into the propriety of removal. It was likewise agreed, on the proposition of Bro. Constable, seconded by Bro. N. Moss, that a Committee, consisting of Bros. Asher Meyers, John Peartree, J.D. Barnett, N. Moss, E. Harfield, M. Harris, G. S. Pare, J. D. Posener, and W. Brisker, be appointed to act in concert with the committee of the Joppa in reference to the question of the Jewish Masonic disabilities in certain German Grand Lodges. A modest banquet was then served, at which the Worshipful Master presided. On the removal of the cloth, instead of the usual formal array of toasts which head the lists, the W.M. introduced, for the first time in this Lodge, what appears to be known as Bro. Binckes's Patent. It undoubtedly answers all requirements, and was very well received by all present. In this Patent are comprised all the essential features of the ordinary toasts, but neatly and most artistically interwoven. Thus, it was found that when Bro. Peartree so far departed from the laws of custom as to introduce this novelty, the first three toasts were combined in one, namely, "Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order." It is needless to say how cordially this toast was drunk. In proposing the health of the W.M., Bro. Barnett expressed the pleasure he felt in doing so, which was all the greater, that the Master had worked the ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees so accurately and impressively. Bro. Peartree, on the evening of his installation, had expressed his belief that, at his time of life, he should find it necessary to rely, for the accurate fulfilment of his duties, on the kind assistance of the Past Masters. Bro. Barnett, however, expressed his opinion, which he believed was that of all his colleagues who had witnessed the ceremonies, that Bro. Peartree was able to teach them what good work was, rather than stand in need of their assistance. Bro. Peartree responded appropriately. The Initiate acknowledged his health in a few words, but they were to the point. The Visitors severally spoke to that important toast, Bro. Binckes leading the way with his usual eloquence. The evening came to an end shortly afterwards, there having been present some fifty brethren, and everything having passed off most comfortably in the temporary quarters of the Lodge. We have omitted to state, in

the course of the meeting, Bro. Peartree announced that he had directed a sum of three guineas to be handed over to a distressed brother, and likewise that the Initiate inaugurated his entrance into Freemasonry by contributing a guinea to the Lodge Benevolent Fund.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—This Lodge met at its new home, the Whittington, Moor-lane, Fore-street E.C., which, if appearances are not deceptive, is likely to prove a permanent settlement. The accommodation is excellent. The room, if not quite as large as could be desired, is very lofty, and pleasantly furnished, and the viands are of first-rate quality and moderate in price. The situation is most convenient, being adjacent to the Metropolitan, North London, and Great Eastern Railways, a minute's walk from Moorgate-street, and not five minute's walk from the Bank; it is, therefore, easily accessible from every part of the town. Under all circumstances, there is a reasonable prospect that the Lodge will gain rather than suffer from the enforced removals. To judge by the first meeting, these anticipations are most likely to be realised, for just upon thirty members and visitors assembled on Wednesday, the 18th inst. Bro. J. T. Miller occupied the chair, and was assisted by Bros. F. Croaker S.W., Sayers J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, John Constable P.M. Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., Ager S.D., Tollis J.D., Sadleir I.G., and Christopher Tyler. The W.M. rehearsed the third ceremony, including the traditional history connected with the degree, Bro. A. Woolf acting as candidate. One of the sections was worked in the usual manner. As the removal of the Lodge was so sudden and unforeseen, Bro. J. R. Foulger P.M. and Worshipful Master of the Cripplegate Lodge, suggested that a record of the fact, and the circumstances leading to it, should appear on the minutes. Bro. Constable supported the proposition, and expressed his indignation and disgust at the treatment they had lately received. The strong language with which he desired to modify Bro. Foulger's suggestion was, however, objected to, and he reluctantly allowed milder counsels to prevail. Bro. F. Croaker will preside on Wednesday next.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 20th inst., at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Present—Bros. S. Hunt W.M., Seager S.W., C. E. McBean J.W., R. Fowler P.M. Secretary, R. M. Véal P.M. Treas., Wm. W. J. Compton S.D., A. B. Renshaw J.D., H. F. Paget I.G., Harper P.M. Steward. Past Masters—Bros. G.N. Watts, W. Temple, E. Randall, Weston, Dr. Watson, Wilson, and Bros. Fisher, Gilbert, T. G. Smith, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. T. G. Smith, No. 890, was unanimously elected a joining member. Bro. Otto Rochs was passed. Bro. Reynolds, of the Sphinx Lodge, 1329, was proposed as a joining member. A sum of £10 10s was granted from the charity box to be placed on Bro. Compton's list, who is a Steward for the Boys' Festival. A letter was read from the Montefiore Lodge, and the petition respecting the non-admission of the members of the Hebrew Faith in Germany was, after some discussion, signed by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of a very excellent banquet and dessert. The W.M., in eloquent and genial terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In introducing that of the Charities, he said Bro. Compton would well represent the Lodge at the Festival for the Boys. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Randall P.M., who said Bro. Compton being absent, he was pleased to say that he had a goodly sum to add to his list contributed by the brethren present. They had a candidate on the list, and this was the last application. He was the son of a brother who was an ornament to the Lodge and the Craft. He was sure every brother who knew him would support the case, and when the election took place he hoped to see their efforts would be crowned with success. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. They had many distinguished brethren present, among others Bro. Harty, who is now completing the Great Historical Picture of the Installation of H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master. Bro. Harty responded, and in the course of his speech, said a proof will be presented on the 28th of April, that being the second anniversary. Bros. Swallow and H. M. Levy followed. Bro. Watts I.P.M. then rose and said he was pleased to propose the toast of the W.M. He had done so on several occasions, but to-night especially he had done his work well, and while they had such Masters the Lodge would prosper, and they all wished him long life and health to carry out his duties. The W.M. returned thanks for the kind manner they had responded to the toast. He hoped, at the expiration of his year of office, that they would be satisfied with his exertions for the benefit of the Lodge. He then proposed the P.M.'s, and he would couple with it the name of Bro. Randall, who, in a humorous speech, returned thanks. The W.M. then proposed the officers of the Lodge, all of whom are thoroughly proficient in their duties. The Treas. and Sec. are invaluable. Bro. McBean having responded, the Tyler's Toast was given. Bros. T. Lawler jun., Randall, Watts, Collins, Lambe, Rochs, &c., contributed some very excellent songs during the evening. The Visitors were Bros. B. Swallow P.M. 1563 and 382, E. J. Harty W.M. 1201 and 228, Collins 763, Contro 1150, Badkin S.W. 1365, W. Hollens 766, F. J. Cronin P.M. 231, Lawler jun. 1297, G. Whitehead, Bodkin, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular meeting on Saturday the 17th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Goode W.M., Ross S.W., Anshell J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treasurer, Breusted S.D., Fenner J.D., Larkin I.G. Visitor—Bro. Francis Holland 1158. Business—The Lodge was opened in regular order, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Isaac acting as candidate. The sections of the third degree were worked by Bros.

