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## GRAND LODGE.

IT must be many years since any Communication of our United Grand Lodge has been looked forward to with so much interest as that which will be held on Wednesday next. The greater part of the business set down on the agenda paper is of a very ordinary character; but two matters will be brought under the notice of the brethren which it is no exaggeration to say are of vital importance, as affecting the well-being of the Craft Universal. The two points which will be considered are as widely separate from each other as the Poles. In one case, the attention of brethren will be called to a conspicuous illustration of that narrow-minded religious bigotry which it has ever been the chief object of Freemasonry to destroy; in the other, to a display of irreligious licence, to which the grandly-simple teaching of the founders of our modern system has been equally opposed. Two mortal blows, from two opposite directions, have been dealt at the integrity of our Order. On the one hand, we are invited to believe that one who is a Mason may justly have in him no degree or kind of religious belief whatsoever; on the other, that one, and one form only, of religion is necessary in order to justify admission into our ranks. Thus there devolves on Grand Lodge on Wednesday next the solemn function of upholding the principles of Freemasonry in all their native purity. We do not doubt but it will prove equal to the occasion, and that it will approach the important subjects which will be submitted for its consideration with mingled calmness, dignity, and resolution. It is beyond all question that ours is the mother Grand Lodge of all the Grand Lodges in the world. Other countries, perhaps, may be able to boast of an earlier acquaintance with operative Masonry. Elsewhere may be found earlier instances of gentlemen, or non-operative Masons; but ours is the first, both in order of time, and we may add, in rank, of the Masonic governments specially organised on purely speculative principles. It is from us that other and more recent Masonic governments have derived their being. We have, therefore, an undoubted, nay, an inherent right to proclaim, in the presence of the whole Masonic world, what are and have been the principles on which this our constitution is based. We in England are far from being faultless, but on the whole, we have been scrupulously faithful in carrying out the designs of our founders; and now that the magnificent results of their labours are endangered elsewhere it behoves us, as men as well as Masons, to stand up boldly and defend the right. However, we need not dwell longer on a duty which must be patent to every one. Rather let us turn to the two subjects which it will be the business of Grand Lodge to take into solemn consideration next Wednesday.

First of the two in order on the agenda paper for that day is the simple announcement that "the M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France." What this action is we have already stated in former articles, nor does it seem necessary we should offer any sort or kind of justification for the proposed reference. We have already pointed out that this action of the French Grand Orient is subversive of the true principles of Freemasonry, and that it is the duty of the mother Grand Lodge of the Fraternity to vindicate those principles on all necessary occasions. And if we consider who and what manner of man he was who took the leading part in the establishment of our modern speculative system—who was, in fact, the presiding genius of the movement—we shall see in a still stronger light the necessity there is for some

counter-action on the part of our Grand Lodge—some protest against this fatal policy of destruction which has been tried on more than one occasion in other countries but never before with such conspicuous success. Dr. Desaguliers, to whom all students of our history must be aware we are chiefly indebted for the erection of our modern Masonic Temple, was the son of a French refugee, who had been driven to seek asylum in a foreign land by the intolerance of his sovereign. Like numbers of his fellow-countrymen the elder Desaguliers was successful in establishing himself in his new English home, and from him, no doubt, the future founder of Speculative Freemasonry must have imbibed his first lessons of hatred for all kinds of intolerance. Moreover, during the earlier years of his life he must have seen in his adopted country much that reminded him of the land of his fathers; for men's minds here were still inflamed by the bitter struggles of our own revolutionary period; nor, indeed, was the contest by any means determined, even when the young Desaguliers was approaching man's estate. It is obvious then, that he, as the son of one who had been the victim of religious intolerance, and seeing on all sides how deadly was the feud between rival political and religious parties, and moreover, as possessing a practical as well as a philosophical turn of mind, must early have directed his energies to softening, if possible, the bitterness of party discord. Probably it was mere accident which threw him, in the first instance, in the way of the Freemasons of this day, then in a transition state, and but a sorry remnant of the grand old operative guilds of the middle ages. But once entered as a member of the Fraternity, he quickly found that while its teaching contained little, if anything, that was either very profound or novel, it might easily be made the means for promoting the principles of political and religious tolerance. Here, at all events, he must have pictured to himself, were the scattered remains of a body which it would be possible and desirable to re-unite; and these once re-united would form the nucleus of a society which in time might be spread over the whole world, so as to include not only men of every nationality, but likewise of every religious creed, as well as of every shade of politics. It was a grand idea, and grandly carried out. There was little to be done beyond laying down certain general principles which all men might conscientiously accept. It was necessary, in order to secure the peace and harmony of the society, that it should be a non-political one, though necessarily composed of men of every shade of political opinion. It was equally necessary that, while imbued with a due sense of religion, it should be a non-sectarian religious body. It was never intended that Freemasonry should be, either passively or actively, the enemy of religion, but simply of those terrible persecutions which had been practised in the name of religion by more powerful politico-religious bodies against those who were weak and more or less incapable of defending themselves. Thus, from the very first, the discussion of those questions which were sure to arouse a hostile feeling on the part of some towards others was strictly forbidden. But though this class of subjects controversial was rigidly excluded from the programme of the new society, it was necessary, as we have said, there should be certain general principles which all men might accept and abide by, and these were declared to be a just sense of religion, the love and practice of morality for its own sake, and a ready obedience to all legally constituted civil authority. That Desaguliers and his able coadjutors were right in the plans they had formed, is evident from the fact that within twenty years from the erection of the Grand

Lodge in London, the principles of Freemasonry had found their way into every civilised and even semi-civilised country in the world; that all classes of men eagerly joined it; and that where those principles were once rightly understood, they met with general encouragement and support. True it is that despotism, whether religious or political, at once proved itself the enemy of Freemasonry; but then it is impossible for despotic power and liberty of conscience to go hand in hand. But in our own and other countries where anything like liberal ideas of government have prevailed, Freemasonry has gone on prosperously; so that had it been really designed for irreligious or political purposes, there is no gauging the power it might be in a position to exercise at the present time against those who assail it. But the external dangers which have threatened it from time to time have proved innocuous; when any real harm has been done, it has generally had its origin in momentary discords, or in the distortion of our first principles from their original intent. This latter is what has just happened in French Masonry, which in one important particular has summarily broken off all connection with our worthy Society. It has weakly sacrificed itself at the altar of expediency, and in order to accept as members a few learned but unworthy atheists, has set at defiance the chiefest of those principles on which our Order was founded. Here then is a case on which it behoves our Grand Lodge to come forward and resolutely maintain the integrity of Freemasonry; nor will French Freemasons have reason to complain if England should follow the example of Ireland, and not only proclaim anew its abhorrence of atheism, but likewise forbid all intercourse as Masons between English and French members of the Fraternity. Here then is the case of liberty carried to the extreme of licence which will be brought under the notice of our Grand Lodge on Wednesday. The other case to which a Past Grand Chaplain of Grand Lodge will invite the attention of brethren, and on which he will propose for their acceptance certain resolutions, is equally, but in an entirely opposite direction, opposed to the true principles of Freemasonry. We have said that the main object with which our Order was established was to allow men of all religious and political opinions mingling together in perfect harmony, but the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, Berlin, deliberately sets at naught this purpose, and requires all who seek admission into its Lodges to proclaim their belief in Christianity. Here then is an error as conspicuous in the direction of a narrow-minded bigotry as is that recently perpetrated by the Grand Orient of France in the direction of a boundless and extravagant licence. The rejection of other than Christian candidates on the ground of their religious belief discloses a flagrant departure from our Masonic principles; and, in our judgment, it will be necessary, if the resolutions of our Rev. Bro. Simpson are passed, and the expostulations of our Grand Master should be disregarded, to withdraw our representative at the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes, and forbid all intercourse between the two Grand Lodges and their subordinate Lodges till such time as the Berlin G. Lodge sees fit to carry out the principles of Freemasonry in their integrity. If we condemn the Grand Orient of France for its *excess* in interpreting liberty of conscience, equally are we in duty bound to condemn the Grand Lodge of the Three Globes for its *defective* interpretation of that liberty. It is to be regretted that so unpleasant a duty should be enforced upon our rulers in this country; but it is especially incumbent on them, as being momentarily entrusted with the maintenance of those principles which have been handed down to them pure and unsullied through successive generations from the very founders of our Order, that they should insist on their most rigid observance. We repeat, those who decline to abide by these principles will have no just cause of complaint if they find we decline to regard them any longer as members of the great confraternity of Freemasons.

Through the kindness of Bro. Charles Leggott, the first J.W. of the De La Pole Lodge, No. 1605, Hull, we have been shown a new design in library furniture, manufactured by Messrs. Andas and Leggott, of Hull. The style is in accordance with the prevailing fashion—Early English—and certainly reflects great credit on the designer. The chairs are well suited for Masonic Lodges, being really easy to sit in, which is more than we can say of most of the chairs in Masonry we have had the honour of filling.

## REVIEWS.

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

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*The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and Constitutions, from A. L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. Compiled and Published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Part I. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co., Printers. 1877.*

It is, on the one hand, extremely gratifying to note the great progress which the study of Masonic History is making in the United States. Englishmen, indeed, are directly and especially interested in the progress of our Transatlantic brethren. It is to this country that these States, once Colonies of the United Kingdom, owe their knowledge of the Royal Art. Though now a separate and distinct State, the people are intimately connected with us by blood. The bulk of American citizens are of the same race as we are. When, therefore, we find that Freemasonry has such grand attractions for them, and bearing in mind that they are indebted to us for its first introduction into their country, we cannot but watch with a loving interest their noble efforts to distribute among themselves all the knowledge they can of the art we love so well. But this feeling of intense satisfaction is not wholly unmingled with one of sorrow, that in England, which is certainly originally the home of speculative Freemasonry, there should be such utter indifference to Masonic History, or, we may almost say, to Masonic literature generally. There are a few hard working Craftsmen among us who willingly devote themselves to elucidating the progress of the Craft from the days of Anderson, Desaguliers, Payne, and other enlightened spirits of what is commonly known as the Revival period. Others, like Ingham, have gone still further back for the purpose of showing what Masonry was in pre-speculative times, and the undoubted connection existing between the Freemasonry of the last one hundred and sixty years and the legends of the old Masonic Guilds. But these are only a small body, and the majority of English Craftsmen take little or no interest in the history of the society they belong to. We deplore this state of indifference with the greater vehemence when we find a country which is indebted to us for their early possession of Masonic knowledge continually adding to our stores of knowledge, and we are minded to ask our English friends why it is they cannot, out of their devotion to routine work, tinsel, and the study of the fourth degree, pluck up courage to find just a little to spare for the encouragement of Masonic study? But we have no intention to inflict on our readers a homily on so painful a subject. Rather will we pass to the consideration of the work before us, in the hope that the example of Pennsylvania, New York, and other American States, may not be without its effect on English members of the Craft universal.

As long ago as December 1873, the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania authorised a Committee of its members to prepare, with a view to publication, the official records of its proceedings from the earliest date. Only a short time previously Philadelphia had been the scene of one of the grandest and most stirring events in American Masonic History, to wit, the dedication of its New Temple. In the course of the year following, the Library Committee of Grand Lodge were busily engaged in preparing the materials for the "Dedication Memorial," a notice of which appeared in one of our earliest issues. We have now received Part I. of the early Masonic History and Proceedings of Pennsylvania Grand Lodge. This consists of an elaborate introduction of some one hundred and twenty pages, and Records to the end of September 1786, filling another sixty-four pages. It is expected that the whole work, when completed, will comprise some five or six numbers, and as the matter it contains will be of an authentic character, the reader will at once perceive the importance of such an addition to our stock of Masonic History. The price of each Part is one dollar, so that the whole work will cost only about £1 or £1 4s, no very terrible price considering the style in which it is brought out, and what is still more to the purpose, the value of its contents.

As to the earlier portion of the introductory chapter, we need not dwell upon it at great length, and for this reason. We have more than once expressed ourselves with tolerable clearness as to what Bro. Norton would describe as the Mothership of American Masonry. The first time we did so was in our review of the Dedication Memorial already alluded to. Since then we have had occasion to revert to the subject more fully still, chiefly owing to certain criticisms of our worthy Bro. Norton, who, whatever his views may have been previously, seems now inclined to favour the pretensions of Boston rather than those of Philadelphia. We do not agree with him, and we have explained the grounds of our disagreement. In doing this, we have necessarily dwelt on all the leading evidence, and as this evidence is embodied in the pages of this volume, we shall be only repeating ourselves unnecessarily. We say this in order that our Pennsylvanian friends may not come to the conclusion that we have relaxed in our attentions to the subject of American Masonic history. However, there is one part of the introduction which deserves reference. We allude to the article by Bro. Ingham, which originally appeared in the *Voice of Masonry* for September 1875, and is reprinted here. It describes, with all that clearness and precision of statement for which our Brother is remarkable, the substance of the case, and is worthy of the most careful attention of our readers; for whosoever masters his statement, may rest satisfied that he has a complete knowledge of the circumstances, as far as it is possible they can be known. But though we need not travel again over familiar ground, there is an ample supply of material which is less well known. Thus, there are further extracts from Franklin's paper, the *Pennsylvania Gazette*, which we saw recently in the pages of the *Keystone*

and which all help to elucidate the early history of the Craft in Philadelphia. These begin with a notice, bearing date 28th June 1733, that at the Grand Lodge held the preceding Monday, at the *Tun* in Water-street, "Humphry Murry, Esq., was elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, who appointed Mr. Thomas Hart his Deputy; and Mr. Peter Cuff and Mr. James Bingham were chosen Wardens. A very elegant entertainment was provided upon the occasion, at which the Proprietor, the Governor, the Mayor of the city, and several other persons of distinction honoured the Society with their presence." In a similar extract, dated 27th June 1734, a similar announcement is made as to a Grand Lodge having been held at the same place, "when Benjamin Franklin being elected Grand Master for the year ensuing, appointed Mr. John Crap to be his Deputy, and James Hamilton, Esq., and Thomas Hopkinson, Gent., were chosen Wardens." A similar entertainment followed. It will be noticed, with regard to the latter excerpt, that it precedes by several months the formal application by Franklin to Price, which bears date "Philadelphia, 28th November 1734," for a Deputation confirming the brethren of Pennsylvania in the privileges they already enjoyed. This is a point of some importance, for many allege that Philadelphia Masonry owes its origin to Price; whereas, in the above notice, we have irrefutable evidence that a Grand Lodge was in full working order full five months before. Franklin, on the strength of a report from London in the Boston prints, that Price's powers had been extended over the whole of America, thought it necessary to apply to Price for a confirmation of Philadelphia Masonic rights and privileges. What, if any, response was made by the Bostonian Masonic chief does not appear on the record, but we think the Philadelphia evidence we have just quoted and commented upon, must set at rest any claim that Philadelphia was indebted for its Masonry to Boston. Five other announcements of a similar character follow. In the first, dated 3rd July 1735, it is stated that "James Hamilton, Esq." was chosen Grand Master, that he appointed Thomas Hopkinson to be his Deputy, and that Messrs. William Plumstead and Joseph Shippen were nominated and chosen Grand Wardens. In the second, dated 8th July 1736, Thomas Hopkinson is the G.M., William Plumstead Deputy, and Messrs. Joseph Shippen and Henry Pratt Wardens. In the third, dated 30th June 1737, William Plumstead is G.M., Joseph Shippen jun. Deputy, and Messrs. Henry Pratt and Philip Syng Wardens. In the fourth, of 6th July 1738, Mr. Joseph Shippen is G.M., Mr. Philip Syng Deputy, and Dr. Thomas Cadwalader and Mr. Thomas Boude Wardens; and in the fifth, and last, of 25th June 1741, Mr. Philip Syng is G.M., Mr. Thomas Boude Deputy, and Mr. Lambert Emerson and Dr. Thomas Bond Wardens, it being further mentioned in notices 1, 3, 4 and 5, that the Grand Lodge was held at the *Indian King*, "in Market-street," or, more generally, "in this city." Following these is an extract from a work now in the library of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, published in 1811, and republished in 1831, which refers distinctly to a Grand Lodge having been held as early as 1732, at the *Tun Tavern*, "the fashionable hotel of the time." It then goes on to mention an incident which occurred in 1737, and which is worth quoting.

