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## THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

WE need hardly remind our readers that Wednesday is the day fixed for the celebration of the eighty-ninth Anniversary Festival of this Institution. Lord Suffield, Provincial Grand Master of Norfolk, will preside, and as there is a strong muster of Stewards for the occasion, we doubt not that brethren will muster in force, and support the School in a manner commensurate with its merits. We repeat, we need hardly do more than remind our readers of the close propinquity of so auspicious an event. Indeed, we should offer no remarks whatever, only there are one or two matters which apparently call for some notice.

We are anxious that this Festival should be an unprecedented success, for two reasons in addition to those which ordinarily commend themselves to all well-wishers of the School. In the first place, this will be the first occasion of the President's appearance before the London Masonic public since his installation as a Prov. G.M. It is desirable on these occasions that the Provinces and the metropolis should work together in the most complete harmony. The School, though located in the vicinity of London, is open to the whole country. It is one of three noble monuments the Craft has erected to Charity. It is the oldest of the three. It offers home comforts and a liberal education to the daughters of indigent or deceased brethren. Its benefits, we repeat, are diffused throughout the whole country—we might, also, go the length of saying, throughout the whole empire, or, at least, so much of it as, in Freemasonry, acknowledges the sway of our Grand Master. When then a Provincial Magnate takes the chair at one of its Festivals, the Metropolis must recognise the compliment paid by the Provinces to an Institution located near London, while the Provinces themselves must see the necessity for handsomely supporting one of their own most favoured leaders. In this particular instance the necessity is more obvious still. It is we believe the first occasion of Lord Suffield's presidency at any festival. It is the duty, therefore, of the whole English Craft—and a duty we feel they will cheerfully discharge—to reciprocate the feelings which have prompted his Lordship to undertake so considerable a responsibility.

There is, however, another and a still weightier reason why the subscription list should far exceed that of any previous Festival. The authorities of the School have undertaken the grave task of considerably enlarging it, so considerably, indeed, that when the new premises are complete, the number of pupils to be educated will be, in round numbers, one-third as great as at the beginning of last year. It is intended to provide for over fifty more pupils, so that when the roll is complete there will be two hundred girls being clothed, fed, and educated, instead of one hundred and fifty. In order to carry out this scheme, a sum of about ten thousand pounds will have to be expended. This is equivalent to, nay, in excess of, the annual income of the Institution. As no such scheme of extension could have been undertaken without the approval of the whole body of governors and subscribers, it clearly becomes the business of these latter to see that the funds of the School are in nowise diverted from their ordinary channels. Moreover, with an additional charge for the maintenance of the new pupils, the disbursements will necessarily be increased. This increase will be permanent as well as considerable, and thus there will have to be raised a still more liberal amount of benefactions. A special outlay

of money is easily met by a special subscription, but the measures recently adopted point to a large permanent addition to the annual expenditure on the part of the School, as well as to the subtraction of a very heavy sum from moneys presently available. This being, then, the very first Festival, since the enlargement of the School was taken in hand, it is important that the Craft throughout the whole country should open their purses more liberally than ever. The Masonic public has, in fact, endorsed the action of the School authorities. Moreover, the Masonic public will reap all the benefit of such action. Our argument, therefore, is unanswerable, that the Masonic public must contribute in proportion to the increased responsibilities of the School. It will likewise augur well for the future, if the Fraternity responds heartily on this occasion. The subscriptions at the festivals of our several Institutions have very properly shown an increase which has been annually progressive. It behoves us to see that this increase is maintained, especially under the circumstances we have just delineated.

Thus have we enumerated the special reasons which, in our judgment, necessitate a heavier list of contributions on Wednesday next. We doubt not the same has occurred to our readers as well as to ourselves, but none the less is it our duty to give them all the prominence we can. Many may think we are but repeating ourselves, when we offer these or similar remarks on each recurring anniversary. Still, though it is inevitable to a certain extent that we should be constantly harping, so to speak, on one string, it will be universally admitted that it is a very admirable string to harp upon.

We do not know there is very much to add to the remarks we have already made. Last year the Festival yielded over £8,200, with a few lists at the time outstanding, or about £1,000 in excess of the sum contributed in 1875. This year "our Girls" should command as much as "our Patriarchs" did in February. Considering the increased strength of Freemasonry, no one of our Festivals should produce an aggregate less than it requires five figures to represent. One thing, however, we may mention. If ever there is a difficulty in properly disposing of the Funds of Grand Lodge, we do not know how better they could be disposed of than by increasing the annual contributions to our three Charities. It may be the Craft will never permit an appeal to be made to it in vain, where one of these institutions is the subject of the appeal; but it occurs to us that Grand Lodge would set an excellent example by enlarging its dole, now that the need for its enlargement is so obvious. Moreover, it would afford a splendid stimulus to the Craft generally to surpass all previous efforts, when it was seen that Grand Lodge itself was resolved on outdoing itself. Having said this much, it only remains for us to add that Bro. Little has a strong working Board of Stewards, who, we feel assured, will do their utmost to secure for him the same good fortune. May he and they experience as splendid a success on Wednesday as did Bro. Terry who commenced this year so auspiciously; for the sake of Lord Suffield, who will preside, and the Institution whose anniversary will be celebrated, as well as for the honour of Freemasonry in general! We commend these remarks to the notice of our readers, and trust they will be accepted in the same kindly spirit in which they are offered. Wars and rumours of wars are not generally promotive of Charity, but we doubt not that, in spite of the troubled aspect of the political world and the general depression caused thereby, the Craft in England will liberally support an Institution which has achieved so much.

## LODGE ORION IN THE WEST, No. 415.

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ON the 19th July 1828, the first civilian, in the person of Mr. P. Le Geyt of the Civil Service, was initiated in the Lodge. On the 7th August, a petition by certain brethren, for a dispensation from the P.G.M. of the Coast of Coromandel to meet as a Lodge in the territory subject to the Governments of Bombay and Madras, was recommended, under the signature of the W.M. and Wardens of "Orion." On the 18th of the same month, three gold mohurs was fixed as the fee for receiving the Fourth Degree. On the 16th September, Bro. Groundwater was elected and installed Master in the place of Bro. Macintosh, who quitted Poona two days later and never returned. Bro. Macintosh and Bro. Fleetwood, the first initiate, both died suddenly in 1825. On the 1st November, Colonel Hunter Blair, Military Secretary to the Commander-in-Chief was initiated, and on 27th December, Bro. Groundwater was installed as Master for the next six months, Bro. Brown and Mansfield being appointed Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. This closed the year 1824, during which there were twenty-four gentlemen initiated, sixteen passed, ten raised, four advanced to the fourth degree, and six joined. On the 7th March of the following year, a subscription was opened for the erection of a building suitable for any Lodges in Poona to work in. On the 4th April, Rs.300 were voted to the Royal British National Institution for preserving lives from shipwreck. On the 2nd May, it was resolved that the Lodge should meet only once a month, and also that the furniture, &c., of Orion should be at the service of Lodge Benevolent, till the latter had provided its own, and that members of the latter should be admitted as honorary members to Lodge Orion without fee or subscription, the same privilege being accorded by Lodge Benevolent to members of Orion. On the 14th of June, the brethren met at Brother Le Geyt's bungalow, and marched thence in procession to Church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Thomas Robinson in aid of the funds of the Madras Provincial Grand Masonic Fund. The brethren then returned to Bro. Le Geyt's. Bro. Groundwater was installed W.M., and appointed Bros. Boyd and Le Geyt Sen. and Jun. Wardens respectively. Rupees 300 were voted towards the relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Madras Charitable Fund. On the 10th July, the Lodge met at Bro. Boyd's house, and Bros. Peterson, Warden, Arbuthnot, and Goring were recommended "for the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch, to be taken under the covenant of this Lodge." On the 27th December, Bro. Groundwater, was re-elected W.M., Bro. Boyd being re-appointed S.W., and Bro. Neil Campbell appointed J.W. During this year there were fifteen initiations, twelve passings, nine raisings, six advanced to the fourth degree, and four joinings. Early in 1826, the Queen's Royals were quartered in Poona, and as this regiment had no Lodge of its own, several of its officers were initiated in Orion. On the 24th June of this year, the civilian brethren of the Lodge seceded and established Lodge Hope, under a Warrant obtained from Grand Lodge of England. Accordingly, Bro. A. Wogan Browne was installed W.M. of the New Lodge, and appointed Bros. R. Mansfield S.W., H. Robertson J.W., N. Campbell S.D., G. Boyd J.D., R. Hughston Tyler, and Bro. Grafton, acting Sec. of Orion, as Sec. *pro tem*. This had no sooner been done, than the Hope brethren proceeded to ballot for a new Master, and the choice fell on Bro. Robertson, who appointed his Officers. The W.M. of Orion then resumed the Hiram, and Bro. White was chosen Master. Thus, Orion, unregistered at home, aided in "the secession of some of its members, who had obtained a Warrant, on their petition, direct from the Grand Lodge of England." On 7th July 1826, Rs. 200 were voted towards the debt incurred for building the Hall, and on the same occasion it was resolved that a portion of the Constitutions should be read at each meeting until the whole had been gone through. On the 19th October, a donation of 300 Rs. was voted to a distressed French brother, then present as a visitor. On the 4th November, the brethren of the Queen's Royals seceded in a body, and the Lodge recorded a resolution to the effect that the conduct of the latter had been so un-Masonic that the Lodge could not regret their retirement. Bro. Groundwater was re-elected on the 27th December, and appointed Bros. Arbuthnot S.W., Mosley J.W., and

Falconer as Secretary and Treasurer. But this half-year was unprofitable as regards work. On the 24th June Bro. Hennessey was installed as W.M., having been elected on the 18th, and Bros. Schuyler and Falconer were appointed S.W. and J.W. respectively, Bro. Grafton being re-elected Sec. and Treas. At this meeting 300 Rs. were voted to the Poona poor. On the 25th August a letter was read from Lodge Benevolent on the subject of a Provincial Grand Lodge of Bombay, but the question was postponed till the 15th September, and then again postponed till a more favourable opportunity. Early in the year 1828 it was found necessary to suspend the sittings of the Lodge, owing to the exigencies of military service. In the meantime, grave dissatisfaction was felt at the non-receipt of Grand Lodge certificates, and a meeting was called for the 6th September, when it was resolved to apply to the Grand Lodge of England, and also to the Grand Lodge of Coromandel for an explanation. On this occasion, letters were read from the Grand Secretary of England, and from the W.M. of Lodge Benevolent, Bombay, touching the authority for working the Royal Arch Chapter under the authority of a Craft Warrant. 600 Rs. were voted to the Hall funds, which was 1,800 Rs. in debt, and it was also resolved that the Lodge should again meet regularly. This resolution was acted upon, and at the meeting on the 27th December, Bro. W. Grafton was installed W.M., Bros. Schuyler and Martenburg being the new Wardens. Thus the year closed fairly, there having been eight initiations, five passings, one raising, and one advanced to the fourth degree. On St. John the Baptist's Day 1829, the same officers were retained in their respective posts, and the Rev. Bro. Goode delivered a lecture on the history and duties of the Craft. Bro. Groundwater was again chosen W.M. on 27th December. There were seven initiations, and as many passings and raisings, together with five joinings, during this year. On 26th February 1830, as Bro. Groundwater was about to leave the station, Bro. Schuyler was appointed Master in his stead, but on the 24th June Bro. Darby was installed in that office, and appointed Bros. Stirling and Maxwell as S.W. and J.W. respectively. As evidence of the prosperous condition of the Lodge, it is stated that Rs. 2,300 were withdrawn from the Poona Pay Office, and deposited with Messrs. Leckie and Co., Bombay, on the 11th July of this year. On the 5th August, a Hall Committee was formed, and Bro. Darby appointed the first member. About this time, although many civilians had been initiated in the Lodge, application was made to the P.G.M. of the Coast of Coromandel for a dispensation to initiate individuals generally, whenever Lodge Hope of the Deccan was unable to meet, and on 6th September a letter was read from the Prov. G. Treasurer, according the required permission. On 26th November two natives of Persia applied for initiation, but objections were raised, and they were unanimously rejected. Rs. 100 were voted to "The Institution lately established at this station for the relief of the aged, blind, and indigent natives." Bro. Cameron was installed W.M. on the 16th December, and at this meeting it was deemed necessary to appoint four Tylers for the protection of the Masonic Hall and its property. This year, there were eleven initiations, and as many passings, twelve raisings, five advanced to the fourth degree, and one joining. Nothing occurred during the first half-year of 1831, that was worthy of note. On 24th June, the same officers were retained, but Bro. Cooke became Treasurer and Secretary. At this Lodge Rs.300 were voted to be sent to the Rev. T. Carr, Bombay, for charitable purposes, and on 17th August five rupees were subscribed by each member towards the repairs of the Hall. On 24th August, Lord George Thynne, an ensign in the 40th Regiment, was one of the initiates, and on the 25th October Sergeant Major Farrell and Quartermaster King were initiated as serving brethren. The whole of the officers were voted to retain their places on the 27th December, and Rs. 300 voted to the Rev. T. Carr as before, besides Rs.100 to the Poona Bazaar Institution for the relief of the blind, maimed, &c. During this year the Lodge met twenty-six times, and there were twenty-four persons initiated, fourteen passed, ten raised. Seven were advanced to the fourth degree, and ten joined.

