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## THE GRAND LODGE OF SCOTLAND AND GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

WE are very far from being surprised at the course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Scotland with regard to its relations with the Grand Orient of France. The Grand Lodge of Ireland were more instant in the step they took, but we do not think the delay on the part of Scotland or England in arriving at any resolution as to the course they should severally pursue has been otherwise than judicious. Neither of them can be charged with precipitancy; on the contrary, both have acted with a dignity worthy of the occasion, and it is probable the very deliberation with which they have met the circumstances will have all the greater weight with the other Masonic powers of the world. It is deeply to be regretted there should be anything like a schism in Freemasonry, but this is not the fault of our English, Irish and Scotch Grand Lodges, and when so violent an injury is inflicted on the pure principles of our beloved Craft, it is the duty of all loyal brethren to vindicate those principles even though it may be at the risk of a complete severance of friendly relations with the offending body.

Nor are we surprised that the French Grand Orient and its apologists should have failed to offer a satisfactory explanation of the step which was adopted at the Annual General Assembly in September last. As we pointed out in an article some time since, there is no doubt whatever that the inclusion in the objectionable paragraph of the Clause, "*Elle n'exclut personne pour ses croyances*," in one sense exculpates the Grand Orient from the very terrible charge of sanctioning atheism as the guiding principle of Freemasonry. Indirectly, indeed, the insertion of this clause, which we rejoice to say was made at the special instance of Bro. de Saint Jean, the President of the Council of the Grand Orient, shows that the Grand Orient recognises theism, and will admit those who so profess it as they have done heretofore. Great stress is laid on this fact, and it is only right our French brethren should have full credit for having, even at the last moment, inserted this clause. But having admitted this, and having so far therefore rendered justice to the meritorious part of the case, we have still staring us in the face the lamentable fact that the Grand Orient of France recognises atheism as well as theism. In other words, it proclaims in its new article of the Constitutions, that the people who are commonly described as freethinkers, are, if they succeed in satisfying all other requirements, eligible for admission into the bosom of Freemasonry. We in England—we should say rather in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland—shut out no applicant for reception into our Lodges on the score of religious belief. We hold firmly to this landmark, and, as we have again and again said, it would never occur to us to question a candidate as to the nature of his religious faith. He may be a Jew or a Christian, or a member of any other faith. The question of religion is one which we leave it to him to settle with his conscience, and so long as he believes in God, we are satisfied without troubling ourselves as to the particular nature of that belief. But with us there is no place for those who are without belief in a God. We can hardly picture to ourselves an atheist or a freethinker, or whatever else he may be called, perjurying himself, for the simple reason that we do not believe he has a proper sense of the nature of an oath or solemn obligation; but it is very certain that no one who was known to

be of this character would stand a chance of being admitted into any English Lodge. And if, by one of those unfortunate chances which now and again occur, a person of this character managed to escape detection and was elected, it is very certain that if he should have what with other people is known as a conscience, he could not remain in a Lodge five minutes without having his atheistic predilections most violently assaulted; in which case, doubtless, he would retire as speedily as possible from the Lodge without further detriment to himself or to Freemasonry. This, then, is the point on which we British and Irish Freemasons join issue with the Grand Orient of France. We do not object to their interpretation of the phrase "Liberty of Conscience" so far as it relates to freedom to indulge in these or those religious convictions. What we do object to is, that this freedom should be allowed to extend beyond the landmarks of our Order, and that it should be permitted to include not only those who have, but likewise those who have not, a religious faith. We cannot reconcile it with our conscience to have a stupid atheist or irreligious libertine amongst us. We believe that the admission of such a person would be a flagrant violation of the first principles of the Craft. We think it not impossible that such a person may be a worthy member of society. He may, for instance, be a very amusing person; he may sing and dance well; he may be a great linguist, or he may be deeply versed in abstruse scientific questions; he may, in his peculiar fashion, be a man of honour; but as he has no belief in a Supreme Being, we say, There is no place for such as you in our Lodges. You may worship the God of the Hebrews, or the God of the Christians, or the God adored by any other religious sect. The nature of your belief is no concern of ours; but it does most materially concern us Freemasons that you should have some kind of religious faith. This is all we require in addition to the other pre-requisite conditions of full age, moral reputation, &c., &c., and it is as regards this particular point that we fear it will henceforth be impossible for British and French Freemasonry to stand together on terms of harmony. At all events, a severance of the relations existing between the Grand Lodge of Ireland and the Grand Orient of France took place last November, and now the Grand Lodge of Scotland has taken a similar step. At the Quarterly Communication held on Monday, the 4th instant, the minutes of the Grand Committee to which the recent change in the principles of Freemasonry had been referred were submitted. In these it was stated the Grand Secretary had intimated to the Grand Orient that, if it should turn out to be the case that the radical change we have spoken of had been really and truly sanctioned by that body, it would be the duty of the Grand Committee, Scotland, to recommend to its Grand Lodge a severance of the fraternal relations heretofore existing between it and the Grand Orient. In reply to this a communication had been received in which surprise was expressed on the part of the Grand Orient at such a proposal, and in which it was pointed out that the modification of the article in question of its Constitutions had been erroneously interpreted, as nothing was further from its wish than to profess atheism and materialism. This reply was deemed unsatisfactory, and an opinion to that effect having been submitted to Grand Lodge, was fully endorsed by that body. Thus Grand Lodge, Scotland, has formally and officially condemned the change made in its Constitutions in September last by the Grand Orient of France, and this after a fair investigation of the circumstances, and after having invited a fair and full defence of such change. It only now remains for



<b>CORNWALL.</b>			<b>MIDDLESEX.</b>			<b>SUSSEX.</b>		
The Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe ...	460	0 0	708 Bro. Edwin Simpson-Baikie ...	16	0 0	732 Bro. Samuel Solomon ...	79	10 0
Bro. W. J. Hughan ...	110	0 0	778 „ Major C. Harding ...	14	2 0	1303 „ Wm. Kraenther ...	5	0 0
	570	0 0	Chap.				84	10 0
<b>DERBYSHIRE.</b>			1194 Comp. Rev. Dr. Brette ...	10	0 0	<b>WILTSHIRE.</b>		
The Right Hon. the Marquess of Hartington ...	155	0 0	Lodge			Bro. S. Gauntlett ...	164	11 0
506 Bro. T. A. Turner ...	15	0 0	1237 Bro. David Moses ...	42	6 0	<b>YORKSHIRE (N. and E. Ridings).</b>		
	170	0 0	1293 „ Clayton Palmer (LL.D.) ...	12	0 6	250 Bro. John Johnson Field ...	20	0 0
<b>DEVONSHIRE.</b>			Chap.			„ James Saltmer ...		
251 Bro. John Brewer ...	100	0 0	1293 Comp. Henry Phythian ...	18	11 0	1611 „ G. Simpson ...	11	10 0
Chap.			Lodge				31	10 0
303 Comp. G. W. Ormerod ...	10	0 0	1326 Bro. D. Steinhauer ...	10	5 0	<b>YORKSHIRE (W. Riding).</b>		
	110	0 0	„ Edwin Gilbert ...	20	0 0	139 Bro. John Henry Barrows ...		
<b>DORSETSHIRE.</b>			1423 „ H. A. Dubois ...	21	0 0	„ Geo. H. Waterfall ...		
Bro. J. M. P. Montagu ...	150	0 0	1567 „ John Mason ...	10	0 0	154 „ W. H. B. Tomlinson J.P. ...		
<b>ESSEX.</b>			1637 „ E. C. Woodward ...	12	0 0	208 „ Henry Day ...		
160 Bro. Rev. H. J. Hatch ...	11	5 0	1707 „ Joseph Tanner ...	15	10 0	275 „ Bentley Shaw J.P. D.L. ...		
453 „ George Corble ...	11	10 0		201	14 6	290 „ Wm. Harrop ...		
1000 „ Frederick Wood ...	66	1 0	<b>NORTHS AND HUNTS.</b>			302 „ Henry Smith ...		
	88	16 0	The Chairman ...	25	0 0	„ A. Robertshaw ...		
<b>GLOUCESTER.</b>			Bro. Butler Wilkins ...			„ Benj. Broughton ...		
82 Bro. Henry Godfrey ...	118	0 0	360 „ Edward Cox ...	275	0 0	304 „ Chas. L. Mason ...		
<b>HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.</b>			442 „ Robert H. Griffin ...			„ Robert Craig ...		
804 Bro. Thomas Francis ...	50	7 6		300	0 0	750 „ Rawson Kelley ...		
903 „ G. F. Lancaster ...	20	0 0	<b>NOTTINGHAMSHIRE.</b>			910 „ Thos. Wm. Tew J.P. ...		
	70	7 6	1661 Bro. Wm. Newton ...	20	0 0	„ Capt. E. T. Clark ...		
<b>HERTFORDSHIRE.</b>			<b>OXON.</b>			1019 „ Capt. John Wordsworth ...		
Bro. F. H. Wilson Iles (M.D.) ...	300	0 0	357 Bro. Rev. Hy. Deane ...	35	10 6	„ Benj. Watson ...		
403 „ James Boatwright ...	62	13 6	478 „ H. O. Wakeman ...	12	0 0	„ Wm. Henry Gill J.P. ...		
449 „ James Shilcock ...	10	0 0		47	10 6	1102 „ John Barker ...		
504 „ Henry Hollis ...	37	0 0	<b>SOMERSETSHIRE.</b>			1239 „ F. M. Tindall ...		
1385 „ W. W. Morgan jun. ...	146	18 0	Chapter 41 ...	5	0 0	1462 „ Zaccheus Hinchliffe ...		
Chapter			446 Bro. Capt. A. T. Perkins J.P. ...	53	2 0	1513 „ John Bustard ...		
1385 Comp. George Ward Verry ...	89	0 0	814 „ Walter J. Nosworthy ...	27	16 0	265 Lodge Royal Yorkshire ...		
	645	11 6		85	18 0	275 „ of Harmony ...		
<b>KENT.</b>			<b>STAFFORDSHIRE.</b>			290 „ Huddersfield ...		
77 Bro. William Hicks ...	40	5 0	418 Bro. J. L. Hamshaw ...	88	12 0	„ J.W.'s chair ...		
874 „ B. S. Wilmot ...	14	0 0	„ J. S. Crapper, J.P. ...	5	0 0	„ Treasurer's chair, by Bro. Wm. Smith ...		
1096 „ John Haggett ...	70	0 0	419 „ James Walker ...	35	5 0	„ Secretary's do. ...		
1208 „ R. Joynes Emmerson ...	47	10 0	526 „ C. A. Newnham ...	27	10 0	„ Bro. John Joshua Brook ...		
1314 „ Samuel Carrington ...	67	0 0		156	7 0	„ Joe Burman Abbey ...		
1436 „ F. Hollis Field ...	32	0 0	<b>SUFFOLK.</b>			„ Joe Booth Whiteley ...		
	270	15 0	114 Bro. Wm. Clarke ...	57	2 0	302 Lodge Hope (87 members at 5s each) ...		
<b>LANCASHIRE (Eastern Division).</b>			1224 „ G. H. Grimwood ...	23	10 0	304 „ Philanthropio ...		
645 Bro. C. F. Matier ...	20	0 0	1452 „ John L. Clemence ...	13	10 0	304 Bro. T. C. Taylor ...		
1723 „ G. P. Brockbank ...	10	0 0		94	2 0	337 „ John Hirst J.P. ...		
	30	0 0	<b>SURREY.</b>			521 Lodge Truth ...		
<b>LANCASHIRE (Western Division).</b>			370 Bro. J. R. Boor ...	29	17 0	750 „ Friendship ...		
Bro. R. Wylie ...	180	0 0	452 „ C. H. Edmands ...	17	1 0	910 „ St. Oswald ...		
113 „ William Harrison ...	10	0 0	1395 „ Harry Will Charrington ...	20	0 0	1239 „ Wentworth ...		
281 „ J. Daniel Moore (M.D.) ...	77	14 0		66	18 0	1462 „ Wharnccliffe ...		
1313 „ James Platt ...	15	15 0					603	5 0
1375 „ George Davenport Pochin ...	5	10 0				<b>HONG-KONG.</b>		
„ W. H. Buckley ...	36	4 0				Bro. T. G. Linstead ...	58	18 0
„ Lt.-Col. Birchall ...	5	0 0						
	330	3 0						