Hewlett and Pearoy. Bro. Ross was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks, deservedly earned by the W.M., closed the proceedings.

Royal Union Lodge, No. 382.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 19th inst., at the Belmont Hall, Uxbridge. Bros. C. J. W. Davis W.M., Ferenbac P.M. as S.W., Halliday J.W., Coulton P.M. Treasurer, W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. (Middlesex) Secretary, Diarcy as S.D., Cook J.D., Lonsdale I.G., Weedon P.M., and a numerous assemblage of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bro. Price and Gaylard were passed. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. I.C. Swallow W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; he was duly installed by Bro. Coulton P.M. The salutations to the newly installed W.M. were given, and he then invested his Officers—Bros. C. J. W. Davis I.P.M., Weedon as S.W., in the absence of that Bro., Bro. Webb, Halliday J.W., Coulton Treasurer, W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Sec., Cook S.D., Diarcy J.D., Russ I.G., Lonsdale D.C. The newly installed W.M. then initiated Messrs. W. Marshall and C. Sorf into the Order; a ballot was also taken for Mr. F. Lucy. Bro. Cooper proposed and Bro. Halliday seconded, that the following resolutions be passed and entered on the minutes, "that the best thanks of the Lodge are due to Bro. C. J. W. Davis for his exertions in connexion with the removal of the Lodge of Instruction and its regeneration in the formation of the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction." This was carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. Drinkwater. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. That of the Provincial Grand Officers found a very able respondent in Bro. W. Coombes P.P.G.S.B. Bro. C. J. W. Davis then proposed the health of the W.M., which was responded to. The I.P.M., Bro. Davis, was next given. He was one who had, in every respect, carried out the duties of the chair to their satisfaction; and, in recognition of those services, in the name of the Lodge, he had great pleasure in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. He hoped he might live long to wear it, and give his valuable assistance as a P.M. to the Lodge. Bro. Davis suitably returned thanks for the kind expressions of the W.M., and also for the valuable gift. He said that whatever duties in connection with the Lodge were required of him, he was always willing to undertake. They were now in the position to establish a Lodge of Instruction in the Province. Should such take place they had only to call on him, and he would always be ready and willing to do all in his power to further the object. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers were given and responded to, after which the Tyler's Toast concluded the evening.

