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## FRENCH VIEWS ON ENGLISH IDEAS OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is evident from a letter we published last week from a valued correspondent in Paris, and from the two letters in a translated form which appeared in our issue of the 29th ult., that our French brethren are as yet unable to recognise the true character of the objections raised in England, Ireland, and Scotland, to the recent act of the Grand Orient of France. The last mentioned body, in September last, resolved to expunge from the first article of its Constitutions that clause which declared explicitly that belief in God and the Immortality of the Soul, is a fundamental principle of Freemasonry. The grounds by which this course is justified, as stated by Bro. the Rev. Pasteur Desmons, are principally these:—that the paragraph containing such declaration, was in contradiction with that which followed it, that it was a frequent cause of embarrassments to W. Masters, and that it was unnecessary, as the objects of Freemasonry are independent of all dogmatic or religious ideas. We Freemasons, as the Rev. Bro. Desmons put it, “leave to theologians and casuists the care and trouble of discussing dogmas, and to authoritative churches that of issuing a syllabus.” And further on our Rev. Bro. added, let “Masonry 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.” Writing to Bro. Hyde Clarke on the 14th November last, Bro. Thevenot, Chief Secretary, says:—“the Grand Orient of France have not abolished the Masonic formula ‘to the glory of the Great Architect of the Universe,’ as you appear to believe, still less have they made profession of atheism in their General Assembly of September 1877.” And then Bro. Thevenot somewhat later proceeds to show how the Grand Orient “in common with the founders of the Order, understood that Freemasonry should remain in every State a neutral ground to which all opinions could be admitted, and should there be respected; and on which all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour, could shake hands” And Bro. St. Jean, who is President of the Council of the Grand Orient of France, writing on the 28th of the same month, to Bro. Sir Ed. Borough, Bart., representative of the G. Orient at the G. Lodge of France, speaks to a similar effect. “Let it suffice for me to affirm that, in modifying an article of their statutes, the Grand Orient of France by no means intended to make profession either of atheism or materialism, as would seem to be understood. No alteration has been made either in the principles or in the practice of Masonry, and French Freemasonry remains what it has always been—a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience.” These statements, which are part only of certain recent declarations, coming as they do from (a) the Rev. brother who delivered the Report of the Committee appointed to deal with the proposed amendment of the first article of the Constitutions of the G. Orient; (b) the chief official in the bureau of the Grand Secretaries; and (c) from the President of the Council of the G. Orient respectively, are of the greatest importance, and may be

accepted by our readers as authoritative definitions of the nature of the amendment which has been recently sanctioned by the annual General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France. And criticising them in this light, we feel disposed to affirm that, as they stand, and but for the further knowledge we possess of their full meaning, there is nothing in the several propositions we have quoted to which the slightest objection could be raised by the most exacting of our English, Scotch, or Irish brethren. Passing by for a moment the stated contradiction between the two paragraphs of the first article, the Craft in the United Kingdom fully recognises and invariably acts upon the proposition that the care and trouble of discussing dogmas must be left to theologians and casuists. We know that “theological discussions have ever engendered trouble and persecution.” We do not dream of claiming for Freemasonry that it is “a church, a council, or a synod.” We are quite prepared to regard Freemasonry as a “neutral ground” on which “all honourable men, without distinction of nationalities, religions, races, or colour,” can “shake hands.” We are aware the Grand Orient of France at its recent annual Assembly neither made, nor intended to make any profession “either of atheism or materialism,” for otherwise there would be no meaning in the clause of the first article as it now stands “*elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances.*” We are also prepared to believe that our French brethren consider that French Freemasonry, as now constituted, may still be defined to be “a fraternal and tolerant brotherhood, which respects the religious faith and political convictions of its adepts, and leaves in these delicate questions to each one the liberty of his conscience.” We confess we have some difficulty in reconciling the retention of “the Masonic formula, *To the Glory of the great Architect of the Universe,*” which, it seems, still figures at the head of the official documents issued by the Council of the Grand Orient—with the exclusion from the first Article of the principle of belief in God. We should have imagined the natural logical acumen of our French brethren would have led them to avoid laying any great stress on a contradiction so obvious. However, the Masonic formula in question is not abolished, and remains, as heretofore, at the head of official documents which emanate from the Council of the Order. We presume, therefore, there is a meaning in all this, though it is not for us to attempt to explain that meaning. But to return to our main argument. We say that as far as the statements go which we have quoted, they are seemingly unexceptionable. It is not on any of the grounds, which Bros. Rev. Desmons, Thevenot, and de St. Jean have severally combated above, that, as we have said, even the most exacting English, Irish, or Scotch Mason objects to the recent proceedings of Grand Orient. Religious and political discussions are strictly forbidden in our Lodges, and all honourable men, without distinction of “nationalities, religions, races, or colour,” are eligible to be admitted into our ranks. But here is the point at which all sympathy between the Craft in these islands and in France ceases; now, at least, that the Grand Orient has amended its Constitutions as stated. We sanction the admission of men of *all* religions, but we exclude, *ipso facto*, the men of *no* religion whatever. In France, the atheist as well as the theist is eligible. Our definition of the phrase “liberty of conscience” is entirely different from that which prevails in France. We impose certain limits on freedom of conscience. We say there are certain points beyond which this freedom becomes as dangerous to society as the tyranny of which it is the exact opposite. In France it is

otherwise. A man may or may not believe in the existence of God and the Immortality of the Soul, and whether he does so believe or not is held to be of no account, in respect of his eligibility as a candidate for reception into Masonry. We believe that it is in accordance with the old landmarks of our Order that a candidate for initiation should make a solemn declaration beforehand of his belief in God. This is all we require of him in this one particular. We do not call upon him to declare the nature of that belief; in other words, we do not ask if he is a Christian or a Jew, a Mahomedan or a Parsee. A simple declaration that he is a theist suffices, and once he is admitted into the Fraternity, he will have reason to dread any offence against his religious convictions, for religious, as well as political discussions, are forbidden in our Lodges. Our Paris correspondent of last week remarks: "Vainly 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." Our correspondent must pardon us if we differ with him on this very material point. Our "Book of Constitutions" contains, first, a summary of the Ancient Charges and Regulations to be read at the installation of a Worshipful Master; secondly, the Charges of a Freemason, &c., &c., "for the use of Lodges;" and "to be read at the making of new brethren;" and thirdly, "the Regulations for the Government of the Craft." Thus our "Book of Constitutions" contains in effect, a declaration of Masonic principles and the regulations for the government of the Craft arranged separately, but nevertheless to be considered as one book. A candidate on signing the declaration that, *inter alia*, he will cheerfully conform to all the ancient usages and established customs of the Order, accepts the Charges as well as the Regulations, and we have a right to believe that a person about to offer himself as a candidate for initiation will be at the pains of inquiring what manner of society it is he is anxious to join. A man who offers to become a Freemason will either already understand that he will not be called upon to say or do anything against his conscience, or he will learn this of his proposers. Our Constitutions—that is, our principles and our laws, may be known without difficulty, for are they not published openly to all the world? Thus, there is no secrecy as to the initial principles to which a candidate will be invited to subscribe. There is, of course, the risk in England, and doubtless in other countries, that a freethinker, provided he is not notoriously such, may find his way into one of our Lodges; but this simply means that some men there are who have no conscience, and will do or say anything in order to gain some particular end. It is sufficient that he has consented to accept the pre-requisite conditions on which he is admitted. We cannot ensure that his acceptance is a real one. But these are matters on which we need not dwell. We began by pointing out that our French brethren do not yet recognise the grounds on which we in the United Kingdom object to the recent proceedings of their Grand Orient. It is not because they are bent on banishing all discussion of religious, as of political, questions from their Lodges. It is not because we object to the admission of men of *all* religious opinions. It is because in our judgment they have destroyed the first and most important of our ancient landmarks, and are now prepared to extend to the atheist the privileges they have hitherto granted only to theists.

We have received copy of an appeal made by the Lodge "Light of the Balkans" (Le Lucie dei Balcani) Orient of Belgrade, in the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of Italy, on behalf of those unfortunate poor and distressed Servians who are now suffering so grievously from the terrible calamities of war. The members of the Lodge have used their utmost efforts, but the misery is too great to be grappled with by so small a body, and this appeal, which is signed and countersigned by Dr. Marco Pollack, Venerable (W.M.) of the Lodge, Cornelius de Draskoczi Treasurer, and Nathan Leuchtag Secretary, respectively, is addressed to members of all Masonic Lodges throughout the world. Even the smallest donations in money, clothes, or hospital stores will be gratefully received and acknowledged in the official organ of the Grand Orient of Italy. We willingly give publicity to this appeal, and sincerely hope it may be fruitful of good in alleviating the distresses of the poor Serbs.

We acknowledge, with fraternal thanks, receipt of the *Irish Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for 1878*, "published under the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland." It contains a correct list of all the Lodges, Chapters, and Preceptories on the registry of Ireland, and also a list of the present members of the Prince Grand Rose Croix Chapters and higher degrees. The other Masonic information it contains is similar to what we find in our own Grand Lodge Calendar, and relates to Grand Officers, Provincial Grand Officers, distribution of Lodges in the Provinces, days of meetings, &c., &c., with nominal lists of members of the Board of General Purposes, &c., &c. It is very neatly—*we may say handsomely*—got up, and reflects great credit on those to whom the work of compilation has been entrusted. We repeat our thanks to the Deputy Grand Secretary for his fraternal courtesy in forwarding to us this copy, with all the more heartiness that it will enable us to show our appreciation of the gift by giving greater publicity in these columns to Masonic doings in Ireland. If our Irish brethren will but kindly furnish us with more intelligence, we shall be enabled to make our columns more interesting and more acceptable than we have reason to believe they now are.

Like the Lancaster Calendar, which we noticed last week, the Eboracum Masonic Calendar for 1878 will be found very serviceable to the brethren living in the ancient city of York. It is called "Eboracum," because the compiler, Bro. Whytehead, is W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, and none will doubt the propriety of the name seeing that the city of York was known anciently as "Eboracum." This little Calendar contains the days of meeting for the Lodges, R.A. Chapter, Mark Lodge, K.T. Preceptory, and Red Cross Chapter, of which the city boasts. Then follow the Officers of the Prov. G. Lodge N. and E. Yorkshire, and the Lodges under its jurisdiction; those of the Prov. Grand Chapter and the Chapters under it; the Mark Lodges, Rose Croix Chapters and other Masonic bodies in the N. and E. Ridings, together with the Craft Lodges in the W. Riding which are situated near York. The Charges in the three degrees, the explanation of the working tools in each, and the "Entered Apprentice" song are appended. It should be added that this almanack is published by the compiler at his own expense, and gratuitously distributed by him among Craftsmen.

The second annual Masonic Ball at Rugby was held under the auspices of the Lodge of Rectitude, No. 502, on Tuesday, the 15th inst., in the large room of the Town Hall, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. The scene was a very animated one. The number of visitors was 160, and not only were there the brethren in their Masonic clothing, but a goodly number of officers in their regimentals were present in addition, and these, with the gay dresses of the fair sex, made the ball one of the most brilliant that could well be imagined. The supper was excellent, and the wines of good quality. The Duke of Rutland's band played a choice selection of music, and dancing was kept up with great zest till the small hours of the morning. The whole of the arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Henry Bennett, and he is to be congratulated on the success which attended his efforts.

The Fourth Annual Ball of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, was held at the Myddelton Hall, Islington, on Tuesday. The Stewards were Bros. T. Goode, J. W. Simmonds, B. Jackson, C. J. G. Wood, F. Goode, S. Price, R. Hollyman, W. Fysh, and Cook. Bro. F. S. Rothschild was Hon. Secretary, and Bro. T. Goode Treasurer to the Committee. Upon Bro. T. Meekham devolved the arduous duties of M.C.; not that on a festive occasion like this the duties are so very arduous, but the office is one requiring firmness and tact, and Bro. Meekham displayed these to advantage. There was a large attendance, and everything passed off most satisfactorily.

A Convocation of the Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Berks and Bucks will be held at the Masonic Hall, Windsor, at 12 o'clock noon, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., for the appointment of Provincial Grand Officers, and the despatch of other business. The banquet will be served at the Windsor Castle Hotel, at 1 o'clock.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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## CHARITY ORGANISATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Press of business prevented my reading your impression of last week until to-day. Permit me a word in reply to "SPES BONA."