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## THE HOLY LAND AND THE TEMPLE.

By Bro. Rob Morris, LL.D.

THE Temple of King Solomon, because it was built on the top of a high mountain, and of shining marble and glittering gold and brass, was a conspicuous object under the bright sky of Palestine; for that country has the purest air of all countries in the world, and polished stone preserves its smoothness and colour there untarnished. As I struck my gavel on the sides of rocks and noticed how clearly the three mystic knocks reverberated to my ear, I acquired an increased admiration for that little implement whose knock is heard so cheerfully and obeyed so implicitly by Masons.

As I wandered among the scenes so often described by our Masonic teachers, I felt that every stone was hallowed, every path that wound through those hills was sacred, for the hands that had marked them and the feet that had trodden them. Every valley seemed to echo in my ears the *so mote it be* of Masons' prayers. The land that had felt the faithful toil of our ancient Brother gave a grave to him "of whom the world was not worthy,"—that unparalleled Architect whose skill stamped the architectural character of his age, whose skill is still recognised in all the great structures of the earth, for the temple of Solomon is in many respects the model of them all. In my description of Gebal, the birth-place of the great Architect, I have made many allusions to this. But there need be no argument to convince Masons that the Holy Land was the home of all that the world knows of Operative Masonry.

That sublime structure, however, with its matchless builders, has long since disappeared from the face of the earth. It stood 420 years, and then all that mountain of marble, cedar and priceless metals went to dust, or was carried away off by the conqueror. The wood was resolved into smoke and ashes under the fires of Nebuchadnezzar.

The Parian marble was calcined by the heat or broken to pieces by hammers and thrown into the valley of Jehosaphat, by thousands of tons, until the bed of the Brook Kedron to-day is choked up with it to the depth of fifty-three feet.

If then the Operative Masonry of our Work was all that we have to speak of I only need point you to the splendid discoveries of Capt. Warren, at Jerusalem, his detection of the underground vaults and cisterns, and marked stones, and mighty foundations, and so close this paper.

But you and I, my brother, are taught that Operative Masonry is but the outward form, the type, the model of speculative Masonry; and that King Solomon's Temple, in all its particulars, was the antitype of the grand world-wide system which we call Freemasonry.

The City in which the Temple stood (known through the world as Salem the City of Peace); the Mount on which the Temple stood (honored above all others as the place of trial of Abram's faith); the materials, rare and costly, of which the temple was composed; the three remarkable men who erected it (the Wise King, under whose auspices it was projected; the Strong King, who furnished men and materials; the King of Artists, without whom, strength and wisdom would have availed nothing); and then, above all, the brightness of the glory and comeliness of the beauty "of the Temple itself, made it a proper nucleus for a Masonic Brotherhood that, outlasting all buildings made with hands," has endured and shall endure until time shall be no more.

The very age in which Solomon lived was appropriate to give birth to such a Fraternity, for, as the poet sings:

"There was a great need of social intercourse,  
Benevolence, and Peace and Mutual Aid  
Between the nations!"

Let us therefore, turn our attention now to Free-Masonry, or Speculative Masonry in the Holy Land.

We must bear in mind, first, that the languages spoken in the Holy Land are altogether different from ours. If, therefore, you visit a Lodge there you will not hear a word that ever you heard before.

Even our words are pronounced so differently that you must hear them repeated several times before your ear recognizes them.

In my visit to Smyrna, seven Lodges came together to welcome me; but they worked in seven different languages, that is Turkish, Arabic, Armenian, Greek, French, Italian and English.

At the present time there are three Lodges in the Holy Land: two at Beyrout, about 150 miles west of Jerusalem. At Beyrout, the one works in the Arabic language, the other in French, and both together have about 200 members, scattered, of course, over the country, some of them as far as Bagdad, seven days journey east.

In so small a country, however, as the Holy Land, and with so large a proportion of the people unfit by education and habit to be Masons, to have 200 members is a respectable showing in point of numbers. For the only persons you can constitutionally make Masons there are the Turks, the chiefs and high families of the Arabs, and the foreigners who settle there.

For this reason, when you meet a Mason in the Holy Land, you meet a gentleman of good standing, an officer, a man of influence, one who can counsel you if you ask it, and help you if you need it. This was my experience, and a very happy experience it was.

It is striking to see how many officers of the Turkish Government are Masons; the Pasha of Gaza, the Governor of Joppa, the Pashas of Nablous of Aon, of Beyrout, of Liban, the Governor of Sidon, the Consuls of the different nations, French, English, Armenian, Italian, and German, the world renowned Abd-el-Kader, and above all Moh. Keschid, the Governor General of that country.

The work done in the Lodges of the Holy Land is substantially the same as ours. Allowing for the different languages, national customs, and forms of religious faith, there is no difference worth speaking of, for the essential principles of Masonry are precisely the same everywhere. The fact that they recognize our diplomas in Europe, Asia, and Africa proves that. They go through substantially the same ceremonies that we do.

In their Lodges you see the emblem of Deity, the Altar, the three stations of the principal officers, the gavel, rods, jewels, pillars and aprons. Their emblems are the same, and they bear the same interpretation. And, best of all, the vital principles and results, that is the four cardinal virtues and three principal tenets, are the same.

Before them on the Altar lies the same open Book that we use, the Hebrew Scriptures, only printed in a different language. In brief, an oriental Mason is a full brother by the Father's side to an Occidental Mason, and the East join hands with the West in all the Lodges of the earth.—*Keystone.*

## RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

ON Thursday, the 7th inst., an Emergency meeting of the Eboracum Conclave, No. 137, was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, for the purpose of installing two candidates. E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead M.P.S. presided, aided by E. Sir Knight Cooper V.E. and M.P.S. elect, and the rest of the Officers. Bros. J. Ward of the York Lodge 236, and W. H. Wyatt of the Journeymen's Lodge, No. 8 (S.C.), were duly installed and proclaimed. After the closing of the Conclave, the St. Peter Sanctuary and Commandery of St. John were successively opened, and those degrees conferred upon Comps. M. Millington, and W. H. Wyatt. This Conclave is making very good progress, having been in existence only one year, and numbering about five-and-twenty members.

## SOC: ROSIC: in Scotiā.

At a meeting of this Order, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on 25th January 1878, the following Fratres were appointed the High Council of the Order in Scotland for the ensuing year, viz. :—

Charles Fitzgerald Matier, 9°, Supreme Magus.  
The Right Hon. Lord Inverurie, 9°, Sen. Sub. Magus.  
Harry Y. D. Copland, 9°, Jun. Sub. Magus.  
The Hon. F. J. Moncrieff, 8°, Treasurer General.  
George Dickson, M.D., 8°, Secretary General.  
R. S. Brown, 8°.

At the same time and place the Metropolitan College was reconstituted, it having been in abeyance for some time past, the following Officers were then elected and installed into office :—

The Hon. F. J. Moncrieff Primus Adeptus.  
Geo. Dickson, M.D., Celebrant.  
H. J. Coventry, W.S., Suffragan.  
R. S. Brown Septimus.  
J. Webster Sextus.  
H. E. Gordon Quintus.  
Geo. Dunlop Quartus.  
J. H. Balfour Tertius.  
W. M. Bryce Secundus.  
J. Digby Jones Primus.  
F. L. Law Conductor.  
Jas. Crichton Treasurer.  
Robt. Bryce Secretary.  
Robt. Davidson Organist.  
C. Ferin Torch Bearer.  
F. B. Anderson Herald.

Ancients.

The meetings of the Metropolitan College were arranged to be held quarterly. The Obligatory Meeting to be held in the month of January annually. The M.C. was thereafter closed in solemn form.

## Obituary.

It is with extreme regret we record the sudden death of Bro. Frederick Charles Jones, M.D., who resided at 174 Blackfriars-road. This sad event occurred on Monday, the 4th inst. On the preceding day he attended to his arduous professional duties with his accustomed able promptness and assiduity, and retired to rest without feeling anything more than lassitude and fatigue. During the night, however, alarming symptoms ensued, and Dr. Bianchi, of Stamford-street, was called in, who sought for further aid, which unfortunately proved unavailing, as death supervened. Thus passed away a brother universally respected, esteemed, and beloved, at the early age of threescore years, who was a ripe scholar, an orator whom few surpassed, a husband, son, father, and friend, who has bequeathed "a good name" and blameless reputation which exceed all earthly possessions and honours. There can be no doubt that he overtaxed his energies in a devoted attention to professional and public duties; in discharging which he exhibited great tact and ability in maintaining the interest and welfare of the poor, to whom he was personally a constant friend. The Masonic body has lost in him a brother who had proved himself "a master mason" in the most comprehensive appellation of that term, and a large circle of friends have been deprived of one whose society was sought after on all occasions, a gentleman who endeared himself to them by his considerate and courteous conduct. Death indeed came suddenly to him, but found him ready to obey his mandate, inasmuch as his "house was in order and his lamp burning." "Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."—*South London Observer.*



## Old Warrants.

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## No. 111.