Union Lodge, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, 20th inst., at Reading. Present—Bros. Stephen A. Pocock W.M., Edward Baker S.W., Charles Oades J.W., Nicholas Garry Chaplain, J. Leaver Sec., Sam. Bradley S.D., Charles Stephens J.D., R. C. Mount I.G., F. J. Ferguson D.C., S. Wheeler and C. Sprent Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters—Bros. Morris, Bradley, Weightman, Strachan, R. T. Woodhouse P. Prov. D.G.M. Berks (hon. mem.), Bros. Brakspere, F. Blackwell, Ayres, Sydenham, Higgs, Withers, Butler, Mitchell, Martin, Stallwood, Hawkes, and Visitors, from 1101, Bros. Margrett W.M., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Hurley P.M., Hunt, Pulley, Bailey, Robinson, Cottrell and Hawkes, and from Fidelity No. 663 Bro. J. Long, P.M. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The W.M. announced that Bros. Martin and Hawkes were candidates for passing to the second degree; he therefore put the usual questions to them, and they retired. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bros. Martin and Hawkes were passed. The lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Dr. Woodhouse, who is the senior Mason in the Province, and on the venerable brother taking the chair, the utmost attention was given to the interesting lecture, which called forth a unanimous vote of thanks, to which he responded. The sum of ten guineas was voted to Bro. Weightman's list, as Steward to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. A discussion took place on the subject of the exclusion of Jews by the German Grand Lodges, which was referred to the Permanent Committee. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435.—This Lodge held its usual weekly meeting on Thursday, the 15th inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. Present—Bros. Wray W.M., Farwig S.W., Weeks J.W., T. Cull Sec., T. O. Davis S.D., Docker J.D., Cornelisson I.G.; also Bros. Mander Preceptor, Belinfant, Solomons, T. Ager, Collins, A. Stewart, Milnrow, Morpew, Dr. Lloyd, Beckett, and Knight. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and the latter ceremony rehearsed. The 1st section was then worked by Bro. Mander, the 2nd by Bro. Farwig, and the 3rd by Bro. Cull Sec. The Lodge was closed down, and Bro. Farwig elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge was then closed in due form. The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Mander on Thursday, 29th inst.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at Bro. Kennard's, Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. S. Nichols W.M., Lucas S.W., Hayes J.W., A. Brawn Secretary, G. Tribbel Preceptor, Murch J.D., Parsons I.G. Bros. Cooper, Thompson, Kennard, Godden, Reid and W. J. Hall 103. Lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Thompson being the candidate. Bro. P.M. Brawn gave the three installation addresses. Bros. Thompson and Reid answered the questions for passing. Bro. W. J. Hall, of Confidence Lodge, No. 193, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was recorded on the

minutes to Bro. Nichols, for the able manner he had fulfilled the duties of the chair for the first time. Bro. Lucas was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Ranelagh Lodge, No. 834.—An emergency meeting of the above well-known Lodge took place at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. Present—Bros. T. Knowles W.M., Fisher S.W., Baker J.W., Watson S.D., Shaw J.D., Middleton I.G., Oliver Org., Warner and T. Bryett Stewards, W. T. Worthington Secretary. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., who afterwards raised Bros. Doncaster, Tuck and Sinclair. Mr. Richard Josey was next initiated, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous supper, provided by Bro. P.M. Millis. After ample justice had been done to the repast, the W.M. gave the usual loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the health of the Visitors, consisting of Bro. Cumming 534 and another, the W.M. stated that nothing gave the Ranelagh members greater pleasure than to see visitors among them, and the Lodge would always endeavour to make them comfortable. Both of the visiting brethren suitably replied. Bro. Butt I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., spoke in touching terms of the admirable way in which Bro. Knowles had carried out his duties during his year of office, and the time he had given to studying the same. The W.M., in a neat and appropriate speech, replied that he had always the success of the Ranelagh Lodge at heart, and would endeavour to do his best in keeping up its character. The Tyler's toast followed. We may here mention that Bro. Oliver presided at the piano, and some of the brethren gave great satisfaction in rendering part songs, &c.