I am sorry he thinks I "abused my opportunity," it is very evident that the great majority of the brethren present did not think so.

I must, however, beg my Brother not to put words into my mouth which I never uttered.

I neither urged the brethren "to pause ere they gave their donations," or "begged them only to extend their generosity upon the reforms I advocated." I regret to say this is a gross misrepresentation, and I am sorry any Brother should have thus shown his "charity." I will always speak the truth, and select my own time and place for doing so—and no better opportunity could be found than at a friendly meeting of the brethren.

I shall always advocate the cause of our Charities, but I shall not cease to protest against the many grievous blots in the system of election to them, and I shall not study to suppress the truth because any Secretary is present.

I hope the time may come when it may not be considered a necessary part of a Secretary's duty to attend every possible banquet, and when a high sense of Masonic obligation and a genuine feeling of brotherly feeling will be able, through Masters, Officers, and Lodge Stewards, to uphold our Charities, and entertain without undue sensitiveness a suggestion for their improvement.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

R. J. SIMPSON.

19th January 1878.

P.S.—Not liking anonymous letters, I append my name. I am in good hope others may do likewise.

## A FIT AND PROPER CANDIDATE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the last No. of the *Freemason* there is a letter signed by "An Old Steward for the Charities," commenting upon what he presumes to call "the weakest case I have ever known;" and charging the Committee of the Boys' School, with acting with regard to this case in a "most hap-hazard, happy-go-lucky" way. As a member of that Committee, I beg to reply that the whole of the facts and surroundings of the case were thoroughly known to the Committee, who considered it so strong a one that they did not scruple to bring it before the Quarterly Meeting, which confirmed their judgment, and recorded a large number, for a first application, of votes in favour of the case. So much for the action of the Committee; now about the case, which I consider one of the most deserving and strongest on record.

The father of the poor orphan did not cease to subscribe to his Mother Lodge until, by order of his employers, he had left the colony; he never left Masonry, but continued an active and zealous Mason until he was done to death by the tyranny of the Panama government. I have read letters of the members of the Lodge there, thanking him for his attendance and usefulness; and I have also read in the newspaper of the town that he was followed to the grave by all the Masons in the place. What could our poor slandered dead Brother do more, there not being an *English* Lodge within probably one or two thousand miles? Masonry, he had been taught to believe, was universal, so he naturally attended and worked in the only Freemasons' Lodge within reach.

These facts were well known to the Lodge that recommended the petition, and to the brethren who backed, and still back, the poor orphan's circular; and they are not men likely to betray our Boys' School, but rulers in the Craft, brethren very high up in it; Vice Patrons, Vice Presidents, Governors of, and Subscribers to the Charities, who have recorded their votes for this case, and who will continue to record them until the orphan of our slandered late brother be given the chance of acquiring a good education to fit him to tread in his father's footsteps, and prove how a layman would suffer himself to be done to death rather than betray the best interests of his employers. I may mention that the exceptions in the first part of law 54 justified the Lodge and brethren in recommending the case, and the Quarterly Court in accepting it.

ONE WHO HAS SERVED VERY MANY STEWARDSHIPS  
TO ALL THE MASONIC CHARITIES.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—The first remedies in the world for bad legs, old wounds, sores and ulcers. If used according to directions given with them there is no wound, bad leg, or ulcerous sore, however obstinate or long standing, but will yield to their healing and curative properties. Numbers of persons who have been patients in several of the large hospitals and under the care of eminent surgeons, without deriving the slightest benefit, have been thoroughly cured by Holloway's Pills. For glandular swellings, tumours, scurvy, and diseases of the skin there is no medicine that can be used with so good an effect. In fact, in the worst forms of disease, dependent upon the condition of the blood, these medicines, if used conjointly, are irresistible.

## LITERATURE.

THE present number of the *New Quarterly* is far from being up to that standard of excellence we have been led to expect in a magazine of such standing. It is by no means an unreadable number, and certain among the contributions are interesting; but past experience justifies us in looking for something more commendable than are the majority of the articles. The paper on "Early Literary Journals," by C. Elliot Browne, is light, chatty, and agreeably written. One or two of the quotations from the journals noticed by the writer will bear re quotation. Thus, the following, from the *Mercurius Democritus*, of 8th April 1652, are amusing: At the time they were written we were at war with the Dutch, and Blako and Van Tromp were blazing away at each other continually. No wonder, then, the hits at the Dutch should be numerous. The first reads thus:—"There is a fresh-water seaman, lately come sick home from the Navy, saith the Dutch Fleet lies so heavy on many of the seamen's stomachs since the last engagement, that their breaths smell of nothing ever since but pickled herrings." Another is as follows: "The Dutch have lately devised a stratagem to keep their harbours from freezing by placing in every haven a fire ship that's so hot that it thaws the ice faster than it freezeth." This, as to the religious parties of the time, is laughable: "To-morrow is a great dispute at the Beare Garden, between a Presbyterian Chamber-Maid, who hath challenged an independent Fishwoman to dispute with her about the point of Predestination." This will suffice to show how amusing is Mr. C. Elliott Browne's contribution. We are also pleased with "Cool Haunts in the Italian Highlands," by Evelyn Carrington, which is well written, while the information it contains will be found valuable by those who have a visit to Italy in contemplation. The rest of the number is mediocre in character.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has been pleased to accept a copy of Captain Crawley's Billiard Book, dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness, and to express to the author his appreciation of the beauty and completeness of the work.

The *Keystone* gives a brief obituary notice of the late Bro. Harvey Hazlerigg, a Past Grand Master of Indiana, who died on the 15th December last, and was buried with Masonic honours, and who had been a member of the Craft for close on forty years. From this we gather that he was elected High Priest in 1848, and had served uninterruptedly as such till 1866. In a period of twenty-three and a-half years he had held office, consecutively, as W.M. of a Lodge, High Priest of a Chapter, E. Commander of a Commandery, Grand Master of Grand Lodge, and E. Grand Commander of Grand Commandery. In Arch Masonry he was one year Grand King, and ten years Grand High Priest; in Templar Masonry he served one year as Captain-General, two years as Grand Generalissimo, ten years as Deputy G. Commander, and two years as Grand Commander; and in Craft Masonry he had been for one year Senior Grand Warden, four years Deputy Grand Master, and subsequently Grand Master. He had been a member of Grand Lodge since 1844, and during the whole of the thirty years that had elapsed since, had never once missed attending a Communication, and not only was he present but he served on some important committee at every session. He had devoted much time to the study of Masonry. Our readers will not be surprised to hear that such a brother as this "was held in high esteem by the Craft."

We learn from the *Sydney Evening Post* that:—

"A new Lodge of Free and Independent Masons, under the English Constitution, was to be opened, under the name of the Empress of India, at Woollahra, on Thursday, 29th November last, and a very elegant and costly suite of furniture had been designed and manufactured by Mr. W. Alexander, of Park-street. The wood used is of colonial pine and ash. The chair of the W.M. is richly carved with fluted columns, and Corinthian capitals in gold; the back being richly enamelled in blue and gold, relieved with a silver scroll, and surmounted by Solomon's crown in gold, the Wardens' chairs being similarly decorated without the crown, in blue and gold. The pedestals, columns, and candlesticks are manufactured to correspond with, and illustrate the various orders of architecture. The upholstering throughout is blue silk velvet, fringed with solid silver bullion, and has a very rich and imposing effect."

According to the *Keystone*, a letter has been brought to light which shows that there were Freemasons in the City of Philadelphia as early as the year 1715, or two years before the establishment of our English Grand Lodge. It is possible there may have been members of our Fraternity in that city and at that date, and further, that they may have met together "for Craft purposes." The writer of this letter states "Ye winter has been very long and dull—and we have had no mirth or pleasure, except a few evenings spent in festivity with my Masonic brethren." We think it will be necessary to wait for some corroborative evidence of this before accepting it.



## NEW SOUTH WALES.

## INSTALLATION OF THE DISTRICT GRAND MASTER.

ON Monday, 19th November 1877, Bro. John Williams J.P. was installed District Grand Master of the Freemasons' Lodges of New South Wales, under the English Constitution, with great ceremony, and in presence of a large concourse of the Craft. The Masonic Hall, in York-street, was beautifully and appropriately decorated for the occasion with overgreens, flags, flowers, and Masonic emblems and devices, and the appearance of the interior of the building was strikingly impressive. On the southern wall was a portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and on the northern and western walls portraits of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the parent Lodge. The words—"Peace, Love, and Harmony," appeared on a white ground at the western end of the hall; while all around the building were emblems of the Craft, nicely arranged with a view to ornamental effect. There were between 600 and 700 of the brethren, and almost every Lodge in the colony was represented; the brethren appearing in evening dress and full Masonic Craft clothing. Many of the brethren, Past Masters of the Craft, were decorated with jewels of great value, all indicative of degrees of merit in Masonry, and these, with the beautiful regalia and insignia of the Order, added greatly to the brilliancy of the scene. The *tout ensemble* was, indeed, one of great magnificence, and one that is seldom witnessed, and then only by members of the Masonic Craft. The Right Worshipful Bro. James Squire Farnell, Esq., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of the Masonic Lodges in New South Wales under the Irish Constitution, presided at the ceremony, administered the obligation to Bro. Williams, and installed him as District Grand Master. Precisely at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, the District Grand Lodge was opened in due form; on the right of the Worshipful Master being Bro. R. W. Sedgwick, Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, under the Scottish Constitution. The Grand Chaplains, Bro. Dr. Beg, and Bro. Dr. White, were, with other officers, on the platform. An efficient choir, under Bro. Fisher, occupied a position at the left of the dais, Bro. Broadhurst presiding at the organ, and Bro. A. B. Smith of the United Service Lodge, acting as assistant Organist. The Lodge having been opened in the various degrees, prayer was offered by the Grand Chaplains, and the opening hymn sung, "Hail, Eternal, by whose aid," Bro. Nicholas Hopson, who acted as Marshal, with Bro. F. G. Davidson as Director of Ceremonies, announced the arrival of the Officers of the District Grand Lodge and the Grand Master, and these entered the Lodge in procession, heralded by a flourish of trumpets and headed by a banner, the Organist playing Meyerbeer's grand processional march. Having entered the open space in the centre of the hall and approached the pedestal, Bro. Westcott P.M. read the patent authorising the installation, under the hand of Lord Skelmersdale, and autographed by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, and Right Worshipful Master Farnell then administered the obligation to Bro. Williams in due Masonic form, invested him with the insignia of his office, and installed him as Right Worshipful Master of the Freemasons of New South Wales, under the English Constitution. A procession was formed by the District Grand Officers, the newly-installed Right Worshipful Master being conducted around the aisle with some solemnity by Bros. Farnell and Sedgwick, the choir singing, with great effect, the Masonic anthem, "March, march onward, Masons true." The newly-installed Master then took his seat in the Master's chair in the east, and Bro. Farnell proclaimed from the east, west, and south the installation.

The next business was the installation of Bro. William Henry Simpson, as Deputy District Grand Master, who was duly invested by the Worshipful Grand Master, and inducted in the chair on the Master's right. Then followed the investment of District Grand Lodge Officers, as follow:—the brethren in each case being presented by the Directors of Ceremonies, P.M.'s Hopson and Davidson:—Bros. Henry Westcott P.M. Senior District Grand Warden, Wm. G. Cassidy P.M. Junior District Grand Warden, Rev. Wazir Begg P.M. LL.D. and Rev. W. White P.M. LL.D. District Grand Chaplains, A. Gardner P.M. District Grand Registrar, R. Leeworthy P.M. District Grand Secretary, Norman Selfe P.M. President of Board of General Purposes, Mathew Medway P.M. District Grand Senior Deacon, Nicholas J. Robinson P.M. District Grand Junior Deacon, John Booth P.M. District Grand Superintendent of Works, F. B. Davidson P.M. District Grand Director of Ceremonies, Henry Wager P.M. District Grand Assistant do., Edward Kirschnor P.M. District Grand Sword Bearer, Carroll P.M. District Grand Organist, David Mitchell P.M. District Grand Pursuivant, S. A. De Lissa P.M. District Grand Tyler. Also the following District Grand Stewards:—Bros. F. Wright, James, Mulholland, T. Read, W. Bull, and John Marsden. The Rev. Thomas Marshall B.A., of Mulgoa, was unable to attend, and his installation as Grand Chaplain could not take place.