No. 289, "Ancients," No. 366 at the "Union of 1813 (A.D. 1814),"  
No. 254 A.D. 1832, and No. 210 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

WILLIAM DICKEY D.G.M.

JOHN KENNEY S.G.W.

ROBERT GILL 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 Puissant Prince John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Heritable Constable of the Castle of Kinleaven, Lord of Man and the Isles, Earl Strange and Baron Murray of Stanley in the County of Gloucester, &c. &c. &c. GRAND MASTER OF MASONS, The Right Worshipful W<sup>m</sup>. Dickey, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful John Kenney, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful Robert Gill, Esq<sup>r</sup>, 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 No. 289 and Well-beloved Brethren, viz., The Worshipful Hugh Ardery, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful James Gillispie, his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful Henry Haddock, his Junior Warden, to Form and Hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at the house known by the sign of the Royal Archer, in Dale Street or elsewhere in the Town of Manchester in the County of Lancaster, upon the First Monday in every Calendar 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, Hugh Ardery, James Gillispie, and Henry Haddock (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-first day of March, in the Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Ninety-five, and in the Year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Five.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8,  
Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, "The Duke of Atholl" Lodge, No. 210, Denton, Lancashire.

## No. 112.

No. 310 "Ancients," No. 394 A.D. 1813, at "Union," No. 273 A.D. 1832, and No. 226 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

W<sup>m</sup>. DICKEY D.G.M.

JOSEPH BROWNE S.G.W.

GEORGE BOWEN 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 Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathray and Strathardle, Viscount Balquider, 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 W<sup>m</sup>. Dickey Esq<sup>r</sup>, Deputy Grand Master, The Right Worshipful Joseph Browne, Esq<sup>r</sup>, Senior Grand Warden, and the Right Worshipful George Bowen, Esq<sup>r</sup>, 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 Samuel Robinson, one of our Master Masons, The Worshipful Bold

Halliwell his Senior Warden, and the Worshipful James No. 310 Walkden his Junior Warden, to form and hold a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons aforesaid, at No. 11 Paradise Street, Blackburn, in the County of Lancaster, or elsewhere in the Township of Blackburn aforesaid, in the County aforesaid, upon the Tuesday preceding every Full Moon, 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, Samuel Robinson, Bold Halliwell, and James Walkden (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) 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 thirty-first day of October, in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven, and in the year of Masonry Five thousand Seven hundred Ninety and Seven.

ROBT. LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is Registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 9,  
Letter L.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Benevolence," No. 226, Littleborough, Lancashire.

## No. 113.

No. 297, "Ancients," No. 378 at the "Union" of 1813, No. 261 from A.D. 1832, and No. 215 from A.D. 1863.

ATHOLL, GRAND MASTER.

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

L.S.

ROBERT LESLIE,

Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—This Warrant is registered  
in the Grand Lodge, Vol. 8,  
Letter H.

The present title, No., &c. are, The Lodge of "Commerce," 215, Haslingden, Lancashire.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Perfect Ashlar Lodge, No. 1178.**—The regular meeting of this well-established Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark, on Thursday the 7th instant. Bro. F. Garbett W.M. opened the Lodge. He in an able manner initiated Messrs. G. and W. Wainwright, Callingham, Stockwell and Tomlins, and passed Bro. Allen. On motion made by Bro. W. J. Lover P.M., and duly seconded, it was unanimously resolved that ten pounds be taken from the Lodge funds and be spent in purchasing a Life Governorship of the Royal Benevolent Institution Male Annuity Fund, in the name of the W.M. for the time being. The amount to be placed on the list of the W.M., who represents the Lodge at the Festival. Some candidates were proposed for initiation at the next Lodge meeting. Bro. Willetts 1076 was unanimously elected a joining member. After business a good banquet was served, under the auspices of Bro. J. H. Spencer, which gave general satisfaction. The regular toasts were given and responded to. After a few hours of an agreeable reunion, the brethren separated. There were present Bros. F. H. Ebsworth P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary, Dr. Dixon P.M., G. J. Grace P.M. D.C., J. H. Harnsworth P.M. W.S., C. Deakin P.M., J. Stock S.W., T. Simpson J.W., J. J. Bell S.D., S. Quincey J.D., G. H. Forder I.G., besides some 40 members. There were several visitors.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—Held at Bros. Bolton and Lane's, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Friday, the 8th February. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Wallington S.W., Smith J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Townsend Sec., Simmonds S.D., Hunter J.D., Lane I.G.; also Bros. Bolton, Posener jun., Campbell, Kent, Stroud, &c. Formalities observed, Bro. Posener jun. answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Campbell, who rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, in a very creditable manner, Bro. Stroud being candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wallington was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Denison Lodge, No. 1248.**—On Wednesday last, Sir Charles Legard M.P., was installed W.M. of this Lodge. There was a large assemblage of the Craft at five p.m., at the Grand Hotel, where the Lodge is held, and after an initiation, a Board of Installed Masters, numbering twenty-four, was opened, and the W.M. elect placed in the chair of K.S. according to ancient usage, and afterwards saluted by the brethren. After the installation, the W.M. Elect appointed the Officers of the Lodge as follow:—Bros. F. Foster I.P.M., J. C. Serdenstricker S.W., C. A. Bury J.W., the Rev. H. Blane Chaplain, A. Fricour Treasurer, F. W. Booty Secretary, Dr. Morlhac and J. Townsend Stowards, G. O. Crowther S.D., G. Padley J.D., H. J. Morton I.G. A grand banquet was given after the business of the Lodge was transacted. Bro. F. Foster acted as Installing Master, and performed the ceremonies in a very able manner. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. T. Clough P.M. Malton, Rose P.M. Malton, T. Cooper P.M. York, T. B. Whytehead W.M. 1611, and many brethren from Filey, Hull, &c.

**Hervey Lodge, No. 1260.**—The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's-inn-fields. Bro. J. H. Southwood W.M. opened his Lodge at 3.30, he was supported by Bros. George King P.M. as S.W., Goodacre J.W., Geo. King jun. P.M. Secretary, Dr. Jabez Hoog P.M. P.G.D. Treas., Burley S.D., Foot J.D., Latreille as I.G., Dean Org., Speight Tyler. There were also present as Visitors Bros. Charles Atkins P.M. 27, T. J. Maidwell W.M. 27, J. B. Poole Sec. 27, Fredk. Ough P.M. 49, W. Elphinstone P.M. 106 and P.P.J.G.D., Henry Marks 205, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, S. R. Rogers P.M. 902, W. Jones 960, Stephen Hayworth 101 P.M. 15, E. A. Baber P.M. 1238, H. Barrow 1604, and W. W. Morgan. On opening the Lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Southwood then announced that though the paper was a heavy one, circumstances, that he fully explained, prevented the attendance of several of the candidates. Bro. Sang, an aspirant for the second degree, was examined; he showed proficiency, and was duly advanced a step. Bro. Charles Atkins P.M. No. 27, was then formally proposed in open Lodge as desiring to be elected a joining member, and handed in all requisite credentials. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year was next proceeded with, and Bro. Southwood, by an overwhelming majority, was asked to fill the post he has so worthily held during the past year. In acknowledging the great compliment paid him, our worthy brother remarked that his business claimed and required a vast amount of his time, but the unanimity with which the members had re-elected him had taken him by surprise. He should be uncourteous if he did not respond to a request urged so emphatically. He could only assure the brethren he would continue to do all in his power to maintain the honour and integrity of the Hervey Lodge. The election of Treasurer was next proceeded with, and was unanimous in favour of Bro. Dr. Hogg. Bro. Speight was also re-elected Tyler. Bros. Foot, Latreille, and Spalding were appointed Auditors. The bye-laws were then read, and the W.M. announced that it had been intimated to him by the manager of the Freemasons' Tavern that, in consequence of the heavy calls on their resources, by reason of the Festival of the R.M.B.I., some little time must elapse ere they could serve the banquet; he would ask Bro. Baker P.M. 753 to favour them by giving the Lecture on the Tracing Board of the First Degree. Bro. Baker readily complied, and delivered the Lecture with great precision, much to the edification of those assembled. Lodge was then closed. The banquet was then served, and full justice done to the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Southwood proceeded with the toasts. At the present time no toast could