"In the year 1737, a melancholy event occurred, which gave the brethren much uneasiness. A party of idle men, not belonging to the Craft, with a view of enjoying the fright which they supposed they would excite, either volunteered their services, or acceded to the wishes of a young man, to initiate him into the mysteries of Masonry, and accordingly instituted a variety of ridiculous operations at night in a cellar, to all which he submitted with fortitude, although they were painful and extremely trying to a young mind. Finding that their object was likely to be defeated, a bowl of burning spirit, into which he had been directed to look for some time, was thrown over him, and his clothes taking fire, he was so much burnt that he died in a few days afterwards.

"This melancholy event justly excited the public indignation, and the chief promoter of the mischief, after a legal investigation, was ignominiously punished by being burnt on the hand: but unfortunately the scene having been conducted under the impression of a connection with Masonry, a considerable prejudice among those who were unacquainted with the principles of the Craft was excited, and to such a degree did it extend, that the brethren deemed it necessary to come forward, and after stating the occurrence in the newspapers, to 'declare the abhorrence of all true brethren to this practice, and that the persons concerned were not of this Society, nor of any society of Free and Accepted Masons.'" This disclaimer, we are told, in a footnote, was signed by "Thomas Hopkinson G.M., W. Plumstead D.G.M., Joseph Shippen, and H. Pratt G.W."

The extract then goes on to mention that, on the 23rd September 1743, the Right Honourable Lord John Ward, Grand Master of England, nominated Thomas Oxnard, Esq., Provincial Grand Master of all North America—this is mentioned, but without detail, by Preston—and that acting under this Deputation, the said Thomas Oxnard, on the 10th July 1749, appointed Benjamin Franklin Provincial G.M. of Pennsylvania, with full authority to appoint his officers, hold a Grand Lodge and issue warrants. In accordance with this, the first Grand Lodge was held on 5th September of same year at the "Royal Standard" in Market-street, and Franklin appointed Dr. Thomas Bond his Deputy, Joseph Shippen S.G.W., Philip Syng J.G.W., W. Plumstead Grand Treasurer, and Daniel Byles Grand Secretary. At this meeting a warrant, signed by Lord Byron, was granted to James Pogreen and others to hold a Lodge in Philadelphia. On 13th March 1750, William Allen, Recorder of the City, presented to the Grand Lodge a commission from England, appointing him Prov. Grand Master—the issue of a patent for Pennsylvania, but without details, is mentioned by Preston. The appointment was recognised, and Allen appointed Franklin his Deputy, and the other officers according to rank. Under this patent, they continued working till they were ultimately superseded by "the Ancients." We read further that a Grand Lodge was erected in the alley leading from Second-street to Dock-street, and remained till 1785, when "the Moderns" had so diminished that the two surviving trustees were

authorised by an act of the Legislature to sell it, and apply the proceeds to a charitable purpose. The Prov. Grand Lodge Ancients was chartered by Earl Kelly on 14th July 1761, William Ball of Philadelphia being appointed Prov. Grand Master thereunder. The other particulars refer to the progress of Freemasonry under this system, and the erection of a Masonic Hall in Philadelphia.

The next important contribution to this history is a copy of the original subscription list for the erection in 1751, by the Grand and first St. John's Lodges, of a Masonic Hall. From this it seems that the project was started on 12th March 1752. Among the subscribers will be found the names of James Hamilton £50, William Allen £50, B. Franklin £20, Wm. Plumstead £25, Thos. Cadwalader, Thomas Bond £15, and Thos. Boude £15. Several of them, and notably the names of Allen, Franklin, and Boude in 1732, have already been mentioned among the Grand Officers of the Lodge. Then are given particulars of the meeting on St. John's Day, 24th June 1755, when the Prov. G. Lodge attended Divine Service in Christ Church, Philadelphia, and a sermon was preached by the Rev. Bro. William Smith, who received a vote of thanks, and was requested to furnish a copy for the press. Next is a list of "Debts due to the Lodge for quarterage," this being, we are told, "the original accounts of the members of the first Lodge," though why it should be described as "the first" Lodge is a puzzle, seeing there had been already a Lodge or Lodges in 1730. We presume it is meant to be "the first Lodge which is shown to have been warranted, namely, that referred to as having had a warrant granted to James Pogreen and others in 1849, for we find among the members the name of "Jas. Polgreen." From another list we note that £1 7s was the sum paid for membership, £3 for being made a Mason, fifteen shillings for being passed, and £1 7s for being raised—at least, we presume this is meant by "(Master)" being inserted against certain of the names. Next in order is the warrant granted by the Grand Lodge (Ancients), London, to No. 2, Philadelphia, or it should be said, the warrant granted by the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania under date of 10th February 1780, in confirmation of the original warrant granted by the London Grand Lodge on 7th June 1758. We pass next to the Prov. G. Lodge Warrant granted to W. Ball, as P.G.M. and others by the G. Lodge, Ancients, Earl of Kelly G.M., being No. 1. Pennsylvania and No. 89 England. The Warrant is printed in *extenso*, and is preceded by a very curious letter from the well-known Laurence Dermott, G. Secretary "Ancients," explanatory of the delay which had occurred in complying with the request of the Pennsylvanian brethren for such an authorisation. Bro. Dermott declares on "the word of a man," that he had "wrote three Warr." The first was captured by the French. "The Second Warrant," proceeds Dermott, "I delivered to the Senr. Grand Warden (now Deputy) and he to his Servt. and from whence God knows all the account I can give of it is, that I suppose it was mislaid and consequently lost. doubtless you'll wonder why this seeming negligence, if so I beg leave to make a remark which you little expect." Then the worthy G. Sec. goes on to point out how the application "was made in a wrong corner I mean the Lodge No. 2 who are compo'd of very poor mechanics (the honest men) and complain'd of a great hardship on them in subscribing 2. 6 pence each for the first warrant that was sent to Philadelphia." Payment was made in two capital sums amounting together to under "2.14.0 and about 3 Shills left unpaid to this day. however, the brethren of Philadelphia refunded the cash which doubtless was Joyfully Recd." Then the second application was made to No. 2 for Prov. G. Warrant "without any notice taken of the Grand Lodge." But Dermott was ordered to prepare one which was lost as stated. Another was prepared and "Brother Joseph Read having Recd. Money from Philadelphia to pay for provincial Gd Warrant was call'd on to pay the same absolutely refused to pay one farthing until the Gd. Officers, wou'd first produce a Receipt under your hand that you had received the said provincial Grand Warrant. This being A matter unprecedented as well as disagreeable in the proposal had a sensible effect upon Gentlemen who thought it not altogether consistent with their duties as Gd. Officers To send ventures of Masonry abroad to persons who had a warrant (and consequently knew where and who to address) yet did not think it worth while to write to them." However, as he goes on to remark, "it is all over and every thing is made agreeable and I hope will continue so;" and he concludes by mentioning the expense of warrant and registry as 3. 10. 6, and he sends a doz. of Constitution Books "sold in London at 5s. a piece and One Book bound in blue morocco and gilt which I beg you'll take care of for the Owners whose Name you'll find in Gold letters in the inside of the Cover." A postscript is added to the effect that the letter is private and confidential and there is added an earnest hope "That you will do me justice in Assuring the Society that next to God I love the Brotherhood."

The last printed record of the doings of the Moderns appeared under date "Thursday, 19th June 1760," in *The Pennsylvania Journal and Weekly Advertiser*, and is a notice to the members of No. 3 (the *Tun Lodge*) to meet and celebrate St. John's Day. The last written official act of the same is dated "Philada., 28th Febr. 1782," fixing a meeting of subscribers for 11th March, at 6 p.m., at the City Tavern. It concludes, "So many deaths and removals have happened lately, that we can't expect above ten or twelve." This is signed by Edward Shippen, and addressed to "John Swift, Esq., Neshaminy, Bucks County." The Moderns wholly ceased working about 1793, when their hall was sold, and the proceeds thereof belonging to the first Lodge, donated to the city as a fund to "furnish the poor with wood," and has since been merged into the City Fuel Fund.

So far the record is almost wholly occupied with particulars of the Moderns. We next come to the minutes of Royal Arch Lodge, No. 3, of Philadelphia, which it seems are complete from the end of 1767 till now. Some curious circumstances are noted. Thus it is entered, on 2nd November 1769, that two brethren having used the "Master and brethren of Lodge No. 13 with great indignity," shall not be ad-



mitted to visit the Lodge till they have made satisfaction to Grand Lodge. On 22nd February 1770, three brethren "petition for a certificate to Grand Lodge for a Warrant to erect a new Lodge," and are permitted to separate themselves by the narrow majority of ten to nine. They are subsequently allowed, by vote of the majority, to "have the sum of seven pounds ten shillings, which is fifty shillings each for the three, for their full share part and proportion of the money, stock, furniture, implements, utensils and necessary's belonging to" the Lodge, provided Grand Lodge approves their petition and grants them a Warrant. On 3rd May 1770, Bro. Thomas Moore, a modern Mason, was entered and passed. On 4th October 1776, a "Bro. Fox declares his putting in the black ball against Joseph Kendall, the last Lodge night, but he is now satisfied that he is worthy." The following is noted on 24th June 1771. "At  $\frac{1}{2}$ -past 6 walked out to take the air, at 8 met again and supped. Drank sundry Toasts proper for the day, and parted in due time in good Harmony." On 10th November 1774, it was proposed and arranged "to go to church in form on St. John's Day next, and to have a Sermon on the principles of Masonry." On 17th August 1775, it was agreed to remove to the City Tavern. On 24th June 1776, St. John's Day, it is recorded "Dined at half-past two, and after Dinner drank thirteen Masonic Toasts, and the entertainment concluded with an Anthem, accompanied with a grand band of music provided for that purpose." On 10th October 1777, the Lodge met to consider what should be done with the jewels, Books, and Papers of Lodge No. 2, and those of former Lodge No. 3, which had been stolen out of Lodge No. 2, but had fortunately fallen into the hands of Bro. Captain W. Cunningham. It was resolved to deposit them with Lodge No. 3 for a time, and an account was taken of them, from which it appeared they were "twenty in number a punch ladle, handle broke off, and a few pieces of small lace ripped off the collars of No. 2, with a Delft Punch Bowl." On 2nd July 1778, it is mentioned that the recently elected W.M., Bro. Yieldhall, being a person suspected of being inimical to the government, did not attend in his place, lest his presence should be disagreeable to any brother. It is further recorded that the late J.W. and Sec. "having gone with the enemy," two others were appointed in their stead, as well as a new W.M. However, on 14th December 1778, the aforesaid Bro. Anthony Yieldhall, who had relinquished his office in consequence of being a suspect, attended and produced "a legal discharge from the High Court of Justice of this State, and was received with the Lodge's full confidence of his innocence, and as a respectable brother." So likewise was a Bro. Peter Sutter, who was similarly welcomed. In accordance with a resolution passed on 6th August 1778, it was determined to seek a convenient private house for meeting, and the Committee entrusted with the needful inquiries and arrangements, report they have promise of one in Videll's Alley, which is taken for a year, provided it is properly repaired. Four days later, "Captain Stephen Girard was initiated, and paid his dues—twenty dollars. On 23rd December 1778, the Committee which had been appointed to confer with Lodge No. 2, with a view to inviting General Washington to attend the procession on St. John's Day, report that "the Masters elect of the different Lodges of this city do personally wait upon Bro. General Washington, and inform of the time, place, and mode of the procession." Following this is a full account of the procession, in which Washington figured, taken from Westcott's "History of Philadelphia," and of the service in church. On the 19th June 1779 a number of members petition to separate themselves and form a new Lodge (No. 13), and the prayer is granted. On 30th October 1780 a Mr. Harry Gieger is initiated, and pays the initiation fee "750 dollars—" we presume this means seven and a-half dollars. Then is given a list of the places of meeting of Grand Lodge. The latter half of the Introductory Chapter consists of Smith's "Ahiman Rezon," 1783, with the alterations made at its revision in 1815, Locke's letter, &c., and the songs at the end being omitted, but in all other respects—as to title-page, approval of Grand Lodge, dedication to Washington, and Preface—it is complete. The remarks made in 1815 are easily distinguishable. But it would be impossible for us to find space to note at any length the laws and regulations, &c., contained herein. It were hardly necessary, indeed, to do so, as the contents are doubtless not altogether unfamiliar to many of our readers. Their presence in the volume gives an air of completeness to the work, which it would lack otherwise, and the Committee have done wisely therefore by inserting it, but what we have not read elsewhere is what specially interests us, and it is to the minutes of Grand Lodge itself we shall henceforth direct our attention.