The Right Worshipful Master then addressed the brethren. He said he thought under the circumstances, and the honourable position he occupied, he would be something more or less than a man if he did not feel particularly gratified and proud of the honourable position in which they had placed him. Indeed, he need scarcely say that it was not of his seeking to be there; but their desire. It had been felt for some time past that a change was essentially necessary. That change had taken place. It had pleased them to elect him again, after the lapse of ten years. His long retirement was made a charge against him of neglect of Masonry; but the brethren of the three Constitutions would believe him when he said that the interests of Masonry had never been forgotten by him. It was particularly gratifying to him to be placed in this honourable position, but more so to receive such a complimentary letter as he had from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in England, expressing pleasure at his re-election to office. He would read the letter:—"Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., 16th August 1877. Dear Sir and Brother,—I have

the pleasure to hand you herewith the Patent of your appointment to be District Grand Master of New South Wales, in succession to Bro. A. T. Holroyd, resigned, an office which you have already held with so much credit to yourself and satisfaction to your brethren in the district, that they again desire you to resume your sway over them. I sincerely trust that your efforts in the cause of Masonry may be as successful now as they were on a former occasion, and that health and strength may be granted you to carry out the duties of the office as formerly, for the general benefit of the Order. I have the honour to be, yours truly and fraternally, John Hervey, G.S. John Williams, Esq., Right Worshipful District Grand Master for New South Wales." Notwithstanding the length of time that had elapsed since he had occupied the proud position that he now did, it was gratifying to find that even the Grand Lodge of England had not forgotten the services he had rendered to the Craft ten years ago. He might not possess the same amount of strength that he did ten years ago, but he thought it would take but a short time to get into harness again. Some doubt was expressed as to the position of some of his brethren and their right to retain their distinguishing badges, but, so far as he was concerned, he had no desire to take away any rank that he believed they had received in a legal manner. He believed what the brethren had received they had received legally. He had no object in view but the good government of the Craft. He would know no distinctions amongst the brethren in Masonry. He had only to say in conclusion that he hoped to be able to carry out all the good wishes mentioned in the letter from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge in England. (Applause.)

The office of District Grand Treasurer being vacant was then filled up by the unanimous election of P.M. Bro. Nicholas Hopson, on motion by Bro. Simpson, seconded by Bro. Begg, and supported by Bro. Webster.

Bro. Hopson made an appropriate acknowledgment of the honour conferred.

The Right Worshipful Master then granted a dispensation to open a Lodge at Woollahra, on Thursday, to be called the Empress of India.

Several hymns were nicely sung by the choir during the ceremony, and the Lodge was closed, the brethren singing the National Anthem.

A grand banquet was held in the evening, in the Hall, at which about 150 brethren sat down.

The Right Worshipful Master presided, having on his right Bro. Farnell, Provincial Grand Master of New South Wales, under the Irish constitution, and on his left Bro. Sedgwick, P.G.M. of New South Wales, under the Scotch Constitution. Among other masons occupying seats at the Master's table we noticed Bro. J. Davies (Postmaster-General), John Sutherland, J. F. Burns, J. Booth, Dr. Begg, Leeworthy, Simpson, Coley, Kennedy, Dr. White, and Guise. The viands and liquors were of the very best description, and did credit to the cuisine of host Hook, who was the caterer. The tables were very nicely laid out, and ornamented with beautiful bouquets of flowers, &c. The following were the toasts:—"The Queen," "The Prince of Wales, and Grand Lodge of England," "The District Grand Master of New South Wales under the English Constitution," "The Grand Lodge of Ireland, coupled with the name of Grand Master Farnell," "The Grand Lodge of Scotland, coupled with the name of Grand Master Sedgwick," "The Deputy District Grand Master, and the Grand Officers under the English Constitution," and, "Our next happy meeting." Between the speeches, some very good vocal music was provided by Bros. Fisher, Jackson Barnett, Colly, Levison, Meyer, Rogers, and Davies, accompanied by Bro. Broadhurst on the pianoforte. The beautiful glee, "Spring Delights," was especially well rendered, as a double quartette. In the course of the speech-making, Bro. Farnell spoke in favour of separating from the parent lodges, and having a separate Constitution for Australia, but the W.M., and Bros. Sedgwick, D. G. Simpson, Westcott, Cassidy, and Guise held opposite views, and expressed the opinion that the time had not yet arrived for separation to take place, and their opinion appeared to be in accord with the large majority of those present. The company separated shortly after 10 o'clock, having spent a very pleasant evening.—*Sydney Evening Post*, 20th November 1877.

According to the *Sunday Courier* of New York, the Grand Lodge of Texas has passed a resolution not to recognise the Grand Orient of France, "on account of its disbelief in God and the immortality of the soul."

The *Voice of Masonry*, for the current month, contains a very elaborate sketch, by Bro. W. J. Hughan, of the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Boston, his text being the Centennial of St. Andrews' Royal Arch Chapter, Boston, Mass., which was celebrated on 29th September 1869. The date of its consecration was stated on the tickets issued for this interesting ceremonial as the 28th August 1769, but Bro. Hughan mentions, in a footnote, that the Chapter met before that. The number contains likewise, the first portion of a most interesting account of the "Early History of Masonry in Vermont," by Bro. George F. Koon, of the Historical Committee Grand Lodge Vermont. To this we shall take an opportunity of referring at an early opportunity.

## Old Warrants.

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### No. 108.

No. 198, "Ancients;" No. 245 at the "Union of 1813 (A.D. 1814)," No. 172, A.D. 1832, and No. 147 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

LAU. DERMOTT, D.G.M.

THOMAS CARTER, S.G.W.

R. DAVY, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the GRAND LODGE of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful and Most Noble Prince John (the third), Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount of Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heretable Captain and Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Hereditary Keeper of the Palace of Falkland, and in that part of Great Britain called England, and Masonical Jurisdiction thereunto belonging, GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Laurence Dermott, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Thomas Carter, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Davy, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and No. 147 Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Robert Dearle Talmash, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Thomas Cuthbertson his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful John Thompson, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the Fox and Goose, King-street, Seven Dials (or elsewhere in London), upon the First and Third Monday of each Kalendar Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby further authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Robert Dearle Talmash, Thomas Cuthbertson and John Thompson (with the Consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren and all their Successors always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this Twentieth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Seventy-seven, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Seventy and Seven.

WM. DICKEY,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 6,  
Letter F.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Lodge of Justice," No. 147, Deptford.

### No. 109.

No. 358 "Ancients;" No. 462 A.D. 1813, at "Union," No. 308 A.D. 1832, and No. 247 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS HARPER, D.G.M.

ARCHIBALD HERRON, S.G.W.

JEREMIAH CRANFIELD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the Old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful the Most Noble Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Archibald Herron, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Jeremiah Cranfield, Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Abraham Carl one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful John Croal his Senior

Warden, and the Worshipful Thomas Forrest his Junior No. 358 Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at some convenient and proper place or Hall at, or in, Demerara, upon the second and fourth Tuesday in every month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions, and in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Freemasons, according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft, in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, Abraham Carl, John Croal, and Thomas Forrest (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge), to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their Powers and Dignities as Freemasons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due Respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge, otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-eighth day of July, in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and thirteen, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Eight hundred and thirteen.

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ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 12,  
Letter M.

The present title, No., &c. are, The "Union Lodge, No. 247, George Town, Demerara, S.A.

### No. 110.

No. 88, "Ancients;" No. 111 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 90 from A.D. 1832, and No. 76 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOL, GRAND MASTER.

THOS. HARPER, D.G.M.

ROBERT GILL, S.G.W.

WM. BUNWOOD, J.G.W.

To all whom it may concern.

WE, the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons (according to the old Constitutions granted by His Royal Highness Prince EDWIN, at York, Anno Domini Nine hundred twenty and six, and in the Year of Masonry Four thousand Nine hundred twenty and six), in ample form assembled, viz., The Right Worshipful The Most Noble and Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Athol, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, and Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley, in the County of Gloucester, &c., &c., &c., GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful Thomas Harper, Esq., Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq., Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful William Bunwood, Esq., Junior Grand Warden (with the approbation and consent of the Warranted Lodges held within the Cities and Suburbs of London and Westminster), Do hereby authorise and empower our Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful John Batson one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Major J. Perry his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful William Hooper his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign

No. 88 of the Baker's Arms, in the High Street, Winchester (or elsewhere), upon the second and fourth Thursday in every Month, and on all seasonable times and lawful occasions. And in the said Lodge (when duly congregated) to admit and make Free Masons according to the most Ancient and Honourable Custom of the Royal Craft in all Ages and Nations throughout the known world. And we do hereby farther authorise and empower our said Trusty and Well-beloved Brethren, John Batson, Major J. Perry, and William Hooper (with the consent of the Members of their Lodge) to nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, to whom they shall deliver this Warrant, and invest them with their powers and dignities as Free Masons, &c. And such Successors shall in like manner nominate, chuse, and install their Successors, &c., &c., &c. Such installations to be upon (or near) every ST. JOHN'S DAY, during the continuance of this Lodge, for ever. Providing the above named Brethren, and all their Successors, always pay due respect to this Right Worshipful Grand Lodge otherwise this Warrant to be of no Force nor Virtue.

Given under our Hands and the Seal of our Grand Lodge in London, this twenty-ninth day of January, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Sixty and one, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Sixty and one.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered  
of date in the Grand Lodge,  
Vol. 3. Letter C and E. Dup.

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This Warrant is renewed, the original having been burnt, this 7th April 1801

Edward Harper,

D.G. Secty.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of Economy, No. 76, Freemasons' Hall, Winchester.

## 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, 26th JANUARY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1624—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.

## MONDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall.  
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
48—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.  
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke.  
M.M. 146—Moore, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

## TUESDAY, 29th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
Provincial Grand Chapter, Berks and Bucks, Masonic Hall, Windsor, at 12.  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Powndall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
1472—Henley, Railway Tavern, Stratford New Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 7.  
310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle.  
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford.  
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen.  
1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton.

## WEDNESDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 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 7.45. (Inst.)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, 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.)  
1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, 269 Pentonville Road, at 3.30. (Con.)  
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)

## THURSDAY, 31st JANUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
37—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
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.)  
111—Restoration, Freemason's Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.  
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.

## FRIDAY, 1st FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
844—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
902—Burgoyne, Gratton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1230—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
1412—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate.  
539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
571—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury.  
601—St. John's, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop.  
656—Seton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
709—Invicta, Corn Exchange, Queen-street, Ashford.  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester.  
1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy.  
1528—Fare, Red Lion Hotel, Newquay, Cornwall.  
1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham, Northumberland.  
1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.

## SATURDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY.

- 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
1557—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

## WEST YORKSHIRE.

## SATURDAY.

- 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

## MONDAY.

- R. A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.

## WEDNESDAY.

- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.  
439—Scientific, Private Room, Bingley.  
1283—Ryburn, Private Rooms, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge.  
R. A. 253—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.

## THURSDAY.

- 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.  
R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.  
R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley.

## FRIDAY.

- 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds.  
521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon.  
1643—Prince of Wales, 69 Little Horton-lane, Bradford.

## SATURDAY.

- R. A. 308—Affability, Station Hotel, Bottoms, Eastwood.

## EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

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

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

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction, No. 1306.**  
The members met at the Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, on Monday evening, at 8 o'clock. Present—Bros. Mortlock P.M. W.M., Baldwin S.W., Jameison J.W., Brame Secretary, Cox S.D., Bigg I.G., and several others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wilson, a candidate for passing, answered the usual questions and withdrew. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Wilson candidate. Bro. Baldwin was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Ivy Lodge, No. 1441.**—This Lodge held its usual meeting on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. The brethren present were—Bros. C. Poupard W.M., L. Cornellissen S.W., W. Ashwell J.W., J. J. Cantle P.M., C. S. Jolly Secretary, G. Mattock P.M. Treasurer, Knight Smith S.D., Forster J.D., G. Skegg I.G., and about thirty of the brethren. Bros. Powell, Wyan, and Morley were raised to the sublime degree by the W.M., in a most perfect manner, his working being excellent. The next business (there being no passings or initiations) was to elect a W.M. for the ensuing year, when the choice of the brethren was unanimous in favour of Bro. L. Cornellissen, a choice which redounds great credit upon the brethren, as he is a Mason in every way, both by act and word; both Treasurer and Secretary were re-elected. The names of several gentlemen were given in as anxious to join this young and prosperous Lodge. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where they sat down to a very plain, but well cooked and substantial, supper, for this Lodge is very careful not to spend too much of its receipts on the fourth degree, as was shown in the course of the evening, when Bro. P.M. Cantle responded to the toast of the Charities. As Steward of that Lodge next month, he would take up to the Festival of the Aged Masons a sum exceeding one hundred and thirty pounds, which for so young a Lodge speaks volumes. The brethren were much entertained by the excellent singing of Bro. J. John Cantle, and Bro. Knight Smith; also the readings of Bro. Reynolds. This closed a most pleasant evening.

**Duke of Connaught Lodge of Instruction, No. 1524.**

—At the Havelock Hotel, Albion-road, Dalston, on Wednesday evening, the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. E. Dignam W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., W. Robinson J.W., G. Ferrar Treas., E. Dietrich Sec., Woolley S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Jameson I.G., Fieldwick Preceptor, and Bros. J. B. Shackleton, Jones, Brasted, McMillan, C. Olley, McClean, R. Olley, Maples, Lee, Somers, Streeton. The Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. McMillan candidate. The first four sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. J. B. Shackleton, assisted by the brethren. Bro. C. Lorkin was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked in this Lodge on the first Wednesday in February.

**West Smithfield Lodge, No. 1623.**—The regular meeting was held on the 17th inst., at the New Market Hotel, West Smithfield. In the unavoidable absence of the W.M., Bro. T. W. Adams, the chair was occupied by Bro. J. Smith P.G.P.; G. S. Elliot S.W., J. J. Howes P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Sec., J. Johnson S.D., E. Mallett W.M. 141 as J.D., A. Black W.M. 186 I.G., W. Pennefather P.M. D.C., W. Malthouse Steward, T. McButt W.S., &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The acting W.M. then initiated Mr. Samuel Hume, passed Bro. J. Howard, and raised Bros. W. McCluer Butt, C. Goodwin, W. Morton and J. Chapman. Several propositions for initiation



and joining were handed in to the Secretary, and the Lodge was closed, until the 21st March. The brethren afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. T. Batt, personally superintended by his sons. Bro. J. Smith presided, and proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured, and an agreeable evening passed. The visitors were Bros. E. Clark 1586 and W. Morton 1423.

**Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1642.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 18th January, at the Mitre Hotel, Goulborno-road, Notting Hill. Present—Bros. Smout sen. W.M., Murlis P.M. S.W., Penn W.M. J.W., Smout jun. Sec., Tettenborn S.D., Poulter J.D., Spiegel I.G., Savage P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Lichtwitz, Hatton, Wood, DeHaye, Bartle jun., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Bartle candidate. The Secretary read the report of the Committee appointed to arrange the Bye-laws, which were approved by the members of the Lodge, and ordered to be printed. The W.M. then handed to the Secretary, for distribution, the announcement circulars for the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge Ball. A Committee, to be presided over by Bro. Penn W.M., was appointed, and the 22nd February fixed for the Ball to be held. Tickets can be obtained of the Stewards, or of Bro. Murlis P.M. Hon. Sec., 154 Lancaster-road, W. 10s 6d for a gentleman's, 7s 6d for a lady's, and 16s for a double ticket; to include supper.

## ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

A SECOND meeting of the Board of Stewards for the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Thursday last, at Freemasons' Hall. The minutes of the previous meeting having been disposed of, it was announced that permission had been received that the Grand Hall might be used for a concert on the evening of the Festival. The thanks of the meeting were recorded for such gracious permission. The other business of the meeting comprised the discussion of musical arrangements, the appointment of special Stewards, and the ballot for places at the Festival, &c. The work being completed, the meeting was closed by a vote of thanks to the chairman.

The regulations to be observed on the day of the Festival are as follows:—

- 1.—That each Steward do attend on the day of the Festival at Five o'clock, that proper arrangements may be made for the reception and convenience of the Brethren.
- 2.—That each Steward remain at his own table, and endeavour to prevail on the brethren under his banner to cease all conversation during the speeches and singing.
- 3.—That during the speeches, each Steward keep his seat, so as not to interrupt the view of the speaker.
- 4.—That each ladies' Steward do appoint a brother of his own Lodge to act for him at the table during his necessary absence, with a request to conform to the preceding regulations.
- 5.—That no brother be allowed in the ladies' gallery, except the ladies' Stewards.
- 6.—That no lady be permitted to be introduced into the dining hall.
- 7.—That for the sake of convenience the Stewards are requested to prepare their several lists in the early part of the evening (if they have not previously sent them in), and deliver them to the Secretary or Collector of the Institution. *This arrangement will save much confusion.*

**HOW TO PROVE A WILL.**—Now the first step to be taken in "proving" is to ascertain who is the executor. There may be two or even more executors; they will probably be expressly named by the document itself, but not necessarily so, for there is sometimes an "executor according to the tenor" of the will. Let us suppose that two executors have been so appointed, and that both are willing to undertake the duties. The title of the executors is founded upon their testator's written will, and the latter also contains the specific rules and limits of their conduct in administering the estate; so that some act obviously requires to be done to give the will a legal stamp and currency, and to afford evidence of the authority of the executors. This act is called "proving a will." The executors have to be sworn to a document called an *oath*, which identifies the "paper writing" annexed to it as the original will of the testator, and which declares that the deponents (or the persons taking the oath) are the executors named in such will, that they will well and faithfully administer the estate; that the testator died at such a place on such a day; and that the personal estate does not exceed so much. They also make an affidavit for the purposes of the Inland Revenue Office as to the amount of the testator's gross personal estate, so that the proper *ad valorem* stamp-duty may be paid. The original will is then deposited in the Court of Probate, and a compared copy of it, written on parchment, with the official seal attached, called the probate copy, is given to the executors as their title deed, so to speak. Before probate, however, the executors may perform all the ordinary acts of administering a will, such as receiving and giving receipts for debts due to the testator, paying his debts, and selling and assigning any part of his personal estate.—From "Popular Papers on English Law," in *Cassell's Magazine*.

The drawing (in connection with Bro. W. W. Morgan jun.'s ballot) for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution will take place on Tuesday, the 12th February, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Salisbury Lodge of Instruction, No. 435, on Thursday, the 31st inst., at the Union Tavern, Air-street, W. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock, by Bro. E. Farwig as W.M., with Bros. Woods S.W., Belfrage J.W., and Mander Preceptor.

The banquet of the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, will be held on Monday, 28th inst., at 6.30 p.m., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Bro. Geo. Huggett, the W.M. of the Tredegar Lodge, No. 1625, will preside on the occasion. Tickets, price 4s each, may be had of Bro. G. Hollington, 87 Mile End-road, E., Hon. Sec., or of any Member of the Lodge.

In future the meetings of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, will be held at the Duke's Head, 79 White-chapel-road, on Friday evenings. The proceedings will commence at 8 o'clock.

Miss Fanny Albert, a favourite pupil of Sir Julius Benedict, and daughter of Bro. H. Albert P.M. No. 9, has received from Sir Julius a certificate of merit, which testifies her thorough proficiency. We feel justified in predicting that this talented pianiste will eventually take foremost rank in her profession.

It was rumoured on Thursday evening that the Earls of Derby and Carnarvon had tendered their resignations to the Prime Minister, but nothing confirmatory had been heard up to the time of going to press.

It is reported that the sum for which the Chancellor of the Exchequer will ask the House of Commons to vote for the necessities of Her Majesty's Naval and Military Services will be ten millions.

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

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

**ST. JAMES'S.**—At 8.0, THE LADY OF LYONS.

**DUKE'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE, and SARDANAPALUS.

**FOLLY.**—At 7.30, PEACOCK'S HOLIDAY, and A NIGHT OF TERROR.

**ROYALTY.**—At 7.30, LOVE'S ALARMS. At 9.15, LA MARJOLAINE.

**QUEEN'S.**—At 7.30, FARCE. At 8.0, FATHERLAND.

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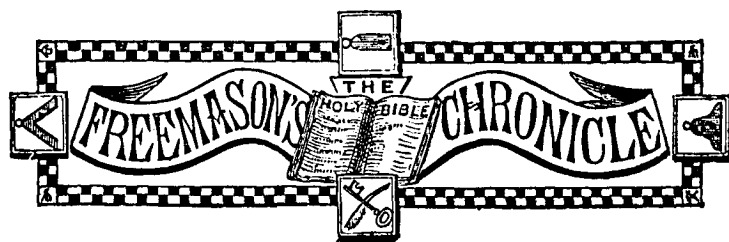
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## OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE debate on the address in the House of Lords was finished in one night, and though their lordships have met regularly since, there has been but little business of a nature to attract much attention. The subject of Conservancy Boards was referred to on Monday, and on Tuesday, Earl Beauchamp brought down her Majesty's gracious answer to the address. In the House of Commons, however, the sittings have been longer, and there has been more talking, if not more business. The debate on the address lasted two nights, owing to Mr. Mitchell Henry moving an amendment, to the effect that a greater share of attention to the affairs of Ireland should be paid than was indicated in the speech from the throne. This portion of the debate was confined almost exclusively to Irish members, or those officially connected with Ireland. At length a division was called for, and there voted for the amendment 48, and against it 301. The result was received with much cheering. On Monday, when Mr. W. Egerton brought up the report on the address, there was a sharp conversation on the Eastern Question. A long debate followed, on the motion of Mr. O'Sullivan, that the Union Justices (Ireland) Bill should be read a second time, but the Bill found only 38 supporters to 138 opponents, and the motion, therefore, failed. The O'Connor Don then moved the second reading of the Irish Sunday Closing Bill, and the motion was agreed to without a division. Leave was afterwards granted to Sir C. Adderley to introduce a Bill to amend the law relating to Merchant Seamen, with a view to bringing seamen under the provisions of the Employers and Workmen Act and the Conspiracy Acts of 1875, and of consolidating the discipline laws applicable to seamen; and the Bill received a first reading the same evening. On Tuesday, the Government were asked certain questions as to certain communications which had taken place with the Porte, after which the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question put to him the day before by Mr. Dillwyn, which he had not felt justified in answering at the moment, said that the Queen having received a direct personal appeal from the Sultan, had sent, by the advice of the ministers, the following telegram to the Emperor of Russia:—"I have received a direct appeal from the Sultan which I cannot leave without an answer. Knowing that you are sincerely desirous of peace, I do not hesitate to communicate this fact to you, in the hope that you may be able to accelerate the negotiations for the conclusion of an armistice which may lead to an honourable peace." This was received with loud cheers. On Mr. Dillwyn asking if the reply would be laid on the table, the Chancellor declined to do so, on the ground that the communications of the Czar and Sultan with Her Majesty were private, personal, and direct, but as that made to the Sultan had been sent on the advice of ministers, he had received Her Majesty's permission to communicate it to the House,



Lord George Hamilton afterwards rose, and moved for a select Committee to inquire into and report as to the expediency of constructing public works in India on loan. After a debate, which occupied the greater part of the sitting, the motion, with the addition of the words—"both as regards financial results and the prevention of famines" was agreed to. On Wednesday, the sitting lasted less than an hour. On Thursday, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in reply to a question by the leader of the opposition, stated it was his intention, on Monday next, to ask for a sum of money sufficient to enable Her Majesty to meet such eventualities as may arise. The reason he assigned for the Government having such a resolution was that though a week had elapsed since Parliament met, no information whatever had been received as to the terms on which Russia was willing to conclude peace. The rest of the evening was devoted to matters relating to the conduct of business in the House.