possibly be offered to an assembly of Englishmen that would be more acceptable than that of Her Most Gracious Majesty. Three of her sons are immediately associated with us as Masons, and each takes a deep interest in all that concerns the welfare of the Craft. Full honours were then paid. Second to that of the Queen no toast is ever more graciously received than that of the M.W. the Grand Master. Circumstances have occurred that makes our time somewhat limited to-night, and therefore, without further preface, he would offer the toast for their acceptance. Bro. Dean here sang "The Cavalier," with good effect. The next toast was the Pro. G.M., D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. The Grand Officers, from the Earl of Carnarvon downwards, have very onerous duties, and these they perform in a most admirable manner. With the toast he would couple the name of their respected Treasurer, Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg. Bro. Goodacre sang "The Skipper and his Boy." Bro. Hogg said it was his duty and privilege to return thanks for the kind way in which they had received the toast. The Earl of Carnarvon was a man of the highest honour, and one we were pleased to see at the head of the Craft. All Masons were glad to see him at Grand Lodge, where he always did the work that fell to his lot to the satisfaction of all. With regard to Lord Skelmersdale, he was equally popular. He thanked them for the way in which his name had been received in connection with the toast. He then paid a high compliment to Bro. Baker, for the very interesting Lecture he had given in the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Visitors, gave one and all a hearty welcome. He recapitulated their names, and spoke a kind word to each. He called on Bros. Maidwell and Baber to respond. Bro. Maidwell would have liked to have seen the W.M. more employed during the evening; he felt proud of his position as representative of the Visitors, on whose behalf he tendered his most sincere thanks. Bro. Baber had often felt surprised that he was not a member of the Hervey Lodge; he had always taken a great interest in its welfare, and also in that of the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction. He added his thanks to those of Bro. Maidwell, and hoped that the present would not be the last occasion he should have an opportunity of enjoying the hospitality of the Hervey Lodge. Other of the visitors also replied. Bro. Hogg then proposed the health of the W.M. Many of the Visitors must have been somewhat astonished at the course taken by the members in the Lodge. When, however, they were made acquainted with the high estimation in which Bro. Southwood was held, they would not wonder at the spontaneous effort made by the members to retain his services for another year. Bro. Hogg then recapitulated the many kindnesses they had received from their W.M.; it was with sincere pleasure he proposed his health, and trusted he might be spared for many years to be amongst them. Bro. Southwood said he greatly appreciated the unexpected honour that had been conferred upon him that evening. He felt he had attained the summit of his ambition, though Dr. Hogg had referred to honours that might perhaps be in store for him. He then referred to the fact of his having come amongst them almost a stranger, and added that to-night his Mother Lodge was holding its installation meeting, and that he had received an intimation that the rank of a P.M. of that Lodge had been conferred on him. He pressed upon the members the desirability of faithfully carrying out their duties, and fully regarding their obligations. He relied upon the hearty co-operation of the members, who he urged to follow in the footsteps of the esteemed brother whose name the Lodge bore. In reply to the toast of the Past Masters, Bro. George King sen. said he was the second P.M. of the Lodge; he took a deep interest in its welfare, and hoped it might be second to none in the Craft. The other toasts comprised the Officers, which was replied to by Bros. Goodacre and Latreille; the Press, associated with the name of Bro. Morgan, who replied; and the W.M. then summoned the Tyler. The Organist of the Lodge, Bro. Dean, rendered goodly service during the evening by accompanying the various singers, who comprised Bros. Goodacre, Maidwell, Rogers, &c. Bro. Morgan, by request, recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade."

**The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. In the absence of the W.M. the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Seex I.P.M., assisted by Bros. Jas. Freeman S.W., Blackie J.W., E. Moody P.M. Sec., R. J. Simpson Chap., W. H. Catchpole S.D., Thos. Hamer J.D., W. Kibble D.C., Geo. Jenkins Org., C. Taylor I.G., W. H. Hook and R. Hooker Stowards; Past Masters Bros. J. H. Townsend, James Stevens, &c. The first business before the Lodge was the raising of Bro. Vowles, which ceremony was performed by Bro. Seex in his usual effective manner; at its conclusion Bro. Stevens P.M. occupied the chair and passed Bro. Metcham, performing the ceremony most perfectly. Bro. Seex again took the chair, and initiated Mr. Daniel Thos. Keene; this ceremony over, the Lodge, after the discussion of business, was closed. The brethren adjourned for refreshment, and duly honoured the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Stevens gave the health of the W.M. He referred to the much to be regretted absence of Bro. Stanway, and called upon the brethren to drink to his better health; he also asked them separately to toast their Acting Master Bro. Seex. Both of these toasts were enthusiastically received. Bro. Seex replied: he thanked the members for the kind expressions they always accorded the chair. He next gave the health of the Initiate, the Visitors, and other regular toasts, all of which were duly acknowledged. The visitors were Bros. W. R. Gilbert 711, T. Perry P.M. 1402, P.G. Treas. Devon, W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. Griffin P.M. 933, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, C. T. Mann 889, G. Dyer P.M. 186, &c.

**Eboracum Lodge No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday last, the W.M. Bro. T. B. Whytehead working the ceremonies, ably assisted by the Officers. A successful ballot was taken for one candidate and two joining members; after which there was an initiation and a passing. Heartly good wishes

were expressed for Bro. G. Simpson M.C., who was on the eve of his departure to represent the Lodge as a Steward at the Masonic Benevolent Festival. The services of Bro. J. S. Cumberland S.W., as Steward for the forthcoming Masonic Boys' Festival, were accepted with acclamation, the W.M. alluding to the services rendered by Bros. Cumberland and Simpson in thus representing the Lodge two years in succession. The W.M. read a letter he had received from Bro. C. E. Meyer, of Philadelphia, stating that a party of American Masons were about to make a pilgrimage to England, and intended visiting York, and expressed a hope that the Masons of the City would be able to give the visitors a united reception. He also alluded to the very handsome testimonial which had lately been presented to Bro. Wm. Hunt P.M. of Hull, by his employers of the *Eastern Morning News*, and expressed his pleasure at the very high terms in which Bro. Hunt had alluded on that occasion to their worthy Secretary (Bro. J. Kay), than whom he knew not a man on whom he could place more reliance. He considered the Eboracum Lodge fortunate in having secured the services of Bro. Kay. These remarks were received by the brethren with hearty applause. Two candidates were then proposed and seconded, and the Lodge was closed; a very pleasant and social evening being afterwards passed. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Beanland P.M. Bradford, W. H. Wyatt P.M., Haffner P.M., &c.

**West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.**—One of the most pleasant gatherings we have lately attended was held on Saturday last, at the Ealing Institute. Bro. A. Beasley presided; he was supported by Bros. H. L. P. Kasner S.W., Burr J.W., J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, T. Brown P.M. Treasurer, Delevanté Organist, J. Green S.D., W. J. Compton J.D., Bourne Steward, Tucker I.G., Harrison Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Rev. T. W. Morris, Owen, Capt. Lawrence, and W. W. Morgan. After preliminaries had been duly observed, Bro. Edmeston was passed to the second degree. The ballot was taken for three candidates for initiation; it resulted satisfactorily, and the gentlemen, Messrs. George Coop, Watkin Brown, and Edwin Tink Brown were received into our Order, each candidate being taken separately. Bro. Beasley makes a point of doing this, and it is a point we should like to see more often carried out. The W.M. then called on Bro. Roe, who had been unavoidably absent at the opening of the Lodge, to read the minutes of the last regular meeting, also those of the emergency meeting held on the 2nd inst. These received confirmation, and Bro. Beasley called the attention of the members to the fact that he had consented to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Roe then gave notice that he should propose, and Bro. S.W. agreed to second, a motion, to be brought forward at the next regular meeting, that the sum of £10 10s be voted from the Lodge funds, and be placed on the W.M.'s list. After other matters had been disposed of, the Lodge was closed. A plain repast was then served at Brown's Hotel, and the brethren did full justice to the substantial fare provided. The W.M. presided, and the toast list was indeed a comprehensive one. The remarks of the several speakers were terse, and were kept well to the point. During the evening Bros. Delevanté, Porter, Acworth, Green, Goss, and the W.M. sang some capital songs. Bro. Delevanté rendered great assistance as accompanist. The brethren dispersed at 9.30, after a very enjoyable evening.

**The London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction.**—Met at the Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., on Monday, 11th inst., at 6 o'clock. Present—Bros. Turner W.M., Triggs S.W., Brittain J.W., Sharrett S.D., Cree J.D., Morson I.G., W. Smallpeice Preceptor, C. J. Hogg Treas., J. E. Shand Hon. Sec., and others. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. According to rule, the ceremonies were rehearsed, after which Lodge closed until Monday, 20th February, at 6 o'clock, when a numerous attendance is expected.

**Prudent Brethren Chapter, No. 145.**—This Chapter held a Public Night on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and, as a matter of course, there was a very large gathering of Companions. Companion E. Moody presided as Z., Thomas Bull as H. (acting), and J. C. Cox as J., G. S. States S.E., H. Venn S.N., D. Haslett Pr. Soj., C. A. Wood 1st Assistant (acting), and J. Jermyn Boyd 2nd Assistant (acting), were the other officers present. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of the previous Convocation read and confirmed, Comp John Boyd P.Z. 145 in a very lucid and able manner explained the connection of Royal Arch Masonry with the Craft. The clauses of the first section were worked by Comps. H. Venn, J. C. Cox and D. Haslett P.Z., all of No. 145. The historical lecture was then delivered by Comp. J. C. Cox. Comp. J. Jermyn Boyd gave the history of Moses' rod. This was followed by the symbolical lecture by Comp. Thos. Bull P.Z. 145, and by an illustration of the four principal banners and ensigns by Comp. C. A. Woods 145. The traditional ceremonies, sacred sigus, and mystical part of the degree were then fully explained by Comp. E. Moody Z. 145, and lastly Comp. John Boyd P.Z., to the delight of all present, gave the illustration of the symbolism of the Royal Arch Jewel and Platonic Bodies. Comp. S. Rawson then rose and proposed, on behalf of the Visitors, a vote of thanks to the Prudent Brethren Chapter, and in seconding this, Comp. J. Constable acknowledged their indebtedness to Comp. Boyd and those who had acted with him. This, it is needless to say, was carried with perfect unanimity, and was very gratefully as well as gracefully acknowledged by Comp. Moody Z. Comp. James Stevens then proposed, and Comp. Shervill seconded a vote of thanks to Comp. Boyd, who acknowledged it warmly, and said it was always a pleasure to him to afford Companions a share of his knowledge. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to a cold collation, provided by Bro. A. Best of the Freemasons' Tavern, and we will con-

tent ourselves with saying that everything passed off most satisfactorily. Among the visitors were Comps. S. Rawson P.G. Sup. China, H. Murray P.D.G. Sup. China, T. W. Reed P.Z. 180, T. Cubitt P.Z. 177, James Stevens 720, John Seex Z. 186, E. C. Mather, Col. H. T. S. Burney P.Z. 784, H. C. Levander P.Z. 76, E. B. Grabham 19, J. Constable Z. 141, E. H. Webb 174, R. L. Campbell 45, J. A. Smith Edinburgh No. 1, G. R. Shervill Z. 534, F. B. Morrell 784, J. H. Matthews Holy Zion Chapter, Calcutta, G. Dyer 146, B. H. Swallow P.Z. 77, W. J. Ferguson H. 1046, G. A. Rowe Z. 1185, E. Hopwood Z. 946, E. Hopwood Z. 19, G. Batley P.Z. 414, D. Treadwell S.N. 177, &c., &c., &c.

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*John Lillywhite's Cricketers' Companion for 1878.* With which is incorporated Lillywhite's Guide to Cricketers. Thirty-fourth Edition. London: Published by John Lillywhite, Cricket Warehouse, 10 Seymour-street, Euston-square, N.W.; Kent and Co., Paternoster-row.

