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OPPORTUNITIES OF MASTERS.

WE have devoted more than one article to the duties and privileges of Masters. We purpose on the present occasion endeavouring to point out, not what he ought or is entitled to do, but what, if he is a discreet man and possesses tact and even a moderate amount of intelligence, he will find ample opportunities for doing during his term of office.

First, and before all things, it depends almost entirely on the Master whether or not the members of a Lodge work harmoniously together. We assume that when he is inducted into the chair, there is a unanimous determination among those whom he has been elected to preside over to support the chair loyally on all occasions; while on his part he is fully prepared to reciprocate this feeling of loyalty by upholding the rights and privileges of those who are for the time under his rule and governance. Starting thus favourably on his career, there is every reason why the ruler and the brethren he rules should go on prosperously, and why, as month after month passes away, should be strengthened and confirmed those feelings of fraternal regard which they began by entertaining towards each other. But though this is only the most reasonable expectation in the world to form, it too often happens that in the first place little bickerings and then more serious misunderstandings arise, and the Lodge, which started under its new Master so prosperously and seemed to be so united and happy a family, becomes disorganised. Now, the likelihood of this happening is reduced to a minimum, if the Master has tact and judgment as well as fair intelligence. In such case he is enabled at once to throw oil on troubled waters. By gently yielding in one case, by a little firmness in another, by the exercise of such powers of persuasion as may pertain to him in a third case, what might have turned into an angry squabble is summarily nipped in the bud, and the Lodge has the opportunity of learning there and then that it has the right man to govern it; that he has the requisite firmness to maintain the authority of the chair; that he does not consider it beneath his dignity to be yielding in matters of opinion, but is ever ready to meet those who differ from him in a cordial and fraternal spirit; and that he trusts more to the exercise of his suasive powers than to the assertion of his authority to maintain the peace and harmony of the Lodge. Many, of course, will say there is nothing new in all this. It has been said again and again and is applicable to every class of society which is in any way constituted like ours. This is so, and we admit it without the slightest hesitation. Unfortunately, people are not invariably disposed to act up to all that is expected of them. They quickly recognise the justice of such advice as we have just offered, but when the time comes for them to practise what they profess to have admired so much in others, they are found wanting. They lack judgment, and yield when they should remain firm, stand firm on the powers they possess when it is their duty to yield, and employ their persuasive powers when a sharp application of the *fortiter in re* is necessary. Or else, perhaps, they allow themselves to be animated by other feelings and persist on being dictators when clearly they are nothing more than constitutional rulers. It were possible to suggest other cases in which a Master may fail in maintaining his authority, but we need not multiply examples. It is universally admitted that the Master is something more than a mere chairman, and, therefore, that he should possess something more than the mere

recommendation of jolly-good-fellowship which is commonly supposed to be the one great virtue which chairmen are expected to exhibit.

So much for the maintenance of his authority as ruler of the Lodge, and the benefits to all interested in its welfare which must follow. But a Master is something more than a mere ruler, whose duty it is to uphold the dignity and respectability of his office. Something more is expected from him than that he should be able to interpret our laws and Constitutions, and fulfil his duties in the ceremonies of our Order. He must be likewise regarded in a kind of ministerial as well as magisterial capacity. He should be, essentially, one to whom the members of the Lodge will feel no compunction in applying for advice in all cases of Masonic difficulty. If he is the kind of man we have pictured him as a ruler, there is a reasonable probability, he will be one whom even the oldest Past Master will experience no hesitation in consulting, and no unwillingness in accepting such advice as may be offered. As an adviser, his tact and judgment will serve him admirably, while his intelligence will enable him to see clearly where the difficulty lies, and how it may be remedied. Brethren would probably hold back from consulting one who was arrogant; they would know that little or no allowance would be made for surrounding circumstances, that he would not be likely to pause and examine these patiently, and that his advice would be given, in all probability, overbearingly as well as hastily. On the other hand, there would be little use in consulting one who had little or no reliance on his own opinion. A man who is always in doubt as to the course he should pursue, as was Washington Irving's Peter the Twiffler or Doubter, is the last person in the world to take into our confidence in case of difficulty. We do not, of course, mean that he would be more likely than others to betray the confidence reposed in him; but simply that his opinion, if he ever brought himself to offer one, would be of little value from his unfortunate habit of doubting. But assuming the Master is of the character described, we can see how great an advantage it is to have such a one to preside.

Of the other qualities, such as punctuality, &c., we need say but little; but there is one particular in which a Master may be of great service to his Lodge. While ready on all occasions to dispense hospitality with a free hand, let him not be afraid of avoiding lavish expenditure. There is a tendency now-a-days to judge of a man's merits by the length of his purse, and the amount of money he is ready to disburse on all occasions in season and out of season. It is clearly the duty of a Master to check extravagance when he sees there is a tendency, be it never so slight in that direction. Under a careless ruler there is a fair chance of Lodge funds being uselessly expended. We recognise, with jovial John Bull like loyalty, the justice of having a good dinner or banquet, but we are not of those who think it is absolutely necessary these banquets should be very expensive. There are times when it is proper to launch out a little when some more than usually distinguished guests are present, or at an installation; but, ordinarily, a simple banquet of good quality and well served—these, after all, are the chief considerations on such occasions—should be held sufficient, and this, it is well-known, ought not to be very costly. A Master who exerts his influence in favour of this kind of economy will do good service; for it must be remembered that "economy" has nothing in common with niggardliness, and is in no wise discreditable. Many are obliged to practise it in their homes, and are admired and respected the more, the more they recognise the obligation. Why should they not prac-

tise the same virtue in the Lodge, especially when, in many cases, it leaves a larger amount of funds for distribution among our Charities, or for the relief of the necessitous, yet deserving brethren, while in others it operates favourably by reducing the fees? Let wealthy Lodges by all means be liberal in their expenditure, though even these need not be lavish. It must not be overlooked that there is among Masonic Lodges the same risk of rivalry as in society, where people often pinch themselves for a month or two in order to eclipse their neighbours in some ball or party. Economy is a virtue, but too many people ignore it in the belief that it will be mistaken for meanness. Here, then, is another opportunity, and, indeed, the last on which we purpose commenting in this article, in which a Master may distinguish himself. We commend these notions to our readers. They may be a little old-fashioned, perhaps, but we do not think they are the worse for that.

GRAND COMMANDERY OF VIRGINIA, U.S.A.

WE hasten to acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of copy of the Proceedings of this Grand Commandery at its Grand Annual Assembly, held in Lynchburg, on the 9th and 10th October of last year. On the former of those days, the Grand Commandery having been escorted from its head quarters at Arlington House to the Masonic Hall, an address of welcome, which evoked the hearty applause of all present, was delivered by Sir Knight S. T. Graham, of the De Molay Commandery, No. 4. R.E. Grand Commander Robert E. Withers having suitably acknowledged this, the Grand Commandery was opened in solemn form by the Grand Commander, who was supported by Sir Knight L. F. Johnson Deputy G. Commander and his other Grand Officers. Representatives from ten of the fourteen Commanderies in the jurisdiction were present, the Dove, No. 7, Stevenson, No. 8, Winchester, No. 12, and Johnson, No. 14, being excused from attending. The address of the Grand Master contained reference to all the leading events of the past year, and especially to his presence at the late triennial session, at Cleveland, Ohio, of the Grand Encampment of Knights Templar of the United States. This address having been referred to a Committee, the Grand Treasurer reported that the memorial voted to the late Grand Recorder, John Dove, consisting of a gold pin set with diamonds, had been procured, and was in the possession of the Grand Commandery, while he had taken upon himself the responsibility of adding a "Dove," which was not only most appropriate as an emblem of peace, but was likewise the name, a part of the coat of arms, and the Masonic mark of the late Grand Recorder. The Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence having been referred to a Committee, and some other business having been transacted, the Grand Commandery was dismissed till the morning of the following day, when it met in considerable numbers, and proceeded to the election of officers. Sir Knight R. E. Withers was re-elected Grand Commander, and amongst his principal officers must be mentioned Sir Knights La Fayette Johnson Deputy G. Commander, J. G. Bain G. Generalissimo, J. F. Regnault G. Capt. General, G. W. Dame G. Prelate, P. S. Coles G.S. Warden, J. L. Roper G.J. Warden, J. Evans G. Treasurer, and W. Bryan Isaacs G. Recorder. Those officers who were present having been duly installed, the Committee on the G. Treasurer's accounts delivered their report, from which it appears that the receipts during the year, with the balance remaining from the previous year, amounted to dollars 919.38, and the expenses to dollars 616.52, leaving a balance in hand on 9th October of dollars 302.86. The Committee on Charters and Dispensations recommended that the Harrisonburg Commandery under Dispensation receive a Charter, as No. 10. Invitations having been extended to the G. Commandery to hold its meeting at Winchester, Richmond, or Norfolk, a ballot was taken, and resulted in the selection of the last-mentioned place, where, in due course, it will be held on the second Tuesday in November of this year. Other business, including a vote of thanks to the De Molay Commandery, No. 4, for its courteous reception of the Grand Commandery, having been disposed of, G. Commandery was dismissed. So much for the Proceedings. The account of these is followed by a statement of the Accounts, and a complete list of members of the several

Commanderies, the results of which are tabulated. We gather from this that there are, as we have said, fourteen Commanderies in this jurisdiction, the highest number being No. 16, but there are no Nos. 13 and 15. The total number of Sir Knights is 805, of whom sixty were created, and seven affiliated, during the year. Twenty-five Sir Knights withdrew during the same period, eleven were suspended, and two expelled, while seven died. The strongest, numerically speaking, is the Richmond Commandery, No. 2, which musters 213 Knights. Then, but at a long distance, follows the De Molay, No. 4, Lynchburg, with 95; the Grice, No. 10, Norfolk, with 81; and the Appomattox, No. 6, at St. Petersburg, with 79; the smallest being the newly-chartered Harrisonburg, No. 10, with 20; and the Fredericksburg, No. 1, which musters only 25. The whole concludes with a full and highly interesting Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

MASONIC BALL AT BLACKBURN.

PRESENTATION TO COLONEL LE GENDRE NICHOLAS
STARKIE.

ON Thursday evening, the 10th inst., a Masonic Ball of a brilliant description took place in the Town Hall, the proceeds to be devoted to the funds of the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution. Prior to the proceedings in the ball-room, a preliminary assembly took place in the large Police Court, Town Hall, his Worship the Mayor, Bro. James Dickinson, presided, and was supported by numerous Prov. G. Officers and brethren. The Mayor said they had assembled for a purpose which he had no doubt would give great satisfaction to all present, and those connected with the Masonic Craft generally. They should that day celebrate the fiftieth birthday of the worthy Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire. He was sure it would be a source of gratification to all present to see him in such a state of health as they found him that evening. He (the Mayor) was sure they all wished that he might have many happy returns of the day, and that he might be long spared to live amongst them. (Hear, hear.) Bro. Thomas then read the address, which, artistically speaking, is a splendid piece of workmanship. It is contained in a massive gilt frame, richly illuminated and decorated with Masonic emblems. Bro. R. H. Hutchinson P.P.S.G.W. of East Lancashire, was called upon to present the address. When he looked back on the past, he remembered that Colonel Starkie was the son of a most noble Mason, and he reigned over the whole Province of Lancashire with such dignity and grace that he gained the goodwill of the brethren, and when the time came that it was necessary that the Province should be divided, he was ready and willing to divide the district into two great parts. He (Bro. Hutchinson) was sure that so long as their Provincial Grand Master was at the head of the Order in this district, he would regard with sympathy, affection, and esteem, all the brethren who dwelt under his care. Nobody knew better than he did how to maintain those feelings of right and justice and charity, in as gentle yet as forcible a manner as possible. Bro. W. Coddington had great pleasure in supporting the presentation of the address. He had had the pleasure of knowing Bro. Starkie for a number of years, and whether he looked upon him as a Freemason, as a gentleman, as a country squire of the good old English type, or, last though not least, as a thorough sportsman—(loud cheers)—he felt that they might go far indeed before they found one who could fulfil his multifarious duties in so able and conscientious a manner. Bro. Starkie rose to reply. Anybody who was placed in the same situation as he was would feel most gratified, most thankful, and also have sentiments almost similar to those which were in his mind, that it was hardly possible to find words adequate to express in proper language his thanks for that beautiful and touching testimony of their esteem and regard for himself on the one hand, and for the sentiments which had flowed from the lips of Past Grand Officers on the other; for the cordial Masonic friendship which had been expressed by his friend Brother Coddington, or by the high degree of honour which had been done him by the Mayor of that great and important borough in presiding on that occasion. (Cheers.) Bro. Hutchinson had alluded to the long relationship of his family with Freemasonry. He did not like to be egotistical, but he must say that he did feel proud that for a long series of years his family had been intimately connected in a very high position with Freemasonry. (Cheers.) He believed that if the principles of their Order were carried out with strict integrity they would add to the benefits of mankind by softening asperities, and to the advancement of social and moral good to an incalculable degree, of which those outside the Order could have no idea. Since he had joined the Order it had led him to meet many men of different opinions, and he had had the advantage of discussing those opinions in a calm and brotherly manner, without a wish on the part of either to get the better of the other. It was a grand and noble Order; it had no narrow limits, but proud and noble lines. It had no dogma, but it took the grand idea to benefit mankind on earth, and to fit them better for eternity. He might not have in himself the capabilities entirely to fill all the duties of the Offices he might take, but since he had had the honour of ruling over that province he had met with such kindness of feeling, such nobleness of sentiment, such kind expressions of brotherly love and affection from those he ruled over, that he had felt how very great were his short-

comings. He asked the three Masters of the Lodges at Blackburn, who had drawn the memorial, to accept from him, and the brethren also, his best thanks, and also to accept from him, as a Past Grand Officer of England, his testimony to the zeal which he had always found to exist in the Lodges of the Province and in Blackburn in particular. Bro. Ashworth rose to propose a vote of thanks to the Mayor. He said that the occasion which had brought them together was a most auspicious, pleasant, and interesting one. The Mayor occupied a high position in the town, and he had done a great service on that occasion in presiding and assisting so materially in the proceedings connected with the presentation. Bro. Blankhorn seconded the motion, and it was supported by Bro. Starkie, who said he could not allow the proceedings to be concluded without expressing his thanks to the Mayor for presiding, and the sentiments he had uttered respecting him. He thought the town of Blackburn should congratulate itself on the present mayoralty, because he was confident the Mayor would not stoop to anything that would demean the civic office. It was no small position, and he hoped hereafter to know the Mayor more personally for the kindness he had manifested on the present occasion. The Mayor, in returning thanks, said he was much obliged to Bro. Starkie and the others for the marked esteem which they had expressed concerning himself. He thought the events which had already taken place during his mayoralty were a good augury to what he hoped would be a happy 1878. He trusted it might be a happy new year to all. (Applause.) The proceedings then terminated, and the company adjourned to the ball-room, where dancing was kept up till an early hour of the morning, and thoroughly enjoyed.