Andrew Chapter, No. 834.—On Thursday the 15th inst., a convocation of this Chapter was held at the Bell and Anchor Hotel, West Kensington Gardens. Comps. W. T. Worthington Z., Lewis Bryett, H. Adamson T. After the usual preliminaries, the M.E.Z. exalted three brethren; the manner in which the ceremony was conducted, showed that the M.E.Z. had paid great attention to the study of his duties. The Comps. after the closing of Chapter, sat down to an excellent dinner, which did great credit to Comp. Millis. The M.E.Z. in due course, gave the usual loyal and R.A. toasts, which were well responded to. The Comps. separated after spending a most enjoyable evening.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 20th of March, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Perrin W.M., Perry S.W., Johnson J.W., Worsley Secretary, Barker S.D., Ashburner P.M. J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Smith I.G.; Past Masters—Bro. Wright, Ashburner. Visitors—Bros. Dallas, Christian, Ould, Davis, Hewlett. Business—The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, Bro. Davis having answered the necessary questions, the Lodge was opened in the 3rd, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Davis acting as candidate; P.M. Wallington gave the traditional history. The W.M. was highly complimented on his having worked the ceremony in such a perfect manner. Bro. Hewlett worked the 1st and 3rd section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down to the 1st degree; Bro. Perry was unanimously elected W.M. for next Tuesday week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. The Preceptor gave notice that the annual supper would take place on Tuesday next at 7 o'clock, and hoped that all those brethren who intended being present would make it convenient to be there in good time. The Lodge will be opened at 6.30. The list being full, no more tickets can be issued.

Marquis of Dalhousie Lodge, No. 1159.—The installation meeting of this respected Lodge took place at Freemasons' Hall on the 19th inst. The Lodge was opened at 5 p.m. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest C. Cheston, which being unanimous, that gentleman was initiated. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and Bros. Cunliffe Owen C.B. and Gustav Guillaing were duly passed. Bros. W. F. Kelly, Lodge No. 1, of Carthage, New Granada, and Arthur Le Neve Foster, Bulwer Lodge, of Cairo, having been elected joining members. Bro. Wood P.M. and Secretary, proceeded to instal Bro. Henry James Moxon, who had been unanimously voted to the chair of King Solomon. The ceremony was performed in a very solemn and impressive manner, and hearty congratulations accorded to Bro. Moxon in that high position. The newly-elected W.M. then proceeded to appoint and invest his officers, suitably addressing each; after which a very pleasing duty devolved upon him, in presenting the retiring Master (Bro. Simmonds) with a Past Master's jewel, which he acknowledged. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet-room. Amongst the visitors present we noticed Bros. Hyde Clarke D.G.M., Turkey, C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex, G. Glover P.G.J.W. and P.M. Prince of Wales' Lodge, J. H. Younghusband P.P.G.M. Lancashire and P.G.J.W. Dr. Ramsey P.M. Prince of Wales Lodge, Dr. Bonny P.M. 193, J. Burkett 1114, W. J. Woodman P.M. 1298, A. Harding P.M., Leftwich P.M., Calder, Harold, Kember and Barshall. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Craft," "The M.W.G.M.," "The P.G.M.," "The D.G.M.," and the other Grand Officers Past and Present" were given briefly and pertinently from the chair, and duly honoured. Bro. Simmonds, the I.P.M., then asked the brethren to join him in drinking the health of their esteemed W.M., dwelling at some length upon the zeal and attention which he had shown in the discharge of his duties since he entered the Craft. The W.M. (Bro. Moxon), in reply, said some one had told us that language was made to conceal our thoughts, but he must confess, in rising to