We hardly think it necessary we should offer any lengthened remarks on a year book which has been issued regularly for thirty-four successive years. The mere fact that it still continues to be issued, and that, in the ordinary course of things, its regular annual publication may be looked upon as assured, to use a common expression, speaks volumes in its favour. Its contents, of course, are of the usual character. In addition to several excellent papers on the art of Cricket, there will be found the usual statistical information respecting the principal Cricket events of the past year, and also as to the "form" of the principal batsmen and bowlers of the great clubs, the chief professional Elevens, the Universities, and the public Schools. If we say that no Cricketer, be he professional or amateur, should be without this "Companion," we say enough to show the value we attach to it.

## ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Their Royal Highnesses the Prince and Princess of Wales have graciously consented to inaugurate the New Buildings, on a day to be fixed in the month of March.

The fifteen sections will be worked at the Israel Lodge of Instruction, No. 205, held at Bro. Yetton's, the Rising Sun, Bethnal Green, by Bro. Cundick, on the 24th inst., at 7 o'clock.

*La Monde Maçonnique* announces that the Lodges which some time since were closed by the civil power, at the instance of the Council of the G. Orient, have been authorised to resume their labours.

The *Keystone* states that St. John's Lodge, Providence, Rhode Island, held its one hundred and twentieth Commemoration on St. John's Day. The Warrant for this Lodge was issued on the 8th January 1757, under the hand and seal of Bro. Jeremy Gailley, Prov. G. Master. On this occasion the officers for the ensuing year were installed, and a banquet followed, at which about seventy brethren sat down.

According to the *Masonic Chronicle* of New York, Bro. E. G. Davis has been re-elected Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, and the following are the other principal officers—namely, Bros. H. A. Whitney Deputy G.M., Jos. McCoy S.G. Warden, B. F. Fuller J.G. Warden, William R. Singleton (re-elected) G. Secretary, and W. J. Stephenson G. Treasurer.



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THE Ballot for Life Governorships of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, consequent on the sale of Tickets by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., took place on Tuesday the 12th instant, at the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Bro. Daniel W.M. 65 in the chair. There were Fifteen Life Governorships, and one prize value £2 10s, thus disposed of, and the following is the list of winners:—

No. of Prize Ticket	No. of Ticket	Name	Address
1	1451	ALLSOP ...	The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington, W.
2	422	J. REDPATH ...	58 Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
3	1414	W. J. JOHNS ...	Truro
4	907	HOLLANDS ...	96 Leadenhall-street, E.C.
5	1749	BRUTTENBACH ...	(Address wanted)
6	316	C. GODTSCHALK ...	107 Devonshire-road, Holloway, N.
7	827	HUGH COTTER ...	Carlton Arms, Devonshire-street, Mile-end, W.
8	43	H. KYEZOR ...	Caswall Cottage, Hounslow
9	832	S. J. TURQUAND ...	7 Royal Exchange, E.C.
10	991	T. MORTLOCK ...	Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping, E.
11	777	HOLLANDS ...	96 Leadenhall-street, E.C.
12	1093	FOUNTAIN ...	Salisbury-court, Fleet-street, E.C.
13	425	A. SOUTHER ...	5 Fenwick-terrace, Newcastle-on-Tyne
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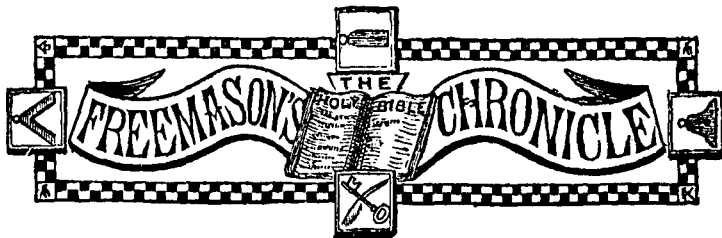
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**OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.**

THE excitement in Parliament is still at fever point. The Government has carried its point by majorities of nearly two to one, and the credit of six millions for which they asked is now at their disposal for immediate use. That things have gone more smoothly than was at first anticipated is no doubt owing to the further advances towards Constantinople of the Russian armies, and the secrecy observed as to the terms of peace. When, for instance, the two houses met last Thursday, Lord St. Leonards rose in the Peers, and asked the Government whether there was truth in the report that the Russians had entered Constantinople, and the question having been enlarged by Earl Granville, Lord Derby rose and explained that Russian troops had occupied the lines which defend the City, but were not in the City itself. Later, he explained that a telegram had been received by Count Schouvaloff from Prince Gortschakoff denying the truth of certain rumours. On Friday, somewhat similar questions, or questions bearing on the Eastern crisis, were asked by Lord Hammond and Earl Granville, and in reply Lord Derby stated that the Government had thought it necessary to order a portion of the fleet to Constantinople, for the purpose of protecting the lives and property of British subjects. On Monday—rumours having been heard in the meantime to the effect that the request by the British Government for permission for its squadron to pass the Dardanelles had been refused—the Government were questioned on this point, but the Foreign Secretary answered very guardedly, admitting, however, that there was some foundation for the rumour. On Tuesday, the Earl of Derby said that he hoped, when their lordships met again on Thursday, he should be enabled to announce that the British fleet was anchored off the Golden Horn. On the last evening a Cattle Diseases Bill was introduced on behalf of the Government by the Duke of Richmond and Gordon, and received a first reading.

In the House of Commons the excitement was intense on Thursday evening, and no sooner had the Chancellor of the Exchequer risen in his place, and announced that the Russians had advanced close up to the lines of Gallipoli and Constantinople, than Mr. Forster rose, and declared it to be his wish to withdraw his amendment. A long and heated discussion then arose, and when the Chancellor subsequently announced that a denial of certain rumours had been received by Count Schouvaloff from St. Petersburg, an attempt was made to induce Mr. Forster not to persist in withdrawing his amendment. This, however, the right honourable gentleman flatly refused to do. An attempt was then made to adjourn the debate, but this proved a failure; and then there began a discussion on the question



that the Speaker leave the chair, and in the long run the Government received a majority, the numbers being, in favour of the motion 195 and against it 99. On Friday, the House went into Committee, and the vote of six millions was moved. The leaders of the Opposition declined to oppose the Government, though they withheld their support, but Mr. Gladstone joined the members below the gangway on the Opposition side of the House. At length the division was taken, when there appeared for the Government 328, against 124. On Monday, on the Report of Supply being brought up, there was a further discussion, in the course of which Mr. Cowen, one of the members for Newcastle-on-Tyne, rose and delivered a speech which is said to have been one of the most eloquent, as it certainly was one of the most patriotic, to which the House had ever listened. The honourable gentleman was so carried away by the intense excitement of his feelings that in one vehement passage of his speech he nearly demolished with his fist the hat of Mr. G. O. Trevelyan. The cheers amid which Mr. Cowen resumed his seat were prolonged and most enthusiastic. Ultimately the resolution was put from the chair, and the House went into Committee of Ways and Means, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer moved the necessary resolutions for raising the money just voted, by means of Exchequer Bonds and Exchequer Bills. These resolutions were agreed to almost without question, and the House then resumed, and devoted the rest of the sitting to discussing the second reading of the Factories and Workshops Bill. This having been agreed to, the House was not long afterwards counted out. On Tuesday, the Manchester Corporation Water Bill passed its second reading. Sundry questions about Eastern affairs were asked, and then the subject of traffic in Church Livings was brought under notice by Mr. Leatham; but the subject was too dry, and the House was for the second time counted out, at a little after eight o'clock. On Wednesday, Mr. Biggar moved the second reading of the Voters (Ireland) Bill, but it was opposed by the Government, and thrown out by 134 to 96. The Valuation Bill was discussed and the House was shortly after adjourned.

The Queen is expected to leave Osborne for Windsor Castle on Tuesday next. On Saturday, by her command, the Prince of Wales held a *levée* at St. James's Palace, presentations to His Royal Highness being, by Her Majesty's orders, considered equivalent to presentations to Her Majesty. The Duke of Cambridge, Prince Christian, the Duke of Teck, and the Prince of Leningen were present. The diplomatic and general circles were numerous attended, and a large number of gentlemen were present. The evening of the same day the Prince and Princess of Wales dined with the Austrian Ambassador, Count Benet, who had issued invitations for a grand entertainment in honour of the Crown Prince of Austria. On Saturday, the Crown Prince himself dined with the Prince and Princess of Wales at Clarence House. On Tuesday, the Prince, with the Duke of Connaught, the Prince Imperial, and Prince Esterhazy hunted with the Royal Buckhounds. The meet was near Beaconsfield, and the Royal party enjoyed a good run. On Wednesday, the Prince and Princess of Wales, with three of their children, were present at the Gaiety Theatre, where an amateur pantomime was given, in aid of the funds of the Royal Dramatic Fund. The house was crowded. It is announced that Her Majesty will hold a drawing room at St. James's Palace on the 28th inst.

Meetings continue to be held in various parts of the country in connection with the political crisis. The most important came off on Saturday, at the Cremorne Gardens, when it is estimated there were from 6,000 to 9,000 persons present. Sir Coutts Lindsay presided, and on the platform were many members of Parliament and other influential gentlemen. The meeting did not pass off without disturbance, for the rough element mustered with a certain show of force, and there were many free fights; but the resolutions which expressed confidence in Her Majesty's Ministers were passed almost unanimously. The same day a meeting was held at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, at which Mr. A. W. Hall, the Conservative member for the City, took part. About 3,000 people were present, and resolutions in support of the Government were carried with acclamation. At Birmingham, too, there have been Conservative gatherings, but the Liberals mustered in force, and both parties passed resolutions, the former in favour of the Ministerial policy, and the latter against it.

Nor is this the only evidence of the agitation which pre-

vails throughout the country. In all the dockyards there is the greatest activity. Fresh hands have been taken on, and orders have been sent down from the Admiralty to use the utmost dispatch in getting ready for sea all the ships under repair. At Woolwich, warlike stores of every description, rifle and revolver cartridges, heavy 12½ ton shot and shell, are being sent off in successive transport ships to the Mediterranean. The Government have bought two new ironclads, which had been built on the Thames for the Turkish Government, but which, owing to the war, were detained. Messrs. Laird have received orders to hasten forward the Iron Duke. In short, everything is being done to place our Fleet in a state sufficient for active warfare in the event of its services being needed. The same is doubtless the case with the Army, for the Government, warned by the terrible experiences of the Crimean War, are rightly resolved that if we are compelled to maintain our position by force of arms, there shall be nothing wanting in the equipment of our forces.