On Saturday, the 12th inst., was held the Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creaton presided, and there were present to support him Bros. Griffith-Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, John Faulkner, Joseph Morrell, H. A. Dubois, W. F. C. Mourie, J. D. Berry, S. Rawson, F. Binckes, H. Massey, J. Dennison, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, James Terry, J. A. Rucker, D. Nicols, F. W. H. Ramsay, Peter de L. Long, John Boyd, G. J. Barron, L. Ruf, and Louis Hirsch. The minutes of the last Court, and those of the General Committee having been read and passed, it was announced that there were eight vacancies to be ballotted for at the April election, and it was resolved that the recommendation of the General Committee, to the effect that ten additional girls be admitted, should be agreed to. It was then announced that there were fourteen eligible candidates remaining from last election—one had been struck off the list by reason of her age—and that the names of ten girls had been submitted and approved, thus raising the total number of candidates who will compete for the eighteen appointments in April to twenty-four. It was then moved by Lieut.-Colonel Creaton, in accordance with the recommendation of the Building Committee, and duly seconded, that authority be given for the purchase of a small slip of land adjoining the premises; the price not to exceed £100. It was also moved that a wall be built, from the new laundry to the end of the new grounds. Both these motions were carried, but a resolution by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart to the effect that a committee be appointed to enquire into the system of education pursued in the School, with a view to ascertaining if any improvement can be effected, was not accepted. A vote of thanks to the Chairman followed, and the Court then broke up.

The Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, the 14th instant, at the hour of noon, Bro. J. Symonds occupying the chair. Present—Bros. S. Rawson, S. Barton Wilson, F. Adlard, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Lt.-Col. Creaton, W. Roebuck, H. Massey, G. Bolton, J. D. Berry, R. B. Webster, and J. Mason. After the usual preliminary business, four new applications were submitted, but two of them were quickly out of Court, as they had not been presented in time, and one of the others was found to be ineligible. The remaining boy was approved, and his name was placed on the list, so there are now seventy-eight candidates eligible to compete at the next election. As we stated recently, there will be only nine vacancies, but it was recommended by the General Committee that a further twenty-one boys be admitted to the School, and this recommendation has been accepted by the Court. Thus there will be thirty boys taken into the School at the next half-yearly election, and for these appointments the number of competitors is seventy-eight. The recommendation of the General Committee that a sum of £1,500 be expended in the erection of a new playground was agreed to, and the question of a swimming bath was referred to a Committee,

who will ascertain what, if any, arrangements can be made with the lessees of the Alexandra Palace. This brought the business to an end, and after the usual compliment to the Chairman, the Court was closed.

We beg to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of a copy of the Lancaster Masonic Calendar for the year 1878. It has been compiled by Bro. Dr. J. D. Moore, P.G.S.B. England, and is printed by Bro. H. Longman, of Lancaster. It is very neat as well as very serviceable, containing, as it does, the dates of meeting of all the Masonic bodies in the City—Lodges, Chapters, Conclave, &c., &c. Clearly printed on coloured cardboard, stiff, to bear frequent handling, and small enough to be easily carried about. This is the fifth year of publication—a fact which shows that the brethren in Lancaster appreciate the labours of Bro. Dr. Moore, to whom, accordingly, we send fraternal greeting.

We have great pleasure in announcing that on Thursday next, the 24th inst., an entertainment will be given, at the St. George's Hall, Langham-place, by the *employés* of Messrs. J. and C. Boyd and Co., in aid of the funds of the Royal Hospital for Incurables. The programme is in two parts, of which the first includes a four-part song, a duet, and glee, followed by Mr. Charles Dance's comic drama in two acts of "A Wonderful Woman," while the second comprises a long array of negro selections, and Mr. J. Kenny's one act farce of "Raising the Wind." The doors will be opened at 6 p.m., and the performances commence at 6.30 p.m. precisely. Carriages should be ordered for 10.15. Full particulars may be had of Bro. Ockenden, Honorary Secretary of the Committee of Management.

We understand that it is the intention of the members of the Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145, to hold, at their next meeting—which will take place on the 12th February—what may be termed an open night; that is to say, any Companion properly vouched for will have the privilege of attending. It is intended there shall be no exaltation, though the J. the H. and the Z. will have something to do:—an elucidation of the connexion of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft; a part of the ancient ritual; clauses in the first section. The lectures on Moses' Rod; Banner; R. A. Jewel, &c., will be included in the programme. Those of our readers who remember the public nights given by this Chapter a few years back, will doubtless avail themselves of this opportunity of renewing their acquaintance with matters not usually introduced in Chapters. We advise those of our readers who have not heard the lectures to attend.

The Installation Meeting of the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, took place on Friday, the 11th inst.; our report will appear next week.

We learn that another addition to the family of weekly publications is to appear immediately, under the name of "Society: a Journal of General Literature, for the Upper and Middle Classes." The first number will be issued on Thursday, 24th January.

The consecration of the King's Cross Lodge, No. 1732, will take place on Wednesday, the 30th inst., at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross. Bro. Jas Terry P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c., is the Officer appointed by the M.W. the Grand Master to officiate. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. 1507 is the W.M. designate, and Bros. W. M. Stiles and J. T. Briggs the Wardens designate. Bro. Saintsbury is the Secretary pro tem.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Much watchfulness must be exercised as winter advances, and the earliest evidences of ill health must be immediately checked and removed, or a slight illness may result in a serious malady. Relaxed and sore throat, diphtheria, quinsy, throat cough, chronic cough, bronchitis, and most other pulmonary affections will be relieved by rubbing this cooling Ointment into the skin as near as practicable to the seat of mischief. This treatment, so simple and effective, is admirably adapted for the removal of these diseases during infancy and youth. Old asthmatic invalids will derive marvellous relief from the use of Holloway's remedies, which have brought round many such sufferers, and re-established health after every other means had signally failed.

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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE AND THE ENGLISH FREEMASONS.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—The resolution adopted by the G.O. of France, at its General Assembly, in September last, is certainly an act which, not being universally understood, could by no means receive the approval of the Craft in every country; and this is much to be regretted by all lovers of the Order. Unity of purpose, community of ideas, of tenets and creeds, ought to be characteristic of the Fraternity. But, alas! this is not universally the case with us, and we confess there is no hope of its ever being so. First, there is the difference of country, of government, and of principles, religious and political; then we have the difference of Constitutions; of rites and ceremonies; that is to say, of formularies or Ritual, which is a very strong bar to anything like universal uniformity. Thus, under these circumstances, we find among the Craft Universal, as we travel over our terrestrial globe, just as many differences between its members as there are to be found in the faith, dogmas, and creeds of the great Christian family, and just the same tendency to change, innovation, or improvement, though a large majority of Christians acknowledge but one Supreme Head. Freemasonry has never enjoyed, and is not expected ever to boast of any such thing. But, as Masonry is not a religion, the comparison must only be taken for what it is worth. Among the criticisms written in England against the abrogation by Grand Orient of the second paragraph of its Constitutions there are many that may be considered fair, well-meant, and even judicious remarks; but there are also some that have been written in an uncharitable and haughty spirit, altogether alien to true Masonry. However, it must be observed that most of them proceed from erroneous notions of the facts in general, and a misconception of their sequences in particular. Some of the writers of these criticisms seem to have pictured to themselves French Masons as the very adepts of materialistic atheism, and Freemasonry itself as a kind of dogmatic school—a sort of old English University, wherein, to gain admittance, religious or sectarian tests are indispensably required. The Grand Orient repudiates the accusations made against it, and shows that in its Masonic government no alteration save the simple amendment of the 1st Article of its Constitutions has taken place; that its ritual and formularies remain the same as before; and that no other change is likely to be made in any way whatever. Noteworthy and concise, no doubt, is the report made by Bro. the Rev. Pasteur Desmons. It seems, however, to have been lost sight of, or purposely set aside by some critics, though therein only are to be found the reasons and motives by which the act of Grand Orient can be judged. He says:—"We ask the suppression of the 2nd paragraph of the 1st Article of the Constitutions because it appears to us full of contradiction with the article that follows it; because it is a cause of embarrassment to most W. Masters of our Lodges, who, under certain circumstances, at the admission of candidates, are compelled either to evade or violate the law; (and is not Masonry bound to always set the example by a strict observation of the law?) We ask the suppression of that paragraph, because it is altogether unnecessary to the true end and pursuits of Masonry. When a society of learned, or other men, gather together to study some scientific or social question, is there any need or obligation for it to place as the basis of its statutes or ordinances any theological formula whatever? Certainly not. They devote themselves to their object quite independently of all dogmatic or religious ideas. Why should it not be the same with Masonry? Is not its field wide enough, its sphere extended enough, not to be obliged to set foot on grounds that do not belong to it? We leave to theologians and casuists the care and trouble of discussing dogmas, and to authoritative churches that of issuing a syllabus. But we let Masonry be what it is, what it should always be, viz.:—an institution open to all progress, to all moral and elevating ideas, and to all sound aspirations. Let it never come down into the burning arena of theological discussions, which have ever engendered trouble and persecution. Let it refrain from ever claiming to be a church, a council, or a synod; for churches, councils, and synods have been frequently violent persecutors, and that, too, by taking for their basis of action some dogmatic points which, by their very nature, were essentially intolerant. Let Freemasonry stand above all these church and sectarian questions; let it prevail from its elevated sphere, and dominate by its discussions; let it be a safe refuge, always open to the victims of intolerance and despotism, to all those liberal minds that, with conscientious disinterestedness, search after truth!" Now, to fully understand the words above quoted, one must bear in mind they were addressed to a General Assembly of Grand Orient of France, whose tenets and principles, according to old formularies and ritual bear, more clearly than any other, the imprint of broad philosophical tendency. And it must not be overlooked that the practice of French Masonry is to have candidates examined as to their duty to God, their neighbour, and to themselves (a practice which some say is unknown in England); this necessarily leads to all sorts of inquiries respecting belief or unbelief; and candidates answer according to their conscience. Thus, in erasing from its Constitution that part of the first article the Grand Orient has removed from the power of the Lodge the right of inquiring into the religious persuasion or unbelief of the candidate. That they would have done better had they done away with the moral trials, and simply