(To be continued.)

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

- No. 1722.—Excelsior Lodge, Dugshai, Punjab.
- 1723.—St. George's Lodge, Bolton, Lancashire.
- 1724.—Kaisar-i-Hind Lodge, Regent-street.
- 1725.—Douglas Lodge, Maidstone, Kent.
- 1726.—Gordon Lodge, Bognor, Sussex.
- 1727.—Tenterfield Lodge, Tenterfield N.S.W.
- 1728.—Temple Bar Lodge, Fleet-street.
- 1729.—Skelmersdale Lodge, Pietermaritzburg, Natal.
- 1730.—Urmston Lodge, Urmston, Lancashire.
- 1731.—Cholmeley Lodge, Mnswell Hill.
- 1732.—King's Cross Lodge, King's Cross.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Tuesday next, by the members of the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, at the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea. The names of the brethren who will work the various sections were given in our issue of the 7th ult. The chair will be occupied by Bro. Collings 511, with ros. Read 511 S.W. and Robinson 1158 J.W.

## QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 5th December 1877.

1. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 5th September 1877 for confirmation.
2. The M.W. Grand Master will refer to the recent action of the Grand Orient of France.
3. The Grand Secretary to read a letter of condolence from the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick on the sudden death of the Earl of Shrewsbury, Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire.
4. Nomination of a Grand Master for the ensuing year.
5. Appointment of a President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
6. Election of a Senior and Junior Vice-President of the Lodge of Benevolence.
7. Election of twelve Past Masters to serve on the Lodge of Benevolence for the year ensuing.
8. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following grants, viz:—  
A Brother of the Prince of Wales' Lodge, No. 259, London £100 0 0  
The Widow of a Brother of St. John's Lodge, No. 1343, Grays, Essex ... .. 50 0  
The Widow of a Brother of the Temperance Lodge, No. 169, Deptford ... .. 50 0 0  
The Widow of a Brother of the Palatine Lodge, No. 97, Sunderland .. ... 100 0 0  
The Daughter of a late Brother of the Old Concord Lodge, No. 172, London ... .. 100 0 0  
The Widow of a Brother of the Belgrave Lodge, No. 749, London ... .. 50 0 0

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

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

The Board of General Purposes beg to submit a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts, at the Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th November, showing a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of £3,636 18s 11d; and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £96 15s.

(Signed) JOHN B. MONCKTON,  
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
20th November 1877.

### 10. Appeals.

(1.) Appeal of Brother John Henry Henry, of the St. John's Lodge, No. 1039, Lichfield, against a judgment of the Provincial Grand Master for Staffordshire,—the late Earl of Shrewsbury,—for deciding a case, and censuring Brother Henry, without hearing him.

(2.) Appeal of Brother Alfred Leander Vaillant and others against a judgment of the Deputy District Grand Master for British Burmah, declaring Brother the Rev. John E. Marks eligible to be elected Master of Lodge Victoria, in Burmah, No. 832, Rangoon, he not having previously served as a Warden, and not having been present when appointed Senior Warden, consequently not having served as "Warden for one year" as required by the Constitutions, Article 2, page 62. Also against the exclusion of Brother A. L. Vaillant and five other brethren from the said Lodge, No. 832.

N.B.—The papers relating to these Appeals will be in the Grand Secretary's Office till the Meeting of Grand Lodge, and open for the inspection of the brethren during office hours.

### 11. Notice of Motion.

By V.W. Brother the Rev. Robert J. Simpson P.G. Chaplain:—

1. That the 300 Petitions now presented to Grand Lodge on what is commonly called "The German Question" be received.
2. That whereas it appears from the Book of Constitutions of the Grand National Lodge of the Prussian States (called the Three Globes, held at Berlin), that those only who profess the Christian Faith are eligible to become members of the Craft in any Lodge within its jurisdiction, this Grand Lodge, in the interests of Masonry, would respectfully suggest to the Grand Lodge aforesaid a reconsideration of the following sections of the Book of Constitutions:—

Page 50, Section 165, Clause 1.

In the jurisdiction of the Great National Mother Lodge (of the Three Globes) only those may be proposed for acceptance into Freemasonry who acknowledge Christian belief (Christlichen Glauben) without distinction of sect.

Page 51, Section 167.

It is necessary for the candidate to state, &c.

Clause 3.—His religion (Creed).

Clause 9.—Whether he has tried hitherto to fulfil his duties as a Christian citizen, and whether he will continue to do so.

Page 57, Clause 197.

Every Brother who wishes to join a Lodge of our Constitution must be of Christian faith, and able to give his honourable discharge from his former Lodge by a written discharge therefrom, &c., &c., &c.

with a view to widening the basis on which German Masonry now stands, and bringing it into more complete and fraternal harmony with Freemasonry throughout the world.

3. That in order to give effect to the foregoing Resolutions the M.W. Grand Master be respectfully requested to communicate them to the Grand Lodge of Germany in any manner His Royal Highness may deem most expedient.

## 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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## THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Rumour, mostly mendacious, but sometimes possessed of some amount of veracity, asserts that at its next meeting the Grand Lodge of England intends to emulate the example of the Irish Grand Lodge, and propose the cessation of fraternal intercourse with the Grand Orient of France. Although one might venture upon an approximate guess as to the views generally entertained by the members of the English Fraternity regarding the anomalous stand the Grand Orient in its discretion has thought it wise to take, it would be idle to speculate upon the measures Grand Lodge will be likely to adopt in a matter of such high and vital importance. As an individual whose feeble influence is powerless to bias their decisions, I would ask those who take interest in the question to well reflect upon the course which ought to be pursued. It may at once be admitted that the resolution of the Grand Orient to eliminate from their constitution the direct acknowledgment of the only safe basis upon which Freemasonry, and indeed any other society, can hope to rest with any degree of permanency or prospect of real usefulness is most deplorable, and it is easy to understand that, to a mind imbued with the natural faith in the Supreme Artificer, and a yearning for a life to come, the omission must be distressingly shocking. Nevertheless, I venture to affirm that the course the Irish Grand Lodge has adopted is, to say the least, impolitic and injudicious. Their resolution savours too much of the spirit of persecution, and bears too close an affinity to an act of excommunication. Any approach to this fearful weapon, always mercilessly wielded against opponents by the most intolerant creed upon earth, should be resolutely discountenanced by Freemasonry, whose tendency has ever inclined towards freedom and enlightenment, and whose benign influence has done more, perhaps, than any other cause to destroy prejudice against race and rancour in matters of conscience. After all, upon calm consideration, what is the great sin of which our French brethren have been guilty, that it should raise up so great an amount of ill will? They omit to make it imperative upon the novice to declare his belief in God, but at the same time aver that Masonry has never claimed to be considered a system of religion, and as their society has for its object the encouragement of the practice of charity and benevolence, and the promotion of fraternal feelings and unity of sentiment in the performance of every good work calculated to ameliorate the condition of mankind, man might be permitted to participate in these acts of mercy without any reference whatsoever as to their beliefs or non-beliefs. From this it does not follow that the French Masons are Godless. By their works let them be judged. Belief, especially when made designedly conspicuous, is not always beneficial; ostentatious lip worship has before now been known as a creator of mischief, while true piety is silent and only discerned by its blessed results. The character of an individual is judged by his conduct, regardless of profession of faith, why should a different mode be pursued when estimating the value of an association? In the consideration of this subject we must not lose sight of the surroundings and conditions of French Masonry. They cannot be compared with those of this favoured country. Who knows but that the Grand Orient was forced to take this step, so distressing to English susceptibilities, as an emphatic and unmistakable protest against the arrogant presumption of the dominant priesthood, whose fierce antagonism against any kind of freedom of thought or conscience knows no limit? It is therefore I raise my feeble voice to urge English Masons to pause before they conclude to refuse recognition and fellowship to our foreign brethren. Time enough to do that when their acts and not their profession merit condemnation. It does not require a wonderful amount of sagacity to foresee that should the example of the Masonic authorities of Dublin be generally followed, a fatal blow will be struck against one of the most important bulwarks of the Craft, its universality, but no one can tell the disastrous consequences which may follow. If our brethren across the Channel have erred, it is not by anathema or coercion you can hope or expect to lead them back to the path of wisdom and truth. Kindness and the force of example are much more likely to bring about the desideratum. Meanwhile, the interest, nay the very stability of the Order, is threatened by disunion. Our enemies, and they are not few or impotent, ever vigilant, will not be slow to take advantage of any show of weakness, and are not likely to miss striking at the most vulnerable part. Let us, therefore, be wary and cautious. Our prosperity has reached a dazzling height, and days of adversity seem to be at hand. These may, however, still be averted, by prudence, justice and moderation.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

## THE BRITISH ORPHAN ASYLUM.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly allow me to trespass on your space in order to bring before your readers the claims of the above Charity on their support. The asylum was established in 1827, for the gratuitous maintenance and education of orphans of both sexes, and of all denominations, whose parents once moved in pros-

perity, and lived in any part of the British empire. The number of children at present in the establishment is over 200; they are the sons and daughters of clergyman, naval and military officers, solicitors, merchants, &c. The education imparted is of a practical Christian character, and many pupils have been enabled to regain the position once occupied by their parents. The present being the jubilee year of the Institution, an effort is being made to raise a jubilee fund to enable the Board of Directors to enlarge their sphere of usefulness, and I am endeavouring to obtain a hundred guineas to add to this fund at the annual meeting in January next. I have a special reason for making this effort. My brother, William Charles Cooper, died on Whit-Monday last year, after a severe and protracted illness, the result of the exposure to which he was subjected when serving his fellow-countrymen as a reporter in many parts of the kingdom. He left a widow and five children, the eldest only nine years old, entirely unprovided for, his illness having absorbed all his means. My sister-in-law is doing her best to provide for herself and little ones by lodging letting; but, as you can easily imagine, finds the care and other accompaniments of so large a family a serious drawback to her success. With a view, therefore, of assisting in the removal of this obstacle, a good brother Mason, who knew my brother, and who is well known for his Christian liberality in such cases, has nominated my brother's eldest child, Catherine Jane Cooper, as a candidate for admission into the above-named asylum. After two elections we find that we shall require at least four hundred more votes than we can hope to obtain by canvassing to secure her election at Christmas; but if I can succeed in filling my subscription list of one hundred guineas, I shall be entitled, under one of the rules (the 47th), to the required number of votes on that occasion only. It is on this account that I seek the kind co-operation and assistance of my brother Masons everywhere—and especially those connected with the Press—and I am sure I shall not appeal to them in vain, for the care of the fatherless and the widow is one of the chief objects of our banding ourselves together. It is especially desirable that my niece should be successful at the forthcoming election, as my aged mother, by whom necessarily the greater part of the canvass has been conducted, is unable to continue it, on account of failing health and sight. Will you kindly permit me to acknowledge in your columns any contributions I may be favoured with? Many of us have recently been attending thanksgiving services for the bounteous harvest with which we have been favoured, and for preservation from the horrors of a war into which at one time it seemed probable we might drift. Is it possible to conceive of a better way in which to show our gratitude to the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow, than by doing our best to provide for those who are left desolate by the hand of death?

Yours fraternally,

E. SEYMOUR COOPER.

7 Garrick-street, Covent Garden, W.C.  
28th Nov. 1877.

P.S.—The following amounts have been promised, or contributed:—

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| Bro. Magnus Ohren, and the employes of the Crystal Palace Gas Co. (for whom my brother acted as Collector) ... | 3 | 13 | 6 | C. Umney, Esq., London 1               | 1  | 0  |   |
| J. Tattersall, Esq., Stoke Newington ...   | 2 | 12 | 6 | Mr. George Powlson, Warrington ...     | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| E. Seymour Cooper ...  | 2 | 12 | 6 | Mrs. Bevitt, Edgbaston, Birmingham ... | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| A Friend, Warwick ...  | 2 | 2  | 0 | Messrs. Unwin Bros., London ...        | 1  | 1  | 0 |
| Miss E. Cooper ...   | 1 | 1  | 0 | Mr. R.E. Cooper, Henley-in-Arden ...   | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| Mrs. C. Cooper, Bedford 1  | 1 | 0  |   | Mrs. Orman, Bedford 0                  | 10 | 6  |   |
| Mr. H. C. Cooper, ditto 1  | 1 | 0  |   | George Hurst, Esq., J.P., Bedford ...  | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| Messrs. McIntyre, London 1   | 1 | 0  |   | James Wyatt, Esq., Bedford ...         | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| G. C. Young, Esq., do 1  | 1 | 0  |   | F. Trapp, Esq., Bedford 0              | 10 | 6  |   |
| J. Atkins, Esq., Bedford 1   | 1 | 0  |   | Bro. R. H. Coombs, Bedford ...         | 0  | 10 | 6 |
| The Loyal Bruce Castle Lodge of Oddfellows, Tottenham ...  | 1 | 1  | 0 |  |    |    |   |

## VALLEY OF NEW ZEALAND.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me to inform "Rose Croix" that I apply the word schismatic to all so-called Masonic bodies outside the recognised degrees of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry according to the articles of Union.

I do not know where the so-called S.G.C. Valley of New Zealand obtained its charter, neither does it much matter, in my simple opinion; because I deny the right of any so-called Grand Lodge or Council to prohibit me from joining any other body which does not infringe on the rights and privileges of that Order. For instance, supposing I am a member of the Mark degree, what right have they to prevent me joining the Order of Knights of Rome and of the Red Cross of Constantine or the Royal Order of Scotland? again, supposing the members of a "time-immemorial Mark Lodge which has never acknowledged the Grand Mark Lodge choose to form a new Lodge of Mark Masons in whatever town or province they desire, what power or authority has the so-called Grand Mark Lodge to attempt to prevent their doing so? It is on these grounds that I claim the liberty of our New Zealand brethren to patronize what Council they choose to obtain a charter from; there is room enough for all, and the same freedom of inclination which has been obtained in this country must be allowed to other individuals, for we will not have any of that persecution which was attempted a year or two ago by the so-called *Tri partite combination*.

Yours fraternally,

A KNIGHT ROSE CROIX, 11<sup>th</sup>,

Orion Chapter, No. 3, 26th Nov. 1877.