The Queen is still at Osborne, where she has been joined by Prince Leopold, and on Tuesday she received the Earl of Roden on his return from Italy, whither he had been sent as Her Majesty's representative at the funeral of the late King of Italy. But though there is little to chronicle of Royal doings in the Isle of Wight, there is one principal member of the Royal family who has been playing his part in public, and as usual admirably. The Prince of Wales has this week visited Cambridge, for the purpose of unveiling the Statue erected in the Fitzwilliam Museum to the memory of the late Prince Consort, who, it will be remembered, was Chancellor of the University of Cambridge from the year 1847 till his death. The Prince reached Cambridge on Monday evening, and on his arrival at the station was greeted with loud cheers by a strong muster of the public, and the many ladies on the platform waved their handkerchiefs in welcome. Dr. Thomson, Master, and the Rev. the Vice-Master of Trinity College were also there to receive him; and having acknowledged his reception, His Royal Highness drove off in Dr. Thompson's carriage to Trinity Lodge. Later, the Prince dined with Dr. Atkinson, the Vice Chancellor, in the hall of Clare College, where a number of distinguished guests, including his grace the Duke of Devonshire, the Chancellor, Earl Powis, High Steward, Lord Suffield, &c., were present. On Tuesday, the ceremony was held. There was a strong muster of ladies assembled in the Museum, and the gaiety of the scene was enhanced by the scarlet robes of the doctors of the University. At a quarter before twelve o'clock, the Duke of Devonshire, Chancellor, preceded by the High Steward and the Vice Chancellor, entered, with other distinguished personages, and a little after twelve His Royal Highness was announced, and entered, accompanied by Lord Suffield, Colonel Teesdale, and Mr. Knollys. A procession having been formed, the Chancellor addressed the Prince on the object of his visit, and the latter having replied, drew a silk cord, and the veil was removed from the statue. A few other speeches followed, after which His Royal Highness held a levee, which was numerously attended, and then left to return to Sandringham, which he reached at seven p.m. It should be added that the statue is by the late Mr. Foley, and is not unworthy the reputation of that eminent sculptor.

The singular drama which was enacted in an office close by the Holborn Viaduct, on Tuesday of last week, has terminated, as regards the career of the man Jackson, who was the assailant, and who, having fled to escape the penalty of his crime, was seized with remorse and committed suicide on Saturday afternoon in a churchyard near Lewes, Sussex. An inquest has been held, and the verdict of the jury was to the effect that the deceased had committed suicide, but there was no evidence as to his state of mind at the time. According to a paper Jackson has left behind him there was a kind of duel between him and Mr. Hamburger. However, the latter, whose condition is precarious, but not beyond all hope of recovery, will doubtless give his version of the matter when his health permits him.

The tremendous fire in Watling-street was, as surmised at the time, attended with the loss of one life, that of a labourer. The inquest into the circumstances attending his death has been held, and the jury returned a verdict in accordance with the evidence, and added the expression of their opinion that it is dangerous to use naphtha lamps at such times, without at least precautions being taken. Another inquest has been held into the death of Mr. J. Baron, of the Haymarket, fishmonger, who was killed by the fall of his house and the adjoining one on Thursday

last; but the proceedings were adjourned till the afternoon of yesterday, and as they involve the inquiry into the cause of a newly built house, almost completed, falling down, it is more than probable they will extend over some time.

A very unusual event has come to the knowledge of the public, by accident. A number of the regular supporters of the Government had an interview early this week with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, their object being to learn whether Ministers were prepared to support the conditions which Mr. Cross, as the mouthpiece of the Government, laid down last summer as being necessary for the maintenance of England's neutrality. Many, besides those who formed the deputation, had given their adhesion to the movement, and the Chancellor's answer appears to have been a becoming one. He declared the Government were determined to uphold the policy they had laid down. That such a deputation should have sought an interview with the Minister affords unmistakable evidence of the serious character of the present political crisis. The danger to our interests, moreover, is imminent, for it is clear that if we do not bestir ourselves shortly, the opportunity will be lost.

The marriage of the King of Spain with his cousin, the Princess Mercedes, daughter of the Duke of Montpensier, was celebrated, on Wednesday, with all the pomp and circumstance which Spaniards know so well how to exhibit at such grand public ceremonials. The marriage itself was held in the Church of the Atocha, in the presence of the representatives of foreign sovereigns and the principal dignitaries of the kingdom. On leaving the church, the King and Queen returned to the royal palace by the Puerto del Sol, and the monarch and his bride were enthusiastically received along the whole line of route. It is an event on which every one must congratulate, not only the king and his bride, but the country, which cannot but benefit by it.

The attempt on the part of the Porte to open negotiations with Russia, with a view to the conclusion of a lasting and honourable peace, appears to be a farce instead of a solemn palaver. At least, the Russian Commander-in-Chief has received the Turkish envoys, but there is no intelligence that any serious steps are being taken to bring about an armistice. And while this pretence of negotiating is being kept up at Kezanlik, the Russian armies are advancing in all directions. Adrianople, which the Turks evacuated without firing a shot, is now occupied by the troops of the Czar, and will be very shortly, if, indeed, it is not already, the head-quarters of the Grand Duke Nicholas. General Gourko, at the head of a large force, has been attacking Suleiman Pasha, whose object was to reach the sea coast as soon as possible; and, if the latest news be true, there is reason to believe that he has succeeded in doing so, and that a part of his army is already being conveyed by sea to Gallipoli, for the purpose of occupying the narrow isthmus of that name, a position which is essential to a successful defence of Constantinople. Of course, Suleiman did not succeed in effecting his retreat without loss, and the Russians claim to have killed 4,000 Turks and captured 3,000 more, together with forty-nine cannon. In other places the Servians and Montenegrins have gained some minor successes over the enemy, and, in fact, the Sultan's armies are being worsted in all directions. However, it has been resolved to defend Constantinople, and Ahmed Mukhtar Pasha has been entrusted with the command of the troops now being collected for that purpose. But the most terrible news of all relates to the sufferings of the unfortunate Turkish fugitives, who, to the number of some 300,000, it is said, are hastening to the capital. Hundreds, of course, die by the way, and the pictures drawn by newspaper correspondents of the sufferings of these unfortunate people are harrowing in the extreme. Many women, we are told, in their terrible agony, fling their children under the wheels of the railway carriages, preferring to see them die instantly than to endure a protracted agony. This is the result of a war waged by "holy Russia" for the purpose of extending the benefits of humanity and civilization *à la Russe* among the subjects of the Porte. Evidently, the moment is at hand when England will have to intervene by force, or be effaced for ever from the list of the great empires of the world. We trust the eyes of those who have advocated the cause of Russia are at length opened, and that they see now what Russia's true object was in attacking Turkey. Even the personal appeal of our most gracious Sovereign has been treated by the Czar with contempt.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, No. 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday the 21st inst. Present—Bros. Wing W.M., Hallam S.W., Moseley J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Percy S.D., Elliston J.D., Heinrich I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Trewinnard, Robison, Byott, Read, Powell, Halford, Alford, Millward, &c. The usual formalities having been gone through, the minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Powell answered the usual questions, leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the first, Bro. Percy the second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. R. W. Byott of the Finsbury Park Lodge 861, was elected a member. Bro. Hallam was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—At Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 22nd January. Present—Bros. Maidwell W.M., Aarons S.W., Daniel J.W., Hayes S.D., Forrest J.D., Wharman I.G., Rudderforth Preceptor, Hollands Secretary, Quincey, Wren P.M. After the Lodge had been regularly opened, Bro. Quincey answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Quincey was raised. The W.M. gave the Traditional History. The first and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Rudderforth, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Wren, P.M. of the following Lodges: Nos. 174, 1056, 1228, and the Chigwell, was elected a member. Bro. Loewenstark, W.M. of the Samson Lodge, will work the ceremony of installation on Tuesday next, 29th January, Bro. Maidwell as Master elect. The Craft are fraternally invited to attend.

**Prudent Brethren Lodge, No. 145.**—The installation meeting was held on Tuesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Moulton W.M., J. Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Sec.; P.M.'s Bros. T. Bull, E. H. Thiellay, and a numerous assemblage of brethren, with over thirty visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Porpa and T. James were raised to the third degree in a very excellent manner by the W.M. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. D. Haslett S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge and duly installed into the chair by Bro. John Boyd, in a faultless and impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, and the customary salutations given, the W.M. appointed and invested his officers: Bros. Leggott S.W., Lister J.W., J. Boyd P.G.P. Treas., G. S. States P.G.S. Secretary, Dr. Wilkinson S.D., Wood J.D., J. Chinnery I.G., Kerrill D.C., Curtis and Reed Stewards, and Grant Tyler. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance in hand of £81 18s 5d. Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed, and Bro. G. S. States seconded, that a sum of twenty guineas be placed on the list of Bro. J. Boyd, who is a Steward for the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This was carried unanimously. The W.M. then presented Bro. W. Moulton I.P.M. with a very elegant gold jewel, suitably inscribed, for the able and efficient manner he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the respect he is held in by the brethren. Heartly good wishes were given, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins, that gave unqualified satisfaction. The W.M., in appropriate terms, proposed the usual toasts. Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S. returned thanks for the Grand Officers. Bro. Moulton I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M.; he alluded to his having been initiated in the Lodge, how he had passed every office with credit to himself and satisfaction to the Lodge. After a response from the W.M., Bro. T. Bull P.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and a very able respondent was found for them in Bro. Seager W.M. St. Paul's Lodge. The toast of the Past Masters was given and responded to. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Treasurer, Bro. John Boyd, and Bro. G. S. States Secretary, mentioned that the former respected brother had been twenty-one years a member of the Lodge and fifteen years Treasurer; he hoped he might be among them for many more years. He also referred to the eminent services rendered by Bro. G. S. States. The toast of the Officers and Tyler was given. The W.M. provided the brethren with a great musical treat. Miss Florence Levander, whose voice is much improved, sang charmingly, and was deservedly applauded and encored. Miss Baxter, and Bros. Leau and Large also contributed some capital songs.

**Domestic Lodge, No. 177.**—This Lodge held its installation meeting at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Friday the 11th inst. Bro. Willing W.M. occupying the chair. There was a numerous gathering both of members and visitors, and after the usual preliminary business was disposed of, Bro. Willing raised Bro. J. White to the sublime degree of W.M., after which he proceeded to initiate Mr. Alfred Moseley into the mysteries of the first degree. The Treasurer's accounts, as audited, were eminently satisfactory. All not entitled to be present at the induction into the chair of the W.M. elect, that is to say all brethren below the rank of installed Master, having withdrawn, the ceremony of installing Bro. I. Buscall, the Master elect was performed by the out-going Master Bro. Willing, who was not only perfect in the discharge of his duty, but likewise was most impressive in the manner in which he fulfilled it. The new W.M. having been proclaimed and saluted, proceeded to appoint and invest his

Officers for the year, the following were the brethren elected to fill the offices appended severally to their names:—Bros. E. White S.W., H. Spink J.W., J. Smith P.G.P. Treas., W. Foxcroft Secretary, J. Willing I.P.M., W. Harris S.D., T. Williams J.D., T. McLean I.G., W. Herbage D.C., E. W. Kent Steward. The W.M. having received the congratulations of those present, closed the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, under his presidency. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk, those of the Queen and the Craft, His Royal Highness the Grand Master, the Pro Grand Master, &c., &c., being received with the usual enthusiasm. Bro. Willing I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master, and in doing so congratulated him on the eminence he had attained in the Lodge, and further expressed his belief that, having regard to the ability and zeal which Bro. Buscall had invariably exhibited, his year of office would be a most advantageous one for the interests of the Lodge. Bro. Buscall, in reply, thanked Bro. Willing for the complimentary terms in which he had spoken of him, and expressed a hope that his prediction might be realised; that his efforts in behalf of the Lodge would be as successful as he and they could desire. He also thanked all present for the kind readiness with which they had endorsed the sentiments expressed by Bro. Willing, concluding an able speech by proposing the health of his predecessor in the chair, to whom he presented the elegant Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. Other toasts were given, the intervals between being enlivened by music and singing. But there is an end to all things, even to Masonic Lodge meetings, and so the Tyler's toast brought the entertainment to a close.

**Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185.**—This highly important and influential Lodge held a meeting on Monday, the 20th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C. Bro. John Peartree W.M. presided. There were also present Bros. J. D. Barnett I.P.M., D. Posener S.W., G. S. Pare J.W., John Constable P.M. Treasurer, Phil. Levy Secretary, W. D. Bayley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., J. M. Barber I.G., G. Bilby P.M. Organist, Busch Steward, Potter Tyler; also P.M.'s Bros. S. Solomon, J. Ross, N. Moss, S. E. Moss, Myers, N. Gluckstein, E. Gottheil, and a considerable attendance of lay brethren. The visitors were Bros. G. L. Walker 429, Lewis Lazarus, formerly a member of this Lodge, and H. S. Hooper 435. All preliminaries having been disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to pass to the second degree Bros. Barnes, Boas, Kosminski, and Muhsam, and to confer the third degree upon Bro. Feigl. Next in order came the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in favour of Bro. David Posener W.M., John Peartree Treasurer, thus returning to the position held by him for the last seventeen years, and only temporarily relinquished in consequence of being elected Master last year; Potter Tyler. The sum of £10 10s each for the Boys' and Girls' Schools, and £10 for the R.M.B.I. were unanimously voted, and ordered to be placed upon the lists of Bro. Bayley, Pare, and Gluckstein, who will act as Stewards for these respective Institutions at the coming Festivals. Supper was then served, and its enjoyments ended, the customary expressions of a variety of Loyal and social sentiments found vent. Her Majesty the Queen, H.R.H. the M.W.G.M., Lords Carrarvon, Skelmersdale, and the Grand Officers Past and Present, each came in for a more than usually enthusiastic applause, induced partly by inherent loyalty and cheerful submission to recognised authority; but more especially by the earnest and fervent manner in which the W.M. submitted the various toasts. Bro. Peartree's popularity in the Lodge is of long standing, and it must have been highly gratifying to him to find that during the term of his distinguished but responsible year of office, his conduct has been such as to still more endear him to every member of the Lodge. The feelings of affection were unmistakably manifested by the hearty applause with which his name was received, when, in a few brief but sincere words, Bro. J. D. Barnett I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Further on, P.M. S. Solomon, in the course of his speech as President of the Lodge Benevolent Fund, most feelingly referred to the many disinterested services of the W.M. in connection with that fund; and the enthusiasm reached its height when one of the P.M.'s, inspired with the idea that it would add grace to the proceedings, suggested that bumpers should be drunk to the health of Mrs. Peartree, whose many wifely and womanly virtues were fully deserving the compliment. It was not at all surprising that the W.M. faltered in his reply, so thoroughly was he unmanned by emotion. With some effort he became more composed, and responded, in words full of gratitude, with a simple eloquence only to be achieved by those who speak from the bottom of their heart. The toast of the evening was, of course, that of the W.M. elect, Bro. Posener, who being already a Past Master of the Upton Lodge is naturally well fitted for the important post he is about to occupy. The W.M. referred to that brother's high qualities as a man and Mason, his charitable disposition, and expressed his pleasure that the suffrages of the brethren had proved in favour of one so worthy in all respects. The W.M. elect responded in suitable terms. Bro. J. Constable, the Treasurer, in his response, referred to the honours conferred upon him by the Charitable Institutions, acknowledging their appreciation of his slight services in a variety of ways (three testimonials, handsomely written on vellum, were exhibited in the room). He was proud of the Lodge in which he had received his Masonic birth, and through whose instrumentality he was enabled to accomplish his charitable enterprises. Bros. P. Levy Secretary and G. Pare J.W. responded for the Officers. Bros. Bayley, J. Ross, and Constable assisted in the entertainment by a few pleasing songs. Bros. Lazarus and Hooper responded for the Visitors. The brethren then separated with mutual hearty good wishes.

**Industry Lodge, No. 186.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 22nd inst., at the Restaurant, No. 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. In the absence of the W.M., Bro. Black, owing to a domestic bereavement, the chair was occupied

by Bro. T. S. Mortlock P.M. Bros. Hook S.W., D. J. Robinson J.W., W. Mann P.M. Sec., J. Powell S.D., W. Philp I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. E. W. Noehmer, Tallent, Wylie, Seex; Bros. Rickard, Horsey, Stanbury, Coleman, Sharp, Harmer, Downie, Allison, Bowden, Dyer, Hope jun., Earl, Reed, Chubb, Rogers, Buck, &c. After the Lodge had been opened, and the minutes confirmed, Mr. Bischoff was ballotted for and duly initiated, Bro. Mortlock performing the ceremony in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Bro. D. J. Robinson J.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge; the Senior Warden, Bro. Hook, being at the present time W.M. of the Sackville Lodge, East Grinstead. A Board of Installed Masters was then opened, and Bro. Robinson was installed into the chair by Bro. T. S. Mortlock. The W.M. was saluted, and with appropriate remarks he appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. W. H. Hook S.W., Powell J.W., Lake P.M. Treasurer, W. Mann P.M. Secretary, Allison S.D., Philp J.D., Johnson I.G., Noehmer P.M. D.C., Rickards W.S., Hook jun. Organist, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. The selection of Officers seemed to give the greatest satisfaction to the members, and the expressions of opinion must have been eminently gratifying both to the Master and to those appointed. The audit report was read and adopted. A discussion as to the removal of the Lodge then took place. Bro. Seex moved, and Bro. Noehmer seconded a proposition, that a committee be formed, to consist of the W.M., Wardens, Past Masters, Treasurer, Secretary, and others, to report thereon at the next regular meeting. It was proposed that the sanction of the Lodge be granted to Bro. Horsey to carry on a Lodge of Instruction at the Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, E.C. A vote of condolence was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the I.P.M., Bro. Black, on his recent bereavement. A sum of £20 was voted for the R.M.B.I., to be placed on the list of Bro. Noehmer P.M., who is a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival. Bro. T. S. Mortlock P.M. stated that the Lodge was Vice-President of all the Charities. He trusted they might always be able to give twenty guineas when required. Hearty good wishes were given, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Cole. The W.M. genially presided, and in introducing the toasts said: Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen was the Patroness of our Order; three of her sons were Masons. With the toast he would couple the Craft. The National Anthem was then sung. The next toast was one all are proud to receive. Our Masonic Sovereign, the Head of our Noble Order, and our future King. Those who were privileged to be present at the installation of the Prince of Wales, witnessed a sight that has never been equalled. Since then Masonry had greatly advanced and flourished. The next toast, the W.M. said, was one equally deserving of their recognition. The Pro Grand Master had been selected by the M.W. the Grand Master to preside in his absence, and the brethren could testify how Lord Carnarvon had filled his high position. His qualities as a statesman were equally appreciated, and he was ever ready with his services if he could advance the interests of the Order. The Deputy G.M. the R.W. Lord Skelmersdale deserved the same meed of praise; with this toast he would couple the names of the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Mortlock then rose: it was some time since he had acted as I.P.M.; it was his pleasure now to propose the health of the W.M.; he regretted Bro. Black had not the honour of initiating the candidate; he knew he could perform any ceremony required of him. Their new W.M. had been a member of the Craft only three years and three months; he was now placed in office, and they had a good example in the perseverance shown by him. In selecting the W.M. the brethren had placed the right man in the right place. He hoped he might live long and be spared among them for many years; when he retired from the chair he would have the good wishes of every Bro. in the Lodge. Miss May Woodville here sang "When the Heart is Young." The W.M. rose to reply. He thanked them very much for the cordial manner they had responded to the toast. He found it difficult to express his feelings. He was proud of the position he occupied at being elected to the chair so early in his Masonic career. He asked them for their hearty support during his year of office, and again thanked them for the manner they had responded. The next toast given was the health of the Initiates; without them Lodges could scarcely prosper. In addition, the introduction of new members gives the W.M. an opportunity to show his proficiency. From the attention Bro. Bischoff had paid to the ceremony, he was convinced he would be all the Craft required of him. Bro. Daniel then sang "Jack's Yarn." Bro. Bischoff thanked the W.M. for having so kindly spoken of him. He was pleased he had entered the ranks of Freemasonry, and regretted not having joined earlier; from what he had seen he felt a great pleasure in being among them, and being associated with so noble an Order. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. By the interchange of visits, Lodges promoted harmony and good fellowship. He would call on Bros. Gottheil, G. Everett, and Keeble to respond. Bro. Gottheil said he would be brief. He had to thank Bro. Mortlock for being present that evening; he was pleased to see how that worthy Bro. had performed the ceremonies of initiation and installation. However, from the way in which the W.M. had presided, he agreed with Bro. Mortlock that the W.M. was the right man in the right place. Bro. G. Everett followed, and endorsed all that the former brother had so elegantly expressed since he was initiated. The W.M. has carried out the motto of the Lodge—Industry. He (the speaker) had visited many Lodges, but had never more thoroughly enjoyed himself. These remarks were supplemented by Bro. Keeble, who agreed with what had been said by those who had preceded him. The Past Masters were next given; the W.M. regretted the absence of the I.P.M. This toast was one that he felt an especial pleasure in proposing. The great aim of those who aspire to the chair is to rank among those who have done their duty to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and made themselves distinguished in Freemasonry. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office to become one of these, and to deserve a portion of the just encomiums he had frequently heard passed. Bro. Hook S.W. delighted the brethren with

a very humorous buffo song. Bro. T. S. Mortlock thanked the W.M. for the kind manner he had brought the names of the Past Masters before the Lodge. They were established in a bond of union, and should continue so, so long as they continued to do all for the interest of the Lodge. The older members, he was sure, would co-operate with the younger ones. Bro. W. Mann P.M. followed, and urged the claims of the Masonic Charities; these were primary, and should go before anything after the business of the Lodge. He (Bro. Mann) was always ready to act as a Steward; they had, however, already one from the Lodge this year, and if they had not funds sufficient, the Industry Lodge would help to find them. Bro. Mortlock and himself have always been foremost in advocating the cause of the Institutions. With the permission of the W.M. he would propose the toast of Success to the Masonic Charities, coupled with the name of Bro. Noehmer P.M., who is a Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bros. Dyer P.M. and Wyle P.M. then said a few words. They thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and stated how pleased they were to see him occupying the chair. Bro. Noehmer thanked the Lodge and the W.M. for the kind support they had promised him in his capacity of Steward; he hoped to carry up a list that the Lodge would be proud of. The glee, "Who would o'er the downs so free," was sung. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers, he had to thank them for the attention they had paid to the I.P.M.: he was sure they would give him their support during his year of office. Bros. Hook and Powell severally responded. The Tyler's toast was next given, and a very agreeable and harmonious evening was brought to a close. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. Hook S.W. The artistes comprised Miss May Woodville, Miss Riley on the pianoforte, and Bros. Daniel and C. Morgan. The visitors were Bros. W. Hamlin 1622, C. Sawyer 1619, F. T. Keeble 1426, J. A. Reid 1673, Jno. Hiscor 1420, M. F. Cox W.M. 1314, W. Coleman 1604, Geo. Everett P.M. 177 and 1381, B. Needham 1624, B. Benningfield 1589, E. Gottheil P.M. 141, 185, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, &c.

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—Met at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street, E.C., on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. There were present Bros. Biddle W.M., Sergt.-Major Brookson S.W., Aarons J.W., E. Gottheil P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt Sec., Staley S.D., F. Croaker J.D., Sayer I.G., Christopher Tyler, D. Posener, Bush, Harris, Powell, Bone, Gomm, Walker, Maidwell, Feigl, Boas, Campbell, and Jas. Louttit P.M. 413 S.C. The ceremonies of the third and first degrees were rehearsed, and very creditably conducted by the W.M. Bro. Posener then gave the categorical responses of the first section of the second Lecture. Bro. Louttit, having been elected a member, thanked the brethren for their kindness in conferring upon him that honour, and expressed his satisfaction with the careful way in which the work was performed, and bestowed especial eulogism upon Bro. Posener for the manner in which he illustrated the section. Such careful work was rarely seen in Scotland. If it could be introduced there, he was sure it would prove of immense advantage, not only to individual brethren, but to the Scottish Craft as a body. Bro. Brookson was then elected W.M. for next Wednesday. To judge from his work in the two inferior chairs, it may be confidently concluded that the duties of Master will on that occasion be performed with unusual ability. Bro. Maidwell announced that the ceremony of installation would be rehearsed by Bro. Loewenstark W.M. Samson Lodge, at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, held at the Hercules, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, the 29th inst., at 7 p.m.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—This Lodge held its regular weekly meeting on Saturday, the 19th of January, at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N. Bros. Joseph Stock W.M., Gibbs S.W., Hawkins J.W., Killick Secretary, Holford Treas., C. Lorkin S.D., Bedwell J.D., Brock I.G. Visitor—Bro. Hylund 201. Business—The Lodge was opened in the usual manner, and minutes of last meeting confirmed. The ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. Fenner candidate. The sections of the second lecture were worked. Bro. Hylund was elected a member, and Bro. Gibbs appointed W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Old Globe Lodge, No. 200, Scarborough.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th inst., when Bro. A.W. Tomlinson was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was ably performed by Bro. J. W. Woodall P.M. P.P.S.G.W., assisted by Bros. W. H. Smith P.M. D.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, G. H. Walshaw P.M. P.P.G. D.C., J. W. Taylor P.M., and D. Fletcher P.M. The W.M. appointed and invested the following brethren as Officers:—R. Y. Powley I.P.M., C. Emerson S.W., W. B. Richardson J.W., J. W. Woodall P.M. Treas., J. R. Dippie Sec., G. Dippie S.D., C. Roberts J.D., B. Shaw Org., E. Cooper I.G., S. Middleton D.C., R. Hume and W. S. Meek Stewards, J. Verity Tyler. There was a large muster of members and visiting brethren. The usual banquet afterwards took place.