accepted the English form of admission, is probably a question that leaves no doubt to those who are not particularly acquainted with French Masonry. But it has been proved recently, in a letter from Bro. Thévenot, the acting Grand Sec., that though the Constitution of Grand Orient has been, from its origin, revised many times, it was only in the year 1849 that a declaration of faith found its way into the first article of the said Constitution; and that, says this worthy brother, "under peculiar circumstances." Now, the struggles that Masonry from its foundation has had to make to eschew politics and government interference in France, are perhaps without parallel in any other country; how it was hindered, watched, and persecuted, under almost all successive governments, is something surprising. So much so, that at one time one of our Grand Masters, who was then rather imposed upon it by the ruler of the country, thought it advisable to propose that the society should be acknowledged by the State and declared to be assimilated to an "institution d'utilité publique;" a step which would have put the Fraternity under the immediate action and direct control of the Government, without the least advantage to the Grand Orient, to which the name only would have remained as a Masonic body. Grand Orient has, however, removed from its Constitution, the declaration of faith inserted in 1849, after having had every reason to believe that nothing short of such a course could have smoothed the difficulties created daily by the double construction that could be put upon the law, as read in the first and second articles. Proclaiming absolute liberty of conscience, it felt bound to accede to a reform demanded by a majority of the Lodges under its jurisdiction, which reform, after a profound study of the question, was unanimously, at last, voted by the General Assembly of Convent, and which, being thus voted, is positively declared to be a simple return to their own "starting point," altogether in harmony, not only with modern exigencies, but also true Masonic principles, according to their own notions of them. We cannot forbear to state, as is well known, that the French, above all, like well-defined principles, precise formulæ, well-written laws, without ambiguity, in order, perhaps, to find it more trying to prick holes in them. And they who speak with so much admiration of the British Constitution, would probably find it impossible to live under it; for they would be constantly asking, with Jeremy Bentham, "Where is it? What are the words of that constitution? What interpretation can be made of its letter? How interpret its spirit?" It is contended now that by having so acted Grand Orient has "everted the old landmarks of the Society," and that its action affects the well-being of the Craft Universal. Nay, we have it upon the authority of the Pro G.M. of England, that a declaration of faith, belief in God, and the immortality of the soul was "part and parcel of the initial principles of Freemasonry," and that such belief enters into all our ceremonies and symbols, which would without it be not only a meaningless, but also an offensive mockery. Hence the question arises, is Freemasonry essentially theist in principles, and was a profession of faith at all times required to be made by a Freemason? If so, what were in early times, or are still, the lines to be drawn between sectarian and unsectarian belief in admitting candidates, not in this or that country, but under all the rites and Masonic powers that divide between them the government of the Fraternity at large. In answer to the question who are fit and proper persons to be made Masons the English Ritual makes allusion to an affirmation of dogma—Upright men, of sound judgment, strict morals, and good report. Such are the qualifications required ere candidates are considered worthy of admission into the Society. And, once admitted, every true Mason understands the importance of the rule laid down by Anderson, not to be "a stupid atheist and irreligious libertine." Vainly, also, we look into the first pages of the Book of Constitutions for an affirmation of doctrine or declaration of faith, comprising the belief in God and the immortality of the soul, as initial principles of Freemasonry. True it is that we find something of the kind in the Charges of the three degrees. But these Charges, however beautiful they really are, might, perhaps, be compared with the written sermon that is unconcernedly read to an inattentive congregation, and might also be taken by some candidates as metaphorical as the allusion to the "exchange of the sceptre for the trowel." The difference between the ceremony of initiation here and there would make it easy to admit a Jew, a Mahomedan, or even a freethinker in England, for there none would ever think of interrupting the W.M. in his delivery of the Charges to protest against the expressions contained therein; whilst it would have been difficult in France to evade affirming or rejecting, by word of mouth, by proper answers made solemnly "upon the word of honour," what truth the candidate, in his conscientious belief, may or may not see in the words of those Charges. Thus, distinguished candidates, great thinkers, scientific men, as for example Professor Tyndall, or even Bishop Colenso, would object to a Charge being read to them wherein the Bible is held as the "unerring standard of truth and justice," by which they should regulate their actions, while, if they were charged upon their oath, they might declare that they disagreed, upon chronological and scientific grounds, with the import of such a statement. The same Charges are however read to the Israelite initiate; in England he takes the obligation upon the volume of the Sacred Law, which, it must be known, does not exist in French Masonry, either as an ornament or as one of the necessary fittings of the Lodge. It is curious to observe that the words represented by G.A.O.T.U., which G.O. of France virtually stands accused of having erased from its temples, are still heading the letters which have been written in their official capacity by both the President and Secretary of the "Conseil de l'Ordre," and of which a translation was recently published in your column. Masonry cannot be sectarian or simply Christian in Germany any more than in England or in America. French Masonry proclaims liberty of conscience, as the neutral platform upon which alone universal Fraternity can be established, and it declares it to be the old and impregnable position to which it must return if the Fraternity is to remain united, before its enemies, and to fight with success the battle of progress and civilisation. With remarkable moderation and prudence Grand Lodge of

England will no doubt deal with the questions raised by the Grand Orient of France, and it will do so in such a manner as to render the decision arrived at acceptable to all Masonic bodies in the world. The Committee appointed by Grand Lodge is certainly composed of the most eminent and devoted brethren that could have been selected; but the task given them is a difficult one to fulfil, if they are anxious to bring to light the basis of our ancient Landmarks, by consulting our old records, and those Constitutions that have sprung from them. Mere dogmatism is open to a good deal of argument pro and con. Facts must be proved, and not inferred. A principle must not be simply deduced, and thus accepted from mere supposition; it must be established, as clearly as possible, by irrefragable proofs. Bro. A. G. Jonast, the author of "Histoire du Grand Orient de France," while admitting that the first Lodge of Speculative Masons on record in France was established at Dunkirque, in 1721, by Lord Montagu, proves at the same time the existence of some other Lodges in Paris, which were constituted a few years later by Lord Derwentwater. English or Scotch, French Masonry has its origin from those brethren that came across the Channel. No one contests that England is the Alma Mater of Speculative Masonry; no Mason denies that origin. All will, as it were, acknowledge its authority, especially upon a subject that concerns the whole Fraternity, but it will be with the conviction that the Grand Lodge of England will decide on something, but with a due sense of its responsibilities towards the Masonic mind throughout the world, and a proper care of the rights of conscience.

I have the honour to be, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

M.B.

Paris, 7th January 1878.

FREEMASONRY IN SOUTH WALES.

ON Monday, the 14th inst., one of the pleasantest meetings we have ever attended, was held at the Castle Hotel, Neath, when a capital banquet was given, presided over by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South Wales. Our readers will recollect that at a Special Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Cardiff, last autumn, presided over by Sir George Elliott Bart., for the purpose of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of the late Prov. G. M. Bro. Theodore Mansel Talbot, a resolution was also passed recognising the many eminent services rendered to Masonry in South Wales, by his energetic deputy, Bro. Edward J. Morris, of Swansea, now one of the Deacons of the Grand Lodge of England. This resolution, which was passed unanimously, it was agreed should be sent to Bro. Morris engrossed on vellum. After a little discussion, it was decided that the form in which the resolution should be presented, should be left to Bros Tennant and Whittington. As a result of their task, Messrs. De la Rue prepared one of the finest specimens of illuminated penmanship—in the form of an Album, bound in Russia, with solid silver spring-lock, and a monogram E.J.M. worked in massive silver letters on the side—which we have seen. Just before the recognition of Bro. Morris' services by Prov. G.L. a few of his personal friends met together, and determined to present him with a token of the high esteem and deep affection with which he was regarded throughout the Province. Subscriptions rapidly flowed in, when the matter came to Bro. Morris's knowledge, and he at once resolutely insisted that no further steps should be taken in the matter, but some of his friends considering that a beginning having been made, and that it would be extremely discourteous to return such subscriptions as had been received, resolved simply to let matters take their course; not to seek any further subscriptions, but quietly accept any that might be voluntarily sent, in the hope that in time Bro. Morris might be brought to regard the movement in its true light, not as a mere payment for services rendered, but as a token from his Masonic friends of their fraternal affection and esteem. To render the token as gratifying to Bro. Morris as it could be made, it was resolved to make him Vice-Patron of "Our Boys'" School—the welfare of the Charities having always been one of Bro. Morris's most devoted cares. Next, as his literary tastes were well known, it was thought a gift of some hundreds of volumes of the best books of the day, would be more welcome than any thing else, next to the Vice-Patronship of the School, and as books require a receptacle to hold them, a very handsome carved oak book-case was provided for the books. The album being ready, and the books and book-case bought, it was arranged that the most fitting way, in order that Bro. Morris's friends might all—if they so wished—be present at the presentation, was to invite him to a banquet. This was accordingly done, and on Monday night it came off, quite as many being present as had been anticipated. The chair was taken by Bro. Marmaduke Tennant D.P.G.M. Eastern Division South Wales, supported on his right by Bro. Morris G.D. and P.D. Prov. G.M. and Bro. J. G. Hall P. Prov. G.W., on the left by Bro. C. Bath P. Prov. G.W., Bro. Rowland Thomas P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. Evan Jones Prov. G. Sec. The vice chairs were taken by Bro. Whittington P. Prov. G.W., and Bro. J. Jones Prov. G. Treas.; there were also present Bros. T. G. South P. Prov. G.W., D. Roberts P. Prov. G.W., P. Rowland P. Prov. G.W., C. Taylor P. Prov. G.D., T. D. Roberts P. Prov. G.D., H. St. George Caulfeild P. Prov. G. Supt., W. G. Davies P. Prov. G. Supt. Works, E. Jones P. Prov. G.D.C., G. H. White P. Prov. G. Pursnivant, T. Thomas P. Prov. G.S., E. S. Hartland P. Prov. G.S., W. J. Rees P. Prov. G.S., D. R. Davies P. Prov. G.S., Robt. Margrave Prov. G.S.W. Western Division, J. B. Philipps P. Prov. G.W. Western Division, W. J. Morgan P. Prov. G.W., M. Wayne Morgan W.M. of the Merlin Lodge, Dr. Lewis Maestig, and a number of other brethren from various Lodges in the Province. After the cloth had been cleared, Bro. Tennant gave the usual loyal and patriotic toasts, without which no social meeting of Freemasons begins work. After which he announced that Bro. Morris was very

unwell, and suffering from a severe cold; it would therefore be necessary to be brief. He then presented Bro. Morris, in the name of P.G.L., with the album; in the course of his remarks Bro. Tennant told his hearers how he had always looked up to Bro. Morris during his Masonic life. Bro. Morris had assisted at his initiation several years ago; since then he had always received advice, assistance, and encouragement from him. Bro. Bath then, in very feeling terms, spoke of the friendship which had existed between Bro. Morris and himself from boyhood, that even during the heat of boyish play an angry or cross word had never passed between them, and that in later life the friendship began as boys had only grown closer and more intimate. He would only speak of him as a friend, for as friends, as well as brother Masons were they there that evening, to show in some small way the esteem and affection with which he was regarded throughout the Province. He concluded with hoping that Bro. Morris would live long to enjoy, in his retirement, the perusal of the books which were now through him tendered for his acceptance. Bros. Tennant and Bath were repeatedly and warmly cheered in the course of their remarks, and Bro. Morris, on rising to express his thanks, was enthusiastically received, the applause being long continued with true Welshheartedness. Speaking under great physical difficulty, Bro. Morris took the opportunity of saying how much he appreciated the recognition of his services by the Province, that he should hand down to his children the very handsome volume in which that recognition was recorded. Turning to Bro. Bath, he asked him to convey to his friends the assurance that he deeply felt the form in which they had chosen to manifest their kind feelings to him, their remembrance of his exertions in the cause of charity, so fittingly recognised by making him a Vice-Patron of the Boys' School, and he would assure them that he should never take up one of the many books with which they had presented him without also thinking of the kind feelings which prompted the gift. The courtesy of the Dep. Prov. G.M. in presiding being acknowledged, as also the services of Bro. Chas. Bath, as Chairman of the Committee, and Bro. W. Whittington as Hon. Secretary, the brethren separated, in order to reach their respective homes by the several trains, many having travelled long distances in order to be present.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. B. J. THOMPSON P.G. SEC. OF NORTHUMBERLAND.

TUESDAY evening, the 8th January, witnessed a ceremony which will long be remembered in the annals of Northern Freemasonry; it was the paying of a well-deserved tribute of respect and esteem to one who has laboured well and worthily in the Craft. A large and influential gathering met at the Masonic Hall, Maypole-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, for the purpose of presenting Bro. Thompson with a handsome and valuable testimonial. The chair was taken by Bro. John Hopper P.P.G.S.W., chairman of the Committee, supported by the following distinguished brethren:—L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., T. Anderson P.G. Treasurer, E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W. P.G.D.C., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., Rev. R. East G. Chaplain, T. B. Winter P.P.G.S.W., H. Laws P.P.G.S.W., J. T. Hoyle P.P.G.S.W., B. Clappam P.P.G.S.W., W. Foulsham P.P.G.J.W., W. Jackson P.P.G.J.W., J. Risdale P.P.G.S.D., P. O. Smith P.P.S.G.D., W. S. Hughes P.P.G.S.D., J. S. Wilson P.P.G.S.D., T. Henon W.M. 481, G. I. Dean W.M. 541, W. Cockburn P.M. 24, T. Cockburn P.M. 24, Mabern P.M. 1427, R. L. Armstrong S.W. 481, John Page Sec. 406, S. M. Harris I.G. 406, &c., &c. The testimonial, which had been subscribed to by all the Lodges in the province, as well as by private members, consisted of a very magnificent and massive silver tea and coffee service, with tray, upon which the following inscription was engraved, "Presented to Bro. Benjamin James Thompson P.M. P.P.S.G.W., Past Grand Secretary, by the Freemasons of Northumberland, in recognition of valuable services rendered to the Craft over a period of twenty-one years, as Provincial Grand Secretary. 8th January 1878." The Chairman, in a few well-chosen remarks, called upon the V.W. Deputy Grand Master to make the presentation. In doing so, he said there could only be one feeling amongst the brethren, and that was to do honour to the man to whom honour is due; personally, he had received valuable services from Bro. Thompson; in asking him, in the name of the brethren, of the Province, to accept the handsome testimonial which stood before him, he did so with a wish that he might be spared to spend a long life of health and prosperity, and would yet render much useful service to the Craft. Bro. Thompson, who, on rising, was received with applause, said, in the course of some well-chosen remarks, that he was particularly grateful to the Dep. P.G.M. for the kind expressions he had used, and assured the brethren that valuable as the present was in itself, it is of far greater value to him as a token of their kind feelings, which had been a recompense to him for any trouble he may have had. In conclusion, he thanked them heartily for the magnificent testimonial they had given to him. Votes of thanks were accorded to the V.W. Deputy Prov. G.M., the Chairman and the Committee. The brethren then adjourned to the banqueting-room, where the tables were beautifully laid out at the expense of Bro. George Thompson P.P.G.S.W. The usual Loyal toasts were duly honoured. The health of Bro. B. J. Thompson was most enthusiastically received, and suitably replied to. The health of the Dep. P.G.M., the Chairman, and several other toasts, received their just due. The evening was enlivened by some capital harmony, and a most enjoyable time was spent.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight will be held at Ryde, on Wednesday, the 30th inst.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—On Thursday evening, 17th inst., at Bro. Maidwell's, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C. Bros. Norden W.M., Aarons S.W., Da Silva J.W., Atkins P.M. Treas., Grammer Sec., Maidwell S.D., Campbell J.D., Smith I.G., Barnes P.M. as Proceptor, Littis P.M. 27, Walker W.M. 27, and numerous other brethren. The third ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Hewlett candidate. The W.M. of the Egyptian Lodge then took the chair and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect. Bros. Gibbs and Smith were elected members, and after other business the Lodge was closed.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bro. J. W. Smith W.M., Wing S.W., J. W. Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Moseley J.D., Opperman I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Pearcey, Trewinnard, Sparrow, Read, Isaac, Hall, Burtle, Weeden, G. E. Cook, Halford, &c. All preliminaries having been observed, Bro. Read answered the usual questions leading to the second degree and was entrusted; Lodge was opened in the second degree, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Read being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Pearcey the second and third, and Bro. Tolmie the fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in second degree. Bro. Wing was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded the W.M. for the very efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the evening. Lodge was then closed in due form and adjourned.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 15th January. Bros. J. S. Fraser W.M., William Fraser S.W., Maidwell J.W., Sayer S.D., Aarons J.D., Forrest I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary; Daniel, Harris, Quincey, Brighton, Norden, Hayes, West. The Lodge was opened in due form. The three degrees and the traditional history were rehearsed, in a very perfect manner, by the W.M. Bro. Hayes 1668 and Bro. Brighton were elected members. Bro. William Fraser was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. Notice was given by Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, that the Annual Ball would take place on 6th February, at the Cannon-street Hotel, when the Craft are fraternally invited to attend. The ceremony of installation will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction on Tuesday, 29th January.