SIGNING ATTENDANCE BOOK.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I do not dispute the signing of the attendance book on occasions of Masonic gatherings, but the names should not be entered in the minute book if it is not legitimately Lodge business. In the majority of cases I believe the Lodge is closed before the banquet takes place. If so, I cannot understand why members coming late, or early to the banquet, should sign their names. As I read the sentence, it led me to suppose that their names would be entered on the minutes as being present at Lodge; if so, does it not tend to make the the minutes misleading?

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PROVINCIAL MASON.

26th November 1877.

CALLING OFF.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I should like to put a case to some of my more experienced brethren, which I have not yet seen discussed, and for which I find no directions in the Book of Constitutions.

At a regular meeting of a Lodge the business to be disposed of is very heavy, and, at a very late hour, is not half concluded. The business is of such a character that it must be disposed of at once, and it would be impossible to defer its progress until the next regular Lodge meeting—a month from that time. It is also of such a character as would prevent its being disposed of at a Lodge of Emergency. Under these circumstances can I “call off” the Lodge, giving the members warning that I shall “call on” again on such a day, say the following day, or that day week, &c., at such an hour?

I raise this point simply as a question of Masonic Jurisprudence. I have only seen the “calling off and on” used for refreshment, but I wish to know if it can be applied under such circumstances as I have stated, or any other. Of course I am fully aware that a Lodge must be formally closed on all occasions, and cannot therefore be “adjourned,” but if a Lodge can be “called off” for a time, what is the limit of that time?

Yours fraternally,

A YOUNG W.M.

26th Nov. 1877.

PROV. GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your report of the proceedings of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland an omission of the greatest importance has been made, for in it there is no mention of what was done for the Charities. I am quite sure that your readers will thoroughly appreciate the intelligence that the body in question, after voting very handsome sums to the Masonic Charities, voted donations to the following local charities:—Newcastle Infirmary, six guineas; to the Northern Counties Orphanage for Boys, ditto for Girls, and to the Boys' Refuge, each ten guineas; to the Hospital for Sick Children, six guineas; to the Wellesley Training Ship, fifteen guineas; and to the Newcastle Dispensary Samaritan Fund, the Blind Institution, and the Deaf and Dumb Institution, five guineas each; making a total gift to the local charities of seventy-two guineas.

I am, yours fraternally,

A NORTH COUNTRY W.M.

ST. GEORGE'S LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I shall esteem the favour of your kindly giving notice in the next issue of the CHRONICLE that the meetings of St. George's Lodge of Instruction, for many years past held, at 7 o'clock, on Friday evening in each week, at the Globe Tavern, Royal-hill, Greenwich, will in future be held on Mondays, at the same hour and place; this arrangement admitting of the members attending the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, at Freemason's Hall, the working of which is taught and strictly observed in this Lodge of Instruction, and at the mother Lodge.

I am, Sir, yours fraternally,

Greenwich, 27th Nov. 1877.

GEO. BROWN, Secretary.

THE MASONIC NEWSPAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I did not admire your article which appeared a few weeks since, entitled “Forewarned—Forearmed.” I considered that, on the one hand, you gave too great prominence to a work which you described as full of errors; on the other, that you did not make sufficient allowance for the inevitable occurrence of errors in such a compilation as that which proved the subject of your censure. Since then I have read, in the columns of the only other Masonic journal in this country of whose existence I am aware, another article bearing almost *verbatim* the same title as yours. Now, I have had many years' experience of English journalism, and I am certain every decent and respectable journalist will bear me out when I say, that it is only in the lowest and most disreputable papers that you would find such impudent trash as was to be found in the last week's leader (!) of your Masonic contemporary. I have not altered my

original opinion of your article, which, if incisive, was not unkindly; but now that I have had this practical proof of the disgraceful malignity to which a journal professing to be an organ of free Masonic opinion can descend, my verdict as to your effusion is “Not guilty,—but don't do it again.”

I can see pretty well how the land lies. Your contemporary is angry because you have presumed to enter into competition with him; but that is no excuse for his gross misbehaviour, both now and formerly. The proprietor of what are audaciously described as “the four Masonic periodicals” is a dealer in Masonic wares, and rightly judges that these periodicals of his are better advertising media than ordinary newspapers; but common sense, to say nothing of Masonic courtesy, should have prevented him yielding to such discreditable exhibitions of ill feeling. There is, as was stated in the article I read in the last issue of his weekly, plenty of room for open and above-board competition, but his practice and his teaching do not agree. Though he has again and again criticised its articles, he has gone on ignoring the CHRONICLE, though its publication is sanctioned by His Royal Highness the Grand Master. I have even heard, though I hope for the honour of Masonry it is untrue, that he declines to insert advertisements which contain any extracts from or reference to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. Such misconduct as this I hold to be tantamount to a censure on his Royal Highness.

Again, his advertisement of “the four Masonic Periodicals” is a piece of audacity; I think I am even justified in saying mendacity, which deserves to be brought under the notice of the Masonic public. I do not say this because he ignores you, but because if there is one publication in this country which it is right should be described as “the Masonic periodical,” it is the *Freemason's Calendar and Pocket Book*, which is published under the authority of Grand Lodge, by command of the Grand Master, and for the benefit of the Charity Fund.

I remain, Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

ANTI-HUMBUG.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORFOLK.

AT an unusually brief notice, the Provincial Grand Lodge of Norfolk met in Norwich on Monday last, the Lodge being held in Noverre's Room. Contrary to custom, no agenda of business was issued, and there was no attendance at divine service. There was, however, a fair attendance of brethren, every Lodge in the Province being represented, with the exception of Lodge Joppa. The Lodge was opened by the R.W.P.G.M. Lord Suffield, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bros. the Rev. H. Evans Lombe and Hamon L'Estrange. The Finance Committee presented their report which was adopted, and the officers were appointed for the ensuing year—Bros. W. A. T. Amherst being P.G.S.W. and E. Orams P.G.J.W. In the course of the proceedings the subject of the building of a new Masonic Hall, the site of which has been purchased in St. Giles' street, was introduced and discussed. A collection was made on behalf of the Masonic Charities, and amounted to upwards of £11. At five o'clock the brethren assembled at the Norfolk Hotel, where they dined, to the number of about 70, under the presidency of the R.W.P.G.M. Lord Suffield, who was supported by the D.P.G.M. Bro. Major Pourice, P.D.P.G.M. Bro. A. M. F. Morgan, the Prov. G. Chap., and other Grand Officers. The other chairs were filled by the newly-appointed Wardens. A first class menu was placed before the company by Mr. Tidman, the proprietor of the hotel. After dinner the customary Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the health of the Provincial Grand Master being received with every cordiality. A great feature in the proceedings was the proposing by his lordship of “Success to the Masonic Hall Company”—a toast to which practical effect was given by Bro. Chittock P.P.G.S.D., announcing that he would take 500 shares, which was received with great cheering, and by a great many of the brethren doubling the number they had previously taken, so that finally the Provincial Secretary, Bro. J. B. Aldis, was in a position to state that just 4,000 shares had been taken. The building will therefore at once be proceeded with. After spending a very pleasant evening, the brethren separated, about ten o'clock.—*The Eastern Daily Press*.

NEEDING HELP.

We this week acknowledge, with sincere thanks, the receipt of the following amounts for the family of our late Bro. Goddin:—

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|------------------------|-----|---|------|
| Bro. Mortlock, 186     | ... | 1 | 1 0  |
| „ J. Miller, 174       | ... | 0 | 10 0 |
| Miss J. R.             | ... | 0 | 10 0 |
| Bro. J. R. Large, 1607 | ... | 0 | 5 0  |
| C. B.                  | ... | 0 | 2 6  |

As we go to press we learn, with great regret, that Mrs. Goddin, whose serious illness we previously referred to, is dead.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—An Infallible Remedy for Bad Legs and all kinds of Wounds.—The surprising sale of these invaluable medicines in every part of the civilised world is the most convincing proof of their efficacy. They speedily cure bad legs, old wounds, scrofula, and diseases of the skin. Thousands of persons suffering from these dreadful maladies have been cured by them after every other means had failed; and it is a fact beyond all doubt that there is no case however obstinate or long standing, but may be quickly relieved and ultimately cured by these wonderful medicines. Their united action is irresistible; more need not be said in praise of these celebrated Pills. Let those who doubt their excellence give them a trial.



### THE "HULL PACKET" AND THE "FREEMAN'S JOURNAL."

The action of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Ireland, refusing any longer to recognise the Grand Orient of France as a Masonic body, from the latter having altered its fundamental constitution of belief in a personal Deity and the immortality of the soul, has won approval from a source where approval was most expected. The *Dublin Freeman's Journal* applauds the action with all the energy at its command, which is not by any means small. This paper, for many years, was owned by a Protestant, Sir John Gray, but under him it was conducted on Roman Catholic principles. Mr. Dwyer Gray, the present proprietor, was, until lately, a nominal Protestant, but he has gone over to Paul Cullen, and his journal has become, if possible, more Roman than before. The well known antagonism to Freemasonry evinced by the Roman Church is amply shown in a leader published in the Dublin print this week. After applauding the action of the Irish Lodge, the writer of the article goes on to say, that to the outside world it would seem that it did not require a gigantic effort to sweep away the very vague and shadowy professions in which a Freemason is asked to assert his belief in the Divine Existence. While admitting that the formularies of Freemasonry talk of a Great Being, a Supreme Architect, the formularies themselves are declared to be grotesque, semi-idiotic, barbarous, and frequently blasphemous, and revolting; the name of God is dragged into the midst of inhuman oaths and invocations, but it is not the God of the Christian religion, but such a God as Voltaire, Rousseau, Strauss, and Renan have fancied, to be set up and destroyed by them as their whims or their atheism might suggest—robbed according to their impious creed of his very existence. This is something like a sweeping condemnation of the Freemason's God, which we should like to see answered by one of the leaders of that society. In Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, perhaps, more than in any other part of England, Freemasonry flourishes, and it is therefore all the more desirable to know whether the Hibernian is right in his description of the Craft's belief, or if he be not uttering a gross calumny on an organisation which the outside public has always understood to be conducted on principles having Christian love as their very essence. The step taken by the Irish fraternity is urged by the Dublin journalist as one which must have further results. The Italian brotherhood must also be dismissed from all fellowship, for if the Orient of France is gross and disgusting in its infidelity, it is far surpassed by the atheistic principles and practices of the Lodges of the Italian kingdom. The Lodges of Frankfurt and Berlin, we are further told, reek with the abominations of a godless rationalism. If this be the case—and the Irish scribe says so, and must surely know—then the Grand Lodge of Ireland may be regarded as a mighty saviour of the purity and the orthodoxy of the mystic brotherhood. The English Lodges are warned that unless they break off with the French Orient the Irish Freemasons must logically sever their connection with them, and, in fact, with all Masonic associations that will not disown the Grand Orient. What the English Freemasons will do we are not aware, but we have sufficient confidence in those who are at the head of affairs in the English Fraternity to believe that when the time comes for a deliverance on such an important subject, it will be such as all good and genuine Masons will accept. The secret of the attack against the Craft in the Irish paper is not far to seek; the organisation is a secret society, and the Church has condemned all secret societies. There must be nothing secret from the Church, says Pio Nono, and as I do not know your proper constitution, I shall do my best, by abuse and misrepresentation, to annihilate you. This old man says that Freemasonry has always cherished an alliance with revolution and irreligion all over the world; that it has been made such a thing that Catholics cannot touch it; that its influence is suspected and feared in our law courts, and its operations unjustly extended to the domains of politics, literature, and commerce; and that its charity is most selfish, and its benevolence quite bounded. All this, and more the enemies of the Craft are continually urging, and especially in countries where the priests have any power. Freemasonry, as we take it, is not an organisation confined to any particular sect of Christians, and it can well afford to meet openly and fearlessly all the charges brought against it by those whose opposition spring from chagrin and priestly hate.—*Hull Packet*, 16th November.

### UNITED ORDERS OF THE TEMPLE AND HOSPITAL.

THE regular meeting of the Fidelity Priory of Malta was held at the Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, on Tuesday, the 20th inst., and was presided over by Sir Knight Gibson E. Prior, assisted by Sir Knights Kay P.E.P., Mason P.E.P., Beck P.E.P., Poulter, Rowley, Craig, Eastwood, Pullen, &c., and Sir Knight C. F. Matier K.C.T. as visitor. The following candidates were duly elected, and having received the Mediterranean pass, were admitted to the honour of Knights of Malta:—Bros. Hatfield, Wormald, Boswell, and Wilson. After the close of the Priory, the Knights partook of the bread of plenty and the cup of cheerfulness.

**BRO. SEEBOHM AND HIS TRAVELS.**—On Monday evening, 12th November, at the Royal Brunswick Lodge of Freemasons, Bro. H. Seebohm, who has recently returned to Sheffield, gave a most graphic and spirited account of his travels in Siberia. Bro. Seebohm, who has been away for a considerable period, has travelled over something like 15,000 miles, having spent the last few months in sledges drawn by reindeer, dogs, or horses. He described the customs and habits of the people with whom he had come in contact, and was attentively listened to. At the close of his remarks he was warmly thanked for his kindness in according the Royal Brunswick Lodge the privilege of first listening to his interesting accounts of comparatively unknown regions.

We regret to announce the death of Bro. James Mott, late Superintendent of the A. Division Metropolitan Police. Bro. Mott was initiated in the New Concord Lodge, and joined the St. Dunstan's on its consecration. He was in his forty-ninth year, and was one of the most popular officers in the force; he was greatly respected, not only by many of the highest in the land, but also by every man in the Division. He received the Commemoration Jewel on the occasion of H.R.H. being installed as M.W.G.M., for his efficient services on that auspicious occasion. His loss will be deeply felt by his sorrowing family.

*Le Monde Maçonnique* announces, in its summary of news from Brazil, that the Lodge Zur Eintracht, whose members are Germans, and work according to Schröder's rite, have just inaugurated their new temple.