All this time, however, that is, from November 1823, the Lodge had been working without a Grand Lodge Warrant or Certificates. On 1st August 1830, Bro. Grafton had gone to England with a commission from the Lodge, and on consulting the Grand Secretary, was surprised to find that no notification of the existence of Orion had reached them,

nor any registry or fees been received, though the latter, including the quarterages, had been most regularly paid to the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel. Bro. Grafton further ascertained that in granting a Warrant to a Lodge on the Bombay side of India, the P.G. Lodge of Coromandel had exceeded its power, and that nothing remained but for the Lodge to begin again *de novo*, and to forward a memorial with the usual fees, and a letter explaining the circumstances. This news was received in Poona, 8th August 1831, and caused the utmost consternation among the brethren. However, a memorial, dated the 21st of the same month, was sent, together with the fees, signed by seven P.M.'s and sixty-six members, and on the same day a letter was forwarded to the P.G.M. of Coromandel, detailing all the circumstances, and demanding restitution of the fees paid by Orion. The writer is in doubt whether the latter request was ever complied with, as a further letter was written on the 16th May 1838, reiterating the demand. The D.P.G.M., however, of Coromandel, replied to the earlier request, by expressing his annoyance that Orion in the West had been so neglected. He further stated, "It appears, by the letter-book of the Provincial Grand Lodge, the sum of forty pounds and upwards—the document is now before me—was remitted to the Secretary of the Grand Lodge of England on the 12th of February 1825, expressly to pay for the Registration of the Warrants working under the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Coast of Coromandel, and that 'Orion in the West,' was included in the list, and, strange to say, the letter from the Provincial Grand Lodge has received a direct confirmation from the Grand Lodge of England forwarding a Grand Lodge registry of their Warrant."

But, on whichever side the fault rests, there appears to have been no other way out of the difficulty than to issue a fresh Warrant, and this was accordingly done on 19th July 1833, the Warrant being signed by H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex. Previously, however, that is, on 4th July 1831, the Grand Secretary, E. Harper, had informed Captain Boyd, W.M. of Lodge Hope, at the time working at Ahmednuggur, that in constituting Lodge Orion in the West, the P.G.L. Coromandel had acted illegally, as the latter had no power to establish Lodges beyond the limits of its territory.

But to resume our narrative. On 11th January 1832, Bro. Cooke was elected and installed W.M., vice Bro. Cameron leaving Poona, and the latter was presented by the Lodge with a "Master Mason's Jewel," while Bro. Schuyler presented the Lodge with a set of Masonic books. At this time, we read of a Bro. St. Clair being Secretary and Treasurer, the said brother having been the first initiated by dispensation, under twenty-one years of age. The circumstances, being of a peculiar character, are noted. They were as follow:—"Lieut. William Augustus St. Clair, of the Horse Artillery in this Presidency, is the only uninitiated officer of the mess of his corps, and, in consequence, on all occasions of Masonic assembly he is excluded, much against their inclination, from the society of his brother officers. But this is not the only inconvenience which his exclusion from the brotherhood produces; his presence necessarily operates sometimes as a restraint on conversation, and he is painfully conscious that it does so." The 24th October 1832 was the last meeting held in that year, and, on that occasion, the sum of Rs. 600, from the Lodge funds, was presented to the widow of the late Bro. Riddle.

Owing to the exigencies of the service, the Lodge did not meet again till the 4th June 1836, when the Warrant, which had been in the meanwhile received from Grand Lodge England, was, for the first time, displayed in open Lodge. On this occasion, Bro. Balbiac was chosen W.M., and appointed Bros. Foster S.W., Secretary and Treasurer, Adams J.W., Hogart S.D., St. Clair J.D., Wylie and Carter Tylers. The Lodge met six times this year, four being initiated, two passed, and two raised, but no mention is made of the Fourth Degree after the Lodge was temporarily closed in 1832. In 1837, only one meeting of the Lodge was held, when Bro. Briaux, of the 4th Light Dragoons, was passed. At this meeting, it was resolved that "all Lodges working in the Hall should pay Rs. 5 monthly to 'Orion in the West,' it being the property of the Lodge." Lieut. W. C. Say, R.A., was initiated at a meeting on the 16th June, Bro. Forster S.W. in the chair, and on the 25th of the same month, the same Bro. Forster was elected and installed W.M., and appointed Bros. Adams S.W., Cotgrave J.W., and St. Clair Secretary and Treasurer.

(To be continued.)

## SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 2nd instant. Comp. Lord de Tabley presided as Grand Z., Dr. Hamilton as H., and Samuel Rawson as J. The other Grand Officers were—Comps. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as N., John Hervey E., J. A. Rucker Principal Soj., James Glaisier 1st Assist. Soj., and Colonel Burchell as 2nd Assist. Soj., together with the following, among others—namely, Comps. Col. Burdett P.G. Supt. Middlesex, Hugh Sandeman, Joshua Nunn, H. G. Bass, J. Smith, John Boyd, F. Robinson, P. de L. Long, J. Lewis Thomas, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, Hyde Pullen, W. Rhys Williams and J. Davison. The minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation were read and confirmed, after which the following were appointed officers for the ensuing year, namely:—

Grand Z.	...	H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Pro Grand Z.	...	Rt. Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon.
Grand H.	...	Lord Skelmersdale.
Grand J.	...	Lord de Tabley.
Grand E.	...	John Hervey.
Grand N.	...	Captain Philips.
Prin. Sojr.	...	P. de L. Long.
1st Assist. Sojr.	...	— Hickman.
2nd Assist. Sojr.	...	W. Rhys Williams
Treasurer	...	Samuel Tomkins.
Registrar	...	Æneas J. McIntyre Q.C.
Sword Bearer	...	Alex. Duff-Filer.
Standard Bearer	...	W. T. Devonshire.
D. of C.	...	F. Robinson.
Janitor	...	C. B. Payne.

The new Committee is as follows:—

E. Comp.	...	Lt. Col. Creaton, President.	
"	...	Benjamin Head.	
"	...	Robert Grey.	
"	...	J. L. Thomas.	No. 13.
"	...	Jos. Smith.	19.
"	...	John Boyd.	145.
"	...	Fred. Adlard	214.
"	...	Henry C. Levander	720.
"	...	J. E. Sandes	...

The accounts for the quarter to 17th April, presented the following aspect:—Receipts, including balances brought forward, namely, £414 6s and £172 7s 11d, £1,097 17s 4d; expenditure, including by purchase of £300 Consols, £288, £592 9s 10d; leaving balances, £425 19s 1d and £179 8s 5d.

The following petitions had been received and recommended to be granted.

- Pentangle Chapter, No. 1174, Chatham, Kent.
- Dunheved Chapter, No. 789, Lannceston, Cornwall.
- Brent Chapter, No. 1284, Topsham, Devon.
- Bertha Chapter, No. 31, Canterbury, Kent.
- United Strength Chapter, No. 228, Guildhall Tavern, E.C.
- New Concord Chapter, No. 813, Southgate-road, Islington.
- Progress Chapter, No. 1485, Lahore, Punjab.
- Calthrop Chapter, No. 1439, Palumpore, Kagra, Punjab.

The appeal of Comp. Matthew Cooke and others, of the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, then came before Grand Chapter. The papers being very voluminous, and every Companion having had the opportunity of reading them, they were taken as read. Comp. Cooke then stated his case. The objections he urged against the suspension of the Chapter and its principals were that (1) he had only received one summons before suspension, and (2) that he had been cited to appear before the P.G. Supt. at a place without the Province. The Grand Registrar gave it as his opinion that in consequence of these informalities, the appeal must be sustained and the suspension withdrawn. At the same time he ruled that Comp. Cooke was wrong in not acknowledging the P.G. Superintendent, as he was the representative, in the Province, of H.R.H. the Grand Z., and allegiance, therefore, was due to the Prov. Grand Superintendent. On this, the acting Grand Z. submitted the decision to Grand Chapter, and the withdrawal of the suspension was approved. Grand Chapter was then closed.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—Indigestion.—How much thought has been bestowed, and what ponderous volumes have been written upon this plague of every household, which is with certainty and safety dispelled without fear of relapse, by a course of this purifying, soothing and tonic medicine. It acts directly on the stomach, liver and bowels—more indirectly, though not less effectively on the brain, nerves, vessels and glands, and commands such order throughout the entire system that harmony dwells between each organ and its functions. Dyspepsia can no longer be the bugbear of the public, since Holloway's Pills are fully competent to subdue the most chronic and distressing cases of impaired digestion, and to restore the miserable sufferer to health, strength, and cheerfulness.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

*We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.*

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

*All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.*

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## TREDEGAR LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1625.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I note with some regret that in your report last week of the meeting of this Lodge of Instruction on the 23rd ult., a difficulty arose about a proposed vote of £5 to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. I feel confident our esteemed Bro. Barnes must be labouring under some misapprehension of the circumstances he alluded to, or he would not have raised any opposition to the vote. I fancy he and the brethren of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction will find I am right in stating, that Bro. Terry will be only too happy to hand over the Eastern Star proxies to the new Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, when evidence has been furnished to him of the amalgamation of the two Lodges, or rather of the transformation of the Eastern Star into the Tredegar. I think Bro. Terry is justified in asking thus much. If any difficulty hereafter arise—and difficulties occasionally intervene even in the best-regulated societies—and the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction should be revived under the auspices of its parent Lodge, Bro. Terry might find himself in a predicament. I do not say such an event is at all likely to happen, but it is right that a brother holding an important office should guard himself against all eventualities. The revival of the Eastern Star Lodge of Instruction, though it may be in the highest degree improbable, is far from being impossible. If it should be so revived, how about Bro. Terry and the proxies then, unless he has some written evidence to show how he has disposed of them and on what grounds?

Yours fraternally,

LITERA SCRIPTA MANET.

## THE RECENT ELECTION FOR THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Logomachy is a very poor substitute for an argument to vindicate the claims of a sorrowing widow and a forlorn orphan. If, however, any parties will now unite to secure votes to place the boy Cox in the Masonic School at the next election, my anxiety and exertions will be amply repaid.

I do not discover as yet how "an unknown," and yet "well known" writer, has, by his pen, added anything relevant to the distressing case, and if evidence was wanting to substantiate the allegation of being "vituperative," the letter of the writer, in last week's issue, abundantly supplies it. He is kind enough to style me "learned;" but I confess I do not understand what *Londinensis* means. *Londinensis* is something intelligible. But let us pass to the *inevitable logic of facts*; premising a few criticisms on the verbiage of logical assumption, conceding the superiority of the writer as a dialectician in the use, but not in the detection of the fallacy of *petitio principii*, or begging the question; for the writer's first letter proceeded on the fallacy, that all the gentlemen who recommended the case were bound to record all their votes to this candidate, young Cox, and to no other; which the writer well knew that local circumstances and other obligations prevent. I must be excused if I consider a conclusion drawn from such assumed figures or premises to be illusory: or, as common folks say, "throwing dust in people's eyes."

When the expression of an opinion is couched in language as the result of deliberation of a superior judgment, that, I call an "assertion;" or an affirming or maintaining, viz., that my suggestion "would not be wise;" and the reason assigned—I did not write *pretext*—was that the parties who had backed up the case had been remiss in their duties. This was really implied, if not expressed; otherwise upon the *assumed* calculation (which I venture to submit was groundless) the boy's success was certain long ere this time, so that the blame rests, as imputed, entirely with his supporters, which I emphatically deny, and can prove the contrary.

There were, as I learn, five or six other cases for the Devonshire brethren, claiming their support. They brought up 889 votes a fortnight ago, to bring an orphan girl, the daughter of an excellent Mason, now deceased, into the Masonic Girls' School, and were successful. Neither the Rev. C. J. Martyn nor myself has been inattentive to this case. We are supporting him "thoroughly." We are corresponding with some influential Devonshire brethren on the case. I had reason to fear that the poor distressed widow, driven by force of circumstances out of Devonshire to "Glebe Cottage, Stanstead, Sudbury, Suffolk," was "out of sight, out of mind," even if Frater *Londinensis* were fortunate enough to escape this unhappy predicament. But she is *not altogether*, thank goodness. One of the Devonshire brethren writes to me, "What can we do in the case of young Cox, without much extraneous aid? We are doing all we can with our comparative few votes. There are five other Devonshire cases like it. I admit that the case of Cox is most deserving." The D.P.G. Master of the Province writes to me:—"I know the case of Cox well: it is most deserving; but we must get in the poor orphan girl Clase this time." The Province of Devonshire, therefore, is "not indifferent" to this case; and surely neither Brother Martyn nor myself. Will our excellent brother "Frater *Londinensis*" render his superior logical skill and tact to our aid? We shall hail them, with his powerful assistance and influence, as omnipotent auxiliaries.

I must not forget to ask him how an inconclusive argument can be relevant to the cogency of reasoning? In other words, can there be a logical conclusion, where there is a fallacy in one of the premises? Or, can such illicit process be otherwise than irrelevant to argument, and to the benefit of the case?

I am afraid that my brother's "harmless" letter is of a negative character, in the interest of George Samuel Cox. I ask for powerful, numerical, positive aid; for votes to be sent to the Rev. C. J. Martyn, Melford Rectory, Suffolk, or to myself, for the election in October next. One thing is very certain, that I have aroused our good brother to one weighty consideration most worthy of his very serious undivided attention, "that it will not add to our reputation for Masonic Charity, if it be known as a matter of fact, that a poor orphan is not to be aided on the merits of his case, but solely on account of his being the protégé of the influential and wealthy." What this has to do with the Boys' School, is his concern, and that of every Life Governor; but, better still than all banters, cavil, or logomachy, let us have the benefit, for immediate application, of his superior dialectics, comprehensive organisation, and influential support to bring in young Cox at the next election for admission of candidates into the Royal Masonic Boys; and then we will accord him the first and leading position in the triumph. Hoping that my cognomen will not detract in any wise from securing the blessing of one ready to perish, and that every voter to the Boys' Masonic School who is not pledged, will now come to the rescue of George Samuel Cox, by forwarding to us or pledging their votes in his favour at the next election,

I am, faithfully yours,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., P.M. 1232,

P.G.C. for Lincolnshire.

Laughton Vicarage, near Gainsborough, 30th April 1877.

## DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

(ENGLISH CONSTITUTION.)