Lebanon Chapter, No. 73.—The regular Convocation and election meeting of this Chapter was held on the 10th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Comps. J. W. Baldwin M.E.Z., J. Mason H., J. Cattley Mason J., F. Walters P.Z. S.E., M. D. Loewenstark S.N., Isaacs P.S., W. Dunham 2nd Asst. The Chapter was opened and the minutes confirmed, one brother was exalted. The election then took place, and Comps. J. Mason was chosen M.E.Z., J. C. Mason H., W. Dunham P.S., T. C. Speight P.Z. Janitor. A notice of motion was given, to present the retiring M.E.Z. with a gold jewel, in recognition of the able manner he had carried out the duties during his year of office. Several candidates were proposed for exaltation. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to a very excellent banquet. Comp. F. Walters P.Z. genially presiding. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were given. Comps. J. Stevens P.Z., Grabham 176, and several others were present as Visitors.

St. John's Lodge, No. 90.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday, the 14th January, at The Albion, Aldersgate-street. Present—Bros. Sturmer W.M., W. Knapp Henderson S.W., Margetson J.W., J. Griffin Sec., Eglese Treas., Pearce S.D., Colpoys J.D., Stephens D.C., Brown I.G., Goddard Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Adam, McDougall, T. P. Griffin, Venn. Visitors—Bros. Baker P.G.D., Alderman Hadley P.G.D.C., Dr. Gooding W.M. elect No. 1 G.S., Gadsby, C. Warwick Jordan, and several others. Business—Bros. F. McDougall and Morrison were raised to the third degree. Bro. Henderson was installed as W.M., the ceremony being performed by Bro. Venn P.M.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present—Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Fenner S.W., Gibbs J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Hawkins S.D., C. Lorkin J.D., Bedwell I.G. Visitors—Bros. W. H. L. Davies 192, and F. McClean 193. After the Lodge had been opened, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Brock candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first four sections of the second lecture. Bros. Davies and McClean were elected members, and Bro. A. W. Fenner was appointed W.M. for the next meeting.

Royal Lodge, No. 643.—The regular meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held at Mr. John Welborn's, Foord's Hotel, Fife, on Monday evening, for the purpose of electing the Officers for the ensuing year, when Bro. J. J. Field was elected Worshipful Master by a large majority. Bro. W. G. Long P.P.G.S.B. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. Jefferson Tyler.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On Friday the 11th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, at 7.30 p.m. Bros. Blasby W.M., May S.W., Costelow J.W., Irwin S.D., Dorey J.D., Gunner I.G.; Bro. C. Roe Preceptor; Bros. Kyezor, Goss W.M. 780, &c. Lodge opened in proper form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gunner candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Gunner was passed by the W.M., in a creditable manner. Bro. May was elected to the chair for the next meeting.

Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction.—Met on Saturday, 12th January, at seven o'clock, at Bro. Palmer's, the Greyhound, Richmond. Bro. J. Bateman P.M. W.M., Wade S.W., Lamb J.W., Kyezor S.D., Harris J.D., Phillips Preceptor; Bros. Fisher, Digby, Harris, Dean, Weaver, &c. Preliminary requirements observed, Bro. Kyezor offered himself as candidate, and Bro. Dean took the chair of K.S., and worked the ceremony of initiation. Bro. Dean then gave the lecture on the Tracing Board of the first degree, in a fluent and able manner. It was proposed by Bro. Kyezor, and seconded by Bro. Wade, that the Annual Banquet of the Lodge of Instruction be held at the Greyhound, on Saturday, 2nd February; this was carried unanimously, Bro. Preceptor Phillips undertaking to see the necessary arrangements carried out. The Lodge was closed, and the meeting was adjourned until Saturday, 19th ult. Bro. Wade will preside.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 15th inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Wallington W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., Young S.D., Finch J.D., Slater I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas.; Bros. Weige, Collins, Sanderson, Darnell, and others. The Lodge was opened and minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Henderson answered the necessary questions leading to the third degree. The Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Henderson candidate. The Preceptor then gave the traditional history. The Lodge was regularly closed down to the first degree, when Bro. Collins answered the necessary questions and was passed to the second degree. Bro. Collins, of Lodge 860, and Bro. Henderson, of Lodge 1365, were elected members. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next week.

Rowley Lodge, No. 1051, Lancaster.—The Installation meeting of this select and flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, 7th January, at the Masonic Rooms, Athenæum. There were present Bros. T. Jackson W.M., H. Longman I.P.M., N. W. Helme S.W., Alfred Sherriff J.W., J. D. Moore Sec., G. T. Taylor S.D., J. T. Jackson J.D., E. Simpson P.M. Prov. G.S., F. Dean P.M., T. Atkinson P.M., and a number of other Officers and brethren. After the transaction of some Lodge business, the F.C. degree was conferred upon Bro. R. Palmer by the W.M., on Bro. W. G. Welch by Bro. Longman I.P.M. Bro. Dr. Moore P.G.S.B. of England then took the chair as Installing Officer, and Bro. Alfred Sherriff the W.M. elect was presented for Installation by Past Masters Longman and Taylor. The presentation being received, and the W.M. elect having signified his adherence to the various rules and regulations, in a Board of Installed Masters he was duly and formally installed into the chair of K.S., and authorised to rule and conduct the Lodge for the next twelve months. He was then greeted and saluted in due form, and proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. Jackson I.P.M., N. W. Helme S.W., G. T. Taylor J.W., W. J. Sly Treas. (re-elected), H. Longman P.M. Sec., J. T. Jackson S.D., Thos. Bell, J.D., J. Vince I.G., James Aldous Org., A. K. Allinson Tyler. On the investiture of each Officer the Installing Master delivered appropriate addresses as to the nature and character of their duties, and the symbolism of the jewel with which they were invested. The working tools were presented by the I.P.M., and the addresses to the Master, Wardens and members, delivered by the Installing Officer, Bro. H. Longman P.M. and John Hatch P.M., and the ceremony of installation was concluded by the presentation of the gavel of Office to the new Master, confirming him in the power and privileges of the high position in which he had just been placed. A hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Moore for the impressive manner in which the ceremony of installation had been conducted, and for which this distinguished Brother is so justly celebrated; and this was duly responded to. Notice of motion having been given for a vote of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons, and other business transacted, the Lodge was closed with the usual formalities of the Craft. The brethren then adjourned to the King's Arms Hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared, to which those assembled, under the presidency of the new W.M., did ample justice. After the cloth was drawn, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and these were enthusiastically received and responded to.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Simmonds S.W., Ellis J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Cleverley S.D., Lane J.D., Simpson I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Campbell, Crouch, R. W. Pearcey, and Stroud, &c. The minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Posener jun. answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened to the second degree, when the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Posener candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Campbell candidate. Bro. Simmonds was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 14th January, at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping. Bros. Cox W.M., Horsley S.W., Greely J.W., Mortlock P.M. J.D., Jamieson I.G., Braine Secretary, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation efficiently rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Braine being the candidate. Bro. Cox was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and will meet on Monday next, 21st inst., at 8 p.m.

Anchor Lodge, No. 1337.—The annual meeting for the installation of the W.M. was held at Northallerton on Tuesday. At 4 p.m. the brethren met in the Lodge room, and the ceremony of installation was performed very ably by W. Bro. A. C. Knowles P.M. 940 P.P.G.S.D. Durham. The W.M. then proceeded to appoint and

invest his officers, as follow :—Bros. G. W. Elliott M.P. I.P.M., W. A. Hutcheon S.W., M. Walmsley J.W., R. Palliser Sec., G. Oxendale Treas., Rev. H. Jones Chap., W. Hardy S.D., J. Wheldon J.D., J. Stainsby I.G., G. Walker and G. Chapman Stewards, E. Wilkinson Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the Golden Lion Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. J. Simpson. The W.M. presided, and was supported by a goodly number of members, and the following amongst many visitors :—Bros. Geo. Ayre W.M., W. Hall and C. Greensides, Falcon 1416; J. S. Cumberland S.W., Geo. Simpson M.C. and M. Millington I.G., Eboracum 1611; G. H. Simpson, York 236; Jas. Usher P.M., W. Simpson and J. Altson, Philanthropy 940; J. Newton, Lennox 123; A. Ilry W.M. Tees 509; J. C. Martin W.M., W. Bell and J. W. Johnson, Restoration 111; T. Robinson, Harbour of Refuge 764, &c.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. Present—Bros. R. T. Kingham W.M., John Douglass S.W., C. J. Scales J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stiles Secretary, W. Side S.D., H. Stiles D. of C., H. Lovegrove Steward, G. Colls I.G., J. Michael P.M. The minutes having been confirmed, the W.M. proceeded with the business of the evening, which comprised the raising of Bros. W. Garrett and J. Ford. The passing of Bros. R. Kearns, S. Ward, C. C. Cruikshanks and J. H. Grant, and the initiation of Messrs. W. E. Smith, W. Davey, F. W. Dimsdale and H. A. Dimsdale. These ceremonies concluded, the W.M. closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, after which the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Willing proposed the health of the W.M. He was a brother who had done his best to give satisfaction, and always strives to do all he can for the Lodge. This toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. replied; he fully appreciated the kind sentiments expressed towards him. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, to which Bros. Willing and Michael responded. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Visitors. Next to charity he considered hospitality the greatest jewel of a Freemason. The visitors were welcome, and he hoped they had passed a pleasant evening. Bros. Webb, Briggs and Shilcock replied. The W.M. next proposed the Initiates, each of whom responded. The Treasurer, Secretary and Officers were severally honoured, after which the Tyler toasted all poor and distressed brethren, thus closing a pleasant evening. The visitors were Bros. W. Roach 49, H. Webb P.M. 72, 193, 890, J. T. Briggs P.M. 157, J. D. White J.W. 190, J. Shilcock P.M. 449 P.P.J.G.W., A. Clemow 858, J. H. Bedwell I.G. 861, E. F. Pierdon 948, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385.

Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1523.—On Wednesday, the 16th of January, at the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, E. Present—Bros. J. H. Maples W.M., Dignam S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., E. Dietrich Sec., G. Ferrar Treasurer, Robinson S.D., Francis J.D., Woolley I.G., W. Fieldwick Preceptor; and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Slater, Brasted, McClean, Jamieson, Pollock, R. Olley, T. Ainsley, W. H. Lea, Somers, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Slater, a candidate for the third degree, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Slater was raised to the degree of Master Mason. Bro. Dignam was unanimously elected W.M. for the next week. Bro. Lee worked the sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. Lee P.M. 1524 on the first Wednesday in February.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Met at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Bros. Ives W.M., Huggett S.W., Turquand J.W., W. J. Rawley S.D., Campbell J.D., Cole I.G., T. J. Barnes Treasurer, Gottheil Preceptor, George Hollington Secretary. There were also present Bros. George Verry, Myers, Hogg, Coleman, Bate, Bonner, Holloway, Emery, Deason, &c. The second ceremony was rehearsed, and the sections of the degree worked. Bro. Bate, of 1306, was elected a member. A proposition to vote £5 towards the Benevolent Institution, to be placed on Bro. Verry's list, met with some opposition, on the ground that ever since the amalgamation of the Eastern Star and Tredegar Lodges the proxies appertaining to the former were pronounced by the Committee of that Institution to be void, a decree which the members considered unfair and unjust. The proposition was subsequently agreed to, upon the assurance of Bro. Verry that he possessed information to the effect that the existing disagreement could be satisfactorily adjusted. Votes of thanks were unanimously passed in favour of Bros. Barnes, Hollington, Rawley, and Gottheil, for their services during the past twelve months. Bro. Huggett was elected W.M. for next Monday. The first anniversary banquet of this Lodge will take place on Monday, the 28th inst., at this hotel, Bro. Huggett, W.M. of the Mother Lodge, promising to preside. Taking into consideration the extreme comfort of the room, and that Bro. Yates will have the catering under his especial care, a very enjoyable evening may reasonably be anticipated.

Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.—On Friday, the 12th inst., at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-road, Notting-hill. Present—Bros. Spiegel W.M., Adkins S.W., Smout sen. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Penn Treas., Smout jun. S.D., Woodmason J.D., Poulter I.G., Past Master Savage Preceptor; Murlis P.M., Newland, De Haye, Crabb, Hallon and others. The ceremony of Initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Crabb candidate; after which the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hallon as candidate. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried unanimously to Bro. Adkins, for presenting the Lodge of Instruction with columns; to Bro. Murlis, for a very valuable ancient Bible; and to Bro. Smout sen., for a set of collars. It was announced that the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would have a Ball on the 22nd Feb., for the benefit of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Lodge of Instruction consented to join the members of the Mother Lodge. Bro. Adkins was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Queen's Hotel, York, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presiding. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, and Mr. J. G. Joyce, Bandmaster of the Royal Scots Greys Regiment, now quartered in York, was initiated. The Senior Warden, on behalf of Bro. Richard Boggett P.M., of Hull, presented to the Lodge a copy of Dr. Bell's valuable Masonic Chart, "The Stream of English Masonry," and a vote of thanks to Bro. Boggett for his kind gift was heartily passed. Two brethren were proposed as joining members and the name of a candidate for initiation was proposed and seconded, after which the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. A short toast list was gone through, the evening being enlivened by singing and recitations by Bros. Wyatt P.M., J. S. Cumberland, T. Humphries, G. C. Lee, &c. There was a good attendance of brethren and visitors, amongst them being Bros. T. Cooper P.M., G. Balmford P.M., C. G. Padel, M. Cooper, J. T. Seller, T. D. Smith, J. R. Jackson, M. Millington, G. Simpson, A. T. B. Turner, J. Kay, Robert Ware, W. W. Whytehead 236, W. Powell 236, and several brethren belonging to the Royal Scots Greys.

PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

FURTHER progress is made in *Cassell's Family Magazine* with the new serial stories, "Time Shall Try," and "Suspense." Mr. Notley is the author of the former, and he seems to be working it up very successfully. The same may be said of the other tale, which is by the author of "A Hard Case." A highly interesting sketch is that of "Coffee Taverns," by the author of "Fish and Flesh in Leather Lane." The Billingsgate House is described at some length, and from this we gather that the arrangements for the public comfort are excellent, the coffee, &c., supplied being of very good quality, and everything in the kitchen and offices being a pattern of neatness and cleverness. This was opened in June of last year, but another, in the Edgware-road, was opened the previous month, and thus had a brief start of its companion establishment. Particulars are likewise given of this, and it is gratifying to hear that others are in the course of erection, or in contemplation, in such neighbourhoods as St. Giles's, Lambeth, Aldgate, and Poplar, and likewise that the matter is being taken up in our large provincial cities and towns. Indeed, Liverpool, we read, is in advance of London, its "British Workmen Public House Company, Limited," being of date anterior to the initiation in London of this excellent movement. Mr. Munro, C.E., contributes a valuable paper on "Submarine Telegraph Service." A Family Doctor writes seasonably as to the "Hands and Feet: their Ease and Comfort." Phillis Browne furnishes particulars of "How My Children were Drilled," and following this is another good paper on "The Nursing of the London Poor." The illustrated article on "Embroidered House and Table Linen" is to be commended, and so are the contributions entitled "The Average Servant," "A Tin of Sardines," the "Chit-Chat on Dress," and "King Baby; some Experiences of a Young Mother." "Iris," words by Bernard Copes, and music by J. Gordon Saunders, Mus.B., is a very tuneful song.

We have received from the same publishers Part I. of a new serial publication, entitled *Science for All*. It is illustrated freely and well, and, to judge from the contents of the opening issue, we are justified in expecting that it will be very popular. The character of the contents may be gathered from an enumeration of some few of them, such as Mr. Proctor's paper, headed "The Man in the Moon," "A Piece of Limestone," by Dr. H. Alleyne Nicholson; "A Fallen Leaf," by Mr. Robert Brown, F.L.S.; and J. E. H. Gordon's article on "Ice, Water, and Steam." The Introduction contains a brief sketch of the plan of the work, and from this also the reader will certainly be disposed to augur favourably of it, for we all know that Messrs. Cassell and Co. are very exact in the performance of what they undertake, and not only exact, but painstaking.

To Messrs. Ward and Graves, of Crown-court, Milton-street, E.C., we are indebted for Part I. of *The Journal of Travels: Adventures Ashore, Afloat, and Aloft*. The object in issuing this periodical, we are told, is to supply young people with literary matter of an instructive and edifying character, so that their attention may be distracted from the mass of pernicious stuff with which the public is almost overwhelmed. We cannot, of course, under these circumstances, refrain from expressing an earnest hope that the new periodical may have a long and prosperous future, and we should do this even had the contents of the first number been less worthy than it is of commendation. But the *Journal of Travels* begins admirably, and we hope will soon find itself sufficiently supported on its inherent merits, quite as much as for the excellent purpose with which it is started. The contents may be arranged in two categories. In one there is a number of short and interesting sketches, illustrative of the manners and customs of different peoples; while the other consists of about half a dozen serial stories, one of which, "Life and Travels of Christopher Columbus," is from the pen of that popular writer, M. Jules Verne. The periodical is issued in weekly parts, which are afterwards bound together into monthly numbers; the price of the weekly issue being one penny, and that of the monthly sixpence. There is room for improvement in the illustrations, but the letter-press is worthy of great praise.

The *Sunday Courier* of New York states that Confidence Lodge, No. 52, of Marysville, Kentucky, has been declared clandestine by the Grand Master of that jurisdiction, because the Master refused to surrender the Warrant. The ground of the trouble is the refusal of the Lodge in question to pay the tax imposed by the Grand Lodge for the Widow and Orphan Asylum.

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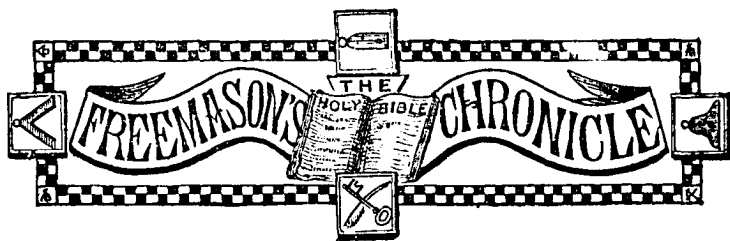
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

AMONG the more recent visitors to the Queen at Osborne is the Imperial Crown Prince Rudolph of Austria-Hungary, who returned to Claridge's Hotel on Saturday evening, having been accompanied by the Duke of Connaught as far as Portsmouth, where he was received by the Commander-in-Chief, and under his guidance inspected the arsenal and dockyard. Since then his Imperial Highness has been the guest of the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton at Hamilton Palace, and will shortly make a trip in the Highlands. On Tuesday, the Queen held a Council, at which were present—the Duke of Richmond and Gordon (President), the Duke of Connaught, Lord John Manners, and Mr. R. A. Cross. Afterwards Sir Henry Elliot G.C.B., introduced by Mr. Secretary Cross in the absence of Lord Derby, had an audience of Her Majesty, and kissed hands on his appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary at Vienna. Mr. Alderman Lewis Jarvis, of King's Lynn, was subsequently introduced, and received the honour of knighthood. On Monday, Professor Bell, of Boston U.S.A., and Colonel Reynolds, had the honour of visiting the Queen at Osborne, and exhibiting the mechanism of the Telephone. After a short explanation by the former gentleman, the capabilities of this wonderful instrument were fully tested, and Professor Bell held a conversation with Mr. Ormiston at Osborne Cottage. The Queen herself then communicated with Sir Thomas and Lady Biddulph, who reside there, and after Miss Kate Field, who was staying at the Cottage, had sung some songs, the Duke of Connaught conveyed Her Majesty's thanks to the lady telephonically. Later in the evening, telephonic communication was established with Cowes, Southampton, and London. From the first came four-part songs, from the second a bugle retreat, which was quite startling, and from the third "God Save the Queen," played on an organ. The experiments were continued till nearly midnight, and were repeated on Tuesday morning, when, in addition to the Royal party, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, Lord John Manners, the Marquis of Ripon, and several members of the Household. The Post Office authorities rendered very efficient service.

The Prince of Wales left Sandringham towards the end of last week, in company with the Prince Imperial of France, and on Friday evening they left together on a visit to the Duke and Duchess of Hamilton, at Hamilton Palace. On alighting at the Bothwell Station of the Clydesdale branch of the Caledonian Railway, and drove in carriages to the Palace, taking *en route* the historic Bothwell Bridge, the scene, so familiar to all readers of Sir Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*, of the defeat of the Covenanters by the Duke of Monmouth in 1679. His Royal Highness left for London in time to be present at the opening of Parliament.

On Wednesday evening, according to custom, the ministerial and opposition leaders gave full-dress Parliamentary dinners. The Earl of Beaconsfield gave his at the Foreign Office, and among those present were H.R.H. the Duke of Cambridge, Commander-in-Chief, the Earl of Wharncliffe, mover, and the Earl of London, seconder, of the address in the Lords, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Salisbury, the Marquis of Exeter, the Lord Chancellor, the Marquis of Bradford, the Earl of Bradford, &c., &c. Sir Stafford Northcote entertained, at Downing-street, the Hon. Wilbraham, mover, and Mr. Tennant, seconder of the address in the Commons, Mr. Secretary Hardy, Mr. W. H. Smith, First Lord of the Admiralty, Lord John Manners, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, Sir C. B. Adderley, &c., &c. Earl Granville as leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords received the chief Liberal peers at his house in Carlton-house-terrace, and the Marquis of Hartington the Liberal chiefs in the Commons at Devonshire House.

The event of the week has been the opening of Parlia-

ment. Her Majesty entrusted this duty to certain Loyal Commissioners, to wit the Lord Chancellor, the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, the Marquis of Hertford, Earl Beauchamp, and Lord Skelmersdale. With the contents of this important state address our readers are already familiar. It will be enough, therefore, if we state that both Houses, after the speech had been delivered, adjourned and met again at their usual hour, when the address was duly moved and seconded in both. In the Lords the other speakers were Earl Granville, the Prime Minister, the Duke of Argyll, and the Marquis of Salisbury, after which the address was agreed to. In the Commons, when the real interest of the meeting was over, that is, when the Marquis of Hartington, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Mr. Gladstone had spoken, an amendment was proposed by Mr. M. Henry, which is of no interest whatever. Nevertheless it caused the debate to be adjourned.

Cabinet Councils were held on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, a fact of sufficient significance, as showing how grave is the crisis through which we are now passing. On Monday, the Earl of Derby, who has been confined to his house by indisposition, was absent. On Tuesday the Council was to have been held at the noble Earl's residence in St. James's-square, but counter-orders were issued at the last moment, and it was held as usual at the Prime Minister's official residence in Downing-street. On this occasion three other members of the Cabinet were absent, by reason of their being at Osborne, as already stated.

During the few days that remained before Parliament was opened, a very considerable number of members of the Commons House addressed their constituents or were present at important meetings, and without a single exception they severally spoke on the Eastern Question, the Liberals in opposition to any departure from, and the Conservatives in support of, the policy of the Government, so far as such policy is known. Messrs. Bright, Muntz, and Chamberlain at Birmingham, Messrs. Holmes and Fawcett in Hackney, Sir C. Dilke at Chelsea, and others, were in favour of peace. Sir C. Russell M.P., at the annual meeting of the London and Westminster Working Men's Constitutional Association, with Captain Pim, M.P., spoke at some length, and a resolution of entire confidence in the Earl of Beaconsfield was passed unanimously. At Manchester, at a meeting in the Town Hall, convened by the Mayor, the Bishop of the diocese and the Roman Catholic Bishop of Salford were both present and spoke, the former moving a resolution in favour of strict neutrality, while the latter moved an amendment in favour of neutrality as far as the honour and interests of the country will permit. There was immense confusion during the whole of the meeting, but though the opposition was powerful, the resolution was carried. On Wednesday two meetings were held at Willis's Rooms, St. James's, and Exeter Hall, respectively. At the former, the Hon. and Rev. W. H. Fremantle presided, the object of the gathering being to promote the free navigation of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, and to protest against any attempt to maintain the present conditions affecting these Straits by force of arms. Mr. Mundella presided at the latter, and was supported by several fellow Liberal members of Parliament. It is needless to say the resolutions were carried at both meetings.

There have been Home Rule meetings and a demonstration in favour of the four released Fenian prisoners in Dublin since we last wrote. The latter took place in honour of the released Fenians, who were met on landing at Kingston by a large concourse of people, and conducted in procession through the leading thoroughfares of the city to the European Hotel. The excitement of the occasion has been attended with fatal results in the case of Sergeant McCarthy, who had been attended for heart disease when in prison, and who expired suddenly on Tuesday morning at a Dublin hotel, whither he had gone in order to breakfast with Mr. Parnell M.P. As to the Home Rulers, there was a private conference of the members composing this section of the House of Commons, to the number of about thirty. The result is that Mr. Butt remains the leader of the party, and it was agreed to move an amendment to the Queen's Speech to the effect that Irish business should have its proper share of attention from Parliament. On Monday and Tuesday a conference of the Home Rule League was held in the Rotunda, when a large number of delegates and M.P.'s were present. The resolutions agreed to on Saturday were accepted, and others were passed having reference to the policy and management of the party.

The grief that is felt throughout Italy at the death of King Victor Emmanuel is most intense, all parties expressing their sympathy with the Royal Family, and vying with each other in their praise of the deceased monarch, the first who reigned over a re-united country, in which patriotic work he, as became a gallant Sovereign, was always the central figure. The funeral was fixed for Thursday, but the account of this last sacred office that can be rendered him will necessarily be reserved for our next issue. The lying-in-state was witnessed by thousands, and the number of societies which had requested to be present in the Pantheon on the day of the funeral is said to be little short of 2800. Nor are the regrets for the premature death of the King of Italy confined to that party. The other States in Europe have expressed their sorrow and sympathy, and most of them sent representatives—Germany its Crown Prince, Austria-Hungary, the Archduke Regnier, France, Marshal Canrobert, and Her Majesty, the Earl of Roden.