From the same source of information we learn that the Council of the Grand Orient has subscribed 500 francs towards the work of the African International Association, and that it has decided to open a subscription in favour of the victims of the Turco-Russian War, to be distributed without the slightest regard to nationality. We are also informed that the committee charged with the erection of a monument to the late Bro. Manol have delivered their report, from which it appears that the receipts amount to 3,349 francs 30 cents., and the expenditure to 2,483 fr. 15 c. The balance, 866 fr. 15 c., it has been resolved to place in the hands of the Council of the G. Orient, to be devoted towards defraying the expenses connected with the various courses of instruction founded by the G. O., on condition that an annual prize, to be called the Manol Prize, be presented to one of the pupils attending such courses.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—On Wednesday, the 28th November, at the Black Bull, Holborn. Present—Bros. Kidder W.M., Thompson S.W., Tate J.W., Abell S.D., Blakemore J.D., Blum I.G.; Bro. Long Preceptor, and several others. Business—The ceremonies of initiation and passing were very ably rehearsed by Bro. Kidder. In the course of the evening a distressed French brother, from Turkey, was relieved.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—Held its usual meeting on Thursday, at Bro. Wright's, the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars. Present—Bros. Cleverley W.M., Hewlett S.W., Shepherd J.W., Holland S.D., Ellis J.D., Goldstein I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor, Hogg Hon. Sec. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Campbell answered the usual questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Campbell candidate. Bro. Ellis worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Hewlett was elected W.M. for the next meeting, which will take place on Thursday, 13th inst., as the room is required next Thursday for an "Arch Chapter." The Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. There was a good attendance of brethren. We hope this will continue, as the Preceptor is a P.M. of the Mother Lodge, and makes a point of being at his post to give instruction.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—A meeting was held on the 27th ult., at the Metropolitan Club, King's-cross. Present—Bros. G. Clark W.M., J. W. Smith S.W., H. Lovegrove J.W., W. M. Stiles Secretary, J. Willing S.D., H. Clark J.D., T. C. Edwards I.G., C. Cox Tyler; P.M. Bro. T. A. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor. Business—The Lodge opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. J. J. Steele candidate. The first, second, third, and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked by Bro. Adams P.G.P. Preceptor. Bro. J. W. Smith S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for ensuing meeting. Bros. Adams P.G.P., Willing P.M., and Stiles were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary respectively, and the sincere thanks of the Lodge of Instruction accorded them for their indefatigable exertions and services rendered during the past year. After these brethren had severally thanked the members for this renewal of confidence, the Lodge was closed in due form, with solemn prayer, and in perfect harmony.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 23rd November, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Smout jun. S.W., Adkins J.W., Gabb S.D., Wood J.D., Hopton I.G., Past Master Savage Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Tettenborn, Kelly, Newland, Poulter, and Reynolds. The ceremony of raising, and rehearsed, Bro. Poulter candidate; the W.M. gave the Traditional History, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Reynolds being candidate. Bro. Penn, W.M. of the mother Lodge, will preside at the next meeting. Bros. Gabb and Reynolds were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction.

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**THE WINTER HALF-YEARLY COMMUNICATION** of this Grand Lodge will be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, on Tuesday, the 4th of December 1877, when and where all Grand Officers (past and present), W. Masters, Past Masters, Wardens, and Overseers of Private Lodges are hereby summoned to attend, and at which, by permission, all regularly registered Mark Masons may be present.

Grand Lodge will be opened at Five o'clock p.m. Dinner can be provided at the Holborn Restaurant, at Seven o'clock at a charge of Five Shillings, exclusive of Wine.

Brethren intending to be present are requested to send their names to the Grand Stewards, care of the Grand Secretary as under, not later than Monday, the 3rd of December.

By command, **FREDERICK BINCKES,**  
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**DRURY LANE.**—At 7.0, *SARAH'S YOUNG MAN*. At 7.45, *AMY ROBERTS*, and *THE CONSCRIPTION*.

**HAYMARKET.**—At 7.30, *BY THE SEA*. At 8.15, *ENGAGED*.

**ADELPHI.**—At 7.0, *THE DEAL BOATMAN*. At 8.15, *FORMOSA*.

**PRINCESS'S.**—At 7.0, *OUT TO NURSE*. At 7.45, *JANE SHORE*.

**OLYMPIC.**—At 7.30, *A ROUGH DIAMOND*. At 8.30, *HENRY DUNBAR*.

**STRAND.**—At 7.0, *TIMOTHY TO THE RESCUE*. At 7.45, *FAMILY TIES*, and *CHAMPAGNE, A QUESTION OF PHIZ*.

**GAIETY.**—At 7.30, *AN EVASIVE REPLY*. At 8.15, *A MUSICAL BOX*. At 9.15, *LITTLE DOCTOR FAUST*.

**GLOBE.**—At 7.0, *FARCE*. At 7.45, *STOLEN KISSES*. At 10.0, *ISAAC OF YORK*.

**VAUDEVILLE.**—At 7.30, *A WHIRLIGIG*. At 8.0, *OUR BOYS*, and *A FEARFUL FOG*.

**PRINCE OF WALES'S.**—At 8.0, *AN UNEQUAL MATCH*, and *TO PARENTS AND GUARDIANS*.

**OPERA COMIQUE.**—*THE SORCERER*, &c.

**COURT.**—At 8.15, *THE HOUSE OF DARNLEY*.

**CRITERION.**—At 7.30, *THE PORTER'S KNOT*. At 8.45, *THE PINK DOMINOES*.

**FOLLY.**—At 7.30, *UP THE RIVER*. At 8.0, *THE CREOLE*. At 9.15, *SHOOTING STARS*.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, *CHOPSTICK AND SPIKINS*. At 8.15, *LA MARJOLAINE*.

**QUEEN'S.**—At 7.0, *FARCE*. At 8.0, *OMADHAUN*.

**ALHAMBRA.**—At 7.20, *FARCE*. At 8.0, *MADAME ANGOT*. At 10.15, *YOLANDE*.

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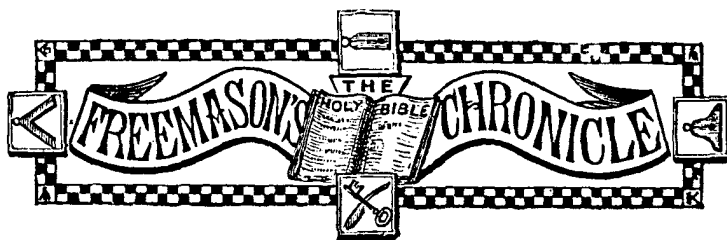
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### OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

**T**HE Court is still detained at Balmoral by reason of the continued indisposition of Prince Leopold, but there is reason to believe that it will return southward at an early date. The Princess of Wales and her daughters accomplished the return to London safely, and Miss Knollys appears not to have suffered in any way by the journey. On Monday, the Prince and Princess left Clarence House, which during the absence of the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh they have occupied, pending the repairs and alterations which are being carried out at their own residence, on Monday for Sandringham. Here the Prince, with Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar and the other guests, have been enjoying some excellent sport in the Royal preserves. It is anticipated that at no great distance of time a ball will be given by their Royal Highnesses, and this is the more likely, owing to the absence of the customary festivities on the anniversary of the Prince of Wales's birthday. To-day is the Princess of Wales's birthday.

Though the Mansion House Indian Famine Relief Fund has been closed for some time, considerable sums are still being received daily. The fund has already reached, by reason of these further remittances, the handsome total of £482,400, and there is every probability that it will amount to a round half million before the flow of contributions ceases entirely. On Wednesday the Lord Mayor received a telegram from the Mayor of Sydney, N. S. Wales, to the effect that he had remitted £6,000 by the mail the same day, and that more would follow.

The Privy Council have issued instructions with reference to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show, which will be held the week after next at the usual quarters, the Agricultural Hall, Islington; and the Council of the Club have given notice to exhibitors of the special arrangements to which they will have to conform. The entries are said to be equal to those of any previous year, and among the exhibitors will be, as for some years past, both Her Majesty and the Prince of Wales.

The meeting of the Society of Arts on Wednesday morning was of an unusually interesting character, and the hall and all the approaches were thronged with people all anxious to hear Professor Bell's lecture on the Telephone. Indeed, large numbers of people were unable to be present. The lecturer was listened to throughout with the most rapt attention. At the conclusion of the lecture some conversations were carried on, one with a correspondent in the hotel close by, at a distance of some hundred yards, and another with a person in Gough-square, Fleet-street, distant about a mile. The longest distance through which a conversation has been conducted is said to be 258 miles, namely, between Boston and New York, but experiments in the laboratory have shown that communication is possible at a distance of 60,000 miles; that is, conversations have been perfectly clear through resistances such as would be experienced in traversing such a distance.

A deputation from three different societies waited on the Earl of Derby at the Foreign Office on Wednesday, for the purpose of presenting to his Lordship a memorial urging on the Government to depart from their present policy of inaction. Lord Stratheden and Campbell introduced the deputation, and when he had read the memorial, several among those present addressed his lordship. In reply, the Earl of Derby promised to lay the statement that had been read out to him before his colleagues, and to read it carefully himself, but he pointed out that the deputation must not expect him to express any opinion on current events in the East. At the same time he declared emphatically that the Government would strictly adhere to the policy they had laid down, and that they would continue to observe, as long as possible, consistently with the interests of the British Empire, the conditional neutrality they proclaimed at the outset of the war.



The weather has been about as unfavourable as it could be, and each succeeding week has its sad tale to tell of loss of life and property at sea. Numerous wrecks, and still more numerous casualties, have occurred along our coast, and there has been plenty of hard and venturesome work for our life boats.

The strike of Masons still continues, and efforts are being made by the masters to import foreign labour into this country. This week the plan has been attended with greater success than usual, a large number of German Masons having arrived *via* Flushing. On their arrival at the Victoria Station, omnibuses which had been awaiting them carried them off to the New Law Courts, and though the pickets of the English masons on strike endeavoured to seduce them from their employment, their efforts were fruitless. The Germans were driven into the works, where they will be comfortably and well looked after. It seems to us that these constant disputes between capital and labour will end some fine day in the loss of our manufacturing supremacy.

Jewel robberies on an extensive scale appear to be of very frequent occurrence just now. This is not to be wondered at, as the present is the most convenient season for burglaries. The other day the newly-married Countess of Aberdeen was relieved of valuable property to the value of some £5,000. The robbers entered Ashstead House, where her ladyship and her husband were spending the honeymoon, and managed to get away. However, in this instance, the police have succeeded in arresting one of the party, and there is therefore a chance that the others may be taken also, and perhaps that some of the stolen jewellery may be recovered. At Wimbledon, two other and similar robberies have been committed, one being at the house of Mr. Bazalgette, the well-known engineer.

The Monday Popular Concerts at the St. James's Hall draw as large and as enthusiastic audiences as ever. Among the leading artists, vocal and instrumental, who have been charming successive audiences, must be mentioned Miss Agnes Zimmermann, Madame Norman-Neruda, and Messrs. L. Ries, Zerbini, and Piatti. The theatrical world is in full activity, but Old Drury will be closed after Saturday next, in order that the needful preparations may be made for the Christmas pantomime, in which the Vokes family will prove the chief attraction.

The successors of the De Broglie ministry have been summarily defeated in the Legislative Assembly, and by as crushing a majority, and the public mind is necessarily agitated as to what will next happen. We can hardly imagine that the party of M. Gambetta has greatly strengthened itself by its onslaught on ministers when they had not had time enough even to present a programme of their measures. It would have been in better taste to have waited for a proper opportunity to try conclusions with General Rochebouet and his colleagues. However, it may be in this, as in other matters, that they manage things better in France than they do in other countries. There is a talk that the Assembly will vote the direct taxes, and then that there will be another dissolution. Meanwhile, however, the trade and commerce of the country are suffering terribly from this dead-lock, and there is naturally much anxiety as to the future course which France will pursue.

The news from the Danube is to the effect that there is almost continuous fighting going on between the opposing armies, and in all directions—on the Lom, in the Chipka Pass, and around Orchanie and Plevna. In the engagements on the Lom, which, however, have been rather intended as reconnaissances than battles on a large scale, Suleiman Pasha is evidently feeling his enemy with a view to discovering his weak points, and possibly with the resolution to make a desperate attack either on the Russian left near the Danube, or in the direction of Osman Bazar on his right. Mehemet Ali Pasha has reached Orchanie with a force of 15,000 men, and doubtless further forces are being sent on to him, as these with the former garrison are certainly not sufficient to enable him to operate effectively for the relief of Osman, who still presents a bold front in his stronghold at Plevna. How long he will be able to hold out there it is impossible to say. Now we hear of his contemplated surrender, now that he has provisions and ammunition to last him many weeks, but at the same time there are some 9,000 sick in Plevna. The Russians, meanwhile, remain on the alert, and General Ghourko is operating vigorously against the enemy. Etropol is taken, and so is a place named Provotz, which must seriously con-

cern Mehemet Ali for the safety of his communications with Sofia. There is this, however, to be said, and it may seriously alter the aspect of the war, the weather is reported to have changed for the worse, both in Bulgaria and in Asia. If so, the Russians will have their work cut out for them. Their advance towards Erzeroum is already stopped, according to Mukhtar Pasha. As for Servia, she is not yet in the field, and we think she will do well to put off her attack on Turkey till the present struggle is concluded.

The Half-yearly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown, will be held on Tuesday, the 4th December, at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London. Grand Lodge will be opened at five o'clock in the afternoon. The dinner will take place at the Holborn Restaurant, at seven o'clock. Those desirous of attending are requested to intimate their intention to the Grand Secretary, at the Office, 2 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C., not later than Monday, the 3rd December.

W. R. Parker, a pupil in the Royal Masonic Boys' School, gained the 9th place out of a large number of candidates seeking to be educated as naval engineers in Her Majesty's Dockyards. Parker had no special preparation. The subjects were English, French, Mathematics (including the XI. Book of Euclid).

#### EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE Annual Festival was held on Friday, the 23rd instant, at Freemason's Hall, W.C. Lodge was opened at six o'clock, by Bro. C. A. Murton P.G.D., and after some formal business, the Sections of the Second Degree were worked. The supper was presided over by the Right Hon. the Earl of Donoughmore P.S.G.W., and being finished, the Chairman proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. It had been his good fortune to be in such a position with regard to the Pro Grand Master that a great deal of the work of the Craft passed through his hands; he was thereby able to judge of the interest the Grand Master took in the Craft. This toast having been enthusiastically received, was followed by those of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, all of which were duly honoured. Bro. Tomkins, Grand Treasurer, rose and proposed the health of the Chairman. All were obliged to him for presiding. The Earl of Donoughmore thanked the brethren for the flattering way in which the toast had been received. He was personally indebted to the Emulation Lodge for instruction given; last year he founded a Lodge, and was enabled to carry out the ceremonies satisfactorily, and this because he had received instruction from the Emulation Lodge. He referred to the Festival of last year, on which occasion Bro. John Hervey had presided in the Lodge. On that occasion Earl Carnarvon spoke of the very great services rendered to the Lodge by the Grand Secretary. He should therefore have great pleasure in proposing Prosperity to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement, coupling with the toast the name of Bro. J. Hervey. The toast having met a most hearty reception, was acknowledged by Bro. Hervey, who was gratified at the reception always accorded his name. He was happy to vacate the chair of the Lodge in favour of such brethren as had presided that evening. Last year the work was performed by Grand Officers, on this occasion they had seen what younger brethren could do. As he had often said, it was his opinion that the first impression a candidate received of Masonry often had great influence on his future dealings with the Craft. He was sure that the working of the Emulation Lodge would conduce to perfection in the Ritual. The chairman next proposed the health of the W.M. and officers who presided during the evening. He was sure the young members would ever remember Bro. Hervey's promise, and should they ever be at a loss how to act they would go to him for advice. Bro. Murton acknowledged the toast on behalf of himself and other officers of the evening. He was proud to say that Bro. Hervey was his father in Masonry. He then gave "Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions," under whose licence they worked, and to whom they should be grateful. With this toast he coupled the name of Bro. Farnfield, who replied; he considered that, in this instance, the child shed lustre on its parent. The toast of the Visitors, the Masonic Charities, and the Stewards of the Evening, were severally given and acknowledged, after which the Tyler was summoned, and concluded the proceedings. Among those supporting the chairman were Bros. Colonel Somerville Burney, Lieut.-Colonel Shadwell Clerke, J. M. P. Montagu, Hyde Pallen, Peter de Laude Long, T. Fenn, J. A. Rucker, Capt. Philips, J. Hervey, S. Tomkins, W. Smallpeice, C. A. Murton, A. J. Filer, Rev. Dr. Robbins, J. M. Case, A. B. Cooke, H. J. P. Dumas, &c.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

General Committee, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## MONDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

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. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1125—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
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.  
109—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
339—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.  
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
482—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.  
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
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, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1054—Southam, Railway Hotel, Wilmslow, Cheshire.  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnast Arms Hotel, Oswestry.  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield. (Installation.)  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.  
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick.  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.

## TUESDAY, 4th DECEMBER.

Half-yearly Communication of Grand Lodge M.M.M., Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.  
1287—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
1298—Royal Standard, Wellington Club, Upper-street, N.  
1381—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval.  
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
1663—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Durham.  
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness-on-Sea.  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor.  
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
393—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick-on-Tweed.  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester.  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool.  
695—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle.  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington.  
804—Carnarvon, Lodge Rooms, Waterloo-road, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
928—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Petersfield, Hampshire.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Woking-street, Cardiff.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch.  
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, York. (Installation Banquet.)

## WEDNESDAY, 5th DECEMBER.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall. At 6.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Black Bull, Holborn, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)  
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1535—Royal Commemoration, Star and Garter Hotel, Putney.  
1687—Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-fields.  
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.)

81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
298—Harmony, Masonic Room, Ann-street, Rochdale.  
326—Moirs, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol.  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton.  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire.  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Mon.  
611—The Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow.  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1063—Malling Abbey, Bear Inn, West Malling, Kent.  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivy Bridge, Devon.  
1111—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Alnwick.  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea.  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney.  
1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Lord Stanley Tavern, Sandringham-road, Kingsland.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
M. M. Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Guildhall, Canterbury.  
38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester.  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire.  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Temple, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks.  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield.  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham.  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
360—Pomfret, Masonic Building, Abingdon-street, Northampton.  
442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Boroughbury, Peterborough.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.  
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich. (Instruction.)  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Grimsby.  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underly, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale.  
1282—Anchorage, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire.  
1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire.  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire.  
1367—Beamister Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamister.  
1473—Bootle, Molyneux's Assembly Rooms, Bootle, Lancashire.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich.  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks.  
R. A. 998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.

## FRIDAY, 7th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Lion Tavern, Carlton-square, Mile End, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 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 Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1298—Royal Standard, Castle Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road, N.  
1613—Cripplegate, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham.  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
998—Welchpool, Board Room, Railway Station, Welchpool.  
1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fort, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
1664—Gosforth, Brandling Arms Hotel, Gosforth.

## SATURDAY, 8th DECEMBER.

108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1426—The Great City, City Terminus Hotel, E.C.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

R. A. 309—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

## 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. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley.

## TUESDAY.

265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
R. A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
R. A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

R. A. 280—Prosperity, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.

## THURSDAY.

289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.  
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland.  
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley.  
 R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.

## FRIDAY.

242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.  
 R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—429—St. Kentigern, Royal Hotel, Penicuik.  
 TUESDAY—5—Canongate and Leith (L. and C.), 86 Constitution-street.  
 THURSDAY—97—St. James, St. James' Hall, Writer's-court.  
 FRIDAY—291—Celtic of Edinburgh and Leith, Ship Hotel, E. Register-street.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Caveac Chapter, No. 176.**—This well-established and prosperous Chapter held its installation meeting at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City, on Saturday, the 24th ult. The result of the labours of the Audit Committee showed the finances to be in a sound condition. The Chapter was opened by Comps. G. K. Lemann Z., J. B. Sorrell H., W. M. Goss J., P. A. Nairne P.Z., Dr. W. S. Wyman P.Z., R. S. Foreman P.Z., and F. Walters P.Z. Treas. P.P.G.A.S. Middlesex. The Companions were then admitted. Minutes of the last regular convocation read, confirmed, and signed by the M.E.Z. Ballot unanimous in favour of Bro. William Ansell P.M. 30, who, being present, was exalted, in an impressive manner, every officer being perfect in his work. The Bye-laws having been read and the elections over, Comp. G. K. Lemann M.E.Z. installed Comp. J. B. Sorrell M.E.Z. Comp. P. A. Nairne P.Z. installed Comp. W. M. Goss H. In consequence of illness, Comp. C. Browne was absent, and his installation was deferred until the next meeting. The officers appointed and invested were Comps. F. Walters Treasurer (re-invested for the 10th time), A. Williams, C.E., S.E., J. B. Sorrell jun. S.N., A. Middlemas P.S., who appointed as his assistants Comps. R. P. Tebb 1st A.S., S. Pownceby 2nd A.S., A. W. Thorpe Steward, C. T. Speight Janitor (re-invested for 11th time). The usual Past Zerubbabel's jewel was voted to Comp. G. K. Lemann, who graciously acknowledged the gift. In consequence of Comp. G. K. Lemann being about to reside abroad, he resigned his membership. The Chapter, to show what high estimation they held him in, unanimously elected him an honorary member for life. Some propositions were given in for candidates. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned to Saturday, 23rd February 1878, to meet at 5 p.m. The banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, was, as usual, first class. The customary Loyal and Royal Arch toasts having been honoured, the Companions separated, wishing each other the compliments of the approaching season. The visitors were Comps. Frederic Grave 3, Louis Beck 1326, W.M. Rothesay Lodge 1687, &c.

**Lodge of Israel, No. 205.**—The usual meeting was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday evening last. Bro. I. P. Cohen presided, and was ably supported by his officers, Bros. A. M. Cohen P.M. and S.W., A. Passington J.W., H. G. Phillips S.D., L. Norden I.G., Chas. Coote Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, W. Littaur P.M., and Francis Buckland P.M. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bros. J. H. Lobel and H. Sol. Myers were raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony in each instance being most ably worked by the W.M. A ballot was taken for Mr. Louis H. Leon, and being unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated. Upon the motion of Bro. A. M. Cohen, the following resolution, of which he had given notice at the previous meeting, was carried unanimously:—"That Bro. Emanuel Gompers, of 3 Crown-court, Threadneedle-street, diamond merchant, Joseph Raphael, of Howard's Coffee House, St. James's-place, Aldgate, gentleman, and Bro. Francis Buckland, of 54½ Bishopsgate-street-within, solicitor, be, and they are hereby, elected trustees of the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund, in place of the present trustees, several of whom are no longer members of this Lodge."

**Royal Oak Lodge, No. 871.**—At the White Swan Hotel, 217 High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 22nd Nov., the regular meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held. At five o'clock, the W.M. Bro. J. J. Pakes opened the Lodge, and invested with the collar and jewel of their offices Bros. G. T. Limn S.W., R. Harman J.W., J. G. Vohmann S.D., G. Harvey J.D., W. A. R. Harris I.G.; the appointment of the Inner Guard gave great satisfaction; he is a worthy brother, and has distinguished himself in the Craft as a good worker of the ceremonies. The arduous duties of the W.M. (after the minutes had been read, confirmed, and signed) then commenced. He in his usual careful manner initiated Mr. Thos. Weston into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Bro. G. Andrews P.M. most impressively gave the all-important charge to the Entered Apprentice, who retired. The Craftsmen, Bros. William Henry Luckcraft, John Eberhardt Schuabel, and John Lorenz Brodbeck, gave proof of proficiency by the manner in which they answered the usual interrogations. To add to the solemnity of the raisings, each brother was introduced separately. The W.M. distinguished himself by the manner he gave the ceremony, which included the traditional history. The Father of the Lodge, Bro. Frederick Walters P.M. and Secretary P.P.G.D. Middlesex, made a forcible appeal for some member of the Lodge to represent it as Steward for the Benevolent Institution in 1878, pointing out to the

newly appointed S.W. how desirable it would be for him to accept the office. His efforts were warmly supported by the late Steward, H. J. Tuson I.P.M., and Bro. G. T. Limn consented. Some names were given in for initiation. The usual formalities were observed in closing, and the Lodge adjourned to Thursday, 24th January 1878, to meet at 5. There were present, besides those named, Bros. W. Andrews P.M. Treas., J. Truslove P.M., all the Officers, and nearly fifty members. The only visitors were Bros. J. T. Adams 1326 and John Evans 797.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—The regular meeting was held on the 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. Victor Myers W.M., Gulliford S.W., J. Lazarus P.M. J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Salomons S.D., E. Ellis I.G.; P.M.'s A. Eskell, A. D. Loewenstark, and S. V. Abraham; and Bros. Goldberger, Cooper, Brall, M. Levy, Simms, &c. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes were confirmed, the election for W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler took place. Bro. W. H. Gulliford S.W. was unanimously elected W.M., L. Jacobs Treasurer (for the 11th time), and Smith Tyler. The W.M., in informing Bro. Gulliford of his election said, he had much pleasure to inform the brethren, that although this is a so-called Jewish Lodge, in reality it was not so; he was a member of another faith, and was the first Christian member who had been selected to fill the office of W.M. This showed that Masons were not sectarian; it exhibited the universality of Freemasonry, and from his knowledge of Bro. Gulliford's qualifications the Lodge might be congratulated on its selection. Bro. Gulliford suitably replied. Bros. M. Levy, Cooper, and Brall were elected to serve on the Committee of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. A. Eskell in felicitous terms, proposed that a testimonial be given to the W.M., as a token of esteem and regard, and to mark the estimation he is held in; the sum of two guineas to be given from the funds; this he hoped would be augmented by the brethren. Bro. Gulliford in seconding the proposition said, every Brother was delighted with the excellent working of the W.M., and he hoped he would have a testimonial worthy of his acceptance. The Bye-laws were then read, discussed seratim, and afterwards adopted.

**Lodge of St. Mary Bocking, No. 1312.**—The brethren of this Lodge had a busy afternoon on Tuesday, 20th Nov. The Lodge was opened at 2.30, under the presidency of W. Bro. Rev. H. L. Elliot P.M. 468 and P.P.G.C. Warwickshire W.M.; the Officers present were Bros. Thos. Malyn S.W., C. Jones J.W., A. Portway Sec., W. Johnson S.D., Jno. Jessop J.D., J. W. Case Org., J. Claydon I.G., W. Cook Tyler. Some correspondence having been read, and a vote of £5 to the wife of an afflicted brother, whose family are in present need, having been made, the Lodge was opened to the third degree; and a brother was raised. The next business was the installation of W.M. for the ensuing year, for which purpose the W. Bro. Vero W. Taylor P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Essex assumed the gavel, and the chairs of S.W. and J.W. were occupied respectively by W. Bro. G. D. Clapham I.P.M., and Thos. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.S.G.W. Essex. The W.M. elect Bro. Thos. Malyn S.W. was then presented, and the installation ceremony was most ably and impressively performed by Bro. Vero Taylor. The new W.M. subsequently appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—W. Bro. H. L. Elliot P.M. 468 and P.P.G.C. Warwickshire I.P.M., Bro. C. W. Jones S.W., W. Johnson J.W., W. Bro. Neville Tinfell P.M. Treas., A. Portway Sec., John Jessop S.D., Isaac Claydon J.D., Charles Howard I.G., William Cook Tyler. The powers of the W.M. were at once put to the test, and himself and Officers showed their efficiency for work by executing the initiation ceremony in a very admirable manner. In the evening a large party sat down to banquet at the White Hart Hotel, a sumptuous repast being well served by the hostess, Mrs. Phillips. The chair was occupied by Bro. Malyn, the W.M., and there were also present, besides the officers mentioned above, Bros. G. D. Clapham P.M., Thos. W. Wood P.M., B. Beard, W. Bright, Jno. Bush, Geo. Elliott, C. Howard, Jno. J. Cavill, G. Butcher, E. H. Inman, F. Hale, A. B. Collis, &c., &c. Visitors—W. Bros. Joseph Burton P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., Thos. Cochrane W.M. 214 P.S.G.W., Thos. J. Ralling W.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. E. H. Crate W.M. 697 P.P.G.C., J. Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.J.G.W., Thomas Rix P.M. 697 P.P.G.P., W. C. Bell W.M. 1024, and C. Gunner No. 51.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 1524.**—The brethren of this Lodge assembled in full force on Thursday evening, at the Have-lock Tavern, Dalston. Bro. J. B. Shackleton, the W.M., presided, and most ably performed the work, which was unusually heavy. At four o'clock Bros. Hollingsworth, C. J. Olley, A. R. Olley, — Fisher, and Norman were raised. Each candidate was taken separately. Bros. Dexter, Beasley, Bell, Bigg, and Blow were then passed. A ballot was taken for Mr. William Ford, and being unanimous in his favour, that gentleman was duly initiated. The Audit Committee was then appointed, and Bro. Bernard Mayer, the J.W. of the Lodge, elected W.M. for the ensuing year. The brethren then adjourned for refreshment.