AT the Special Meeting held on Thursday, the 8th February 1877, there were present:—Bros Ernest O. Smith D.D.G.M. (in the chair), John Williams P.D.G.M., Owen S. Evans S.D.G.W., A. Gardner J.D.G.W., Wazir Beg M.D. LL.D. D.G.C., W. H. Simpson D.G. Treas., T. S. Bullard D.G. Reg., R. Leworthy D.G.S., W. D. Banks sen. D.G.D., N. J. Robinson D.G.S. of W., J. S. Gordon D.G.D. of C., J. E. Grahame D.G. Asst. D. of C., H. J. Wager D.G. Purs., S. A. De Lissa D.G. Tyler, several District Grand Stewards, Past District Grand Lodge Officers, other Brethren, and representatives of the following Lodges:—Australia No. 390, Harmony No. 556, Cambrian No. 656, Robert Burns No. 817, Balmain 868, United Service No. 937, Unity 169, Cumberland 1568, St. Leonards Samaritan (U.D.), and Prince of Wales (U.D.)

The District Grand Lodge was opened in form at 8 p.m. After prayer by the District Grand Chaplain, the D.D.G.M. requested the D.G. Sec. to read a letter received from R.W. Bro. A. T. Holroyd; also copy of letter addressed by him to the Grand Sec., tendering his resignation of the office of District Grand Master.

The D.D.G.M. stated that the Meeting was called for the purpose of nominating a Brother to succeed Bro. A. T. Holroyd, as D.G.M. of the Colony. R.W. John Williams, Past D.G.M. proposed His Excellency Sir Hercules Robinson, the Representative of Her Majesty in the Colony, to fill the Office. He was sure, should the Governor be elected, it would be a great advancement to the Craft, and Masonry in general in the Colony. P.M. Westcott seconded the nomination. The D.D.G.M. said he was not really aware if the Governor was a Freemason, and if so, to which Constitution he belonged, but accepted the assurance of Bro. Williams, that the nomination of the Governor was made with his knowledge and consent, and with his intention to act if elected. Bro. Williams announced that the Governor was a Scotch Freemason, and that he would be pleased to accept the office of G.M. P.M. Senior argued that it was not necessary that a candidate for the office should be a member of any Lodge in the Colony. After some further discussion, the D.D.G.M. very much regretted to say that so far as they had proceeded, he was of opinion that the Governor was not qualified, but before deciding, he should like to hear the opinion of some other brethren upon the subject, though he feared that nothing could be advanced to alter his opinion. P.M. T. A. Strickland objected to the nomination; it appeared to him that, as any brother who was a candidate for the office of W.M. of a Lodge, must have served as Warden for twelve months, and must be enrolled in the Books of the Grand Lodge of England, it was equally necessary that a candidate for the District G.M.'s chair should be so enrolled, and more than that, he should be a Past Master, who had ruled a Lodge. All knew that if a New Lodge was to be constituted, the Petition to the Grand Master must be signed by at least seven brethren whose names are on the Registry of the Grand Lodge of England, so that it stands to reason if the rule is so rigidly enforced in the case of the Masters, Wardens, and Founders of a New Lodge, it must be intended to be enforced in the case of a candidate for the highest position amongst us. In his opinion, we ought and cannot go beyond the bounds of our own Constitution for a ruler, and he would say more, that none but a Past Master should be eligible. P.M. R. P. Abbott M.P. quite agreed with the remarks of the last speaker, and held that as no brother ought to be accepted as a candidate for the chair unless he had served the office of Warden, and been Master of a Lodge, he considered that, therefore, the Governor was not qualified to hold the office. He fully admitted the ability of the Governor, still, by the Book of Constitutions, "eminence and ability in the Craft" was essential, and this should be considered



when they thought of passing over very old and deserving Past Masters and District Grand Lodge Officers. P.M. J. S. Gordon said he would oppose the nomination being received, excepting under protest, as there was actually no evidence before the meeting to prove that Sir Hercules Robinson was even a Master Mason. R.W. John Williams said that, by the Constitutions, brethren of eminence and ability in the Craft might be appointed District G.M., though not members of our own Constitution. P.M. Simpson said it appeared to him that the meeting had been called too early, for the important matter required more ventilation. The country Lodges had not had an opportunity of being present, and now a technical point has been raised that may be good, viz.:—That his Excellency, not being a Master Mason under the English Constitution, is disqualified—he could join an English Lodge, and he thought it was a pity to hurry the business to-night on this point, and, therefore, he moved the adjournment of the meeting for a month, so that the Governor might qualify himself. P.M. Mitchell seconded the motion, he had invited the Governor to visit his Lodge, but, at the last moment, he excused his attendance on account of having a visitor. No doubt if the Governor was elected as their District G.M., it would be a very great honour conferred on them. The D.D.G.M. said, that under existing circumstances the responsibility rested solely with him to make the best arrangements. He desired that there should be no undue haste, as he also intended that there should be no unnecessary delay. Every member of the District Grand Lodge had long since had the printed report of the proceedings of the last meeting, at which Bro. Holroyd stated he was going to resign, so that neither town or country members could plead ignorance of what the proceedings were to be this evening. He believed this, the time fixed for the nomination, the proper one. So important a matter as the appointment of Bro. Holroyd's successor, should not be allowed to hang before their eyes perhaps indefinitely, but should, as it can be, settled promptly. He would remind Bro. Simpson that it was the prerogative of the D.G.M. to call Special Meetings when and where he thought proper, and that no motion could be submitted by which he would be dictated to in the matter. At present he was only temporarily the head of the Craft, and while he held that important post he should zealously guard the rights of the Master's gavel, and allow no infringements to be attempted through his instrumentality. He regretted, therefore, he could not submit the motion. Supposing a further time was allowed, who could say if the Governor would avail himself of the opportunity of qualifying himself for the office by submitting to the ballot in a private Lodge? Possibly he might not do so. It was no fault of his that the Governor's supporters did not ascertain his qualifications before putting him in nomination, they had ample time to do so. The D.D.G.M. then retired. The D.S.G.W., O. S. Evans, taking the chair. P.M. Ballard D.G. Reg. nominated Bro. Ernest Octavius Smith, the present D.D.G.M., and a Past Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England; in doing so, he said the qualifications essential for the office were a thorough knowledge of, and ability to preside over the Craft, and a good social position. P.M. Smith possessed these. As a Freemason, all knew his worth. He had been Master of a Lodge seven times. He had been Deputy for ten years, and has been unceasing in his zeal and attention to Masonry. He had taken part in every Masonic movement. He drafted Bye-laws, attending every meeting of Committees when framing them, and the Laws for the Benevolent and Orphan Committees; he had great experience in Freemasonry, and was most eminently qualified to be their head. He did not believe they had ever had so hard-working and efficient a Mason amongst them, or one so well suited to be the District G.M. P.M. Strickland seconded the motion. He thought Bro. Smith in every way most suitable, and he considered that he ought, without doubt, to be elected to the office. P.M. Grahame also supported the motion. P.M. Senior thought Bro. Smith had had quite enough of office; he had held that of D.D.G.M. for ten years, a period far too long for any one to occupy the position. He fully admitted, and always had done so, the great ability, zeal, and attention that Bro. Smith had shown in Masonry, but still he had been Deputy for ten years, so ought now to retire. P.M. Abbott could not agree with Bro. Senior, that Bro. Smith had been too long in office, it is admitted by every one that he has performed the Deputy's duties with the greatest zeal, intelligence, and ability; indeed, no one could have performed them as satisfactorily. Yet for all this he has not had the honour of being at the Head of the Craft. He had known Bro. Smith for a great many years, and was persuaded that no one would make so good a District G.M. as he. He thought after Bro. Smith's long and useful career in Freemasonry, that it would be most ungrateful if they did not elect him to the high position of D.G.M., for which he is a candidate. With regard to His Excellency, who is also a candidate, he considered the fact of his being a Scotch Mason, as stated by Bro. Williams, and not an English one. P.M. Thomas rose to a point of order. He did not think Bro. Abbott justified in again speaking upon the subject of the Governor's nomination and qualifications, as he had already done so. D.G.S.W. as presiding officer, sustained the objection raised to Bro. Abbott's proceeding. P.M. Wilkins believed that it was well known that the present Grand Master was initiated in Sweden, and yet his Royal Highness was elected to the highest position in the Craft. P.M. A. W. Manning, Past D.D.G.M. of Queensland, said that before the Prince of Wales was made Past G.M. of England, he was made a member of an English Lodge, over which he presided, and so become a Past Master under the English Constitution before he took his rank in Grand Lodge. P.M. Davidson said the G.M. could, under his warrant, appoint a Bro. to any office, and quoted the Book of Constitutions to support his idea. The D.D.G.M. having resumed the chair, P.M. Kennedy nominated Bro. John Williams as D.G.M. He did not intend to say much. The reason he nominated that Bro. was that in the event of the nomination of the Governor being declared invalid, Bro. Smith would be elected without opposition, which he hoped would not be the case—he would try and prevent it. He considered Bro. John Williams in every way qualified to fill the Office, the duties of which

he had before discharged, and while he gave Bro. Smith great credit for the very zealous and able way in which he had discharged his duty as deputy, he objected to his having continued in office for so long as ten years. P.M. Selfe seconded the nomination, he had previously performed the duties satisfactorily, and he did not approve of Bro. Smith holding office any longer. P.M. Simpson supported the nomination, because it appeared to him that a technical point would be taken against the Governor's nomination. He believed that Bro. Smith had performed his duty most zealously and efficiently, but considered no Bro. should hold office longer than three years. The D.D.G.M. said that matters were now becoming very complicated, for the Governor was in the position of being opposed by his proposer, which he thought most unseemly. And then having ascertained that there were no other nominations, proceeded to review the remarks that had been made. With regard to the Governor's nomination, he considered it quite clear that, under the Constitutions, he was not qualified. So far as he knew, he has little or no interest in Freemasonry, for he has not during his Administration of the Government in any way identified himself with Masonry, or its Charities. Upon his arrival, had he expressed his wish to affiliate with a Lodge under either Constitution, though without personally attending it, and had he recognised and assisted us, then I say he would have shown an interest in Freemasonry. Had he been a Member of our Constitutions I should gladly have seen him presiding over us, but our Laws and Constitutions cannot suffer violation, even for so distinguished a gentleman. Ten years ago Bro. Williams suddenly resigned this Chair; it is upwards of ten years since this brother has been in his place in this Lodge, where he appears to improperly submit the Governor's name to a free, and in my opinion a very undesirable discussion. As to Bro. Senior, many amongst us can recall, how, when our last election took place, he brought out the late Dr. Williams, who was almost unknown in our ranks. Had these two distinguished brethren asked for a special Meeting of the District Grand Lodge, to consider the propriety of asking the Governor to come out, and I had received a requisition with fifteen or twenty names thereto, I would have convened such a meeting. Would not this have been a more dignified course than for these two brethren to dictate to some thirty or forty Lodges who was to preside over them? I submit that it would have been more discreet if, before replying to these two brethren, his Excellency had sent for and conferred with Brother Holroyd or myself, when he would have been informed he was not, by our Constitutions, qualified to be nominated; I do not revel in the great privilege of easy, private entrée and audience at Government House, if I did I should be careful not to abuse it, as I think has been done in making a tool of the Governor, for party and selfish ends. Surely Worshipful Brethren will see that in the course pursued by these brethren a serious blow has been aimed at propriety and order, and I trust that the example they have set will not be followed, but that all our proceedings will be transacted openly, and that we shall not again find one or two members of District Grand Lodge assuming the office of Delegates to induce the Governor to come out, or to do some equally important acts without the knowledge or advice of this Lodge. Much has been said about the Grand Master's power under Patent, and the rules of the Grand Lodge quoted, but where we have the District Grand Lodge laws to guide us, we do not require to refer to that of the Grand Lodge, and what is it that is relied on by those who have quoted from the laws of the Grand Lodge? It is that the Most Worshipful Grand Master may, by Warrant, appoint brethren of eminence and skill to represent him in a sister Grand Lodge, and he may make distinguished brethren deputed from sister Grand Lodges members of Grand Lodge, with such rank as he pleases. We are not a sister Grand Lodge, we are only a subordinate to a Grand Lodge, that of England. The sister Grand Lodges are of Ireland, Scotland, Canada, Germany, &c., so that the law quoted in no way touches the case under our notice. In like manner, the case of the Prince of Wales and the present are as widely different. What do we find was the case with that exalted personage? Even he had to affiliate with a Lodge under the English Constitution, and even went further, for he was a Worshipful Master and a Past Master, thus actually attaining a seat in Grand Lodge before he was made Past Grand Master and afterwards Grand Master. If this routine was necessary in his case, a similar qualification and membership must be quite as much so in the Governor's. The ordeal through which our Grand Master consented to pass was intended to form a precedent, and a very proper one for guidance in any similar cases. Under these circumstances, can it be argued that a technical point is raised? It is a broad and fundamental principle that is sought to be set aside. It has been remarked that, if the Governor is elected, this will be the only one of the colonies where the Governor presides over the Craft. Of this I am aware, and I think the Governors of the Colonies are wise not to fill an office by which they must place themselves in antagonism to a large and important section of the community over which they preside. This is a point that could not have escaped his Excellency's consideration. I much regret that the Governor was not qualified, but this disqualification was no fault of mine. If the Governor was a duly qualified and eligible candidate for this Chair, and it was shown to be the wish of the Craft that he should occupy it, I should be the last to put any impediment or obstacle in the way of his election, and I believe that the majority of my hearers will give me credit for sincerity when I say that under such circumstances I would have relinquished my ardent expectations to fill the distinguished position for which I may humbly submit I have claims and qualifications. For the past few days wild rumours have been floating about, and much mystery displayed; but until the Governor was nominated here to-night, I did not know that he would be. I regret that I must still longer tax your patience, whilst I refer to matters in District Grand Lodge. When the Right Worshipful Bro. John Williams resigned, many of the then most influential members of the Craft pressed me to be nominated for the District Grand Mastership, because they were pleased to say I was fitted for the position. After their repeated requests and assurances that my election