In consequence of the sad event just referred to, the marriage of the King of Spain with his cousin, the Infanta Mercedes, daughter of the Duke de Montpesier, has been postponed till the 2nd February. The bride designate has already won the hearty goodwill of the Spaniards by her disinterestedness in having it declared in the Cortes, in her name, that she would not accept the usual allowance to which she will be entitled as Queen.

The crisis in the East is daily assuming more gigantic proportions, and it is difficult to say what will be the upshot of the present involved state of affairs. There seems no reason to doubt that Russia means to do her utmost to "smash" her adversary, for notwithstanding the Sultan has sent commissioners to arrange an armistice, and the terms of a durable peace, the Russian generals continue to advance their troops nearer to Adrianople, their object evidently being to be in a position to exact the severest terms possible. This was somewhat different from the moderation which the Czar displayed in his conversation with Lord Loftus at Yalta, as reported by the latter. Then there was no idea of territorial aggrandizement, now it is difficult to know what Turkey will have left. So much for the negotiations. The fighting continues, and the Turks have lost Nish to the Servians and Antivari to the Montenegrins. There has also been a battle on a large scale near Philippopolis, Suleiman Pacha being in command of the Turks. In Asia the latter have been defeated near Baiburt. The only set off against these serious disasters is the destruction, to a greater or less extent, of houses and property, and the loss of life caused by the bombardment of Eupatoria, Theodosia, and Yalta. As to the state of the Roumalians the news is of the most horrible character, thousands and thousands of families flying, foodless and shelterless, in the direction of Constantinople. So writes Mr. Layard to the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and the same story comes from other sources. Numbers of these poor people die by the way. So it is with the poor prisoners who are being sent to their several destinations and are dying like flies. Yet this war is being waged in the cause of Christianity and humanity.

At the Stated Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Ireland, held at Dublin, on St. John's Day, the 27th day of December A.D. 1877, A.L. 5877, the following brethren were proclaimed and saluted as Grand Officers for the year 1878:—

His Grace The Duke of Abercorn, K.G. as Grand Master.
Robert William Shekleton, Q.C. as Deputy Grand Master.
The Marquess of Headfort, D.L. as Senior Grand Warden.
Lord Dunboyne, D.L. as Junior Grand Warden.
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The Earl of Bandon, as Grand Secretary.
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Rt. Hon. and Most Rev. Lord Plunket, Bishop of Meath } Chaplains.
Alderman Joseph Manning, J.P. as Senior Grand Deacon.
Theophilus E. St. George as Junior Grand Deacon.
George A. Stephenson, J.P. as Grand Superintendent of Works.
George Moyers, LL.D., J.P. as Grand Director of Ceremonies.
Harry Hodges, as Grand Steward.
Humphrey Minchin, M.B. as Grand Sword Bearer.
Charles O. Gaudison, as Grand Organist.
James Creed Meredith, LL.D. as Grand Inner Guard.
Samuel B. Oldham, as Deputy Grand Secretary and Treasurer.

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, 19th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

MONDAY, 21st JANUARY.

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.)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.
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, Amlhurst-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.
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
382—Royal Union, Chequer's Hotel, Uxbridge.
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
720—Panmure, Bulham Hotel, Balham.
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1037—Portland, Royal Breckwater Hotel, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
1496—Duncombe, King's Arms Hotel, Kingsbridge, Devon.
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 22nd JANUARY.

14—Tuscan, 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.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
115—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1158—Southern Star, Montpelier Tavern, Walworth.
1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C. at 4.30.
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jernyn-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.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd JANUARY.

Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.15. (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.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
1119—St. Bede, Mechanic's Institute, Jarrow.
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 24th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., 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.)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
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.)
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.)
78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
211—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood.

FRIDAY, 25th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
599—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)
841—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.)
1055—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, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd., N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1355—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

SATURDAY, 26th JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, at 8.
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.

WEST YORKSHIRE.

SATURDAY.

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.

MONDAY.

302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hobden Bridge.
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.

TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
R. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.

THURSDAY.

971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
R. A. 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury.
R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY.

810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.

SATURDAY.

1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.

TUESDAY—151—Defensive Band, Alexandra Hall, 429 High-street.
R. A. 40—Naval and Military, Freemasons' Hall.

WEDNESDAY—112—St. John Fisherrow, Royal Hotel, Musselburgh.

THURSDAY—392—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall.

FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The meeting on Saturday last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, was well attended. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. Richard Stanway, who was supported by Past Masters James Stevens, N. B. Headon, J. H. Townend, and John Seex; James Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., Edward Moody P.M. Secretary, W. H. Catchpole S.D., Thos. Hamer J.D., George Jenkins Org., Chas. Taylor I.G., Richard Hooker and W. H. Hook Stewards. After the Lodge had been opened Bro. Turner was raised to the sublime degree, and Bro. T. R. Vowles was passed. The ballot was taken for two candidates for admission, and was unanimous in their favour. One of these gentlemen, Mr. William Paul Metchim, was present, and he was introduced and received Masonic light. The consideration of several matters in connection with the Lodge ensued, after which the brethren partook of a substantial repast. The customary toasts were done full justice to, and the speeches were interspersed with songs, which were given with great spirit, the several contributors being greatly assisted by the accompaniment of Bro. Frost. Bros. Moody and Morgan diversified the entertainment by giving recitations. The Visitors comprised Bros. T. Eastgate 1563, S. Catterson 545, C. J. Perceval 174, H. A. W. Reeves 1500, G. Saul 1201, J. J. Kinsey 1321, Joseph Lake (Islington) 1471, John Broadbent 507, E. T. Smith 534, Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., H. Clements 754, G. W. Cousins 890, W. Panter 65, W. W. Morgan 1385, Thurston St. John, &c.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Monday the 7th inst., at Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bro. Rd. Webb W.M., A. Phipps S.W., T. Butcher J.W., Thomas Jones S.D., J. G. Wotton J.D., J. A. Whittle Sec., H. O. A. Maybery Steward, W. Webb I.G., A. Orlopp Tyler, Past Masters H. St. G. Caulfeild and E. C. Phillips. Business—To initiate Mr. Duncan Gilding. At the close of the initiation, Bro. Marmaduke Tennant W.D.P.G.M. for the South Wales Eastern Division, entered the Lodge, and was saluted in due form. Having taken the chair, Bro. Tennant raised the Lodge to the third degree, and proceeded with the installation of Bro. Richard Webb as W.M. for the present year. All the members of the Lodge, the Past Masters excepted, retired, and when re-admitted saluted the W.M. in Masonic form. Under the directions of the W.D.P.G.M., these were fully and impressively given. The brethren having taken their seats, the W.M. invested the following as his Officers for the current year,—each Officer after he was invested being led to his seat by the W.D.P.G.M., who delivered a few words in relation to the duties they were expected to perform. Thomas Butcher S.W., Thomas Jones J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec. (re-appointed), Frank Grundy S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., James Jones Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in ancient form, and with perfect harmony, the brethren adjourned to the banqueting room, where a sumptuous banquet had been prepared for them. The usual loyal toasts having

been given and honoured, Bro. P.M. Phillips rose and gave the toast of the P.G.M., Bro. Sir George Elliott, and coupled with it the name of Bro. Tennant, to whom he gave a hearty Masonic welcome, it being his first visit to Brecon since his recent appointment as D.P.G.M. Bro. Phillips spoke of the service the late Deputy Bro. E. J. Morris had done to the province, and trusted that his successor would prove as good a friend and brother to the Brecknock Lodge as Bro. Morris had been. The D.P.G.M., in responding, said that on behalf of the P.G.M. he returned thanks, and hoped that as the province became better acquainted with Bro. Sir George Elliott, they would learn to like and esteem him. On behalf of himself, he thanked them all very much indeed for the hearty reception they had given him, and for the honour they had done him in inviting him to their Lodge. He could only tell them, as he had told other Lodges in the province, that it was a matter of regret to him that he was not able to pay more frequent visits, but, so far as possible, it was his intention to make himself thoroughly acquainted with the various Lodges, and, so far as it was in his power, to know and to be known by every Brother in the province. Although he could not visit the Brecknock Lodge so frequently as he should like, they might depend upon any assistance he could render them at any time they might be in want of it. He was desirous of seeing a uniform working throughout the Lodges of the province. When the late Pro G.M. Bro. Talbot entered that office he introduced what was called the Oxford ritual, and the brethren could not do better than adhere to it, for it was a simple, pure, and most solemn ritual. If any of the Lodges had not adopted that ritual he trusted that, in course of time, they would do so. He would take that opportunity of impressing upon the brethren present, and every other brother in the province, the necessity of upholding the dignity of Freemasonry. They should carry the principles of Masonry into the outer world, and not confine them within the walls of their Lodges. He could assure them, if they did so, the more they would appreciate those principles, and they would thereby become good men and good Christians. He could not sit down without congratulating Bro. Webb upon the high honour the Lodge had paid him by electing him a second time to the chair of the Lodge. He wished him a very prosperous year. Bro. P.M. Caulfield then proposed the health of the W.M., and said that he had additional pleasure in doing so from the fact that he had proposed his re-election. In proposing the re-election of Bro. Webb, he had done so from the knowledge of the manner in which Bro. Webb had done his work during the past year. He had also known him since he himself had joined the Lodge, and he had always been one of the most constant attendants therein, and his kind manner and good disposition had commended themselves to the brethren in general. The W.M. returned his sincere thanks for the compliment which had been paid him. He had not been so efficient as he should have liked, but with the kind assistance which the Past Masters and Officers had given him during his first year of office he had been able to pull through, and he hoped that, with the same assistance, he should be able to pass through another year. Bro. Webb having proposed the new Initiate, Bro. Guilding, who responded in suitable terms, Bro. W. Games proposed the toast of the Visitors, coupling with it the name of Bro. Bolden. Bro. Bolden, in reply, thanked the brethren for the kind reception they had given him, and regretted that his early departure from Brecon would prevent his coming among them to join their Lodge. The toast of the Masonic Charities having been given by the Chairman, the Deputy Prov. G.M. responded, by saying that charity was one of the most distinguished marks of Masonry. They had their Institution for Aged and Distressed Masons and for Widows of Masons; they had their Boys' and Girls' Schools. A few years ago he had had the honour of representing the Boys' School as Steward for the Province, and through the liberality of the Lodges within the Province, he had had the privilege of taking up £250, and towards that amount the Brecknock Lodge had contributed liberally. He now represented the Girls' School, and he hoped that the result of his Stewardship would prove as successful as it had been in the case of the School for Boys. The toast of the Officers for the Past Year brought a pleasant and instructive evening to a close.

Royal Brunswick Lodge, No. 732—On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Royal Pavilion Rooms, Brighton, Bro. Alderman Davey was unanimously elected W.M. of this Lodge. There was a very numerous assembly of the brethren, including Bro. the R.W. Sir W. W. Burrell Bart. M.P., Prov. G.M. of Sussex, and his Officers. At the close of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous repast was provided by Messrs. Mutton, the old established caterers of King's-road, who gave the utmost satisfaction to the company, which numbered in all 100. The W.M. Bro. Davey presided, supported by his Provincial Officers, as follow:—Bros. J. H. Scott D.P.G.M., J. Dixon S.W., C. P. Henty J.W., H. M. Dewey (Rev.) Chaplain, H. Crosskey Treas., V. P. Freeman Sec., Thomas J. Byass S.D., T. H. Crouch J.D., G. A. Wallis Superintendent of Works, J. M. Kidd D.C., C. Sandeman A.D. of C., G. Marin S.B., A. King Org., W. Rintz Pursuivant, W. G. Sharp, J. H. Farncombe, W. J. Nell, and F. Holford Stewards. The visitors present included the Mayor of Brighton (Bro. Alderman Mayall), Bros. Aldermen Lamb, Martin, Cox, Abbey, and Brigden; also Councillors E. Martin, W. R. Wood, Hayllar, Nell, W. J. Smith, Bennett, and Soper. There were also present the following members of the Lodge:—J. Solomon I.P.M., J. N. Kidd, V. P. Freeman, W. Reed, C. G. Reed, Walter Smith, George Smith, G. Day, S. Martin, E. Carpenter, A. Partridge, H. N. Jenner, G. H. Evershed, J. W. Douglas, Joseph Newnham, J. Ratter, E. Histed, J. T. Chappell, R. W. Mard, T. Hughes (Tyler). The general company present included Bros. W. R. Wood jun., J. McWhinnie, F. Willard, W. A. Butt, S. T. Foat, C. G. Reed, P. Capon, J. H. Capon, C. J. Corder, Rose, W. H. German, R. B. Smithers, T. J. Nell, Thos. Wilkinson, W. Marchant, F. Willard, W. Wright, G. de Paris, C. Wren, Jas. Curtis, T. J. Sabine, C. H. Hudson, F. Harris, R. J. Pope,

W. R. Wood jun., T. J. Sabine, C. Hudson, Sandeman, F. Tillstone, H. Freeman, Kuhe, Cole, D. Smith, F. Noakes, Dr. Cunningham, Pierpoint, G. Gale, J. Anderson, J. Fabian, G. Stone (Newhaven), J. W. Hughes, Nash, Bennett, &c., &c. After the banquet, the usual toasts appropriate to the Craft were given, and the health of the W.M. Bro. Davey was received with the utmost enthusiasm. The Mayor of Brighton responded to the toast of the Visitors, in a most eloquent speech, and Sir W. W. Burrell delivered a truly able exordium to the brethren on the duties of Freemasons. During the evening, Bro. Kuhe P.G.O., favoured the company with one of his exquisite pianoforte performances, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent singing by Bro. Soper and Bro. Willard, accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Cole. Bro. C. W. Hudson also gave, in his usual able style, the recitation of "My Lord Tom Noddy," which called down great applause. The evening's entertainment passed off with the greatest success.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday. The W.M. Bro. H. R. Jones presided. The following Officers and brethren were amongst those present:—Bros. W. A. Morgan S.W., E. H. Boddy J.W., J. Frost Sec., P. Cooke P.M., J. G. Kewney P.M., Wardroper, J. J. Holland, S. C. Landon, W. Price, G. Clark, H. F. Goodchild, G. Fortescue, R. Neal, and A. A. Denham. Mr. John Sanders, a solicitor, well known in the district, and clerk to the Wandsworth Board of Guardians, was initiated by the W.M. Bro. Price was afterwards passed to the second degree. Upon the motion of Bro. P. Cooke P.M., who spoke in feeling terms, it was unanimously decided that a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. George Howick P.M., who has lately sustained a severe loss by the death of his wife. The names of Mr. J. W. Marshall, The Oaks, Balham, and Mr. P. V. Denham (the former proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. E. H. Boddy; and the latter proposed by Bro. A. A. Denham, and seconded by Bro. J. J. Holland) were given in to the Secretary, and these gentlemen will be ballotted for at the next meeting. After other formal business had been transacted, the Lodge was closed.