**Upton Lodge, No. 1227.**—An emergency meeting was held at the Spotted Dog, Upton, on Thursday, the 22nd ult. Present—Bros. G. Brown W.M., Lyons S.W., Webster J.W., Fenner acting S.D., Andrews J.D., Kincombe Secretary, Wayland Treasurer, R. W. Pearey acting I.G., Lane W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Bratton and Posener; also Bros. Kinnear, Witherstone, Leftley, Cornell, Austen, and Simpson. The visitors were Bros. Quency 1178, Stewart 896, Lorkin 192, Goodwin 733, and Giles 1420. The usual preliminaries being duly observed, the following gentlemen, Messrs. Stroud, Paxton, and Silvus, were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren supped together. The cloth being removed, the usual loyal and patriotic toasts were duly honoured, as were those of the Initiates, the Visitors, &c. Several brethren contributed to the pleasure of the evening by some excellent singing.



**Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.**—The regular meeting was held on Tuesday, 27th November, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a numerous attendance. The brethren wore crape rosettes, as a mark of respect to the late Bro. Joseph Last P.M., who had endeared himself to every brother in the Lodge. The chair was occupied by Bro. W. Moulton W.M.; Haslett S.W., G. S. States P.G.P. P.G.S. Sec., F. G. Manby Asst. Sec., J. H. Leggott S.D., W. R. Lister J.D., Woods as I.G., Grant P.M. Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. E. H. Thiellay, G. Purkis, T. Bull; and Bros. Chinnery, Banks, Kennard, A. Hugon, Iriuth, Halls, Weeks, &c. After the observance of all preliminaries, Bros. Porpa and James were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Newson was raised to the third degree; both these ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M. and Officers. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. Haslett S.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. John Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Grant Tyler. The resignation of a member was accepted, with regret. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed, and Bro. Leggott, seconded, that a gold Past Master's jewel be presented to the retiring W.M. for the able and effective manner he had discharged his duties in the chair. Bro. T. Bull, in feeling terms, referred to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the death of an old friend and Past Master of the Lodge, whom they all respected. He referred to the late Bro. J. Last, and proposed that a vote of sympathy be recorded on the minutes. This was seconded by Bro. G. States, and carried unanimously. The Lodge was then closed until the fourth Tuesday in January. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given. Bro. T. Bull rose to propose the toast of the W.M. Bro. Moulton had faithfully discharged his duties, to their satisfaction. They had seen what he had done in every office he had occupied; he would leave the chair to go among the Past Masters, who would be proud of him. The W.M., in reply, said it was the last occasion he would have the honour to preside over them as W.M.; he would express his grateful thanks for the presence of so many members during his year of office—it had been a year of great pleasure, and he hoped his successor would be equally well received. He then proposed the toast of the Visitors, for whom Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returned thanks. The W.M. then gave the toast of the Past Masters; he alluded to their services, and said it was only one month since he had the pleasure of sitting by the side of his old and valued friend, Bro. J. Last, now no more. He was one of the kindest and most generous of men; always ready to render assistance in the cause of Charity and Freemasonry. The toast was drunk in silence. The W.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. elect, who is an old and valued member of the Lodge, and was respected by all; he is an energetic worker in Freemasonry, and his knowledge of the Ritual is appreciated. He congratulated the members of the Lodge on having one so qualified to fill the chair. Bro. Haslett said he hoped to do all things conducive to the welfare of the Lodge, and to promote their happiness and comfort during his year of office. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and spoke of the able manner in which Bro. G. States had performed his duties. He also referred to Bro. W. Manby, the Assistant Secretary, who is ever ready and willing to give the Lodge the benefit of his valuable services. After a reply from Bro. G. S. States, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge; he would call on Bro. Leggott to respond. After a few words from Bro. Leggott, the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. The visitors were Bros. W. Ponsford 25, J. B. Linscott 55, T. Distin 175, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Braun P.M. 766, G. Brooks P.M. 902, Forbes P.M. 1287, G. Tribbel 1287, Iriuth 1507.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday 19th Nov., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when for an off-night there was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors. The chair was occupied by Bro. Peartree, who is now, we believe, the oldest member of the Lodge; he was supported by his officers: D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., J. Constable P.M. Treas., Phil. Levy Sec., Bailey S.D., G. Croaker J.D., Barber I.G., Bilbee Org., and Potter Tyler. Amongst the P.M.'s we noticed Bros. J. D. Barnett, J. H. Ross, N. Moss, S. Moss, Harfeld, E. Harris, E. Gottheil, &c., whilst the Visitors were represented by Bros. H. Bing G.O., D. Rosenstein 17, W. Y. Laing P.M. 45, Henry Smith 205, J. Rensworthy 205, Dr. G. Mickley P.M. 449 P.G.D. Herts, F. Morris 594, Jas. Pigott P.M. 753, E. Hamilton J.D. 1306, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. E. Simons 1445, R. Clark J.D. 1613, H. Aarons 1668, C. R. Garnett 1707, &c. The business on the agenda paper comprised, in addition to the discussion of sundry matters in connection with the affairs of the Lodge, the raising of Bros. Harris and Barnett, the passing of Bro. Smith, and the initiation of Mr. George Barnes. All formalities being complied with, the W.M. performed the whole of the ceremonies, and imparted into his work a vigour and energy that would put to shame many a younger member of the Craft. Bro. Peartree, during the many years he has been a member of the Lodge, has always evinced great activity in advancing its interests, and it was partly in recognition of his long-trying zeal that he was elected Worshipful Master; the members were therefore exceedingly gratified to find that he had so thoroughly perfected himself in the ceremonial portion of his duties. The proposal made at the last meeting to vote £10 10s to the fund for the relief of the sufferers by the Indian Famine received the approval and confirmation of the members. An announcement was made by the Secretary that a sum of £60, belonging to the Lodge—which had been invested in Consols, and in consequence of the effluxion of time since claim was made for the dividends accruing thereon, had been transferred to the fund for the Reduction of the National Debt—was likely to be recovered, and this through the exertions of Bro. Bailey the Senior Deacon, the thanks of the Lodge were unanimously voted to that Brother for his services, and proposition was made that the resolution be engrossed on vellum and presented at the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Bailey, in acknowledging the com-

pliment, remarked that Bro. Levy, in making the proposition, had unduly estimated the trifling service that he had been able to do; he was quite sure that all the members had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and did not look for reward for any little help they could render. For himself, if he could, by any exertion on his part, assist the Lodge, his services were always at the command of the brethren. Some propositions for joining and initiation were then made, and a few remarks offered by one of the Past Masters on the advisability and necessity of this always being done in open Lodge. It was then formally decided that the future meetings be held at the Guildhall Tavern. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren partook of refreshment, and the customary toasts were given and responded to. Some capital songs were sung during the evening, by Bros. Barnett, Constable, Rosenstein, Bailey, Peartree, &c.

**The City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.**—The Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. The W.M., the Rev. P. M. Holden, Prov. G. Chaplain, Middlesex, presided, and the Officers were at their respective posts. After the formal opening of the Lodge, and the confirmation of the minutes, the W.M. proceeded with the ceremony of raising, Bros. Taylor and Clarke being the candidates for the third degree. The W.M. elect, Bro. Edward White, was then presented, and Bro. Holden appointed Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.M., and Bro. Joseph Smith P.M. P.G.P., to the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs respectively; he then proceeded with the ceremony. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the brethren in due course returned to the Lodge and gave the usual salutes. The investment of Officers was carried out as follows:—Phillips S.W., B. Turner J.W., Rev. P. M. Holden I.P.M. and Chap., C. A. Cottebrune Treas., Scott P.M. Sec., J. E. Shand S.D., Hutchinson J.D., Waugh I.G., Woodward P.M. W.S., Bishop Org., Potter Tyler. Bro. Holden then gave the addresses, which were listened to with rapt attention. Our excellent brother is well known for his elocutionary abilities, and during the heavy duties of the evening these were displayed with great effect. The Auditors' report showed that there was a balance in hand of £57, and this seemed to afford much gratification to the members, and brought forth the congratulations of the numerous visitors. After the discussion of matters referring to the Lodge, a proposition for joining was handed in, and the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served by Bro. Nicol, and the numerous assemblage did full justice to the good things provided. After grace Bro. White proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, and coupled with the toast Prosperity to the Craft. After the National Anthem the W.M. gave the M.W. the Grand Master; he remarked it was a great honour that was conferred on the Craft in having so popular a Mason to preside over us. The Prince of Wales had appointed two of his brothers to office in Grand Lodge, and the interest he took in our welfare is highly appreciated. With the next toast, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, was associated the names of Bros. J. Smith P.G.P., and Coutts P.G.P., and both these brethren replied. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, remarked that the brethren had already done honour to Her Most Gracious Majesty, to the Most Worshipful Grand Master, to the Earl of Carnarvon, to the Deputy Grand Master, and to the Senior and Junior Wardens and Officers of Grand Lodge. The toast he had now to propose he could not call a royal one, but he might describe it as a vice-regal one, inasmuch as it embodied a substantial representative of King Solomon, and he was convinced it would be heartily received. Twelve months ago he (Bro. Holden) appointed Bro. White his Senior Warden, and he could bear testimony to the untiring energy Bro. White had displayed in advancing the interests of the members, both in and out of the Lodge. As their Master, he would do his duty in a most thorough and efficient way; and *éclat* would attach to the City of Westminster Lodge while it was under his rule. He was a perfect master in the Art of Freemasonry, an enthusiastic worker, and this might be accepted as a powerful guarantee of what they might expect from him. With him the golden precept, Whatever thy hand findeth it to do, do it with all thy might, would be continuously borne in mind. He had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and if would not suffer by comparison with others in the Metropolitan district. His election to the chair was by a unanimous vote, and the most perfect harmony and unanimity existed among the members. Bro. Holland concluded by calling on all to join him in drinking the toast, and in wishing the Worshipful Master a prosperous year of office. Bro. Edward White in reply said, that after the highly eulogistic remarks which had fallen from Bro. Holden, he felt scarcely able to address them. He almost feared that their worthy Past Master had led the brethren to expect more than he felt he should be able to carry out. However, he would strive to conduct the duties of the chair in such a way as he hoped would tend to promote the happiness of the members, who he felt assured would assist him in successfully carrying on the work of the Lodge. He hoped the brethren would continue to enjoy the same amount of prosperity which had attended them during the two years the Lodge had already existed. Bro. White concluded by saying that for his part, he would do all in his power, and he felt assured he should have the full benefit of their kind assistance. The health of the Visitors was proposed in most eloquent and felicitous terms by the W.M., and Bros. Mason, Draper, and Lott, on behalf of the numerous contingent, replied. Bro. White then proposed the Past Masters. Bro. Swallow, the first W.M. who filled the chair, was a founder of the Lodge, and during his year prosperity had attended them. As for Bro. Holden, much had been expected of him, but he had exceeded all their expectations. The brethren at their last meeting had voted him a Past Master's jewel, and it was a pleasant duty he (the W.M.) had now to perform; to invest Bro. Holden with their gift, which he hoped he would long wear amongst them, as a memento of the energy he had displayed whilst conducting the business of the Lodge. Bro. Holden thanked the Worshipful Master for the high and flattering

terms in which he had spoken. He had been mindful of his promise made twelve months back, and had endeavoured faithfully to discharge his duties; the consciousness that the brethren were satisfied with his efforts had greatly sweetened his reward. His year of Master-ship had been to him the grand Masonic event of his career, and if he knew anything of his heart, he felt their kindness would never be forgotten. He should ever prize and value their gift, more particularly as it was the first he had ever received since his association with Freemasonry. Without wishing to be thought egotistical, he should nevertheless feel it his duty to bear in mind the old French proverb—*noblesse oblige*—and though he did not wish then to understand that he claimed to be of exalted rank, yet he felt that the honour they had just conferred upon him entailed certain additional responsibilities, the nature of which he fully realised. He should order his conduct by the line of Masonic rule; he owed them a debt of gratitude which he felt he should never be able to repay. The W.M. then called on the brethren to drink the health of their Treasurer and Secretary; this call was most heartily responded to, and Bros. Cottebrune and Scott acknowledged the compliment. After a few more toasts, the proceedings were brought to a close. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. Fowler 1055, Thomas Robinson 309, J. Berrow 190, B. Solomon 1614, E. M. Tucker 749, J. King 410, E. J. Harvey 100, L. Beck W.M. 1687, J. Mason P.M. 1567, W. F. Gillion 1425, M. Cray 1425, E. M. Lott P.M. P.J.W. Jersey 205, J. L. Baker W.M. 1305, G. W. Oliver 419, R. Marefield 1327, Thomas Bull P.M. 145, J. Elliott W.M. 1348, J. Wright W.M. 1446, G. Draper P.M. 1305, J. Smith P.G.P., J. W. Hobbs P.M. 749, J. Coutts P.G.P., A. J. Ireton W.M. elect 1348, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thomas Williams P.M. 1507, J. H. Outhwaite 1687, James Crossland 1687, R. Payne 1328, Frank Kirk 1328. During the evening the proceedings were enlivened by some capital singing and music; Mr. G. S. Graham presided at the pianoforte, and the humour of his buffo songs was greatly appreciated. Bro. Holden recited the Balaclava Charge, and Bro. Morgan gave a Dramatic Reading; both these contributions were most graciously received.