would be certain, if not unanimous, I positively refused; first, because that, in conjunction with some prominent brethren, I had been instrumental in causing the Right Worshipful Brother John Williams to abandon the chair, I did not care immediately to succeed him; secondly, I considered myself then too young for so important an office; and, thirdly, I thought it undesirable that the occupant of the chair should be employed in a Government Office. For these three reasons I declined to be put in nomination, though fully qualified, being then a Past Master under the English Constitution. I strongly recommended the election of Bro. Holroyd, because I felt that his age, experience, the nature of his profession, combined with the tact he had evinced as Parliamentary Chairman of Committees, would all prove most beneficial to us. By request I communicated with Bro. Holroyd, and the good results are patent to us all. I strongly urged that Past Master Israel should be Deputy, as I thought he deserved the position. However, Bro. Holroyd pressed me to take the Collar, which I did, and he appointed Bro. Senior District Grand Senior Warden. After four years I asked to be relieved of the office, because I had had it long enough, but Bro. Holroyd assured me that if I relinquished office he also would do so, an event that I considered would have been most disastrous to the Craft. Twice after this I resigned, and named twelve brethren from whom to select my successor. Finally, Bro. Holroyd said he should resign when he had held office ten years, and urged that I should continue to be his Deputy till then, otherwise he would resign before. How could I have left him under these circumstances, he having placed me in the honourable position I hold? Hence, against my will, and at inconvenience and loss of time to myself, I have for some years continued as Deputy, because I felt that Bro. Holroyd's retention of office was absolutely essential for our Masonic well-being. Though I feel I may now be addressing many unwilling ears, I assure you this narration is true, and I ask, is it generous, that when I seek advancement and honour amongst you that it should be sought to withhold it from me, on the ground that I have been ten years Deputy; and yet those who advance this objection place in opposition to me the Right Worshipful Bro. John Williams, who was Deputy for sixteen years, and District Grand Master for five, in all twenty-one years in office? You are aware that after a year or so I had nothing to gain in Masonic position by continuing in office, for the Past Deputy has really no past rank or position, and I had received high honour from the late Most Worshipful Grand Master. I cannot but be very much gratified to find that no one has questioned my ability, industry, zeal, and efficiency as Deputy, and that the only objection to my promotion is the fact of my ten years acknowledged faithful services to Freemasonry, and this is advanced by those who had the opportunity afforded them of shortening my term by taking the Collar when offered to them, so I really do think they are not justified in complaining or seeking to severely punish me for a matter they might themselves have remedied. Much I shall esteem the honour, if elected District Grand Master, and be disappointed if I am not so elected, but I shall bow with submission to the decision of the majority, and endeavour to display and feel the same interest in Freemasonry I have hitherto done. Of this you may be sure—I should not seek the preferment and honour if I did not feel that I have admitted claims upon the Craft to be elected District Grand Master. R.W. Bro. John Williams rose to explain the reason why he was formerly so long in office. He had done much for Freemasonry in this colony, and it was not true that he had deserted it ten years ago, as had been stated that evening. The Past District Grand Master, he considered, was the proper person to ask the Governor to come forward. It was no fault of the Governor that he had not recognised us, because upon his arrival in the colony there was no Address presented to him by the Masons, as there ought to have been. Past Master Senior also wished to explain that nobody knew better than the Deputy did how he came to propose the late Dr. Williams. He went to his place of business, and bothered and pestered him until he promised to propose him, and that is why he did it. The District Deputy Grand Master said the explanations did not a whit alter the facts as stated by him, that the Right Worshipful Brother John Williams had continued in office some twenty years, and that Bro. Senior had proposed a rival candidate to Bro. Holroyd. In reply to questions put, the District Deputy Grand Master said he would arrange for the election meeting as soon as possible, of course giving sufficient time for the country Lodges to consider and take part in the matter; and with regard to the Governor's qualification, a point on which he was quite clear, he should consult with Bro. Holroyd, and he would make known the result to the Craft. This concluded the business of the District Grand Lodge, which, after prayer by the District Grand Chaplain, was closed in form.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Result of Ballot for Life Governorships on Bro. Webster's One Shilling Subscription, 27th April 1877.

- 240.—R. B. WEBSTER, 104 Commercial Street, E.  
 282.—G. J. MCKAY, Kendal.  
 821.—A. J. BROWN, Trafalgar Road, Greenwich.  
 863.—T. W. WHITE, 6 Barnsbury Square.  
 893.—WM. ATKINSON, Liverpool.  
 1056.—JOHN CAVIL, Deptford Green, Deptford.

Certified by

RICHARD TRILL W.M. 1320, P.M. and P.Z. 79.  
 CHARLES JARDINE P.M. 140.  
 EDWARD J. LEARS J.D. 299.

### CONSECRATIONS.

#### MORNINGTON LODGE, No. 1672.

ANOTHER addition has been made to the magnificent roll of Lodges registered in the books of the Grand Lodge of England, and to all appearances, this latest bantling has every chance of maturing into a sturdy member of the Masonic family. It has been ushered into life under most favourable circumstances, and in a locality well calculated to speed its growth and ensure future prosperity. Its birthplace, the Eagle, Snarebrook, in Essex, stands on a charming spot, not so distant as to be difficult of access, yet far enough away from the noisy and turbulent metropolis as to be environed by glad-some rural scenes full of peace and sleepy quietness, pleasant walks and homesteads full of ease and comfort, into which the wearied city man is glad to retreat as soon as his day's worry is over. Like at a Royal court where high dignitaries of State are summoned to bear witness to the advent of a new Royal personage, so were present on this occasion Masonic eminences to assist the entrance into the world of this young offspring of the body Masonic. First and foremost was to be seen the venerable and V.W. Bro. John Hervey G.S., whom H.R.H. the M.W. Grand Master had deputed to act as consecrating officer. Next were to be observed the V.W. Bro. Bass, the newly appointed A.G.S., who, on this occasion, performed the duties of D.C., V.W. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. acting S.W., W. Bro. James Terry P.P.G.D. Herts, Sec. R.M.B.I. as J.W., and W. Bro. Rev. R. M. Holden P.G.C. Middlesex as I.P.M. The imposing and highly impressive ceremony of consecration was conducted by Bro. John Hervey with his well known abilities, the Rev. R. M. Holden delivering the oration and prayers. After the Lodge was formally dedicated, Bro. W. R. Marsh P.M. 9, 933 and 1000, the W.M. designate, was presented, and, in conformity with ancient usage, inducted as first Master of the new Lodge. The Board of Installed Masters consisted of twenty-nine P.M.'s and W.M.'s. The first address was given by Bro. Hervey, the installing Master, the second by Bro. Terry, and the third by Bro. Holden. The musical arrangements at the consecration, installation and banquet were under the direction of Bro. Dr. James F. Haskins, Organist to the Earl of Zetland Lodge, No. 1364, assisted by Bros. T. W. Simons, G. T. Carter and R. Farquharson. The brethren expressed their gratitude and gratification to Bro. Hervey and the eminent brethren who so ably assisted him, by conferring honorary membership upon them all. The following are the officers designated and appointed:—Bros. R. W. Marsh W.M., F. E. Cockett S.W., G. Blackman J.W., John Cook Treasurer, D. King Secretary, S. Redfearn S.D., W. B. Salisbury J.D., J. W. Pollard I.G., S. Costa D.C., J. Lenster Steward. A banquet followed. The proceedings were unusually protracted, in consequence of which, as many had to return to town by the various trains, the W.M. very considerably submitted the various toasts with as few words as possible and they were responded to with equal brevity. Several of the songs, &c., on the programme were also omitted. The visitors were:—Bros. F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., H. Massey P.M. 619, Charles Lacey P.M. P.P.G.D. Herts, W. T. Scott W.M. 9, H. Gompertz J.W. 1364, W. G. Clark P.M. 101, A. Lucking P.M. 160, S. A. Thompson 9, W. Bristo W.M. 860, S. A. Nairn P.M. 176, E. Wright W.M. 1364, H. Marfleet P.M. 217, E. Brown 1598, B. Blunsen 742, W. Christmas 312, W. Bailey S.W. 49, W. Wilson 402, S. Rawley P.M. 174, John G. Stevens P.M. and W.M. 933, T. W. Simons 1185, T. Mortlock P.M. 186, J. W. Litson 1306, R. G. Thomas 1602, G. T. Carter P.M. 382, T. A. Biancho P.M. 1598, J. Turner 49, Wallington P.M. 860, Thomas Barford P.M. 55, T. Austin P.M. 933, E. Gottheil P.M. 141, &c.

#### DUKE OF CONNAUGHT MARK LODGE, No. 199.

IT has seldom been our privilege to record a more interesting proceeding than the consecration of the above Lodge, which took place on Friday, the 27th instant, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston. A special dispensation had been granted for the purpose of advancing several brethren to the Mark degree, in order that they might be present and take part in the ceremony and consecration; accordingly, at the appointed hour of three p.m., Bro. F. Binckes Grand Secretary M.M.M., took the chair, and was supported by Bros. James Stevens as S.W., S. Lazarus J.W., C. F. Matier Chaplain and D. of C., and J. B. Shackleton I.G. The Lodge was then opened, and the following brethren were advanced:—Bros. Oscar Dietrich 1524, W. Fieldwick 1364, John Stokes 1524, James Lorkin 192, Henry Godfrey 382, Charles Johnson 1524, F. Bonner 1524, G. Ferrar 1524, W. Ferrar 1524, J. F. Lovelock 212, A. Kelday, W. Jetson Brewster 1489, W. B. Delafons 1623, and Henry Thompson Scotch Constitution. Bro. Binckes then proceeded with the ceremony of consecration, which, it is needless to add, was performed most impressively, he delivering the oration customary on these occasions; in the course of which he gave some account of the constitution of Mark Masonry, and its intimate connection with the Fellow Craft degree. The chair was then taken by Bro. C. F. Matier, and Bro. J. B. Shackleton W.M. designate was presented by Bro. Davison, and installed with the usual ceremony. The following brethren were appointed and invested, viz., Bros. Bernard Meyer S.W., Henry Meyer J.W., Ernest Dietrich M.O., W. Fieldwick S.O., Jas. F. Lovelock J.O., John Stokes Registrar, Frederick Bonner S.D., Charles Johnson J.D., Oscar Dietrich Organist, James Lorkin I.G., W. Gilchrist Tyler. The appointments to the Treasurership and Secretaryship were held over. Several propositions for advancement and joining were handed in. The following were elected honorary members of the Lodge:—Bros. F. Binckes, C. F. Matier, S. Lazarus, James Stevens, F. H. Cozens, F. Davison, H. W. Binckes, and John Constable. After the transaction of the necessary business, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, which was admirably served by "mine host" of the Albion. Upon the removal of the

cloth, Bro. Shackleton proposed the usual toasts, prefacing each with a few suitable and well chosen remarks, which were appreciated by those present. Bro. Matier replied for the Grand Officers past and present, and Bro. Davison for the Province. In proposing the consecrating Officers, the W.M. spoke at length, not only on the manner in which Bro. Binckes had fulfilled his duty on that occasion, but also on the zeal and energy he displayed at all times in the fulfilment of his onerous duties as Grand Secretary and Secretary to the R.M.I.B., he concluded an effective speech by expressing a hope that Brother Binckes might be long spared to continue the work he performed so well. Bro. Binckes, in reply, acknowledged the compliments of the W.M., and expressed himself at all times willing to advance the interests, not only of Mark Masonry, but of Freemasonry generally. He also enlarged upon the charitable aspect of the Craft, and although he did not feel called upon on this occasion to press the brethren too urgently to support the institutions connected with Freemasonry, still he considered it to be his duty to urge upon their notice the plan devised by his friend, Brother Constable for aiding the funds of the school, of which he was secretary, and he trusted they would not separate that evening until each member had taken at least one of Bro. Constable's shilling tickets. We have great pleasure in adding that this appeal was cordially responded to, and no less than fifty-one tickets were disposed of, and the whole number deposited with the Master for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. Binckes next proposed the health of the W.M. in his usual fluent terms, and congratulated him on the position he had attained in Mark Masonry; at the same time, he wished the W.M. and the Lodge a long career of uninterrupted prosperity. Bro. Shackleton feelingly acknowledged the compliment on his own behalf, as well as that of the Lodge. Bro. S. B. Ellis (Sheffield) replied for the visitors. The toasts of the advances and officers were duly given and acknowledged, and the Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close. It is obvious, from the fact of there being no less than twenty-nine candidates entered on the list on this occasion for advancement, that the inauguration of the Duke of Connaught Lodge at Dalston, has not taken place a moment too soon, and we doubt not that now Mark Masonry has established its footing in this neighbourhood, it will fare as prosperously as in other parts of England. It may be interesting to some of our readers to know that during the last four years as many as 30 Lodges have been consecrated, and there is every prospect of this number being still further increased.

## REVIEWS.

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*The New Practical Window Gardener.* Being practical directions for the cultivation of flowering and foliage plants in windows and glazed cases, and the arrangement of plants and flowers for the embellishment of the household. By John R. Mollison. Illustrated with coloured plates and wood engravings. London: Groombridge and Sons, 1877.

We strongly advise those of our readers who are minded to cultivate the art of window gardening to take Mr. Mollison as their "guide, philosopher and friend." That gentleman has keen appreciation of the beautiful, a thorough practical knowledge of floriculture, and shows considerable taste in all that he recommends, in connection with the floral decoration of rooms, balconies, areas and windows. A London house, externally at least, is not particularly cheerful. In the humbler and more crowded thoroughfares, the ugliness of our buildings is exceedingly painful. What a marvellous relief is afforded by the presence of a few bright flowers, may be noted any and every day in the week, if the reader will only look about him during his walks through the streets. It is quite a pleasure to see the taste and skill in decoration which some of our artisan class display in the adornment of their windows, and the pleasure becomes all the greater when we contrast the homes which present this cheerful aspect with others where no care or attention is paid by the occupants to such appearances. Window gardening, however, if it is to be carried out, will require some knowledge of floriculture. It is necessary to understand something about the propagation of plants, their growth in pots or boxes, the kind of soil that suits them best under those conditions, and all about the needful drainage. Something also should be known about the seasons when seeds must be sown, and how they should be sown, as well as about watering, trimming, transplanting from one pot to another, and many other details which will occur to our readers as a matter of course. Now all this knowledge, and, indeed, a great deal more, is to be obtained by studying this work of Mr. Mollison's. He describes to us the most suitable kinds of pots and boxes, the best kinds of soil and drainage, how to pot our plants and water them, how to get rid of insects, what plants belong to different seasons, and what are best grouped together. He is equally careful to give all the needful information about area and balcony gardening, as well as about the decoration of rooms. He tells us under what conditions we may keep plants even in our bed-rooms, and why, under certain and other conditions, they may prove injurious to health. He superadds to all this a list of plants most suitable for house culture, and gardening notes for each month of the year. In fine, Mr. Mollison tells us, in a quiet but thoroughly business-like way, all the information we are likely to require, if we propose to decorate our rooms, either internally or externally, with flowers. We strongly recommend the book to our readers, not only for the valuable matter it contains, but also for the very serviceable illustrations with which it is embellished.