**Lodge of Israel, No. 205.**—There was an unusually large attendance of members and visitors, on Tuesday evening last, at the Cannon-street Hotel, the attraction being to once more welcome Bro. A. M. Cohen on his being installed in the chair of K.S. A little over thirty years ago, Bro. A. M. Cohen was Master of this Lodge, and discharged the duties of the office most ably. Since that time, as a P.M., he has been an unfailing and regular attendant in the discharge of his Masonic duties. For many years he has been a most efficient Secretary to the Lodge, and the President of its Benevolent Fund. Having gone through the various grades he was unanimously elected to the chair, and installed on Tuesday, the ceremony being



admirably worked by Bro. C. F. Hogard P.M. and Prov. G. Sup. Works Essex, the present Secretary of the Lodge. Among the P.M.'s present to support Bro. A. M. Cohen, were Bros. M. I. Emanuel, Francis Buckland, Hy. M. Harris, Lionel Jacobs, Samuel M. Harris, Biggs, Latour, &c. The visitors were numerous, and among them were J. Phillips Joppa, E. P. Albert P.G.P., 188, 439, and 1017, Frank Marley Peckham 1475, John Peartree W.M. 185, R. Wood 15, John L. Miller W.M. 188, M. D. Loewenstark W.M. 1668, Edgar Bowyer P.M. 1471 and 1580, and P.G.J.D. Herts, W. H. Gulliford W.M. 1017, H. C. Levauder P.M. 142, P.G. Sec. Middlesex, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, S. Solomon P.M. 185, L. H. Auerhaan 188, Arthur Blackman 23, W. G. Kent 1297, M. Samuels 188, W. Grunwald 199, J. Painter 511, and Lazarus P.G. Officer Wilts. The W.M., having been installed, proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—addressing a few pithy remarks, admonitory and congratulatory, to each, whilst handing the tools and emblems—Bros. I. P. Cohen I.P.M., A. Bassington S.W., H. J. Phillips J.W., Chas. Cooto P.M. Treas., who, during the ceremonies, kindly officiated as Organist, C. F. Hogard P.M. Sec., L. Norden S.D., S. Gompers J.D., H. M. Harris P.M. D.C., H. Smith I.G., J. Da Silva W.S., and J. Rawles Tyler. In investing Bro. A. M. Cohen with a P.M.'s jewel, the W.M. congratulated him upon the able manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his term of office, so that he had won hearty good wishes from every member of the Lodge. Prior to the installation, the out-going W.M. initiated Mr. Israel Richmond, and passed Bros. A. S. Hogetoren, and Lewis Henry Leon. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned for refreshment, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and duly responded to. Whilst the brethren were enjoying themselves, the wants of the more needy members were not forgotten, for among the toasts was Prosperity to the Lodge of Israel Benevolent Fund. During the evening a large number of subscriptions were announced, the result being the addition of a handsome sum to the fund. The banquet was served in admirable style, and the arrangements made for the comfort of the brethren afforded very general satisfaction.

**United Strength Chapter, No. 228.**—The regular convocation of this Chapter was held on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Comps. Jas. Terry M.E.Z., John Winsland H., Robert Griggs J., Jas. Hillhouse S.E., White S.N., Halford P.S., Killick and Percy A.S.; also Comps. Newton P.Z., A. W. Fenner, Davies, Stock, Fysh, Cook, J. Woodman, P. Woodman, Simmonds, Timothy; also, as Visitors, Comps. H. P. Isaac Joppa Chapter No. 188, J. Hill Domestic Chapter 177. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes of last convocation confirmed. Bros. M. Moseley, of the United Strength Lodge 328; Thos. Goode, W.M. of Lodge 1288, and Bartlett, were duly exalted. Comp. Terry being the M.E.Z. it is sufficient to say that the ceremony was performed in a faultless manner. The bye-laws drawn out by the Committee appointed at the last convocation were read, and after due consideration adopted. The Chapter was then closed, and the Comps. adjourned to a most excellent repast, at the completion of which, grace having been said, the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly proposed and honoured. The health of the exalted was proposed by the M.E.Z. in felicitous terms, and was responded to in a very able manner, particularly by Comp. Bartlett. The health of the Visiting Comps. were then proposed and responded to. Comp. Newton P.Z. proposed the health of the M.E.Z., and referred to the high estimation in which Bro. Terry was held by the Comps., as well as other brethren in the Craft. This was received with great cordiality. The M.E.Z. responded in his usual happy style, and congratulated the Comps. on the success of the Chapter. He then proposed the health of his principals, H. and J., and referred to their great ability and the assistance he had received from them. The other Officers were also honoured. The proceedings were enlivened by Comp. Isaac, who gave a recitation; by Comps. Killick, Stock, Griggs, Fenner, and Davies, who sang some capital songs. The Janitor's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a conclusion.

**Loyalty Lodge, No. 243, Guernsey.**—The ceremony of installation in this Lodge took place on Wednesday, 16th inst., when there was a large attendance of brethren. Bro. W. Helman S.W. was duly installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the installing officers being Bro. F. M. Richard P.M. and Bro. P. Le Page P.M. The W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. T. Helman S.W., J. R. Thomas J.W., E. Le Huray S.D., T. Le Ray J.D., F. M. Richard P.M. Treasurer, W. Robin Secretary, J. T. Snell I.G., B. Pleace D.C., J. H. Parsons Steward, and C. Romeril Tyler. The brethren afterwards partook of a liberal banquet. The evening's proceedings were of a most enjoyable and harmonious character.

**Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 342.**—The installation of the W.M. of this Lodge for the ensuing year took place on Wednesday, 16th January, at Freemasons' Hall, St. George's-square, Portsea. Bro. W. Payne, on whom the choice of the brethren had fallen, having been duly installed, appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. H. J. Guy I.P.M., J. W. Willmott S.W., R. Barnes J.W., W. C. Redward P.M. Treasurer, J. R. Willson P.M. Hon. Sec., G. C. Adams S.D., J. Craven jun. J.D., C. Knott I.G., J. Dyer D.C., T. Good and J. E. Buck Stewards. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. R. Turney P.M. 312, to whom a cordial vote of thanks was accorded and ordered to be entered on the minutes. Among the brethren present were Bros. G. Rake P.M. 487 P.G.J.W., G. S. Lancaster P.M. 487 P.P.G.W., J. Lillywhite P.M. and Treas. 257 P.P.G.R., J. Whale P.M. 309, W. Hillier W.M. 903, J. Clay W.M. 804, J. Ogburn P.M. 312 P.P.G.W., C. B. Whitcomb W.M. 1705, W. C. Redward, J. Craven, S. R. Ellis, H. Cawte, R. Turney, G. Wilkins, J. R. Willson, Hodge, and H. J. Guy, P.M.'s 342, J. R. Hayman Sec. 257, the W.M. of No. 797 (Dartmouth), Hall S.W. 804, Clark 804, and a large number of the brethren of the Royal Sussex Lodge. The

banquet was supplied by Bro. G. F. Sherman in his usually efficient manner. Nearly fifty attended. The usual toasts were given during the evening, and several songs enlivened the proceedings. Owing to illness Bro. M. E. Frost P.M. 487 P.G. Treas. was unavoidably absent. The W.M. also received several letters from W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges, regretting their inability to attend on account of business engagements or illness.

**William Preston Lodge, No. 786.**—A meeting was held on Thursday last at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C. Present—Bros. S. D. Ewins W.M., C. R. Cutmore S.W., E. Kidman J.W., W. Worrell P.M. Sec., Capt. G. J. Kain P.M. Treas., W. Drake S.D., W. J. Roberts J.D., W. J. Colless D.C., G. Newman P.M. Steward, W. F. Smart I.G., W. Grant Tyler. Past Masters Bros. W. J. Miller, B. Abbott, A. Braun, J. Pringle, A. C. Rees, and several visitors. The formal business of the evening having been disposed of, the W.M. proceeded to raise Bro. J. Turle Lee, pass Bros. C. Pay, E. Wood and W. J. Heath, each of the ceremonies being performed in a most impressive manner. Bro. A. C. Rees brought forward a motion of which he had given notice, and after some discussion the Lodge was closed. The members adjourned to banquet, which was well served. At the conclusion the W.M. gave the usual toasts, presiding at the banquet table, as in the Lodge, in a most efficient manner. Several of the members contributed to the harmony of the evening, which, throughout, passed off most enjoyably. The W.M. suggested that the proceeds of the Charity box, sent round during the evening, be given to the Tyler, and this met the approval of all present.

**Merchant Navy Lodge of Instruction.**—Held its weekly meeting at the Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, on Wednesday, the 23rd inst. Bros. R. J. Ould W.M., Scheerboom S.W., Warner J.W., J. E. Ives S.D., Robinson J.D., Ellingford I.G., Tarquand Preceptor; there were also present Bros. W. Hallett, S. Hallett, Breden, Hogg, Pringle, Williams, and several others. Lodge opened in due form with prayer. Bro. Hogg, acting as candidate for raising, was asked the usual questions, and entrusted. Lodge opened in the 3rd degree, when the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. E. Ives, who worked the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd sections of the 1st Lecture, and 3rd section of 2nd Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge closed in due form, and adjourned till Wednesday, the 30th inst., when the Fifteen Sections will be worked by Bro. J. E. Ives. The proceedings will commence at 7 o'clock precisely.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, the 22nd inst., at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Young J.W., Bonner S.D., Christian J.D., Mardell I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., Allen Preceptor; Bros. Collins, Slater, Lines, Darnell, Harding, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian candidate. Bro. Cook answered the necessary questions; the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cook candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Allen worked the first and second sections of the lecture. Bro. C. Lorkin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Dobie Lodge, No. 889.**—The installation meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 16th inst., at the Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames. Bro. Francis Buckland the W.M. and P.M. of 205 presided in the chair of K.S., and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. The routine business having been gone through, Bro. Buckland proceeded to instal his successor, Bro. Geo. Porter, and the efficient manner in which the ceremony was conducted elicited warm remarks of approbation, both from the brethren and visitors. The newly installed Master then proceeded to appoint his Officers as follow:—Bros. Saunders P.M. 1503 S.W., Miton J.W., Linton S.D., Nuttall J.D., Cartwright P.M. Treasurer, Squire P.M. Sec., Bond P.M. D.C. The labours of the evening over, the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet, served in capital style by Bro. Hardy, and the brethren passed a very pleasant evening.