Bective Chapter, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.—The regular Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Friday, 11th January, at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Earl Bective, M.P. Prov. Grand Superintendent, the chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. Prov. G.S.N., supported by E. Comps. W. Dodd P.Z. H., Rev. Canon Ware as J., Comps. Dr. Page E., Robert Godfrey N. acting P.S., W. James, Dr. Waller No. 2 S.C., and a goodly number of other Companions. The Chapter was opened by the Principals, when the members generally were admitted. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates, duly proposed, all of which were unanimously accepted, and Bros. Wareing P.M. and Anderson being present, were duly exalted. The thanks of the Chapter having been accorded to the acting M.E.Z., and there being no further business, it was closed with the usual solemnities.

Underley Lodge, No. 1074, Kirkby Lonsdale.—The annual Festival of this flourishing Lodge was held on Friday, 11th January, at three o'clock, when the members and visitors assembled unusually strong. The Lodge was opened in due form by the W.M. Bro. Robert Godfrey, assisted by his Wardens, and Bros. John Bowes P.M. P.P.J.G.W., W. Dodd P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Rev. Canon Ware P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Wareing P.M., W. James P.M., Atkinson P.M., Dr. Page P.M., Greenbank, — Wilkinson, Quincy, Dr. Waller No. 2 S.C., Pusey S.W. W.M. elect., Anderson Tyler, and a number of other brethren. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Greenbank claimed preferment, and having proved his claim, was entrusted; and in due course raised by the W.M. The Lodge having been lowered, Bro. John Bowes assumed the chair of K.S., and Bro. Pusey having been presented, was installed in ample form as W.M. for the ensuing year, and saluted, proclaimed, and greeted in the several degrees. A cordial vote of thanks was carried by acclamation to Bro. Bowes, the Installing Master. After labour, the brethren adjourned to the Royal Hotel, for the annual banquet, which did great credit to the hostess, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, under the guidance of the genial W.M. The toasts were enlivened by recitations and songs, from Bros. Dr. Waller, Dr. Page, W. James, R. Godfrey W.M., Quincy, Sisson, &c. Bro. Page proposed the health of the Installing Master, and referred to his long and intimate acquaintance with that brother, and his readiness at all times to "come to the rescue." We will only add that the W.M. lives in the hearts of the brethren, and that his year of office must be a happy and prosperous one. So mote it be.

York Mark Lodge (Time Immemorial).—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, at the Masonic Hall, York, the following brethren being present:—T. B. Whytehead W.M., Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett S.W., J. Ward as J.W., G. Garbutt Secretary, T. Cooper P.M. as M.O., J. Tissiman S.O., C. G. Padel J.O., C. D. Barstow as S.D., M. Millington J.D., A. T. B. Turner I.G., J. Redfare Tyler. A successful ballot was taken for two candidates, and Bro. E. Whitehead, York 936, and Bro. G. C. Lee, Eboracum 1611, were advanced to the honourable degree. A petition for an appendant Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was then brought forward, and received the unanimous recommendation of the Lodge. A vote of thanks was passed to the S.W., for a handsome gift of collar jewels for Senior and Junior Wardens. The Lodge then went into committee on the Report of the Bye Laws Committee, which was afterwards, with some trifling alterations, agreed to, and formally adopted. The W.M. (Bro. T. B. Whytehead) proposed, and the S.W. (Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett) seconded, W. Bro. Frederick Binckes, Grand Mark Secretary, as an honorary member of the Lodge. Two candidates for advancement were proposed, and one joining member, and the Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Faith Chapter, No. 141.—Met at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 16th instant. Immediately upon the confirmation of the minutes, Comp. E. Gottheil, in the presence of Comps. T. Mortlock P.Z., Thomas Cubitt P.Z., George Dyer H. (subsequently admitted, the latter two Comps. being visitors), and C. Hogard, the retiring Z., proceeded to instal Comps. John Constable M.E.Z., W. Gompertz H., and James Pinder J. The M.E.Z. then invested Comp. C. Hogard with the collar of I.P.Z. The Comps. were next re-admitted, and the following Officers invested:—Bros. M. Bamberger Treas., R. Z. Bloomfield S.E., J. D. Barnett S.N., Hollands P.S., D. Posener 1st Asst., C. Ocho 2nd Asst., F. Croaker D.C., Potter Tyler. Bro. Charles Ranken Garnett S.D. 1707, and Isaac Quincey of 1178, were then duly presented, and exalted to the degree. The Chapter being closed, banquet was served, made doubly pleasant by the genial supervision of Bro. Clemow, and then followed the usual toasts. The responses, though of the stereotyped character, namely everybody praising everybody else, some deservedly so, and others who have no claim for such distinction, only that in the present instance most of the commendatory language was extremely *a propos*. The visitors justly remarked that in their experience, during a considerable series of years, they had never witnessed officers immediately upon their installation and investiture proceed to perform their appointed work with so much address and ability. The M.E.Z., always careful in all he undertakes, was excellent; and even to the lowest officer each Companion completed his work most satisfactorily. As to the performance of the installation ceremonies, Comp. Cubitt observed: It was a treat; he had never seen them done better. There was some very pleasant and amusing singing, by Comps. Mortlock, Constable, Stead, and Pinder, and a few more speeches by the exaltees and subordinate officers before the assembly separated. It should be mentioned that the report of the Audit Committee, which was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be entered upon the minutes, showed the Chapter to be, financially speaking, in a most gratifying condition; upon this the members have every reason to congratulate themselves, as also upon the fact that under the guidance of the present chief its prestige and prosperity can scarcely fail to be considerably increased.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—It is proverbial that at Installation Meetings of the brethren of this prosperous Lodge there is sure to be a large attendance; the members on Wednesday last assembled unusually strong, and there was a very long list of visitors, amongst whom we may mention Bros. H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary, Jas. Terry P.M. 228, P.G.D.C. Herts, &c., G. Ward Verry P.M., T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, T. J. Maidwell W.M. elect 27, J. H. Cambridge S.W. 15, R. Moss 152, A. Mellish 188, Aug. G. Perceval 453, J. J. Berry P.M. 554, W. Hodges S.D. 1382, E. C. Beedell 1607, R. Still 1437, W. W. Morgan 1385, J. S. Carbines, Jas. Newham, B. Farrow, G. Weige, John Tyler, W. H. Hubbard, Wilfred Murch, Walter Rawley, George Palmer, &c. The W.M. Bro. G. J. Hilliard opened his Lodge, and after the minutes had received confirmation, proceeded with the work of the evening, which was unusually heavy. The ballot was brought into request for Bro. H. G. Savage, formerly a Past Master of the Lodge, and this resulted in his being accepted, and placed again on the list of members. Bro. Gray was a candidate for the third degree, and he was examined, entrusted, and in due course raised. There were three candidates for the second degree; they all gave evidence of progress in their Masonic knowledge, and Bro. Hilliard completed the work of his year of office by passing them. The chair was now taken by Bro. John Newton P.M., and the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. John Appleby, was presented and formally obligated. Those brethren not entitled to wear the levels were now requested to retire, and a Board of I.M.'s was formed. Bros. Rawley and T. J. Barnes acted as Wardens. On the re-admission of the brethren the appointment of Officers was made: Bros. G. H. Seddon S.W., Dunstan J.W., Rawley P.M. Treas., John Newton P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Jones J.D., F. Brown I.G., Verry Tyler, James Fraser D.C., Miller W.S. After the addresses had been given, the new W.M. had an opportunity of giving the brethren "a taste of his quality," as there was a candidate for initiation, for whom the ballot had been taken at a previous meeting. This gentleman, Mr. John Thomas Cook, was introduced and initiated into our mysteries, Bro. Appleby and his Officers performing their duty in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. Rawley P.M. proposed, and Bro. C. Lacey P.M. seconded a motion that £10 be voted from the funds of the Lodge to the R.M.B.I., the amount to be placed on the list of Bro. C. J. Perceval. This was unanimously agreed to. The resignation of a member was then tendered and accepted. Bro. Appleby, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the retiring Master, Bro. G. J. Hilliard, with the jewel voted at the last meeting; he hoped he should have the pleasure of seeing it adorn Bro. Hilliard's breast at many future gatherings of the Lodge. The I.P.M. thanked the brethren; he trusted the day was far distant when his associations with the Sincerity Lodge would cease. A cordial vote of thanks was then passed to Bro. John Newton, for his services as Installing Master, and then the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served, and the W.M. proceeded with the toasts. After that of the Queen and the Craft and the M.W. the Grand Master, the National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. The third toast comprised the M.W. Pro Grand Master the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W. the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Appleby said the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master were most deservedly popular; when we take into consideration the great extent of Freemasonry, we may form an idea of the amount of work entailed on the Grand Officers. We have with us to-night one who holds the responsible post of Assistant Grand Secretary; he would couple with the toast the name of Bro. H. G. Buss. On rising to respond, Bro. Buss said: The W.M. had justly remarked that a vast amount of work devolved on the Pro G.M., the Deputy

G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Pro G.M. always found opportunity when the calls of his duty were paramount. No one was more popular than Lord Skelmersdale, most especially so in his own Province. This had been the first Lodge he (the speaker) ever visited. It was here he made the acquaintance of Capt. Oman, a representative man of his day, and one who was doubtless well remembered by many present. Our worthy brother then related some interesting episodes in connection with the history of the Lodge, and concluded by thanking the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The health of the Initiate was given, and Bro. Newton sang the "Entered Apprentice" song. Bro. Cook acknowledged the compliment; they had given him a hearty reception; he thanked them for it. To be a worthy Mason was the sincere wish of his heart. The health of the Worshipful Master was proposed by Bro. Hilliard, after which Bro. Moss sang the well-known descriptive song, made famous by Henry Russell, of "The Desert," the accompaniment, so essentially necessary here, being admirably played by Bro. G. H. Seddon. The W.M. thanked them for having unanimously placed him in the chair. It would be his utmost endeavour to carry out the expressed wish of the Installing Master, and hand down the warrant to his successor unsullied. Before sitting down he would propose success to the Charities, they had with them, in the person of Bros. Terry and Perceval, brethren who would ably advocate the cause of the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Terry was Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Perceval had undertaken to act as Steward at the approaching Festival for that Institution. He would leave the advocacy of the claim of the Charities to these brethren, and would content himself with calling on the members to drink success to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Bro. Terry in the course of his reply referred to the progress made by the Masonic Institutions during the past thirty years. He considered the Charities belonging to our Order were better supported than the majority of similar institutions. He then directed special attention to what had been done during the past twelve months. The amount raised up to the 31st December reached £43,000. The Institution with which he was more immediately connected had emerged from the obscurity in which it was enveloped a few years back, and now stood foremost. Bro. Terry then recapitulated the benefits his Institution was conferring, and congratulated those present on the additions that were being made for those who desired to participate in the advantages offered by our Scholastic Institutions. Last year, thanks to the exertions of his Board of Stewards, he had a very successful Festival; this year he trusted he might realise fully as large an amount. He then referred to the present depression of trade, which prevented many from giving as liberally as they could desire. He trusted both his colleagues would be successful, and referred to the unsatisfactory state of health of Bro. Little, which prevented the Secretary of the Girls' School taking so active a part as he could desire. Bro. Binckes had a member of the Royal Family for his Chairman; this, he was sure, would be gratifying to all. He then passed a deserved eulogy on Bro. C. J. Perceval, who, though he had already qualified himself as a V.P. of the Benevolent Institution, had kindly again undertaken the duties of Steward. Bro. Terry closed his remarks by saying that the I.P.M. Bro. Hilliard had offered to serve as Steward for the Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Perceval was gratified at the reception given to him in his capacity of Steward, and he thanked the members for the cordial response made to his appeal. The health of the Visitors was then given from the chair. The Lodge desired to give them a hearty welcome. Bro. Barnes was called on to reply; the W.M. remarking that personally he was much indebted for the instruction he had received from Bro. Barnes. Bro. Barnes, in a most comprehensive speech, replied. He expressed the gratification the Visitors had felt at the effective way in which the work of the Lodge had been carried out. The health of the Past Masters was acknowledged by Bro. Hilliard, and the Officers severally responded to their toast. The summons for the Tyler followed, and then the brethren dispersed. During the evening Bros. Hall, Moss, Miller, Weige, &c., favoured the company with songs; Bro. Keeble gave a dramatic sketch, while Bro. Seddon contributed an excellent pianoforte solo.