Worshipful Brother W. Andrews jun., has been elected Master of Royal Lodge, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica, this being the second time that he has been called to occupy the chair of this Lodge.

## PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND.

THE Spring Meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Crown Hotel, Penrith, at the hour of high Twelve on Friday, 27th April. In the unavoidable absence of the Prov. G. Master, the Earl of Bective, the Prov. Grand Lodge was opened by the D.P.G.M., Colonel Whitwell M.P., who was supported by Bros. Kirkbridge S.G.W., John Bowes J.G.W., John Lemon P.P.S.G.W. Treas., W. Gibson P.P.S.G.W. Sec., Whitehead Prov. G. Reg., Dodgson, Prov. G. Pur., Geo. Kenworthy P. Prov. G.S.W., Jos. Bintley P.P.G. Sup. of Wks., John Holme P.P.J.G.W., John Talbot P.P.J.G.W., Lamonsby P.M., Isaac Evening S.W. 1002, &c., &c. The business was of an interesting character, and included the presentation of a Charity Jewel to Bro. McKay, for his valuable services both in London and in the Province. On the motion of Bro. Lamonsby, seconded by Bro. Evening, and supported by Bro. Bowes P.J.G.W., it was unanimously resolved to ask the Prov. G. Master to hold the September Meeting of Grand Lodge at Cockermouth. After the conclusion of the business, the brethren sat down to an excellent luncheon, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## THE MONTEFIORE LODGE AND THE PRUSSIAN JEWISH DISABILITIES QUESTION.

AT the regular meeting of the above Lodge on the 23rd ult., when the purely Masonic business of the Lodge was completed, the honorary secretary of the Montefiore Committee announced that 230 petitions, relating to the exclusion of non-Christians from the Prussian Lodges, had been returned duly signed, and likewise that several letters fully sympathising with the movement had been received. He further announced that the letter from the Joppa Committee had been considered, and a reply forwarded, in which the Montefiore Committee expressed its willingness to meet the Joppa or any other Committee. This reply was dated 28th March, but no response had yet been made to the offer. We hear that since the above meeting the number of petitions has been increased to 240, and the Committee are anxious that those Lodges which have not yet taken the question into their consideration should do so at the earliest possible opportunity. That our readers may fully realise its importance, we transcribe the words of the 165th section, which have been sent us by a correspondent:—"In the Confederacy of the Grand National Mother Lodge, only such a one can be proposed for initiation into Freemasonry who profess the Christian faith without distinction of creed." The removal of so objectionable a law is desirable, for it is distinctly opposed to the fundamental principles of the Order.

## MEETINGS HELD, &c.

**Hauraki Chapter, No. 454.**—The annual meeting for the installation of officers for the ensuing year was held at the Masonic Hall, Queen-street, Grahamstown, on the 15th February. Several brethren from Auckland attended to assist in the ceremony. The installing officer was Comp. Climo M.D.S.K. The following were duly installed as officers:—Comps. R. M. Mitchell K., Bowdon H.P., W. Jenkins C.S., Woodward C.H., S. Mills S.F., S. Catran C.S.V., J. Osborne Treasurer. After which the company proceeded to the Bowen Hotel, where a banquet was provided by Bro. Lymington, and there spent a most agreeable evening. Bro. E. T. Wildman was unavoidably absent through indisposition.

**Sir Hugh Middleton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—The usual weekly meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 27th ult., at the King Edward VI., Liverpool-road, Islington. Present—Bro. Knill W.M., A. Rowley S.W., Ross J.W., Lee P.M., Percy S.D., Somers J.D., Fenner I.G., Osborne Sec., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was very ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. W. Rowley acting as candidate. Bro. Lee P.M. then occupied the chair, and the ceremony of installation was rendered by him in his usual admirable manner, he installing Bro. A. Rowley. The officers were then invested, after which the usual addresses were delivered by Bro. Lee. The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 69.**—Met on 27th April at 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow. Petitions from three distressed mariners were presented, and they were received on board and duly instructed.

**Royal Ark Mariners Lodge, No. 73.**—Met at 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow. Petitions were presented from four distressed mariners, who were duly received on board, and instructed in their duties by Comp. Jas. Balfour.

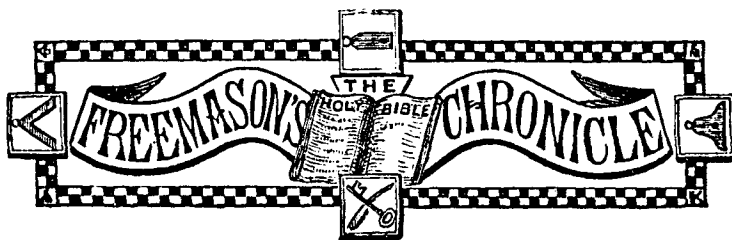
**Red Cross Knights of Babylon.**—A Council was held on 27th April, at 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow, Sir Knight J. M. Campbell President. Comps. J. Belle-Nair, Tho. Blackwood, Wm. McMillan, J. B. Clement, and W. Lightbody, were duly created Knights of the Sword, Knights of the East, and also Prince Masons and Knights of the East and West, all the ceremonies being admirably rendered.



## THE MASONIC QUARTETTE.

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### OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

IN the House of Lords the second reading of the Burials Acts Consolidation Bill was opposed by Earl Granville. A long debate followed, in which, amongst others, the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the Bishops of Winchester, Lincoln, and Oxford, the Marquis of Salisbury and the Duke of Richmond and Gordon took part. On a division, the second reading was affirmed by 141 to 102, the smallness of the majority being the cause of much cheering among the opposition. On Friday, Lord Bury brought the subject of Railway Accidents under the notice of the House. A long and interesting discussion ensued, in which the Earl of Beaconsfield and other peers took part. On Monday, and again on Tuesday, questions were asked of the Government relating to the Russo-Turkish War. On the former day, the Earl of Carnarvon announced that a proclamation of neutrality would be issued, and this, as our readers are aware, has since been done, while on the latter, the Earl of Derby stated that an answer to the Russian Circular was only awaiting the approval of Her Majesty in order to be sent to St. Petersburg. When it had been presented, a copy would be laid on the table of the House.

In the Commons, the greater portion of last Thursday was occupied in Committee on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill. Some clauses were agreed to, but not without opposition. On Friday a resolution respecting Irish Tenants was moved by the O'Donoghue. A debate followed, and on division, the resolution was lost by 189 to 65. On Monday, Mr. Gladstone laid on the table a series of resolutions which it is his intention to bring forward on the Eastern Question, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer very readily placed Monday, the 7th inst., at the Right Honourable gentleman's disposal. In reply to the Marquis of Hartington, Mr. Bourke said that a proclamation was on the point of being issued. Other questions relating to the same important question having been disposed of, the Committee on the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge Bill was resumed and further progress made. On Tuesday, a motion by Alderman M'Arthur on Ecclesiastical Endowments in Ceylon was only defeated by 147 to 121, a result which was loudly cheered by the opposition. A motion by Mr. Lefevre on the Irish Land Act was acceded to by the Government. Mr. Cross obtained leave to introduce a new Bishops' Bill, which was subsequently read a first time. The House then set about nominating the Select Committee on the Cattle Plague, and several divisions occurred over sundry of the names submitted, so that the House did not rise till a very advanced hour of the night. On Wednesday, Mr. Holt moved the second reading of a Cruelty to Animals Bill, but he was defeated by 222 to 83. Mr. O. Morgan withdrew his Burial Bill, and then the Assistant County Surveyors (Ireland) Bill was affirmed on its second reading by 211 to 32.

The Queen held a Council at Windsor on Monday afternoon, at which H.R.H. Prince Leopold, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Earl of Beaconsfield, the Earl of Derby, the Marquis of Hertford, and Mr. Cross were present. At this meeting the Proclamation of Neutrality, published the same evening in a *London Gazette Extraordinary*, was submitted to her Majesty and approved. The several ministers had audiences, and subsequently Mr. Justice Fry and Colonel Herbert Sandford R.A. were introduced, and had the honour of knighthood conferred upon them. On Tuesday morning the Queen, accompanied

by the Duchess of Edinburgh, the Princess Beatrice, and Prince Leopold, attended by the usual suite, left the Castle for Buckingham Palace. It being the anniversary of the Duke of Connaught's birthday, his Royal Highness arrived at the Palace from Dublin, and met her Majesty on her arrival. In the afternoon a Drawing room was held at which the Duchess of Edinburgh, Princess Beatrice, the Dukes of Connaught and Cambridge, Prince Christian, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck, were present. It was a Collar Day, and therefore the Knights of the several Orders wore their respective Collars. The Foreign Ambassadors and Ministers having been introduced, several presentations were made by certain of them, after which a large number of other presentations were made, the names having been previously left with the Lord Chamberlain, and submitted for her Majesty's approval. On Wednesday morning, the Queen, with other members of the Royal family, paid a visit to the Gardens of the Royal Horticultural Society, South Kensington. The Royal party were received by Lord Aberdare, President of the Society, who attended them round the Exhibition. In the afternoon forty of the boys of Christ's Hospital on King Charles II.'s foundation paid their annual visit to the Palace, for the purpose of submitting their charts and drawings to the Queen. The Queen entered the Picture Room, accompanied by the Princess Beatrice and the Duke of Connaught, and here the boys, with Bro. Allcroft, treasurer, the governors, and two masters, were presented to her Majesty by the Duke of Cambridge, who is President of the School. The Queen was pleased to select a water colour drawing of H.M.S. *Thunderer*, executed by Frank D. Thompsett. On Thursday a second Drawing-room was held. On Monday, her Majesty will visit Aldershot, and hold a review of the troops stationed there. The Prince of Wales reached Marseilles on board H.M.S. *Sultan*, Captain the Duke of Edinburgh, early on Wednesday morning. He reached Paris on Thursday, and will have reached London ere this record is read by our constituents. He is expected to be present at the Amateur Dramatic Performance at the Opera Comique this afternoon, the proceeds of which will be apportioned equally between the two Schools. On Sunday, the Duchess of Edinburgh attended Divine service at the chapel of the Russian Embassy in Welbeck-street, and offered up prayers for the success of the Russian army. It was also her father's birthday. She dined with the Russian Ambassador, and returned the same evening to Windsor.

On Saturday, her Majesty's Opera was opened for the first time since its re-edification after the fire a few years since. Sir Michael Costa presided in the orchestra, and Mdlle. Titiens was the leading *artiste*. After "God save the Queen" had been sung, Bellini's opera of *Norma* was given—how well it is almost needless to say. Madame Valleria and Signor Fancelli and Brocolini were among the other singers. Thus both opera houses are now open, and everything gives the hope that the season at Her Majesty's will be a brilliant one.

Lord Sudeley died a few days since at the early age of 40, having been born on 9th April 1837. He is succeeded in the title by the Hon. Charles D. R. Hanbury-Tracey, M.P. for Montgomery district. This, of course, has created a vacancy in the House of Commons, for which already certain rival candidates are in the field.

Oh Thursday next the new season at the Alexandra Palace will be inaugurated by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, with a considerable amount of ceremony. There will be a grand concert in honour of the event, and in the evening a magnificent display of fireworks. On Friday and Saturday the Alexandra Park Races will be held. We wish the new venture every success.

On Wednesday the Two Thousand was run at Newmarket, and resulted in the victory of Chamant, who stood second in the betting, Brown Prince being second and Silvio third. The victory appears to have been very easily achieved, and, of course, Chamant now stands well in the betting for the Derby. We are now entering upon the full season of sport, as cricket has already commenced in more than one locality, notably at both Universities, and in Gloucestershire. Moreover, a new athletic ground, not far removed from the Lillie-bridge Grounds, has been opened for the special accommodation of the London Athletic Club. There was, of course, a good meet on the occasion, and at the close of the day's sport the Lady Mayoress delivered the prizes to the several winners. On Wednesday and Thursday there was held the first show of the Fox Terrier Club, and the



liberal prizes offered brought together no less than 220 entries, who were divided into twelve classes. Mr. F. Burbridge's Nettle was awarded the Challenge Cup of fifty guineas given by the Club, Mr. C. Thelwell Abbott's Archer securing first prize in the Dog Puppy Class, and two extra prizes.

The war has now commenced—in Asia, at least—in stern reality. The Russian army of the Caucasus has invaded Armenia in three corps, and according to the latest accounts received up to the time of writing, the Turkish army in front of Kars—a fortress which played so conspicuous a part in the war of 1854-6,—has been defeated and driven back, under cover of its walls. The Russians have also captured the fort of Bayazid, a position of no little importance. On the other hand, the Turks have repulsed more than one attack on Batoum, a fort of considerable strength on the Black Sea, and are said to have bombarded Poti and another place. In Europe, the Russians have occupied Roumania, and are said to be advancing, but slowly, towards the Danube. The weather however, is most unfavourable. The roads are very heavy, and the reports which reached us during the first days of the war, of large masses of Russians having advanced rapidly, do not appear to be confirmed. They have, however, secured more than one very important position, while the Turks seem to be acting with somewhat of their usual dilatoriness. As yet no one seems to have divined the plans of the Russian Commander-in-Chief. It is even said he will play a waiting game, and endeavour to tire out the Turks. Certainly he may well hesitate, even if there were no heavy and well nigh impassable roads to traverse, about pressing forward too hastily, for the Turks have a strong position, an army respectable in point of numbers and filled with enthusiasm, as well as with the most deadly hatred of foe. They have several very strong fortresses, and also a splendid fleet. In fact, it is generally admitted that Turkey is far better prepared for a successful defence than she was in 1853, when she repelled the attacks of the Russians and defeated them in so many engagements. However, under existing circumstances, we must expect to wait some time ere news of an exciting interest is received. As regards the Russo-Roumanian convention, it is universally condemned, while the Russian edict closing the navigation of the Danube is rumoured to have been cancelled at the special instance of Austria. At home the Government is quietly preparing itself to meet any and every eventuality. If we are not exactly buckling on our armour, we are taking care to see that it is in order and ready, if need be, for immediate use. The Admiralty is quietly seeing that our magnificent ironclads are in condition for sea, and no doubt the War Office is looking well after the army. This is merely enacting the part of a wise man. We trust that England may be spared the necessity of taking part in the struggle, but if not, she will know how to do her duty.