**City of London Lodge, No. 901.**—The brethren of this prosperous Lodge assembled on Monday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. George Porter, who was most ably supported by his Officers. The visiting brethren present included Bros. Allison 1298, J. Hooper 1515, J. Stewart 948, Francis Buckland P.M. 205, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, J. Greenwood 1326, J. Morrill 704, W. Gilbert P.M. 1327 P.P.G.J.W. Herts, John Deale S.W. 59, W. R. Haycock P.M. 1441, Geo. Potter 177, Charles Arkill 192, Thomas Noton 1309, Isaac Buscall W.M. 177, W. Beacham 167, W. G. Kent 1297, W. T. Freborn 1326, J. Martin 733, James Power 1622, Lucas 192, Thomas Markham 1288, J. Mitchell W.M. 231, E. R. Cutler, &c., &c. Messrs. Charles Baxter, Robert Clinch, Edward Valentine, Perrin Harris, and George Albert Cundy having been severally ballotted for, and declared in each case unanimously elected, were duly initiated. Bro. George D'Arcy, who had been unanimously elected to the chair of K.S., was then duly installed, the ceremony being most ably worked by Bro. Henry D'Arcy P.M. The officers appointed were as follow:—Bros. W. C. Rabardt S.W., A. Ginger J.W., T. Wallis S.D., C. E. Micklefield J.D., Henry D'Arcy P.M. Treasurer, W. Alder Secretary, C. Beaumont I.G., and S. Wingrove W.S. After the ceremonies, the brethren adjourned to a most excellently served banquet, to which full justice was done, and the customary toasts duly responded to. The brethren separated at an early hour, well pleased at having spent so enjoyable an evening.



**Sykes Lodge, No. 1040.**—The installation of Bro. Esau Wilson P.M. as Worshipful Master took place on Wednesday evening, the 16th instant, in the Freemasons' Hall, Driffield. The ceremony was performed in accordance with the ancient rites, by Bro. Tom Turner P.M. of the Constitutional Lodge No. 294, Beverley; and the Worshipful Master invested with the collars and jewels of office the following officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. James Elzey I.P.M., W. Santon P.G.S. S.W., John Dunn J.W., Ralph Teal P.M. Treasurer, James Scott Wilson Secretary, Marmaduke Simpson S.D., George Bielby J.D., William Barnby D.C., Henry Holgreaves I.G., Richard Davison P.M. and Jonathan Turner P.M. Stewards, and Robert Potts Tyler. It was arranged to hold a Masonic ball in the Assembly Rooms on the 12th February next.

**Lewis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1185.**—Held its weekly meeting on Wednesday evening, the 16th of January, at 7 o'clock, at King's Arms Hotel, Wood-green. Present—Bros. Vesper P.M. Preceptor, Goodfellow W.M., T. H. Turner P.M. S.W., H. G. Gush J.W., S. Johnson Hon. Sec., A. Durrant P.M. Treas., Johnson S.D., F. Knight I.G., P.M. Bro. Leared, &c. The Lodge was opened in ancient form with solemn prayer; the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Wigmore having offered himself as candidate, answered the usual questions, was entrusted, and withdrew. The Lodge was then opened up, and Bro. Wigmore was passed to the degree of a F.C. The Lodge was closed in the 2nd degree. The W.M. rose for the first time, and Bro. Vesper, to the great regret of all the brethren, resigned the office of Preceptor, the state of his health rendering it impossible for him to attend regularly. Bro. Turner P.M., at the earnest request of the brethren, undertook the duties. On and after Wednesday, 6th February, this Lodge of Instruction will meet at 7.30 instead of at 7 as heretofore.

**Urban Lodge, No. 1196.**—Most of our readers know something of the Old Saint John's Gate, Clerkenwell, famous in days of yore as the quarters of the Military Knights of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, an Order instituted so far back as the days of the Holy Wars. To that other section of our supporters who have not visited this quaint old place we say, if they will take the trouble, they will be well repaid. About thirty-three years ago, the building was thoroughly renovated and restored; it then came into the possession of Bro. Benjamin Foster, a worthy man, whose literary tastes well qualified him to preside over the destinies of this historical and interesting place. It was here that David Garrick first gave his cronies a taste of his quality, and the members of the Urban Club, with Dr. Samuel Johnson as President, and such men as Oliver Goldsmith associated with them, were regularly to be found holding their meetings. The Urban Lodge, which held its installation gathering on Wednesday last, was formed by members of the Urban Club, and is composed of brethren who are associated with literary pursuits. The members assembled at half-past four o'clock; there were present Bros. James Simpson W.M., Past Masters Tickle, Dr. J. E. Carpenter, J. W. Pearson, H. Marsh, &c.; the Officers of the Lodge, and a goodly array of Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Charles Lacey P.M. 174, J. G. Hilliard I.P.M. 174, F. Brown W.M. 1607, John Newton P.M. 174, James Terry P.M. Sec. R.M.B.I., T. Purkiss W.M. 1695, C. Montrie P.M., Murlis P.M., Watts, Hill, Birch, Hepburn, C. J. Perceval, Barge, Walter, Mulley, Roberts, Dowsing, Frye, Wickins, Halford, Morgan, &c. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the Auditors' report was read and adopted; it represented that the Lodge was free from all liabilities, and had a substantial balance standing to its credit. There was likewise a balance of upwards of £50 to the credit of the Benevolent Fund. Bro. Tickle P.M. then took the chair, and Bro. Webb as Director of Ceremonies introduced Bro. E. G. Legge as the W.M. elect. Bro. Legge then took the obligation, a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was placed in the chair of King Solomon. On the re-assembling of the brethren, the following were appointed as Officers:—R. W. Blachford S.W., J. F. Heath J.W., Dr. J. E. Carpenter P.M. Sec., Eckstein S.D., Radford J.D., Charles Hawksley I.G., Fairchild Steward, Tickle P.M. Wine Steward, Webb D. of C., Steedman Tyler. In consequence of the absence of Bro. R. W. Simpson P.M., his investiture as Treasurer was deferred till next meeting. The address to the Master was given by Bro. Marsh, whose state of health, we sincerely regret to say, was not such as his many friends and admirers could desire. However, the veteran threw into his work a touch of the old fire, and deeply impressed his hearers with the solemnity of his utterance. The installing Master gave the addresses to the Wardens and brethren, and thus concluded his task, which had been carefully carried out in all its details. After the discussion of business matters the Lodge was closed. The banquet was capitally served, and after grace Bro. Legge briefly introduced the toasts; that of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen and the Craft was followed by the National Anthem. In giving that of the M.W. the Grand Master, Bro. Legge referred to the filial duty the Prince of Wales was that day engaged in, of unveiling a statue of the late Prince Consort at Cambridge. The third toast comprised the R.W. the Pro Grand Master, the D.G. Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers. Bro. Legge said that all who attended Grand Lodge were charmed with the way the Pro Grand Master treated the questions under discussion. This evidenced he took a thorough interest in his duties. He then regretted the absence of Bro. John Hervey, the Grand Secretary, who was suffering from the effects of a slight accident. He felt assured that while we were presided over by such men as those who at present filled the principal offices in Grand Lodge prosperity would attend the efforts of the Craft. The health of the I.P.M. was next offered, in felicitous terms, by Bro. Legge. He held a jewel; it gave him great pleasure, on behalf of the Lodge, to present it to Bro. James Simpson. The brethren in open Lodge had kindly voted a handsome sum towards it, and this the brethren had largely supplemented. Bro. Legge then remarked that Bro. Simpson was adorned with other

jewels; he trusted the one he had then the pleasure of presenting him with would not be held lowest in his esteem. He had already worked hard and well, but there was still a large field open to him, the field of Charity, which he hoped would be made productive. The gift was most gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Simpson; he could not sufficiently express his feelings; he did not feel he was worthy of the great honour conferred on him. Before sitting down he would, however, propose the health of the W.M., who he was proud to see succeeding him in the chair. Dr. Carpenter here favoured the company with the popular song of "Sweethearts;" he was accompanied on the pianoforte by Bro. Lehmeier. Bro. Legge then rose: It was now he began to feel in hot water. He returned them sincere thanks for the hearty way in which they had received the toast. In conducting the Lodge, he felt assured he should have the support of the Officers. He then referred to the Charities: a great deal had to be said and done for the Masonic Institutions. The Urban Lodge had not been unmindful of their claims. Several of the Past Masters had served Stewardships; he, next year, intended to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Legge concluded by saying that too many candidates were knocking at our doors. He was convinced every one present would join him in drinking "Success and Prosperity to our Masonic Institutions." After "The Englishman" had been sung by Bro. Dowsing, Bro. James Terry, who entered the room in the course of the W.M.'s remarks, rose to reply. He apologised for his late arrival, which had been caused by his attendance at a Chapter, where he had just assisted in installing the Principals. He recapitulated what the three Masonic Institutions had accomplished during the past year, and commented on what they proposed to do during the present. He thanked Bro. Legge for the promise he had given to act as Steward, and expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing him in his present exalted position. To the toast of the Visitors, which was cordially given by the W.M., and heartily received by the members, Bros. Charles Lacey, Montrie, Murlis, Hilliard, Morgan, and several others, replied. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters and the Officers, each received due acknowledgment. The W.M. then summoned the Tyler, and the brethren dispersed, after spending an enjoyable evening.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held its regular meeting on Friday, the 18th instant, at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate. Bros. Simmonds W.M., Ellis S.W., Lane J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Crouch S.D., Hine J.D., Kent I.G.; also Bros. Posener jun., Smith, Campbell, Wallington, Lyons, Percy, Bolton, &c. Minutes of last Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree; Bro. Smith answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree. The W.M. retired in favour of Bro. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of raising, in his usual correct manner, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. The W.M. resumed the chair. Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. Fenner worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lyons, of the mother Lodge 1227, was unanimously elected a member. Bro. Ellis will preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was cordially voted to the W.M., this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S. at this or any other Lodge. Bro. Hine presented the Lodge with a poignard, and a vote of thanks was unanimously accorded him for his gift. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

**Finsbury Park Master Masons Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at the Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Friday, 18th January. Bros. L. R. Rogers P.M. Preceptor, Walker, of Egyptian No. 27 W.M., Dunn jun. S.W., Press J.W., Davis S.D., Edmunds J.D., Oldis I.G. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Maidwell W.M. elect of No. 27, candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and retired. Bro. Rogers P.M. then presented Bro. Maidwell as W.M. elect, and Bro. Walker performed the installation ceremony, after which Bro. Maidwell invested the Officers. Proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be presented to Bro. Walker for his kindness in presiding. Bro. Dunn jun. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Maidwell was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. In addition to those already enumerated, there were present Bros. P.M.'s Davis and Pigot; Bros. Jefferys, Campbell, &c.

**Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.**—Held at Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway, on Wednesday, 16th January. Bros. P. Dickinson Preceptor, Dunn jun. W.M., Walker S.W., Press J.W., Spurgin S.D., Evans J.D., Thompson I.G., P.M.'s R. Firbank, Wright, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Bee, a candidate for passing, was examined, entrusted, and retired. Lodge opened in the 2nd degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. Dickinson then presented Bro. Dunn jun. as W.M. elect, and Bro. Walker performed the ceremony of installation, Bro. Dunn jun. investing the Officers. Bro. Dickinson worked the third section of the 1st lecture. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—Held its weekly meeting at the Metropolitan Club, King's Cross, on Tuesday last, the 22nd inst. Present—Bros. J. W. Smith W.M., F. Sillis S.W., Edmonds J.W., Adams Preceptor, Stiles Sec., Side S.D., Lovegrove J.D., Saintsbury I.G., and a fair master of brethren. The usual preliminaries were duly observed, minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Rancy acting as candidate. Bro. Beattie answered the usual questions leading to the second degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, in a very correct manner. Bro. Sillis was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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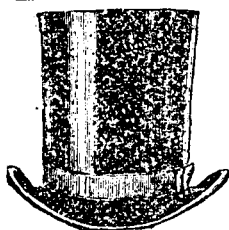
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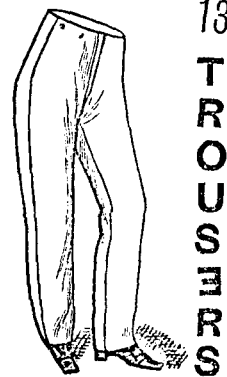
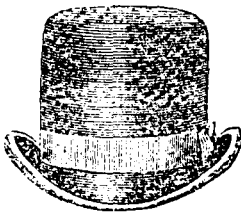
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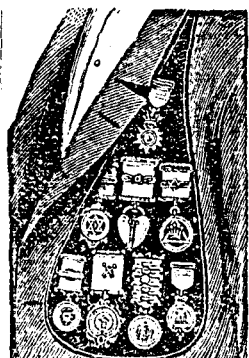


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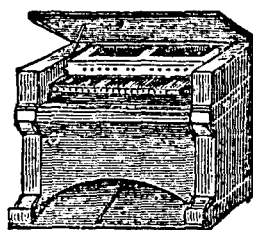
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