to thank them for the kind manner in which they had been pleased to receive his name, that he certainly lacked the power to express his thoughts on that occasion. To be, he said, the W.M. of a Lodge, was, indeed, a proud privilege; but following in the footsteps of such Past Masters was what he most sincerely valued. Although he undertook the office with a certain amount of diffidence, the considerate treatment of the brethren was already fast overcoming it, and he hoped soon to acquire that confidence which is so necessary for the proper performance of his duties. He assured them that there was no one whose heart was warmer towards Masonry than himself, and he felt bound to say that to him it had proved a blessing, having cemented many friendships which already existed, and fostered others of recent growth. If he failed to express his feelings in words for their kindness, he claimed their indulgence, and asked them to look to his deeds while he occupied the elevated position to which they had that evening elected him; before resuming his seat he should like them to know that he had been appointed a Steward at the next festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, to be held on the 9th of May, and he asked to be allowed to state on behalf of the Institution for which he was now appealing, that there was not another more deserving their sympathy. It is, he said, supported entirely by voluntary contributions, and since its establishment, two thousand girls had been educated, clothed, and maintained within its walls. Bro. Moxon then gave other particulars, speaking also of recent improvements, and, in conclusion, confidently appealed to those present to support an institution which had effected so much good for the little ones of our deceased and distressed brethren, and reminding them that charity was the brightest jewel in the Masonic Crown, and the great end of Freemasonry. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Past Masters Woods and Cama. Bro. Simmonds in reply, heartily thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and spoke of the pleasure it afforded him to see the chair so ably filled. The W.M. then gave the Initiates, Bros. Cheston and Owen, who he hoped were pleased with the ceremony. Bro. Cunliffe Owen was midway in Freemasonry, and the W.M. availed himself of this opportunity to couple with the toast the name of such a distinguished brother for as director of the South Kensington Museum, he had by his energy and ability greatly contributed to the value of the collection. Bro. Owen had also the confidence of British exhibitors, and would no doubt obtain higher and additional honours at the Paris Exhibition next year. The toast having been briefly acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Visitors, and said the theme of this toast afforded him great pleasure and gratification, that he was sure they would all participate in. It was very flattering to have such a goodly array of visiting brethren, and be honoured with the presence of those whom he was proud to acknowledge, and should always be glad to see. Bro. C. Horsley P.P.G.R. Middlesex, eloquently replied. The toast of the Officers followed, to which Bro. Reeve S.W. responded, after which the brethren separated, having spent a very enjoyable evening.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 16th inst. Present—Bros. Crouch W.M., R. W. Percy S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner S.D., Leo Engell J.D., Townsend I.G. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes confirmed. Lodge was then opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and afterwards resumed to the 1st, and Bro. Odell 1366 was elected a member, after which the Lodge was closed, and the brethren present, numbering about 20, sat down to a very substantial repast, provided by the host, Bro. Bolton. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. This was the first anniversary supper of the Upton Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. informed the brethren that he hoped it would succeed as other Lodges had done, and make its mark in Freemasonry as an efficient Lodge of Instruction. A very pleasant evening was spent, many of the brethren contributing to the harmony by some very excellent songs.

Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 15th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. P. G. Jupe W.M., Christie S.W., West J.W., S. Webb P.M. Treasurer, T. H. Staton P.M. Secretary, E. Lancaster I.P.M., &c. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Dawkins (manager of the Freemasons' Tavern) and Croucher were raised. Bros. Parry, Hawkins, Watkins and Kempton were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. H. Kernot, R. H. Mansbridge, and Walter Soden, which proving unanimous in their favour, they were duly initiated. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. There were several Visitors present.

Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, the 16th inst., at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. Simpson W.M., Eldridge S.W., Hunter J.W., Dickinson Secretary, Passingham S.D., Sparrow J.D., Chant I.G.; also Bros. Cull (Preceptor), Wright, Shackle, Yeomans, Nunn, and several other brethren. The Lodge being opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the 2nd, and Bro. Coughtrey answered the questions and retired. Lodge opened in 3rd, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Yeomans candidate. Lodge closed to 1st degree, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Hall candidate. Bros. Mash Lodge 73, Coughtrey, Lodge 73, and Ager, Lodge 185, were elected members. Bro. Eldridge chosen W.M. for the ensuing Friday. Resolved unanimously, that the 15 sections be worked in the Lodge on Friday, 27th April, and that Bro. Cull preside on the occasion. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

The Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The regular weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 20th

inst., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C. After the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed by the Principals, Comp. Messenger acting as candidate, who was afterwards elected a member. The following were present—Comps. J. K. Stead M.E.Z., Lindus H., A. A. Drew J., Hugh S.N., J. Constable acting S.E., J. J. Berrio P.S., E. Moody, F. Brown, J. Rumsey, A. D. Lowenstark, G. J. Row, G. K. Lemann, &c., &c.

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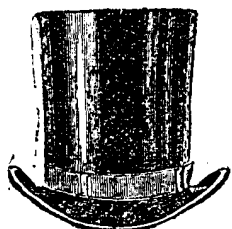
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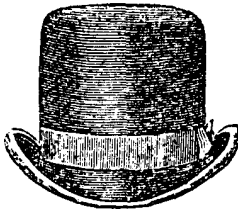
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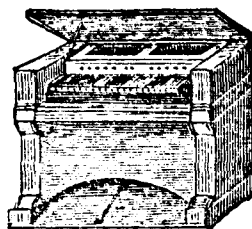
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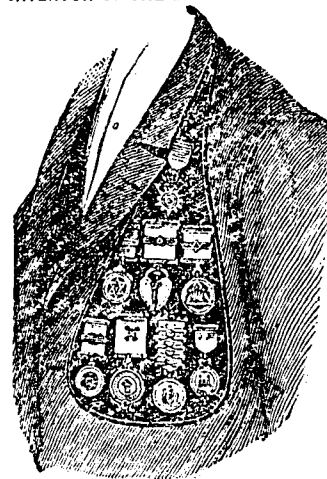
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