The final meeting of the Board of Stewards for the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls to be held on the 9th of May, was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst. Bro. Geo. Kenning in the chair. The minutes of the former meeting were read and confirmed. The drawing for positions took place, and various matters were arranged. A vote of thanks was accorded to the President. A meeting of the Ladies' Stewards was afterwards held. There were also present Bros. Wright, Dr. Morris, R. B. Webster, Tanner, Vine, Stamwitz, J. Bingemann, Farthing, B. Swallow, Massa, Douglass, Garner, Moxon, Nelson Reed, Hobbs, H. M. Levy, &c.

The Stewards' visit to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls is unavoidably postponed by direction of the House Committee on account of late sickness in the school. It is gratifying to announce that the children are now all convalescent.

The first meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Boys' School, was held on Wednesday afternoon. Bro. T. Meggy having been voted to the chair, it was announced that up to the present time there were 190 Stewards, a number which, between now and the Festival, it was anticipated would be very largely

increased. The Earl of Donoughmore was elected President of the Board, and Bro. Aeneas McIntyre, Q.C., as the honorary Vice-President. Bro. Meggy was then chosen to fill the office of Acting Vice-President, Bro. Stpn. Barton Wilson that of Treasurer, and Bro. F. Binckes, as usual, that of Honorary Secretary. It was then determined that the festival should be held at the Alexandra Palace, that as on the last two occasions, ladies should be admitted to be present, and further, that gentlemen who are not Masons should be permitted to attend. The price of tickets was fixed as at previous Festivals, while a Sub-Committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements for the musical portion of the programme. Other necessary preliminaries having been settled, it was arranged that the next meeting of the Board should be held on Thursday, the 17th instant. A vote of thanks to Bro. Meggy for his services in the chair brought the proceedings to a close. Present—Bros. Meggy, Rosenthal, Tanner, Abrahams, Wilson, C. F. Matier, Constable, Larham, Thomas, &c., &c., and Bro. Binckes Secretary.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Suffolk will be held at Hadleigh, on Friday, the 29th of June next, under the presidency of Lord Waveney, the Prov. G.M.

It is with very deep regret we announce to our readers the sad death of Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, at the early age of forty-five. Bro. Gouley and his wife were staying at the Southern Hotel, St. Louis, when the terrible conflagration which destroyed it broke out. They had dressed themselves as soon as the alarm was given, and Mrs. Gouley, with a wet towel over her face, left the room, in the full belief her husband was following her, and escaped. Bro. Gouley, however, is believed to have remained a few minutes to collect some papers or documents, and, on endeavouring to follow, was beaten back by the smoke. He was afterwards seen at the window signalling for a ladder, but before this means of escape could be brought, he is believed to have been rendered insensible. At all events, he fell from the window, and on being picked up was found with his skull fractured, his chest crushed, and one leg and an arm broken. Everything was done to comfort the widow which the sympathy of friends could suggest, though it is impossible the recollection of the terrible calamity can ever be driven from her mind. Let us hope that, as time passes, the bitterness of her great sorrow may be assuaged. Bro. Gouley was born at Wilmington, Delaware, on 15th February 1832. He had received a good academical education, and had studied for the law in the office of Senator Bayard. He had in his time played many parts, as Secretary to Stephen A. Douglas, in the Land Department in Nebraska, and lastly in St. Louis as a book-keeper; in each and every of these positions he acquitted himself honourably. He was made a Mason in Washington, and after settling in St. Louis became a member of Masonic Lodge No. 1, St. Louis R.A. Chapter No. 8, and St. Louis Commandery No. 1 of Knights Templar. In 1864 he became assistant to Bro. O'Sullivan, Grand Secretary of the Masonic Grand Bodies in Missouri, and on the latter's death, in 1866, succeeded him as Grand Secretary to the Missouri Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. This office he held at the time of his death, as well as the offices of Grand Secretary and Grand Recorder of this and other Masonic bodies in the State. For some years he edited and published the *St. Louis Freemason*, a journal afterwards merged in the *Voice of Masonry*, to which he was a frequent contributor. Bro. Gouley's body was removed to the Masonic Hall, St. Louis, where it lay in state for some days. The funeral service was conducted by Missouri Lodge No. 1, the members of which were escorted to the room by the Grand Commander of the State. The body was then removed to the Bellefontaine Cemetery, the Knights Templars heading, and the Master Masons closing the procession. Here it was to remain for ten days, after which it was to be removed East for final interment at Wilmington, Del. We are indebted for the foregoing particulars to our esteemed contemporary, the *Keystone*. It only remains for us to add the expression of our deep sorrow for so untimely a loss, and of our warmest sympathy in this affliction with the family and friends of our deceased brother.

## BRO. E. J. MORRIS, J.G. DEACON.

**B**ROTHER E. J. MORRIS, who was, by the gracious pleasure of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, our Grand Master, invested as Junior Deacon at the Grand Lodge held on Wednesday, the 25th ult., is the late D.P.G.M. of the Eastern Division of South Wales. Before his appointment as D.P.G.M. he had made himself a name as a skilful Craftsman, and an indefatigable worker; since his appointment to that office he has so thoroughly identified himself with Freemasonry in South Wales as to be in every way the most eminent brother in the district. Widely known and recognised as his invaluable services to Freemasonry are, he justly prides himself upon the influence for good he has exercised in South Wales upon the fortunes of the Charities of the Order. He initiated the system of Steward representation, and was the first Steward sent up from South Wales. When he took this good work in hand, the Sister provinces held a very low rank as contributors to our noble Charities. By his influence, his unwearied industry, and disinterested effort, the Eastern Division has raised itself to a foremost place amongst contributors, while the Western has begun, with some success, to tread in the footsteps of her sister province. May Bro. Morris's retirement from the active pursuit of Freemasonry not have a disastrous influence upon this progress. He has in succession filled the office of Steward to the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and finished by handing in a list of contributions to the Aged Freemasons of £325 from the Eastern Division alone. Under the quiet unassuming demeanour of Bro. Morris is to be found an energy as boundless as his will is determined, combined with a force of character and outspokenness of speech rare in one who has made himself so beloved and respected as he. When he deemed it to be his duty, he never failed to reprove and at times his reproofs have been so strong and severe that many have deemed him a madman, but all admit that he has been guided in his actions by a deep and sincere love of Masonry. He was initiated in the Indefatigable Lodge, No. 237, Swansea, in which he served as Secretary, Junior and Senior Warden, and of which he was elected W.M. in 1860, and again in 1864. As W.M. of the Indefatigable, he introduced into South Wales the system of section working, and during his second Mastership held Lodges of Instruction, at one of the last of which, he, assisted by his officers, worked the 15 in one night. When in the chair, he was very careful in training his officers, all of whom he left fit to perform any duty that they might be called upon to undertake. He was the founder and first W.M. of the Talbot Lodge, No. 1323, Swansea. Is an Honorary Member of the Cambrian, Afau, Caradoc, and Merlin Lodges in the Eastern Division, and of the St. Peter's in the Western Division. He was appointed Grand Deacon of the Province in 1859, by the then Prov. G.M., Col. Charles Kemys Tynte, and when the late Bro. Talbot was appointed Prov. G.M., Bro. Morris, for his known skill and ability, was selected to fill the post of D.P.G.M., which he held for eleven years, when he resigned. At the request of Bro. Talbot he continued to discharge the duties of the office during his (Bro. Talbot's) illness, and thus it was that he held the office at Bro. Talbot's death. In R.A. Masonry he is also eminent. He was exalted in the Virtue and Hope Chapter, No. 237, Swansea, in 1857, filled all the chairs, and, was three times M.E.Z., has also been M.E.Z. of the St. David's Merlin, and Talbot Chapters. Of the last named he was one of the founders. He is an Honorary Member of the St. David's, Merlin, and St. Elliw Chapters. He is the oldest Mark Master Mason in South Wales, and is the first W.M. of the Talbot Lodge of M.M.M.'s, he is founder of that Lodge. Is a P.E.C. of the Palestine Encampment of Knights' Templar, Swansea, and a member of the Rose Croix and 30th degree. When it became known that Bro. Morris had been appointed a Grand Deacon, several of the most distinguished Masons in South Wales resolved to accompany him, to be present at his investiture, as a mark of respect to him. After Grand Lodge, the occasion was thought a fitting one to invite him to dine with them. A dozen or more Past Grand Wardens and Past Grand Chaplains requested Bro. Price, W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, No. 1578, to act as caterer, and on Thursday evening Bro. Morris, with another illustrious brother, were the honoured guests at a choice banquet, prepared by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. Bro. Charles Bath, J.P., Past Provincial Senior Grand Warden of the South Wales Western Division, in the chair, faced by Bro. the Rev. J. Marsden, W.M. of St. Peter's, No. 476, P. Prov. Grand Chaplain of the Western Division, both divisions being well and worthily represented. The spontaneity of this invitation, and the high Masonic rank of those who attended, was a fitting tribute to Bro. Morris's many excellent qualities and real geniality of temperament, and a proper pendant to the high honour just bestowed upon him by H.R.H. the Grand Master.

The Masonic Temple of the Friendly Lodge, Kingston, Jamaica, is now undergoing extensive repairs. A very heavy expense will occur in the enlargement and decorations, which are expected to be completed in a month or two.

## Old Warrants.

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No. 65.

No. 139, "Ancients;" No. 168 at the Union of A.D. 1813, No. 121 A.D. 1832, and No. 104 from A.D. 1863.

No. 139.

KELLY, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM OSBORN, D.G.M.

L. DERMOTT, for  
WILLIAM DICKEY, S.G.W.

J. GIBSON, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

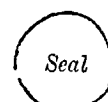
WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince Edwin, at York, Anno Domini Nine Hundred Twenty and Six, and in the Year of Masonry Four Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty and Six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Right Honorable Thomas Erskine, Earl of Kelly, Lord Viscount Fenton, Baron of Dittenween, in Great Britain, Grand Master of Masons, The Worshipful Mr. William Osborn, Deputy Grand Master, The Worshipful Mr. William Dickey, Senior Grand Warden, and the Worshipful James Gibson, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the cities and suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our trusty and well-beloved brethren, viz., Captain Daniel Whitle one of our Master Masons, Mr. John Turner his Senior Warden, and Mr. Thomas Stead his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the sign of the Star, in the town of Mottram Longdendale, and County of Chester, upon the first Thursday in every Kalender month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the Most Ancient & Honorable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all ages and nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said trusty and well-beloved brethren, Messrs. Daniel Whitle, John Turner and Thomas Stead (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 Freemasons, &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 nor virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twenty-first day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and Five, and in the Year of Masonry Five Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty and Five.

L. DERMOTT,

Grand Secretary.

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ENDORSEMENT.

Transferred to our trusty and well-beloved Brothers James Davidson one of our Master Masons, John Carson his Senior Warden, and Patrick Hafrand his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge at the sign of the Grapes, Manchester Hill, in the County of Lancaster, upon the second and fourth Mondays in every month (being duly registered pursuant to the Statute), subject, nevertheless, to the rules and orders of the Grand Lodge, and the proviso and condition within mentioned.

Given under my hand, in London, this 31st day of March 1806.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ROBT. LESLIE, G.S.

The present title, No., &c. are, St. John's Lodge, No. 104, Private Rooms, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.

The 7th Annual Ball of the City and Metropolitan Orphanage was held on Thursday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Among those present were the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, the Lady Mayoress, Bros. Sir Thomas White, Alderman and Sheriff Hadley, Sheriff East, and their ladies, Mr. Alderman Figgins, Bros. Eccles, Edis, Superintendent Foster, Cox, J. C. Walford, &c. A very excellent supper was provided. Bro. Alderman and Sheriff Hadley occupied the chair, and proposed the toast of the "Queen," and "Prosperity to the Metropolitan and City Police Orphanage." The toast found a very able responder in Bro. J. Corke C.C., who then proposed the toast of the worthy Alderman. Bro. Sheriff East, in very happy terms, proposed the "Ladies." Dancing was then resumed until an early hour, Bros. T. Batler, T. Meekham, and R. J. Foulger efficiently acting as M.C.'s.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1233—Amherst Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## MONDAY, 7th MAY.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
1308—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-road, Hackney, 7. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George's Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
492—St. James's, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.  
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.  
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.

## TUESDAY, 8th MAY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.  
55—Constitutional, Wheatsheaf, Hand-court, W.C., at 7.0. (Instruction.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C. (Instruction.)  
860—Dalhousie, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Coopers Arms, Silver-street, Falcon-square, E.C., at 7. (Inst.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A.—Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction, Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill, at 6.30.  
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
184—United Chatham Lodge of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sanky-street, Warrington.  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
1609—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.

## WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY.

Festival Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Girls, Freemasons' Hall.  
Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3.  
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
16—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Whittington Tavern, Moor-lane, Fore-st., at 7. (Instruction.)  
882—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, Th. Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.  
281—Fortitude, Athenæum, Lancaster.  
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1249—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1342—Walker, Stack Hotel, Walker-on-Tyne.  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannoc, Staffs.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Hotel, Llanidloes, North Wales.