**Fitzroy Lodge, No. 569.**—A meeting of this Lodge took place at the Artillery Grounds, Finsbury, on Friday, the 23rd ult., when the following Officers were present—Ensign W. I. Spicer W.M., R. G. Webster S.W., A. D. Everingham J.W., Capt. R. Helsham Treas., Capt. J. Eglese Sec., J. C. Sanderson S.D., F. J. Stohwasser J.D., Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten I.G., W. Jolliffe D.C., H. J. Adams P.M. After the minutes of the last Lodge had been read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for the following candidates, which proved unanimous in their favour; Mr. H. D. Ellis Secretary to the Honorable Artillery Company, Mr. Alex. McKenzie, and Mr. G. H. McKenzie (of No. 2 Company). The W.M. then initiated these gentlemen into the mysteries of the Order. Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, when Bro. Edward Coombe of the Lewis Lodge, No. 1185, was passed. Bro. Wm. Carter (No. 2 Company), of the Chancer Lodge, No. 1540, was admitted a joining member. The election of W.M. and Treasurer for the ensuing year was then proceeded with; the result was the selection of Bros. R. G. Webster S.W. as W.M., and Capt. R. Helsham P.M. as Treasurer. On the motion of Bro. Capt. Helsham, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted to the W.M., to be presented on his retiring from the chair. After some formal business had been disposed of, the brethren adjourned to supper, after which a very agreeable and harmonious evening was spent. The Visitors were Bros. J. M. Klenck P.M. (Paxton) 1686, W. P. Brown (St. John's) 90, E. Coombe (Lewis) 1185, T. W. Carlton (Gooch) 1295, and Oscar Moore (Caveac) 176.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—The regular Convocation and Installation Meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 26th Nov., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. M. Emanuel as M.E.Z., W. Littaur P.Z. H., L. Jacobs as J., P. E. Dickinson S.E., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Treas., L. Lazarus P.S.; P.Z.'s E. P. Albert, H. M. Levy, S. Pollitzer, J. Lazarus; Comps. G. Ellis, W. G. Jennings, Haines, Gulliford, N. Baum, Davies, Botibol, Boeck-binder, Myers, L. Pratt, Snelling, J. Lyon, &c. The Chapter was opened and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. W. A. Barrett, Alfred Chapter, No. 340, Oxford, was unanimously elected a joining member, and Bros. I. P. Cohen and Dewsnap were exalted into R.A. Masonry, by the acting Z., in a very excellent and perfect manner. A conclave of Installed Principals was now opened, and Comps. W. Littaur P.Z. and M.E.Z. elect was inducted into the chair of Z., L. Jacobs H. and P. E. Dickinson J. were duly installed into their respective chairs. There were thirteen Principal and Past Principals present. On the re-admission of the Companions, the M.E.Z. appointed and invested his Officers:—Gulliford S.E., W. H. Myers S.N., S. V. Abrahams Treas., H. P. Isaac 1st Asst., Smith Janitor. The report of the Audit Committee was read; it showed a balance in favour of the Chapter of £27 14s. The resignation of two Companions was accepted, with regret. A distressed Companion was relieved, with the sum of two guineas. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Comp. W. J. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. Silver. Grace having been said, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. M. J. Emanuel proposed the health of the M.E.Z., who, in every capacity, had done his duty. The M.E.Z. thanked the worthy Companion who had proposed his health so eloquently, and all present for the kind reception the toast had received. His heart was in Freemasonry, and when he came back to the office of P.Z., he hoped they would have no cause to regret having placed him in the chair. He then proposed the toast of the Exaltees; he spoke of the unanimity that ought to exist in every part of the world; he pointed to certain omissions in parts of the Continent, and remarked that this was much to be regretted. Comp. Cohen returned thanks. He was delighted to see Comp. Emanuel, who had exalted him; it was he who had initiated him into the Order;

the beautiful and impressive words delivered so impressively would never be effaced from his memory. Comp. Dewsnap also replied. The Z. next proposed the toast of the Visitors, to which Comp. Robinson returned thanks. He was pleased to see the able working; he was a Mason of thirty-five years standing, and had been associated during that time with many who had made their mark in the Order. He had spent many pleasant hours in the midst of Masonic friends; but this he might say, this gathering was one of the most pleasant he had joined in for many years. On behalf of the Visitors he returned his sincere thanks. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s, and referred to their Masonic qualifications. Comps. S. V. Abrahams, J. Abrahams, and H. M. Levy acknowledged the compliment. The Janitor then gave his toast, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. T. Kingston Z. 862, J. Pigott 753, W. Marlis J. 862, E. Stanton Jones H. 1319, Victor Myers 223, T. Robinson P.P.G.C. Jamaica.

**Vane Chapter, No. 538.**—A Convocation was held on Thursday, the 22nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. C. F. Burmeister M.E.Z., H. Wood H., J. Kench P.Z. as J., H. Reed P.Z. S.E., C. W. Parsons S.N., J. Kench P.Z. Treas., W. Parish as P.S., Church Janitor, Lindus P.Z., Fuller, Bolton, Bird, &c. After preliminaries, a ballot was taken for the admission of Bro. Gustave Baumann, of La Tolerance, No. 538, who was duly exalted into R.A. Masonry, the ceremony being very excellently rendered by the M.E.Z., also by Comps. Wood, Reed P.Z., Kench P.Z., Parsons, and Parish. The working of the latter Comp., as acting P.S., was highly commended. The Chapter was then closed until the fourth Thursday in January. The Companions adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant, and partook of an excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. Gordon, and superintended by Bro. Hamp. The visitors were Comps. C. J. W. Davis 145, G. F. Cremer 180, and H. M. Levy P.Z. 188.

**Whittington Chapter, No. 862.**—The installation meeting was held on Friday, 23rd Nov., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Comps. W. Stephens M.E.Z., T. Kingston H., W. A. Tinney J. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former Convocation were read and confirmed. Comp. W. Stephens, the retiring P.Z., then installed Comps. T. Kingston Z., W. A. Tinney H., W. Marlis J., W. Stephens I.P.Z. Treas., Jas. Weaver P.Z. S.E., J. High S.N., W. Norman P.S., J. Glaskin 1st Asst., W. Paul 2nd Asst., Gilbert P.Z. Janitor, W. Hurlestone P.Z., &c. After the Chapter was closed, the Companions partook of an excellent banquet, the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. E. P. Albert returned thanks for the Visitors. In proposing the toast of the P.Z., the M.E.Z. alluded to the able manner Comp. W. Stephens I.P.Z. had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and the excellent manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. In the name of the Chapter he presented him with a very elegant gold P.Z.'s jewel, as a mark of respect. Comp. W. Marlis returned thanks for the Officers. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Companions separated. The Visitors were Comps. E. P. Albert P.Z. 188, J. J. Pattison P.Z. 354, Molton, T. Robinson Prov. G.H., Kent.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The usual meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, 27th ult., at the Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill. Present—Comps. E. Gottheil M.E.Z., F. Brown H., W. E. Gompertz J., J. Constable acting S.E., F. White S.N., J. High P.S., J. B. Sorrell, G. Waterall, J. W. Ockenden, &c. After preliminaries the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Bro. J. H. P. Moore candidate. The election of Officers for the ensuing fortnight resulted as follows:—Comps. F. Browne M.E.Z., W. E. Gompertz H., J. B. Sorrell J., F. White S.N., J. High P.S.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—The gathering of members on Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, must have given most satisfactory evidence of the popularity with which any announcement that the Lectures are to be worked is received by members of the Craft. Most of the Lodges of Instruction make a rule that, periodically, the brethren shall exhibit their proficiency in knowledge of the Ritual, and it seems to be established that the best way to do this is by brethren displaying their individual knowledge of this or that section. As a consequence, no sooner is an announcement made that the lectures are to be worked, than a band of volunteers immediately present themselves, and arrangements are completed. On the present occasion Bro. C. H. Webb J.D. 174, S.D. 1607, most efficiently presided, and he was ably supported by Bro. T. J. Barnes and W. H. Rudderforth as Senior and Junior Wardens. The esteemed Preceptor, Bro. E. Gottheil, was in his place, and Bro. J. K. Pitt, most active and energetic of Secretaries, was also to the fore; Bro. Tollis acted as I.G., and all formalities being duly observed, the following brethren worked the sections, Bros. Walker, Blinkhorn, Stephens, Taylor, J. Griffiths, Hewlett, J. Pinder; Campbell, Andrews, Job, Rudderforth, Ellis; Musto, Maidwell, Berry. Each brother did his allotted task in an eminently satisfactory way, and it would be invidious for us to draw comparisons; however, we may remark, that Bro. Job was suffering from a bad cold, and he certainly deserves praise for persevering under the difficulties this entailed on him. On the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the customary compliments were paid the brethren who had rendered such good service during the evening, and an accession of twelve names was made to the list of Members. Bro. G. Croaker was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

**The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—A meeting was held on Monday 26th November, at 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Present—Bros. Nelson Reed W.M., C. E. Smith S.W.,

John White J.W., J. E. Shand Sec., C. J. Hogg Treas., W. Sharrett S.D., A. Triggs J.D., J. D. Langton I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. A. Turner, A. Triggs Bedford Lodge, 157. Lodge was opened in usual form, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The Audit Committee submitted the balance sheet, which was adopted, and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Lodge opened to the third degree, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the sections were worked. Two brethren were elected members. Bro. S.W. Smith was chosen to occupy the chair at the next meeting, 10th December, at 6 o'clock p.m.

**Cornubian Lodge, No. 450, Hayle.**—At the regular monthly meeting of this Lodge, which took place on 22nd ult., Bro. William Husband (C.E.) Prov. S.W., manager and partner of the firm of Messrs. Harvey and Co., the well known Cornish engineers, &c., was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The annual meeting will take place on the 27th Dec., when the installation degree will be worked by Bro. Gilbert B. Pearce the retiring W.M.

**Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.**—On Thursday, the 29th November, at the Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Bros. W. Hallows W.M., J. M. Hunt S.W., Haines J.W., Franklin Assist. Sec., Groome S.D., Franklin J.D., W. T. Christian Preceptor; Bros. Brown, Clarke, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer. The minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. This was followed by the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Brown candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. W. T. Clarke of the Friars Lodge 1349 was elected a member. Bro. Hunt will preside next week.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—Held at the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 26th Nov. Present—Bros. Tolmie W.M., Sanl S.W., Pearcey J.W., Fenner Sec., Halford Treas., Brisker S.D., Sparrow I.G., Christopher Tyler, also Bros. H. Moss P.M. 45, Beckett, Maton, Legg, Stock, Cook, Millward, Harris, Musto, Preston, Simmonds, Hallam, Sadler, Crawley, Parkinson, Gibbs, S. Rowley, J. Hill, Clark, Hunter, Millward, Banks, Moses, &c. Lodge was opened with the usual formalities. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed, after which Lodge was advanced to the 2nd and 3rd degrees, and resumed to the 1st, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the W.M., assisted by the following brethren:—Bros. Millward 17, Sanl, Sparrow Lion and Lamb 192, Fenner J.D. 1693, Sadler, Beckett, E. Legg 862 and 1107; Halford J.W. 228, Stock S.W. 1178, Pearcey S.D. 228, Sadler, E. Legg 862 and 1107; Hunter 228, Crawley 73, Sparrow. Lodge resumed to 1st degree, when the following brethren were elected members, Bros. Brisker of Fortitude 105, Sparrow of Lion and Lamb 192, Musto of New Concord 813, Preston of Finsbury 861, C. Harris of Tranquillity 185, W. Maton of Strong Man 45, and Banks of Manchester 179. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded the W.M. for working the Fifteen Sections, as also to those brethren who had assisted him; after which the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 27th of November, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn. Present—Bros. R. P. Tate J.D. 862 W.M., Chapman S.W., J. H. Dodson J.W., W. G.

Dickins Sec., Brown S.D., Thompson J.D., Bingemann P.M. Prec.; Bros. Tranter, Cornu, T. B. Dodson, Soper, Walker, and upwards of thirty other brethren. Business—The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first, when the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren:—First Lecture: Bros. Thompson, Abell, T. B. Dodson, Walker, Brown (5th and 6th), and Watts. Second Lecture: Bros. Miroy, Marston, Bingemann, Dickins, and Bingemann. Third Lecture: Bros. J. H. Dobson, Kidder, and Dickins. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and several brethren were elected members. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to Bro. R. P. Tate for his efficient working of the Sections, and he was also unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. The W.M. proposed a vote of thanks to the brethren who had so ably assisted him. This was carried unanimously, and the Lodge adjourned to Tuesday, 4th December.

**Sincerity Lodge of Instruction, No. 174.**—Held its usual meeting on Monday, the 26th November, at Bro. Seaton's Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. J. R. Large, of Loyalty Lodge 1607, W.M., Maidwell S.W., F. Brown J.W., Ellis Sec., W. Fraser S.D., Crane J.D., Burchill I.G. Bros. Rudderforth, Horsley, Colegrave, Newton, Johnson, Lacey, Hilliard, Webb and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation (for the first time) in a very impressive manner, and received a vote of thanks and the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Rudderforth worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. Maidwell was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Monday evening. The Lodge was closed in due form with prayer. The brethren then proceeded with the business of the City Masonic Benevolent Association, when a ballot was taken for two Life Governorships for the Masonic Institutions. The successful members were Bros. Verry and W. Fraser.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday the 24th of Nov., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Present—Bros. Seex P.M. 1426 W.M., C. K. Killick W.M. 1693 S.W., J. T. Rowe W.M. 167 J.W., Halford Treas., Rowley P.M. 917 I.G. Past Masters Bros. Moss 185, Eldridge 167, Noehmer 186, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Killick candidate. The ceremony was very ably rendered, the satisfaction of the brethren being evidenced by a well deserved vote of thanks. Honorary membership of the Lodge was offered to Bro. Seex, and accepted, in a few well chosen remarks. Bros. J. T. Rowe W.M. 167, Eldridge P.M. 167, and Berliner 1017, were elected members. Bro. Gibbs was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, the 27th ult., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Powvall-road, Dalston. Bro. Williams W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Christian S.W., Bonner J.D., Lines I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Carr, Young, Perrin and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. J. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for his able working in the chair, for the first time. The Lodge was closed in due form.

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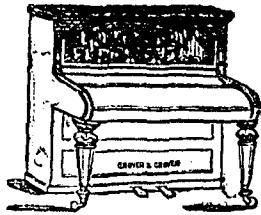
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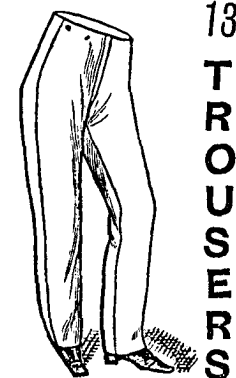
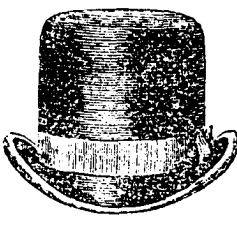
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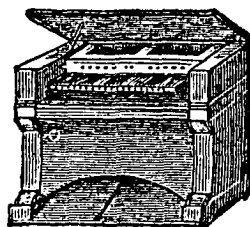
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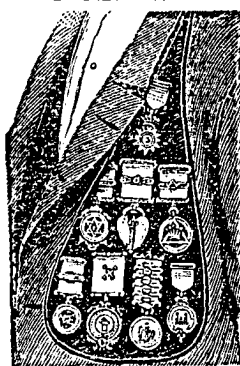
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