A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Famine Relief Fund was held at the Mansion House on Monday, under the presidency of Sir Thomas White, in whose mayoralty the Fund was started. It was reported that the sum of £510,000 had been received to date, of which £490,000 had been sent to India. It was then resolved that a further £10,000 should be remitted, and that the Committee should meet again on that day four weeks. Of the sum mentioned as having been received since the last Committee meeting, £4,000 had arrived from Australia.

The Annual Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held, on Wednesday evening, under the presidency of the Duke of Manchester, Provincial Grand Master for Northamptonshire and Hunts. There was a large gathering of the Stewards and their friends on the occasion; and, in the course of the evening, it was announced that the subscriptions amounted to £11,090 9s 6d, with nine lists still outstanding. We congratulate Bro. Terry on a result which, in the prevalent depression of trade, and amid the overwhelming political anxieties of the moment, must be deemed eminently satisfactory. Full particulars will be found elsewhere.

The case against Bradlaugh and Mrs. Besant has broken down in the Court of Appeal, and the judgment of the Court below has been reversed. The grounds of this failure of justice are owing to a purely technical matter, and have no reference to the merits of the question. Indeed, Lord Justice Brett, in the course of his remarks, stated that if the offence were repeated, and conviction followed, the punishment which the appellants have contrived to escape on this occasion would be far more severe.

The new King of Italy has scarcely taken the oath of allegiance to the Constitution, when the most determined opponent of Italian unity is stricken down. Pope Pius IX. has passed away, at the ripe old age of 85, having retained his faculties till within an hour or two of his death. After the body had been embalmed, it was removed to the church of St. Peter's, where it lay in state for several days, thousands and thousands of people taking the opportunity of showing their respect for the late Pontiff by passing in files round the place where the body lay. Meanwhile, the members of the College of Cardinals who were not in Rome at the time of the sad occurrence, are hastening thither as fast as possible, in order to take part in the election of a successor of Pius IX., but who that successor will be there is no opinion expressed at the moment, at least, no opinion which seems to be at all definite. Rumours, however, point to Cardinal Prince Schwartzburgh as the likeliest candidate. As regards the late Pope, it has been oftentimes our duty to resent the attacks on Freemasonry made by him or with his authority, but no doubt he acted upon conscientious motives, and on erroneous information. All these things we readily consign to oblivion at this moment; all we remember is that the deceased Pontiff was one of the kindest and best of men, and it will be difficult to find another ecclesiastic whose fame was as pure and spotless as that of the late Pius IX. May his virtues have their reward, and as to his faults, may they be buried with him!

The royal family of Italy are deeply sensible of the kind sympathy of our Queen at the death of Victor Emmanuel; and King Humbert, to show his sense of Her Majesty's sympathy, has despatched a Special Ambassador, in the person of General della Rocca, not only to notify his accession to the throne, but also to present Her Majesty with some memento of his late father. We believe this

memento will consist of the inkstand which Victor Emmanuel was in the habit of using when he signed State Papers. We are also able to announce that the Duke of Abercorn will shortly proceed to Rome on a special mission to invest King Humbert with the insignia of the Order of the Garter. He will be accompanied by Mr. Victor Buckley, of the Foreign Office, as Secretary, and General Lord Wm. Paulet, G.C.B., Admiral the Hon. Sir H. Keppel, G.C.B., the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe, Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P., and others, as members of the mission.

As regards affairs in the East, it is well nigh impossible they can be in a more critical state than they are just now. We have reached that point when the most trivial accident may cause a deadly breach between England and Russia. It is useless now to shut our eyes to the fact that this country has been duped by Russia, and that a strong and dangerous feeling is springing up among us which it will be difficult, if the present tension lasts much longer, to restrain within reasonable bounds. There has indeed been no such display of deep feeling since the beginning of the year 1854, when war with Russia was all but declared. It matters not the class of people we mix with, all are found to be animated by the most vengeful feeling against the Czar, and this, to say the least, bodes ill for the prospects of peace. As to the events which have happened, we know but little more of the terms of peace than was known last week. The Russians occupy the lines of Constantinople, in accordance with the latter, so that the City itself is at their mercy. It is even said that Russian troops will enter the capital. Our Fleet has been ordered thither, and Austria and Italy have applied to the Porte for the necessary firmans to allow of the passage of some of their war vessels through the Dardanelles to the Golden Horn. Austria, moreover, is said to be making great preparations for war, and the Emperor has summoned the Archduke Albrecht to Vienna, in order that important military measures may be concerted, as it is said that Austria-Hungary will join England in opposing the policy of Russia. All the Powers have accepted Austria's invitation to a Conference; but we fear there seems to be a greater likelihood of war being commenced than of the Conference meeting.

The drawing for Life Governorships of the R.M.B.I., tickets for which were issued by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., came off on Tuesday last, at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. The chair was taken by Bro. Daniel, W.M. of the Prosperity Lodge, No. 65, and the following acted as Scrutineers:—Bros. Wharman W.M. 15, Maidwell W.M. 27, Rath P.M. 534, Hollands, Aarons, J. C. Hayes, J. S. Frazer, Forrest, Lees. There were sixteen prizes. Full particulars of the names of winners and the numbers of the tickets will be found in another column.

The members of the Lodge of Prosperity, No. 65, held their Second Ball at the Cannon Street Hotel, on Wednesday, the 6th inst., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. Chas. Daniel. The event proved a great success, there being over 225 guests present. This result is due to the energy of the Stewards and the tact displayed by the Hon. Sec. (Bro. Ferry). Bro. C. S. Pierce, the Hon. M.C., had the entire control of the Ball Room, and great satisfaction was expressed at the admirable manner in which he carried out his duties. Bro. Edwards charmed the company with his selection of music. Shortly after 12 o'clock the company repaired to the supper room, where Bro. Lewis, the excellent D.C. of the Lodge, was active in looking after the comfort of all. The W.M. proposed a few appropriate toasts, which were duly acknowledged. The company then returned to the Ball Room, and resumed dancing, with much spirit, until nearly 5 o'clock, when all departed, highly gratified with their visit, and expressing a hope that they might be present at the next Ball. Bro. Rand, the manager of the Cannon-street Hotel, exerted himself most successfully in catering; the refreshments supplied being of the most *récherché* description.

From the *Port Elizabeth Telegraph*, of 11th January, we learn that:—

Among the passengers from Natal by the coasting steamer *Melrose* yesterday were Messrs. Francis, Joyce and Sink, who came round to Port Elizabeth for the purpose of being qualified to open a Royal Arch Chapter at Maritzburgh. A special meeting of the Chapter of Good Will, No. 711, was held last evening, when they were duly elected and installed. They return to Natal by the *Melrose*,

## 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, 16th FEBRUARY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

### MONDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

1—Grand Masters, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8. (Inst.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, at 5.  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, 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.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-st., E.C., at 6, on 2nd and 4th Mondays in each month.  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York.  
331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.  
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.  
424—Borough, Freemasons' Hall, West-street, Gateshead.  
468—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.  
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.  
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)  
1502—Israel, 22 Hope-street, Liverpool.  
R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster.

### TUESDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street.  
65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersen Bridge, S.W.  
1446—Mount Edgcumbe, 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.  
R. C.—Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden-square.  
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.  
354—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading.  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefin.  
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.

### WEDNESDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

General Committee, Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6.  
140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich.  
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)  
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
205—Israel, Rising Sun, Globe-road, Bethnal Green. (Inst.) Annual Supper, 7.  
533—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.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters'-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. at 7.  
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.)  
R. C.—Bard of Avon, 33 Golden-square.  
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance.  
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover. (Instruction.)  
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough.  
221—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton.  
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester.  
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Great Driffield.  
1036—Walton, St. Lawrence Boys' School, Kirkdale.  
1129—St. Chad's, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale.  
1161—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. Germain's, Cornwall.  
1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton.  
1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster.  
1443—Salem, Town Hall, Bowlish, Devon.  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea.

### THURSDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, at 4.  
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
63—St. Mar., Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)  
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.  
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)

813—New Concord, Rosemary Branch Tavern, Hoxton.  
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood.  
 1237—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Finsbury Park Tavern, Holloway.  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 M.M. 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 K. T.—Oxford and Cambridge, 33 Golden-square.

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel.  
 341—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston.  
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester.  
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.  
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon.  
 1330—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.  
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynnstay Arms, Oswestry.  
 1512—Hemming, Lion Hotel, Hampton Wick.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

### FRIDAY, 22nd 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.)  
 669—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. (Inst.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Grafton Arms, Prince of Wales-road, Kentish Town. (Inst.)  
 933—Doric, 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.)  
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1283—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Finsbury Park Tavern, at 8.  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts.

### SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

198—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.

### EDINBURGH DISTRICT.

MONDAY—44—St. Luke, Freemasons' Hall.  
 TUESDAY—36—St. David, Ship Hotel, East Register-street.  
 „ 405—Rifle, Freemasons' Hall.  
 WEDNESDAY—160—Roman Eagle, Iona Hotel, 82 Nicolson-street.  
 THURSDAY—48—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall.  
 „ R. A. 152—Perseverance, Lodge Room, 88 Constitution-street.  
 FRIDAY—223—Trafalgar, 54 Bernard-street, Leith.

### WEST YORKSHIRE.

#### SATURDAY.

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

#### MONDAY.

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

#### TUESDAY.

448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

#### WEDNESDAY.

290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.  
 337—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.  
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse.  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.