## THURSDAY, 10th MAY.

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.)  
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutche 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.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding,

## THURSDAY—continued.

477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1095—St. George's, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Aston-under-Lyne.  
1204—Roid's Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.

## FRIDAY, 11th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
844—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1059—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 153 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1293—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne Road, North Kensington, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
38—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.  
697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
1087—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.  
1239—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.  
M.M. 198—Croydon, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.

## SATURDAY, 12th MAY.

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

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## MONDAY.

154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
1108—Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
1302—De Warren, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.  
R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

## TUESDAY.

495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.  
1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.  
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 239—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

## WEDNESDAY.

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
R. A. 253—Ampubious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

## THURSDAY.

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

## FRIDAY.

453—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.

## SATURDAY.

R. A. 303—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
TUESDAY—1—Edinburgh, Mary's Chapel, Waterloo Hotel, Waterloo-place.  
WEDNESDAY—2—Canongate, Kilwinning, St. John's Chapel, St. John's-street.  
" R.A. 1—Edinburgh, Freemasons' Hall.  
THURSDAY—8—Journymen, Blackfriars-street, High-street.  
FRIDAY—56—Canongate Kilwinning, St. John-street.

## GLASGOW AND THE WEST OF SCOTLAND.

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

Grand Lodge Quarterly Meeting, 93 George-street, Edinburgh, 5 p.m.  
MONDAY—129—St. Mirren's, 5 Moss-street, Paisley, 7 p.m.  
" 332—Union, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 531—Plantation, 207 Craighall-street.  
" R. A. 119—Rosslyn, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
TUESDAY—113—Athol, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 419—Neptune, 35 St. James's-street, Glasgow.  
" 426—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Renfrew.  
" 441—Glasgow, 22 Struthers-street, Glasgow.  
" 543—St. John Dalmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Dalmuir.  
" 579—St. Brydes, Freemasons Hall, Udderstone.  
" R. A. 69—St. Andrew's, 25 Robertson-street, Glasgow.  
WEDNESDAY—173—Scotia, 12 Trongate, Glasgow.  
" 333—St. George, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" 510—Maryhill, 170 Main-street, Maryhill.  
" R. A. 113—Partick, School-room, Douglas-street, Partick.  
THURSDAY—570—Kenmuir, Freemasons' Hall, Springburn, Glasgow.  
" R. A. 59—Glasgow, 213 Buchanan-street, Glasgow.  
" R.A. 112—Paisley, 5 Moss-street, Paisley.  
FRIDAY—153—Royal Arch, Freemasons' Hall, Cogan-st., Pollockshaw.  
" 170—Loven St. John, Black Bull Inn, Renton.  
" R. A. 79—Commercial, 30 Hope-street, Glasgow.  
SATURDAY—28—St. John's, Black Bull Inn, Kirkintilloch.  
" 4—St. John Woodhall, Freemasons' Hall, Holytown.



## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Thursday, the 3rd of May, at Bro. Hallows, "Chequers," Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. Franklin W.M., Bell S.W., Upward J.W., Saunders Secretary, W. G. Hallows S.D., Brand J.D., Oldroyd I.G., Pinder Preceptor; also Bros. Groome, Dilwalle, Stuart, Claridge, E. Brown, Christian, Field, Clarke, Moffatt. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Claridge acting as candidate. The chair was then taken by Bro. Christian, and the Lodge having been opened in the 3rd degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed Bro. Hallows candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the 1st degree, and Bro. Pinder worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Moffatt, of Beaconsfield Lodge 1662, was elected a member, and Bro. Bell W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, 30th April 1877. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Saul S.W., R. Percy J.W., Powell S.D., Pulsford acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Sec., Killick J.D., Millward I.G., Christopher Tyler, and several brethren. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed, then opened in 2nd and 3rd degrees, and afterwards resumed to the 1st degree, when the W.M. worked the Fifteen Sections, assisted by the following brethren:—1st Lecture—Bros. Powell, Stock, A. W. Fenner, S. Rowley, Killick, Harvey, Pulsford. 2nd Lecture—Bros. F. W. Jones, Saul, R. Percy, Renshaw, Sadler. 3rd Lecture—Bros. Crawley, Isaac, S. E. Moss. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, when the following brethren were duly elected members:—Thomas 813, Humphreys 1509, Bisset 405, A. D. Renshaw 194, S. E. Moss 185. In proposing a vote of thanks to the W.M. for working the Fifteen Sections, Bro. Hames paid a high compliment to him, for the very excellent manner he had conducted the business of the evening, and the proposition was carried *nem. con.* The W.M. duly responded, and proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to those brethren who had so ably assisted him in working the sections. This was also carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Doric Lodge, No. 81.**—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Private Rooms, Doric-place, Woodbridge, Suffolk. Present—Bros. Alfred Barnes W.M., E. C. Moor S.W., B. Gall J.W. pro. tem., W. Wilmshurst Sec., B. D. Gall Treas., F. Bradbrook S.D., G. E. Keer J.D., E. Fitz-Gerald P.M. D.C., J. Bull I.G., G. Hall Tyler; Past Master Bro. W. P. T. Phillips. Visitors—Bros. Rev. Chas. J. Martyn, D. Prov. G. M. Suffolk, and P. G. C., &c., and J. Page. Business—Bro. J. Roe, having answered the usual questions, was entrusted and regularly passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., when the Deputy P.G.M. explained the tracing board in an effective manner. A reply was read from the Grand Secretary, to the application made by this Lodge, for permission to adopt a centenary jewel, by which it appeared the Lodge is not yet qualified to claim it. Although the warrant is of an old date, it formerly belonged to the Lodge held at Aldborough, and after lying dormant for a time was transferred here, therefore the hundred years have not yet expired, about twenty being now wanted to complete the period. A letter was read from a Freemason's Widow in the neighbourhood, applying for relief; but her late husband who had been a member of a Lodge in Kent, having neglected to join a Lodge here, although he resided in this district for several years, her application was not entertained. The Lodge having been formally closed, several of the brethren adjourned to Bro. J. Grout's, Bull Hotel, to supper, where a few hours were spent most agreeably in the usual Masonic style.

**Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.**—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, on 26th April. The W.M., Bro. R. J. Nelson, was supported by Bros. McKay S.W., R. Godfrey W.M. 1074 as J.W., T. Wilson P.M., Banks Sec., John Bowes P.M. P.J.G.W., and a goodly number of brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed, the W.M. announced that, as there was an initiation, passing, and raising, he should esteem it a favour if Bro. Bowes, the Junior Grand Warden of the Province, would work the third degree. Bro. Bowes then took the chair of K.S., and raised Bro. Rodick. The other labours having been completed by the W.M., in a highly satisfactory manner, the Lodge was closed with the usual solemnities.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—A large muster of brethren assembled at the Warrington, Moore-lane, E.C., on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., the attraction being the working of the Fifteen Sections. Bro. T. Turquand P.M. 1556 acted as W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 as S.W., Walker, in place of Bro. Constable, who was unavoidably late, as J.W., and E. Gottheil P.M. and Preceptor as I.P.M. The 1st Lecture was worked by Bros. Jessie, Fenner, Croaker, Andrews, L. Turquand, Webb, and Rudderforth; the 2nd by Bros. Poseur, Constable, Walker, Barnes, and Defries; and the 3rd by Bros. Loewenstark jun., Hewlett, and Perrin. On the business being ended, Bro. Gottheil proposed that a vote of thanks and honorary membership be conferred upon Bro. Turquand, for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the work. All must have been gratified with what they had witnessed. There are many capable of performing the work, but few who had the power of comprehending its drift and meaning. Bro. Turquand, it must be admitted, has put the questions with considerable intelligence, and, seeing that this was his first attempt, in a highly creditable manner,

they could not, therefore, do less than pay him the proposed compliment. Bro. Barnes seconded the motion, he quite coincided with Bro. Gottheil's remark as to the intelligent way in which the duties were performed, the W.M. showing clearly by the way the questions were put, that he grasped their significance, but he disagreed with the idea that they could not do less than pass the proposed vote. The Lodge unfortunately had not the power to do more, yet, again, taking another view of it, it is a gratifying honour to be made an honorary member of a Lodge of Instruction, for it is not bestowed, like some other honours in Masonry, as a matter of course, but as a token of appreciation for real services rendered. Bro. Turquand sincerely thanked the brethren for the kind words spoken; though an old man, yet he was comparatively young in Masonry. He remembered when he was just 365 days and twelve hours old, Masonically speaking, he was introduced to an "Emulation" man to receive instruction. Shortly after that he was exalted into Royal Arch Masonry by Bro. Preceptor Gottheil, who on that occasion, mentioned to him the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, at which he has ever since been, if not the most, at all events, one of the most regular attendants. Since then he had done his best to get rid of the many nobs and excrescences of the Emulation working. He hoped he had succeeded, to some extent, but would not rest until he had knocked off all with which, in his opinion, that particular mode of working is encumbered. Bro. Barnes interposed, and said that he did not care how many of their excrescences the W.M. might knock off, but hoped that mercy might be shown to our nobs. Bro. Jessie was elected to preside on next Wednesday. Bro. Turquand desires to express, through our columns, his regret for not thanking, at the conclusion of the proceedings, those brethren who assisted him in the working of the sections.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. The Fifteen Sections were worked on Saturday, the 28th of April. Bro. Hewlett occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Musto P.M. as I.P.M., Austin P.M. as S.W., and Percy as J.W. Bro. J. A. Powell acted very efficiently as I.G. The first lecture was worked by Bros. Musto, Fenner, Powell, Isaac, Killick, Webb, and Rudderforth; the second by Bros. Brasted, Moss, Job, Turquand, and Baxter; and the third by Bros. Stock, Percy and Trewinnard. There was a very large meeting even for the Percy Lodge (which is generally well attended), the well-known abilities of the W.M. having attracted a large number of visitors as well as members, including several P.M.'s. The W.M. performed his task in a highly satisfactory manner, and a well-earned vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge were conferred upon him. Bros. Turquand P.M. 890, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. Maidwell 27, Rudderforth 12, T. B. Humphrey 1509, Geo. Musto 813, W. M. Doudd 1445, J. De Solla 205, L. Nordel 205, Howard 898, Tongue 534, J. Leber 1366, T. Poore 1349, and G. Weige 860, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to those who had assisted him, which was acknowledged by Bro. Rudderforth. Bro. Musto has kindly consented to rehearse the ceremony of installation on Saturday next, 5th May, at eight o'clock.

**Royal Chapter, No. 207, Kingston, Jamaica.**—The installation of Principals took place on 25th January, when the following were duly installed:—H. Garcia Z., C. Davis H., T. Sherlock J. The installation service was performed by the Most Excellent Deputy Grand Superintendent for Jamaica, J. W. Whitbourne, assisted by Most Excellent Comps. G. J. De Cordova, R. Langley, and P. J. Ferron P.Z.

**Stability Chapter, No. 217.**—A Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 26th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. Howe M.E.Z., Webster H., F. Green J., Townsend S.N., Barham P.S., Green 1st. Assist., Turner 2nd Assist.; and Comps. James, Kerile, Stean, S. L. Green, Walker, Whitmarsh, Holliday, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed. Bros. Cutler, Prestage, James, and Winn were exalted. The report of the auditors was read, and a notice of motion was given by Comp. Webster P.Z., that the subscription be paid annually. The Chapter was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by Bro. Clemow, and superintended by Bro. Smith. The M.E.Z. gave the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comps. P. De L. Long Z. 8, E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, and S. Gauntlets P.Z. 632 severally returned thanks for the visitors.

**Friendly Royal Arch Chapter, No. 239, Kingston, Jamaica.**—The following have been installed as the officers of this Chapter:—J. G. Lewis Z., M. Ashemiou H., G. H. Lewis J., S. Lawton P.S., E. Brandon S.E., J. Ashemiou S.W., E. Wolfe Treasurer, E. Dessass, and A. Mordecai Asst. S., G. Magnus Janitor. A Special Convocation was held on 5th April, when a testimonial, consisting of a P.Z.'s jewel, with an address on vellum, was presented to A. De Cordova, who had performed the duties of Z. for three years.