Confidence Lodge, No. 193.—This old established Lodge held its first regular meeting since the installation on Monday, the 14th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. H. Leah, Bro. H. T. Reed occupied the chair. Bros. T. B. Biddle S.W., Footit J.W., Warne P.M. Treasurer, Shackell P.M. Secretary, James S.D., B. Lemere J.D., W. J. Hall I.G., S. Webb P.M. D.C., N. Webb P.M. W.S.; P.M.'s Bros. Kershaw, Shackell, H. Webb, Birch; and Bros. McLean, Webster, Turner, Smith, Lothian, Silvester, R. Pye, C. H. Davis, Craske, Rickell, B. P. Todd, Adams, Williams, Bridgman, D. McLaren, Holloway, Mutt, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Roxby was passed, and Bros. Silvester and Pye were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons, by the acting W.M. Bro. H. Leah having now arrived, Bro. S. Webb proposed, and Bro. Birch seconded, that a committee be formed for the revision of the Bye-laws, this to consist of the W.M., Bros. Warne P.M., and S. Webb P.M. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Clemow. The W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking to the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Leah said it was a source of gratification to every W.M. to have them present. Their advent formed a chain of mutual intercourse and sympathy at our Masonic gatherings, and every member was pleased to see them. He referred to a pleasing episode, as regarded Bro. Howe's visit. He was lately a member, and the brethren hoped to see him among them again. He would call on Bros. Moojen and H. M. Levy to respond. Bro. Sylvester here favoured the brethren with a very clever parody on "Nancy Lee." Bro. Levy returned thanks. He dilated on the charitable feeling evinced by the W.M., whose heart and soul was in Freemasonry; his great desire was to promote the interests of his Lodge, and follow in the footsteps of his

predecessors, whose able working was recognised throughout the Craft. Bro. Moojen followed, and endorsed all Bro. Levy had said: from his personal knowledge of the W.M., he felt the praise was well deserved. Bro. Reid I.P.M. then rose. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of the worthy Bro. who occupied the chair. In consequence of Bro. Leah's having, that day, had his professional avocations to attend to, they had not seen his working, but they would have an opportunity at the next meeting. They knew him as a thorough good Mason; he is a Life Governor, and has been Steward for the three Charities; he has done his duty in that respect, and he (the speaker) was sure he would do his duty in the Lodge. At the banquet he had ably presided, and under his guidance the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. S. Webb P.M. here sang "A Father's Love." The W.M. felt great pleasure in responding to the toast. He gave very apt illustrations of the principles of Freemasonry. By the retirement of a brother he had been elected to the chair; he was, however, pleased to greet that brother that evening. He apologised for his own absence from the Lodge; he had, however, done all he could to perfect himself in his duties, and he hoped to be able to perform all required of him; he was fully repaid for all the trouble he had taken by the reception he had met with that evening. Reference had been made to what he had done for the Charities; he would advise the brethren to visit the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution at Croydon, or the Girls' or Boys' Schools, and he was sure they would never grudge anything they gave to them. He would be happy to again serve as Steward; his heart was in the cause, and he thanked them for the kind manner each Bro. had received the toast. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Past Masters. He had to thank the I.P.M. for the able manner he had performed the duties of the chair; Bro. Reid, he had been informed, had worked the two degrees beautifully and impressively. Bro. Shackell Sec., H. Webb, S. Webb, and other Past Masters were all worthy of a hearty reception. (Cheers.) Bro. Reid responded; his great pleasure would be to assist the W.M.; the Past Masters would also do all that might be required of them. Bro. S. Webb followed; he hoped the W.M., and also every Officer he had appointed, would work the ceremonies properly; the ritual should be the pride of Masonry; it was a pleasure to see a brother in the chair whom the brethren and visitors could say had worked well. The toast of the Officers was next given; the W.M. impressed on them the necessity of attending the Lodges in their various districts; he was sure they would help him in the conduct of the Lodge. Bro. H. Webb responded to the toast, and was followed by Bro. James S.D. The Tyler's toast concluded a very agreeable and harmonious evening. The visitors were—Bros. J. Thompson 1693, J. W. Roberts 1693, Western 1693, R. J. Owen P.M. 144, T. Moojen Chigwell Lodge, Empson, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

St. Paul's Lodge, No. 194.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, on Tuesday, 15th inst. Bros. C. Hunt W.M., Seager S.W., Randal P.M. as J.W., Veal P.M. Treas., Fowler P.M. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. Randall, Western, Watts, Eaves, H. Renshaw. After Lodge had been opened and formalities fully observed, Bro. Seager S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., in a manner that reflected great credit on Bro. Hunt for his impressive and perfect rendering. The newly installed W.M. invested the following Officers:—Bros. C. Hunt I.P.M., McBean S.W., Compton J.W., Veal P.M. Treas., Fowler P.M. Sec., Renshaw S.D., Paget J.D., Fisher I.G., Smith Tyler. The members, by the way they received the newly appointed Officers, testified that the W.M. had made an excellent selection. The Installing Master was complimented at the conclusion of the ceremony by all present. Bro. Watts P.M., by courtesy of the W.M., initiated his friend, Mr. James Chapman. The W.M., in feeling and appropriate remarks, presented Bro. C. Hunt I.P.M. with an elegant P.M.'s jewel of elaborate design, and suitably inscribed, which had been unanimously voted to him for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair. Bro. Hunt eloquently returned thanks. Heartly good wishes were then given, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty in number, sat down to a very sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. E. H. Rand. The loving cup was handed round, and grace was sung. In proposing the toast of the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale and the rest of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he would associate with the toast the name of Bro. Cottebrune, who had honoured them by his presence that evening. Bro. Cottebrune is a well and worth representative of Grand Lodge, and the W.M. had to thank him for his instruction, which had enabled him to occupy the chair; the Craft also owed him a debt of gratitude, for he was never weary of advancing its interests. Bro. Cottebrune thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had spoken of the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers. Many of them held high and distinguished positions. He (the speaker) had the pleasure of visiting the St. Paul's Lodge during the past year, and he had met many members of the Lodge at the Lodge of Instruction. He was pleased to see Bro. Hunt, who had just vacated the chair, perform the ceremony of installation. The manner in which the W.M. had invested his officers was most creditable. Bro. Watts also had ably performed the ceremony of initiation. In concluding, he thanked them for their kind expressions. The W.M. next proposed the Masonic Charities, and regretted the absence of Bro. J. Terry; he would, however, call on Bro. Randall P.M. to respond. Bro. Randall spoke of the able management of the three Institutions. By the kindness of the Masonic brethren they had raised over £42,000 during the past year, and he hoped the brethren would not forget to subscribe liberally this year; as they well know, Charity meets its own reward. The toast of the Initiate was given and the "Entered Apprentice" song was sung, and Bro. Chapman replied. He was proud at having the opportunity to join this noble Order; from what he had already seen, it was to him a source of regret that he had not joined before. However, he would in future show that he fully appreciated the beautiful ceremony he had listened

to that evening. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; he mentioned their names, and expressed his pleasure at seeing so many distinguished Masons present. Bros. Loewenstark, Righton, Beasley, and H. M. Levy severally returned thanks; all expressed their pleasure at the hospitality accorded to them. The I.P.M., Bro. Hunt, then proposed the health of the W.M., whom he was pleased to say he had introduced to office. He had performed every duty in the inferior offices, and he could assure them that Bro. Seager was capable of performing the ceremony of initiation, though on this occasion he had given way to Bro. Watts. At the next meeting they would see that their selection had been the right one. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their kind expressions. He assured them that during his occupation of the chair they would see that he had in every sense their interests at heart. The toast of the Past Masters was next honoured. The W.M. spoke of their excellent qualifications, and called on Bro. Hunt to respond. After a few words from Bro. Hunt the toast of the Officers was given, to which Bro. McBean S.W. replied. The Tyler was then summoned. Amongst the visitors were Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., W. H. Murlis P.M. 1642, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. 1017, H. Garrod P.M., Bassington J.W. 205, C. A. Woods 145, Ernst P.M., Hollibone 231, R. H. Pearson P.M. 1196 and 1642, Collens 766, H. Parker P.P.G.O. Middlesex, Godfrey 1365, Beasley P.M. 780, W. Jarvis 14, Whitehead 933, Badkin W.M. 1365, Blakey 311, Wrighton 23, Duke 1328, Thurley Beale 201, J. Stedman 172, T. R. Jones 325, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. To Madame Thaddens Wells was entrusted the musical arrangements. She was assisted by Miss Alice Frith, Bros. Thurley Beale and Stedman, and Bro. H. Parker accompanied on the piano. Every satisfaction was evinced at the efforts of this party, who were most energetic in their desire to contribute to the enjoyment of the brethren.

Wiltshire Lodge of Fidelity, No. 663, Devizes.—The installation meeting of this Lodge took place at the Town Hall, on Tuesday last, the 15th inst. There were present Bros. T. Raymond W.M., Dr. J. W. Burman S.W., W. H. Burt J.W., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Sec., Rev. T. F. T. Ravenshaw P.M. P.G. Ch. England, H. J. Ward P.M., Thos. H. Chandler P.M. P.S.G.W. Wilts, and many other members of the Lodge, whilst amongst the visitors were Bros. R. D. M. Lawson P.M. 632 P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, W. Munro P.M. 326 P.P.G.D.C. Bristol, W. H. Dill P.M. 906 P.G.P. Somerset, G. F. Tuckey P.M. 326, Rev. W. C. Lukis S.W. 837, A. Browne Sec. 632, &c. The W.M., after opening the Lodge and having had the minutes read and confirmed, announced that, since the last meeting, he, with several members of the Lodge, had, as a deputation from the Lodge, attended the funeral, on the 28th ult., of Bro. Holloway, a P.M. and member of the Lodge. A vote of condolence to his widow on her loss was unanimously passed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree by the W.M., who then requested Bro. William Nott P.M. and Sec. 663 and P.J.G.W. Wilts to take the chair. This was done, and Bro. Nott then proceeded, according to ancient custom, to instal the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. J. W. Burman S.W. in the chair of K.S. for the ensuing year, which ceremony being completed and the brethren re-admitted, the customary salutes were given and proclamations made. The Officers were appointed and invested by the W.M., the Installing Master addressing them collectively and individually as to their duties and the manner in which they ought to be performed. The list of Officers was as follows:—Bros. Thos. Raymond I.P.M., T. H. Chandler P.M. 355 P.S.G. Wilts S.W., Harry Howse J.W., Rev. H. Richardson P.M. Chap., D. A. Gibbs P.M. Treas., W. Nott P.M. Sec., W. Day S.D., J. A. Randell J.D., W. E. Fulford I.G., Thos. Waite P.M. M.C., G. S. A. Waylen and W. H. Bush Stewards, and John Hayter Tyler. The usual addresses to the W.M., Wardens and brethren were delivered by the Installing Master. After sundry routine business, letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from many brethren, including one from the D.P.G.M. Bro. Goldney, and another from Bro. Watson Taylor, of Erlestoke Park, who, at the same time, announced that he had sent a supply of venison and game for the banquet. Two new candidates for initiation were proposed for ballot at the next meeting. The alms bag was sent round, in aid of the Charity Fund of the Lodge, and the Lodge being then closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet at the Crown Hotel. After the banquet, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to. The W.M., in replying to the toast of his health, mentioned that he should shortly be leaving Devizes, but that his idea of the importance of his office was such that he should not make any professional arrangements which would interfere with his punctual attendance to his duties during the ensuing year. Bro. Nott took occasion, on being requested to propose the toast of the Masonic Charities, to remind the brethren that he was going up as Steward for the Province to the Festival of the Girls' School, in May, and solicited the support of the brethren, in consequence of which a considerable number of subscriptions were then and there made to his list.

Camalodunum Lodge, No. 660.—On Tuesday the brethren of this Lodge held their annual installation meeting in the Freemasons' Hall, Yorkersgate, Malton. The installing Master was Bro. Samuel King P.M. P.P.G.J.W. of Orchard Cottage, Malton; and the W.M. elect for the coming year was Bro. William King. After the installation of the Worshipful Master, he appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Harold Copperthwaite S.W., A. W. Walker J.W., the Rev. E. A. B. Pitman Chaplain, R. H. Bower Treas., W. Constable Sec., F. A. Waad D.C., John W. Marshall S.D., John Gibson jun. J.D., Thomas Goldie I.G., J. B. Nichols and Jas. Buckle Stewards, and Kirton Wandby Steward and Tyler. After the installation and appointment of Officers, a banquet was held at the Talbot Hotel, at which visitors from several other Lodges in the Province were present. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were well received, and the musical brethren of the Lodge went through a capital programme.

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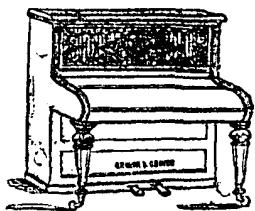
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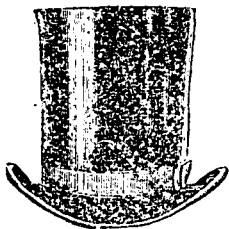
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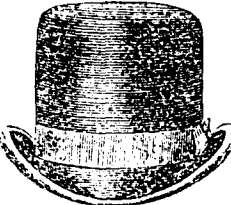
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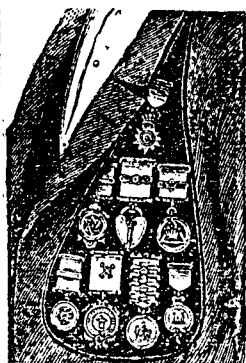
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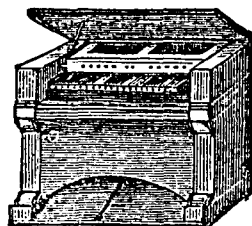
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