#### THURSDAY.

600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.  
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds.  
 1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.  
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.  
 K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

#### FRIDAY.

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

#### SATURDAY.

1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Kent Lodge, No. 15.**—Met at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C., on Wednesday, the 13th instant, Bro. S. Wharman W.M. in the chair. J. H. Cambridge S.W., G. Ginman J.W., James Pinder I.P.M., W. P. Dukes P.M. Sec., T. Sleeman P.M. Treasurer, C. E. Ball S.D., W. Levy J.D., S. B. Lipscombe I.G., E. Barlow P.M. Steward, Beckett Tyler. A number of brethren and the following visitors were also present—Bros. W. F. Poulten I.G. 192, C. Poyner 141, Coleman 186, Christian P.M. 1662, Lee P.M. Duke of Connaught, E. Gottheil P.M. 185. There was a passing and raising announced in the agenda, but as neither candidate presented himself, the election of Officers for the year was at once proceeded with. This resulted in favour of Bros. J. H. Cambridge for W.M., T. Sleeman Treasurer, and Beckett Tyler. An adjournment next took place to the Holborn Restaurant, where an ample spread was partaken of, under the superintendence of Bro. Hamp, the polite and obliging manager, assisted by the fatherly solicitude of Past Master Barlow, the Steward of the Lodge. After grace, the customary complimentary

speeches were given. The W.M. received his due meed of praise from Bro. Pinder, who enlarged upon the satisfactory way in which Bro. Wharman had conducted the business of the Lodge during his year of office, and opined that the Past Master's jewel, voted in the Lodge, and which is to be presented at the installation meeting, was seldom more richly deserved. The W.M. replied that he had endeavoured to perform his duties as well as his humble abilities would permit. On the election of Master last year he had entertained considerable doubt as to whether the suffrages of the brethren would be in his favour, and therefore was dilatory in acquiring a knowledge of the necessary duties. But when, rather to his surprise, he was unanimously chosen chief of the Lodge, he went to work with a will, and although he was perfectly conscious of his shortcomings, he was still very pleased if he had succeeded in giving some amount of satisfaction. The P.M.'s and Visitors each had a few words to say, and then came the toast of the evening, namely, the W.M. elect, of whose abilities the W.M. spoke in most flattering terms. Bro. Cambridge, expressing his thanks, took occasion to speak of the great pleasure it afforded him in having been elected to the dignified position of W.M. of such an ancient Lodge as the Kent, No. 15, and of his satisfaction in having arrived at the height of his Masonic ambition. He would never forget the amount of respect with which he had been treated from the very time of his entering the Lodge. He must also acknowledge with gratitude the instruction bestowed upon him by Bros. Gottheil and Barnes. He trusted that under his auspices the Kent Lodge would lose none of its prestige, and that no new members would be admitted with whom he would not be proud to shake hands, whose society he would not be glad to court—good, honest, and upright men, whose wives and families he would be pleased to receive as guests into his own home. The Treasurer, in his reply, referred to the financial condition of the Lodge, which was most encouraging; but that had not always been the case. Many times he had had to conceal from the members and visitors that he deemed it his duty to advance the means, so that there should be no disappointment in the supply of the usual comforts, he hopefully looking forward to the approach of more favourable times, which he was pleased to say had now arrived, for the Lodge was in a flourishing condition. Bro. Sleeman then reverted to an incident which occurred in the Lodge, affecting him most painfully, and in vindication pointed to the important services he had rendered during the past twelve years. These remarks were here interrupted by loud and most enthusiastic cheers, which lasted for some considerable time, amidst which the venerable speaker resumed his seat. Bro. Dukes spoke of the harmonious manner in which he and the Treasurer had always been able to work together, and Bro. Barlow, the Steward, who seems to be the pet of the Lodge, and whose name obtained the heartiest reception, assured the brethren that it would be his pleasure in the future, as it had been in the past, to exert himself to secure for them every comfort and enjoyment which it was in his power to bestow; always, of course, with the sanction and assistance of the W.M., from whom it was his duty to take his orders. The Officers next severally responded to their respective toasts, and the Tyler's charge concluded the proceedings. The intervals were enlivened by some excellent singing, in which Bros. Green and Lipscombe especially distinguished themselves.

**Egyptian Lodge, No. 27.**—The installation meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge took place on Thursday, the 7th inst., at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, and was numerously attended by brethren distinguished in the Order. Bro. J. Walker W.M. opened his Lodge, with Bros. C. Palmer P.M. as S.W., T. J. Maidwell J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. Assist. G.S. Treasurer, C. J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, W. Richards S.D., Coulson I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Green, C. Atkins, Tebbis, Harrison, Hoare, J. Coutts P.G.P., D. H. Jacobs, Lambell, C. B. Payne, &c. The minutes of the former meeting, and of the emergency meeting, were read and confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read; it showed a balance of £54 14s 1d, and £54 7s balance in hand for the Benevolent Fund. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, W.M. elect, was then presented to the Lodge. Bros. C. Palmer P.M. and J. Smith P.G.P. were appointed to the Wardens' chairs, and a Board of installed Masters was opened. Bro. Maidwell was then duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. Walker, who conducted the ceremony perfectly and impressively. The W.M. having been saluted in due form, appointed his Officers:—Bros. J. Walker I.P.M., Richards S.W., Chapman J.W., H. G. Buss P.M. A.G.S. Treasurer, J. B. Poole P.M. Secretary, Coulton S.D., Kent J.D., Cuthbertson I.G., D. H. Jacobs P.M. W.S., Grammer D.C., Murch A.W.S., Potter P.M. Tyler. The announcement of the names of the brethren selected for office called forth marked expressions of approval. Bro. J. Walker I.P.M. announced his intention to act as Steward at the Anniversary Festival for the Boys' School. The resignation of three brethren was accepted, with regret. Bro. Maidwell showed his proficiency by closing the Lodge in the several degrees. The brethren, over 100 in number, sat down to a very sumptuous banquet, which was provided by Bros. Clemow. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft. The health of the M.W.G.M. H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was given; also that of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. With this toast Bro. Maidwell would couple the name of one who was present; he could not find a better representative to respond than the Grand Secretary, who had honoured them that evening by his presence. Bro. J. Hervey said time was short; he was not required to speak of the Grand Officers; their services were always appreciated. With regard to the Pro and D.G.M., there was little to be said, but that they do their duty as heads of the Order; in no case would they allow its dignity to be infringed. Now, in reference to the Lodge, they had a W.M. who had only been three years a Mason, but he is one who will sustain the prestige of the Lodge, and will carry out every duty. He was very pleased to witness the admirable way in which the I.P.M. had conducted the Installation ceremony. In the name of the Grand Officers he thanked the brethren for the way they had received the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. It was



not necessary to say they were welcome; they were, however, so numerous that he could not find words to speak of their various Masonic qualifications. He would call on Bro. Jabez Hogg P.G.D., and Bro. Southwood W.M. of 1260, to respond. Bro. Jabez Hogg said he felt very pleased to see the working of the W.M. He had visited the Egyptian Lodge before, and had been pleased to meet many of its members at the Hervey Lodge. Bro. Southwood endorsed all Bro. Hogg had said, one of the P.M.'s of the Lodge was about to join the Hervey Lodge. He had never listened with greater pleasure to working, and the manner the newly installed W.M. had inaugurated his year of office was most creditable. Bro. Walker proposed the health of the W.M. He did so with pleasure, he felt no regret in leaving the chair, for he was displaced by one who they were all proud of. Bro. Maidwell was one of the most enthusiastic workers in Freemasonry and now reaped the benefit of his industry. Bro. Maidwell thanked Bro. Walker for his kind expressions. He was proud to be in the chair; when he looked round the tables and saw so many kind friends, high in the Order, who, by their assistance, had enabled him to reach his present proud position, he assured them he would do all in his power, and hoped his efforts would sustain the prestige and promote the welfare of the Egyptian Lodge. The W.M. then gave the health of the P.M.'s; this was always a pleasing duty; to-night he had an especial pleasure, that was to decorate Bro. Walker with the jewel which had been presented by the Lodge. In placing it on his breast he hoped to see him wear it for many years, as a record of their respect. After a song, by Bro. Rudderforth, which was very humourously rendered, Bro. Walker rose: He had not only to return thanks for the toast of the P.M.'s, but also for himself individually; he felt it a great pleasure his being a P.M. From the kind manner in which the W.M. had spoken of him, he felt he had given them satisfaction. The jewel they had presented him with he would wear with pride to his latest hour. If he had not done what the former Masters had done, he hoped he had not failed in doing his duty to the Charities. He should endeavour to follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. He most heartily thanked them, not only for their valuable gift, but also for their kind expressions. The W.M. then urged on the brethren the claims of the Masonic Charities. Their requirements were well known, and little need be said by him. The Institutions had two worthy representatives present, Bros. Binckes and Terry, who could do them greater justice than he, with the limited amount of eloquence at his command. Bro. Binckes was pleased to enrol the I.P.M. as a Steward for the Boys' School; he was sure the brethren would give him their support. Through the liberality of a worthy member of the Craft, Bro. Erasmus Wilson, Cleopatra's Needle had been brought to this country. This interesting event ought to be considered worthy of a Red Letter day, and none ought to so consider it more than the Egyptians. He would not take up their valuable time; he had a worthy friend who was ready to respond to the toast more fully; however, he would just remark that we have large claims; there were many young members present who do not know what our Charities are doing; they ought to know. We have 200 girls, 225 boys, and 400 of the aged who require support. We hope that no exertions on our part will be wanting to make our appeals successful. Bro. Jas. Terry followed: He regretted the absence of Bro. Little, but he had to thank the Egyptian Lodge for their kind and liberal aid. As to Cleopatra's Needle, he thought it must have been "made well" or it would never have reached this country. In reply to the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bro. Bass G.A.S. remarked that the Egyptian Lodge was Vice-Patron of two of the Charities, and he hoped they would soon be so of the third. He was pleased to see an old and esteemed friend installed into the chair; he was sure Bro. Maidwell would do his duty. The Lodge prospered, and was a credit to the Craft. Bro. J. B. Poole P.M. and Sec. also replied. The toast of the Officers was next honoured. The W.M. had seen their working in Lodges of Instruction, and he hoped he was justified in placing them in their respective places; he hoped each would eventually fill the office of W.M. Bro. Richards S.W. thanked the W.M., he had been a member for eight years, and did not imagine he should have attained his present position. However, the W.M. was even a younger Mason, and this would be an incentive to him to work. (Cheers.) Bros. G. B. Chaplain and Coulson also replied; the Tyler's toast was then given. The Visitors were Bros. J. Hervey G.S., J. Boyd P.G.P. P.G.S., J. Smith P.G.P., T. Cubitt P.G.P., Howe A.G.P., E. P. Albert P.G.P., E. Gottheil P.M. 141, J. Hogg P.G.S.B., H. Webb P.M. 93, Rudderforth 12, J. Newton P.M. 174, L. Rogers 902, Dodd P.M. 1194, Pendlebury P.M. 1056, Southwood W.M. 1260, E. Coste P.G.D.C., Lee P.M. 975, F. Binckes P.G.S., James Terry P.G.D.C. Herts, H. Dowling 145, W. Masters 145, Middleton 435, Hooper 435, Walker 813, Green 1524, Hayes 619, Cripps W.M. 1685, Jeffreys W.M. 902, Dance W.M. 754, Goddard 1185, Hallows 1662, Carlton 1677, P. Jacobs late 145, Andrews P.M. 976, Taylor 1667, F. R. Vine P.M. 173, Middleton 46, Hooper 435, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Speight W.M. 147, &c.