**Sussex Lodge, No. 354, Kingston, Jamaica.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place on 17th January, at the Friendly Hall, when the following were duly installed:—Bros. W. Rastick W.M., Dr. Tomsett S.W., W. Madon J.W., C. Whitehouse Treas., A. Jones Sec., Corty S.D., G. Pearce J.D., Lucie Smith I.G., Crosbie and Callow Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. There were several Past Masters and brethren of the Sister Lodges present. The installing officer being W. Bro. Dr. Prescott. The brethren adjourned to a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 27th ult. under the presidency of Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M. The following officers were present:—Bros. R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Captain R. Helsham Treasurer, Captain J. Ezlese Secretary, J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Shöhwasser J.D., W. Jolliffe D.C., and Quarter Master W. G. Brighten I.G. After the ordinary routine business was disposed of, the W.M., in a very able and impressive manner, raised Bro. C. Rolfe to the 3rd degree. A sum of £10 10s. was voted to be placed on the list of Bro. Q.M. Brighten, who had consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Boys' School. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a banquet, served in their magnificent hall. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been duly proposed and honoured, the health of the W.M. was given by P.M. Bro. Captain Helsham in felicitous terms, and suitably acknowledged. To the toast of "The Visitors," Bro. J. H. Smith P.P.G. Chaplain of Essex, and Bro. Barton, No. 3, returned thanks. Among others we noticed Bros. Miroy No. 53, Hepman 66, W. P. Brown 90, E. E. Phillips P.M. 379, Forge 619, Chas. Driver P.M. 905 P.P.G.S.W. Surrey, Stephenson 890, McCabe 1260, C. E. Egles 1261, Smith 1297, Hayward 1303, and Humphreys 1565. The harmony of the evening was considerably enhanced by some excellent singing by Bros. Driver, Brown, Matthews, Q.M. Brighten, and McCabe.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Friday, the 27th of April, at the Feathers Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. Hayes W.M., Hill S.W., Godden J.W., Braun Sec., Kennard Treas., Tribbell S.D., West J.D., Harris I.G., Chinnery candidate; and Bros. Ridley, Risk, Allah, Sawyer, Jackson, March, Trimwell, Chipper, S. Nicholls, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Rudderforth Preceptor worked the first and second sections of this lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Godden was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed, and was ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner in which the W.M. performed the duties of the chair for the first time. The Lodge was then closed in due form. This prosperous Lodge, so recently formed, is most successful under the direction of the very intelligent and courteous Preceptor, Bro. Rudderforth J.W. of the Sampson Lodge.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 86Q.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 1st of May, at Bro. Allen's, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney. Present—Bros. Weige W.M., Dallas S.W., Perry J.W., E. T. Worsley Sec., Smith S.D., Johnson J.D., P.M. Wallington Preceptor, Pallen I.G.; Bros. Saunders 860, Allen, Christian 860, Hewlett, Macklin, Pavitt, Barker, Davies, Defriez, Watkins, &c. Business—The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lovelock acting as candidate. Bro. Allen worked the first section of the lecture, Bro. Hewlett the second and fourth, Bro. Worsley the third. Bro. Dallas 860 was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his officers in rotation. We hope he will have a good muster, as it will be the first time of his occupying the chair. He is a very young Mason, and has worked very hard to attain the position; a treat is therefore in store for next Tuesday. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.**—The above Lodge held its regular meeting on the 26th April, at the White Swan, High-street, Deptford. Bros. J. J. Pakes W.M., G. S. Limn J.W., W. Andrews P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.G.J.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, R. Harman S.D., G. H. Vohman J.D., A. Harvoy I.G., G. Andrews P.M. D.C., H. J. Tuson P.M., W. S. Barin Tyler. The Lodge was opened and the minutes confirmed. Mr. E. G. G. Bax was initiated by the W.M. in a very perfect manner. The Lecture on the Tracing Board was given by Bro. Andrews P.M., for which he received a cordial vote of thanks. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated there being no banquet. The Visitors were Bros. J. How 1326, J. R. Croft 1326, H. Bartlett P.M. 147, and J. Evans 749.

**Phoenix Chapter, No. 914, Port Royal, Jamaica.**—At a Quarterly Convocation held on the 17th January, the following officers were elected for the present year:—Comps. O. Delgado sen. Z., D. Bamed H., O. Delgado jun. J., A. J. W. Ratherford S.E., W. D. Smedmore S.W., L. C. Hollar P.S., R. Thompson Treas., F. W. Hollar Janitor. The above officers will be installed at the April convocation. In April this Chapter will be one year old, and have exalted about twenty candidates. The object of this Chapter, in conjunction with the Blue Lodge, are for the especial benefit of the Army and Navy stationed at the town of Port Royal.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 20th April. There were present Bros. T. Ayling W.M., A. H. Des Barres S.W., E. Kirby J.W., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chap., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Sec., J. E. Laurence S.D., J. Laggett J.D., W. Hazell I.G., H. R. L. Botting Organist, S. Holgate Tyler; and Bros. F. Leith P.M., W. T. Pritchard, J. Horne, W. Ryder, J. Carpenter, J. Miller, R. N. Spratling, W. J. A. Norris, C. L. Selth, T. Smith, G. G. Thomson. Visitors—Bros. G. R. Igglesden 109, A. P. S. Bird P.M. Prov. S.G.W., W. M. Cavell P.M. P. Prov. S.G.D., Thos. Mason P.M., J. E. Apps P.M., J. M. Browning P.M., E. A. Ralph P.M. Prov. J.G.D., W. H. Hayman W.M., T. Bent I.G., E. Grigg, and J. F. Solly

of 784, A. Hill P.M. P. Prov. G. S. of W., F. Baker P.M., W. W. Woodruff P.M., W. Mate P.M. P. Prov. G.R., R. J. Emerson P.M. P. Prov. J.G.D., H. Watts W.M., C. Baker Sec., and L. Hatherway S.D. of 1203, W. A. Smeeth P.M. and H. M. Baker W.M. of 1203, H. Sanctuary 1128. The W.M., in a most able and impressive manner, installed Bro. A. H. Des Barres W.M. elect, as Master of the Lodge. The W.M. then appointed the following brethren as his officers for the year ensuing:—T. Ayling I.P.M., E. Kirby S.W., W. Hazell J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.G.R. Sec., S. Hinds Treas., J. B. Harrison P.M. Chaplain, H. R. S. Botting S.D., J. Laggett J.D., J. Carpenter I.G., S. Willey D.C., J. Horne and W. T. Pritchard Stewards, T. Holgate Tyler. The W.M. rose and said he had one of the most pleasing duties it ever fell to the lot of a W.M. to perform, that was to present to Bro. T. Ayling I.P.M., a massive and most handsome P.M.'s jewel, as a slight token of esteem for the valuable services he had rendered during his Mastership. What makes it all the more valuable it had been subscribed for by the whole of the members of the Lodge, and not, as was generally the case, taken out of the Lodge funds. Bro. Ayling, in thanking the brethren for so valuable a gift, said he had only done his duty. It was a most pleasant and unexpected surprise, if ever it fell to his lot to be able to do more for the Lodge his services would be always at their command. Forty-three of the brethren then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, where the banquet was held, which was provided in excellent style. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts being gone through, the company were entertained by the following brethren:—R. J. Emerson, T. Ayling, H. R. Botting, G. R. Igglesden, W. A. Smeeth, H. Sanctuary, T. J. Usher, A. F. Bird, V. Amiel, J. E. Apps, and W. Mate. The Tyler was called on just before 11 p.m. to do his duty, which terminated one of the most successful Masonic gatherings that has ever been held in connection with this Lodge.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bro. Bolton's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, 27th April. Present—Bros. Powell W.M., Hill S.W., Smith J.W., Hewlett acting Preceptor, Kent S.D., Hogarth J.D., Lane I.G., Townsend, Austin, Crouch, Percy, Bolton, &c. Lodge opened in due form, minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M. in his usual able manner, Bro. Austin acting as candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Hewlett, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hill W.M. of 228, and Bro. Hogarth 1107, were duly elected members. Bro. Hill was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 1st inst., at the Wellington Club, Wellington-street, Islington. Bros. P. Dickenson W.M., Do Metz as S.W., Hunter J.W., Gladwell S.D., Buderus J.D. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. There being no business on the agenda paper, the bye-laws were read, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to a very excellent supper. The W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts.

**Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Friday, 27th of April, at the Castle Tavern, Holloway-road, N. Present—Bros. T. Cull Preceptor W.M., J. W. Saul S.W., S. D. Lee J.W., P. Dickenson Sec., Eldridge Treas., Hunter I.G., and about fifty brethren. Business—The Lodge being opened at 7 o'clock in due form, the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 1st, when the Fifteen Sections were most ably worked. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for presiding, which Bro. Cull acknowledged in suitable terms, and proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had assisted him. Bros. Lee and Davis were then unanimously elected honorary members. Several brethren were elected members. The Lodge was closed and adjourned to Friday, 4th May, at 8 p.m.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—Held at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road, King's-cross, on Tuesday, the 1st inst. Bros. Williams W.M., Scales S.W., Side J.W., Clark S.D., H. Stiles J.D., Smith I.G., Adams P.G.P. Preceptor, W. M. Stiles Sec. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. The ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed. The first, second, and third sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Adams Preceptor. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Chaucer Lodge, No. 1540.**—The above Lodge met on the 25th April, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. J. C. Mason W.M., E. S. Stidolph S.W., W. J. Kemp J.W., T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex Treas., F. Walters P.M. P.G.J.D. Middlesex Sec., H. Faija C.E. J.D., W. Laing P.M. Tyler, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. F. Mayer, W. J. Harrison, and E. Ricardo, which proving unanimously in their favour, they were duly initiated. Bro. J. Simpson was passed to the 2nd degree. A distressed brother was relieved from the Charity Fund. A petition was read from the Montefiore Lodge respecting the non-admission of members of the Hebrew faith in Germany, which received the unanimous support of the Lodge. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated. There was no banquet. The Visitors were—Bros. W. C. Bland 574, C. J. Rushworth W.M. 1309, and D. Smith 1326.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The weekly convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, E.C. Present—Comps. Noehmer M.E.Z., J. Constable H., Drew J., T. W. White Scribe E., Messenger Scribe N., Ramsey P.S.; also Comps. F. Brown and Sheffield. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Brown acting as candidate. It is announced that this Chapter will close for the season after Tuesday, the 29th inst.

**Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 3rd inst., at the Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville-road. Bros. J. Williams W.M., R. J. Kingham S.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles Sec., C. J. Scales as S.D., W. Side J.D., H. Stiles I.G., C. Coll D.C., J. J. Michael I.P.M. The Lodge was opened, and Bros. J. J. Bosshart, F. H. Trotman, and J. Bruton were raised to the 3rd degree. Bros. D. Hatch, A. Ponchot, T. C. Edmonds, and W. Wiltshire were passed to the 2nd degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. J. Fortescue, W. Parfitt, C. Denham, P. G. Tombs, and they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. J. G. Mc Ewen, No. 317 was elected a joining member. Bro. Jas. Willing jun. P.M. stated that their next meeting would be held at Anderton's Hotel. As a testimonial is about to be presented to Bro. W. Smith, he proposed that the sum of 21s should be given from the funds of the Lodge, and this was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed until October. The brethren then sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by R. Cox. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In giving that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, he remarked how proud they felt at the M.W.G.M. having appointed two Princes of the Royal Family as Grand Wardens. The toast of the R.W. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the R.W. the Earl of Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers was given, after which Bro. Jas. Willing P.M. rose, he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz., to propose the toast of the W.M., it was a difficult task to speak of his many good qualities, and his excellent working. All will be sorry to lose him when he goes out of office, for during his year of the occupation of the chair he had done his duty in every respect. The W.M. in replying, thanked Bro. Willing jun. for the kind remarks made by him, and he hoped he deserved them; he had done his share of initiations but they were not equal in numbers to those of the 1st W.M. This evening was a Lodge of emergency, and he hoped to have another one before he vacated the chair. He then gave the Initiates, he regretted that one of them had been obliged to leave. The toast having been responded to, the W.M. proposed the Past Masters. They were but two in number. Bro. James Willing in a very humorous speech returned thanks,—he regretted the absence of Bro. Michael the I.P.M., who is supposed to assist the W.M., but the W.M. required no assistance. The Lodge had been in existence only three years, he was not only astonished, but pleased at the success of the Lodge; they were now in a position to ask Grand Chapter, to grant a Warrant to hold a Chapter in connection with the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the W.M. elect, whose abilities are well known, he was pleased to have so able a successor. Bro. Kingham in reply said he thanked the W.M. for all his kind remarks, he would endeavour to emulate the Past Masters, who are shining lights in Masonry. The Visitors toast was next proposed, they were always welcome. Bro. Dyer Harris, and Fortescue responded to the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Sec., he was proud to say this young Lodge is a Vice-President of the R.M.B. Institution, which was due to the exertions of Bro. Willing and Michael, the two Past Masters,—it was gratifying to the Lodge, and he hoped at a future time they would be Vice-Presidents of the other two charities. The toast was responded to by Bro. Stiles, who said that while acting as Secretary, he would only be acting for their comfort and looking after their interests. The toast of the Press was then proposed in connection with the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Bro. H. M. Levy returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast was given. Bros. Solomon and Stiles contributed to the harmony. The Visitors were Bros. C. Solomon, 23, J. Rowley, 185, W. Harris, 177, Pinkey, 177, Colls, G. Dyer P.M., 186, Richards, Fortescue and H. M. Levy P.M., 188.

**City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 26th April, at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden W.M., White S.W., Phillip J.W., Scott P.M. Sec., C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. Treas., Turner S.D., Docker as J.D., Hutchinson D.C., Shand I.G., Bishop Organist, Potter Tyler; Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M.; and Bros. Docker, Waugh, Swagman, Emanuel, H. E. Bonham, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Ward jun., Eastgate jun., Lee, Jones and Wilkins, which being unanimously in their favour, the four former gentlemen were duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Stilwell, Köhler and Misselbrook, were passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The working of the ceremonies was perfectly and impressively rendered by the W.M. A collection was made, and liberally subscribed to by the brethren, for the W.M.'s list, who is a Steward for the Festival of the Girls' School. The Lodge was then closed until September. The brethren sat down to a banquet provided by Bro. Nicol. The W.M. in his usual genial manner presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. B. Swallow I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M. The toast of the I.P.M. was given, and that of the Visitors followed. Bro. Bourne P.M. Ebury Lodge, and Bro. Crook responding. The toasts of the Wardens, Treasurer and Sec. were given, also that of the Officers, who severally returned thanks. The Tyler's toast concluded the evening. Bros. Thomas, Bourne, Crook and Beck were present as visitors. The W.M. gave a recitation, and Bro. Beck and others contributed to the harmony of the evening.

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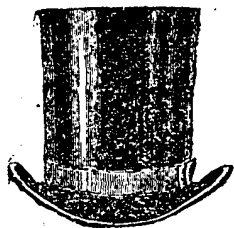
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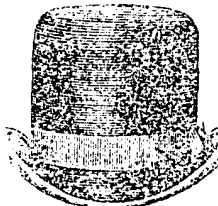
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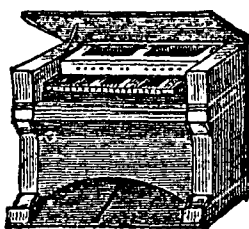
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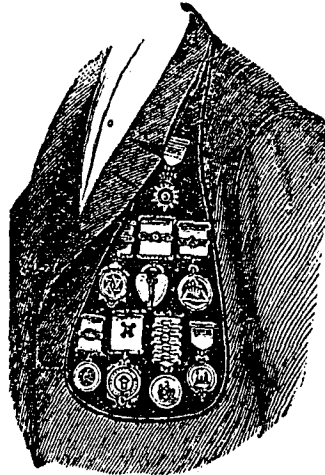
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