**Egyptian Lodge of Instruction, No 27.**—This Lodge held its weekly meeting at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall-street, E.C., on Thursday last. Bros. Norden W.M., Maidwell S.W., Chapman J.W., Coulson S.D., Whellan J.D., Rowell I.G., Grammer Hon. Sec., Webb Preceptor, and other brethren. The ceremony of the second degree was rehearsed, Bro. Grammer candidate. The first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Webb, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Whellan, of No. 27, was elected a member. Bro. Maidwell will preside next meeting, when he will be supported by the Officers of the Egyptian Lodge.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday the 11th inst. Present—Bros. Percy W.M., Stock S.W., Hallam J.W., Fenner Secrtay, Wing S.D., Sparrow J.D., Symons I.G., Christopher Tyler; also Bros. Byott, Moseley, Alford, Powell, Isaac, Hunter, Killick,

Trewinnard, &c. All preliminaries being duly observed, Bro. Byott was passed to the second degree. Bro. Percy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, the W.M. giving the traditional history, Bro. Byott candidate. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, Bro. Symons J.W. of the Mother Lodge was made a member. Bro. Stock was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**Era Lodge of Mark Masters, No. 176.**—The election meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held on Friday, 8th February, at the Bridge House Hotel, Southwark. Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden W.M. presided. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were read and regularly confirmed. The ballot was unanimous in favour of the candidates for advancement. Bro. William Butler 1326 being in attendance, was regularly advanced to the ancient and honourable degree. Several brethren were proposed for advancement. The by-laws were read. The ballots were unanimously in favour of Bro. Thomas Horton S.W. being W.M., and for the re-election of Bro. Henry Arthur Dubois as Treasurer. The show of hands was in favour of Bro. W. Y. Laing P.M. being re-elected Tyler. On motion made it was unanimously resolved, "That the usual Past Master's jewel be given to the W.M. for his distinguished services." Business ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Friday, 13th July, to meet at six p.m. The usual banquet followed. There were present, besides those named, Bros. W. Hammond P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.G.I.G. P.M. Sec., R. P. Tebb, B. Meyer, H. Meyer, David Smith Asst. Sec., A. F. Loos, and many others. There were not any Visitors.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No 198.**—On Saturday, the 9th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Present —Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Bedwell S.W., Crosbie J.W., Killick Sec., Halford Treas., Fenner S.D., Ross J.D., F. H. Varley I.G. Visitors —Bros. F. H. Varley W.M. 33, and Diechinger 1366. The Lodge was opened and minutes confirmed; the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs candidate. The first section of second lecture was worked. The ceremony of installation was very ably rendered by Bro. Moss P.M. 185, assisted by several P.M.'s. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bros. Moss and those who had assisted him. Bros. Varley and Diechinger were elected members, and Bro. Bedwell appointed W.M. for the next meeting. The annual supper will take place at the above address on Monday the 25th inst.

**United Strength Lodge, No. 228.**—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Guildhall Tavern, last Tuesday evening. Bros. James Hill W.M., Snare S.W., Halford J.W., Percy S.D., Patmore J.D., Hickman I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Smith, a candidate for the third degree, answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. raised Bro. Smith, working the ceremony in an excellent manner. The W.M. then proceeded to instal Bro. Halford, rendering this ceremony also in an efficient manner; the addresses were impressively given by Bro. Triggs. The W.M. Bro. Halford then invested his officers—Bros. Hill I.P.M., Snare S.W., Percy J.W., Patmore S.D., Hickman J.D., Killick I.G., James Terry W.S., Winsland Treasurer, Cramp Secretary, Davis Assistant Secretary. The W.M. then initiated Messrs. Howard and Stockwell, and worked the ceremony to the satisfaction of all present. The brethren then repaired to the banqueting-room, where a splendid repast was provided. Upwards of one hundred guests sat down. Amongst the visitors, of whom there was a goodly number, we noticed Bros. G. S. Lancaster P.G.W. Hants, E. Bowyer P.G.D. Herts, Hart P.G.D. Kent, McCubbin P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, Alfred Hodges P.G.D. Kent; P.M.'s Bros. Newton 1687, Underwood 860, G. F. Cook 1471, Grimwood 1224, Howell 1470, Littlewood 780, Waters Carrick-on-Shannon, C. Corner 2 Dublin; W.M.'s Bros. M. Rest 948, W. Randall 1470, T. Goode 1288, Garbett 1178, and Bros. Stock 1178, Beart 1478, Parker 369, Wilson 1366, Moore 1196, Thomson, S Rankin 475, Johnston 670, Burrows 1376, Mills 23, Tongue Polish National, Casely 625, Atkins 360, Cook 177, Greenaway 1567, Crockett 1328, &c. After the regulation toasts had been given, the W.M. proposed the health of Bro. Hill the I.P.M. This was received with cheers. Bro. Halford informed the brethren that he had a very pleasing duty to perform; to present to their I.P.M. a jewel from the Lodge, and also a collar, with a silver P.M. jewel attached, from the members of the Lodge. Both gifts bear an inscription testifying the satisfaction of the brethren at the manner Bro. Hill had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office. Bro. Hill, on rising to thank the brethren for their kindness, was much affected; he had no idea how to express his thanks for the magnificent jewel they had presented him with. He hoped to be spared to wear it for many years, and was sure that when his wife saw it, she would be as proud of it as he was. The other customary toasts were then given in due course, and responded to. The brethren dispersed, agreeing that they had spent a very enjoyable evening.

**Prosperity Chapter, No. 290, Huddersfield.**—The regular Convocation was held on Wednesday, the 6th of February, at the Masonic Hall, South Parade. The following Comps. presided:—Wm. Schofield P.Z. as M.E.Z. (W. Harrop M.E.Z. being unavoidably absent), Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., B. Hutchinson Treasurer, Cornelius Wheawill Scribe E., T. Farrar Scribe N., E. Dyson P.S. There were also present Comps. Wm. Smith P.Z., John Rhodes P.Z., Joshua Leo P.Z., and several others. Visitors Comps. Ruddock P.Z. and Dore M.E.Z. Chapter No. 275. The ballot was taken for Bro. Frank Wilkinson; it proved favourable, and the ceremony of exaltation was conducted in a most impressive manner. The Historical Lecture was delivered by Comp. Mitchell, the Symbolic by Comp. Turner H., and the Mystical by Comp. Lewis Brierley. The



revision of the Register of Members of the Chapter was then proceeded with, and completed. The last and most important business was the election of Principals and Officers for the ensuing year; which resulted as follows:—Jno. W. Turner Z., Allen Haigh H., George Sykes J., B. Hutchinson (re-elected) Treasurer, Cornelius Wheawill (re-elected) Scribe E., Lewis Brierley Scribe N., Mitchell P.S., Smith P.Z. Janitor. The Chapter was then closed, and the members and visiting Comps retired to the banquet hall to enjoy a social evening, when the usual toasts were proposed and heartily responded to. The next meeting of the Chapter will be on November 27th.

**Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.**—At the regular meeting of this Lodge, held on Wednesday, the 6th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, there were present Bro. T. Halliday W.M. in the chair, W. Munday I.P.M., R. Knox P.M. as S.W., R. L. Armstrong J.W., J. Page Sec., R. G. Salmon S.D., G. W. Lax J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., G. Dumford Steward, G. S. Sims Tyler; Past Masters J. Cook and W. S. Hughes. The Lodge was duly opened and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed. The ballot was taken for three gentlemen, it proved favourable in each case, and one being in attendance, he was initiated into our Order by the W.M., in a very impressive manner. There being no other business, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to refreshment, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts meeting with cordial responses. There being a very large attendance, some very good harmony was given, which contributed to the evening's enjoyment. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Cook P.M. P.P.G.S.W. 481, J. Ponder W.M. 1119, J. Horner I.G. 1119, R. Whitfield P.M. 48, P. J. Jackson W.M. elect 424, B. P. Ord S.W. 1427, Gibson 424, &c.

**Chapter De Sussex, No. 406.**—The regular Convocation of this Chapter took place on the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Comp. W. Cockburn M.E.Z. in the chair, supported by Comps. J. Risdale P.Z. H., W. S. Hughes J., G. Hothorn P.Z. Treasurer, T. J. Armstrong E., R. L. Armstrong N., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.S., G. Cockburn A.S., G. W. Lox, R. L. Salmon, S. M. Harris, Bell 24, J. Cork P.S. 481, &c. The Chapter being opened, and all formalities gone through, Bro. Ogilvey was exalted to the sublime degree by the M.E.Z. The Chapter then proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—Comps. J. Risdale P.Z. Z., W. S. Hughes H., T. J. Armstrong J., R. L. Armstrong E., Dr. Luke Armstrong N., G. Cockburn P.S. The Chapter was then closed, and the Companions adjourned to refreshment.

**Borough Lodge, No. 424.**—The installation of Bro. P. J. Jackson, as Master of this Lodge, will take place at the Town Hall, Gateshead-on-Tyne, on Monday, the 18th inst. The banquet will be held at the Half Moon Hotel. It is expected there will be a large attendance of brethren from both Provinces.

**Royal Lodge, No. 643.**—The largest gathering of Masonic brethren that was ever witnessed since the opening of the Lodge in 1855 took place on Tuesday night, at Bro. J. Welborn's, Foord's Hotel, Filey, twenty-eight past masters from various Lodges being present. The interesting ceremony commenced at 4 p.m., when the W.M. elect was installed by Bro. W. John Pearson Bell Dep. Prov. G.M. for N. and E. Yorkshire. Bros. W. Budd was invested with the honours of I.P.M., Winfindale S.W., J. Varley J.W., Rev. R. M. Taylor Chaplain, W. G. Long P.M. P.P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. Fisher P.M. Hon. Sec., W. Watts S.D., V. Fowler J.D. C. D. Scrivener P.M. M. of C., F. M. Herring P.P.G.S.D. 236 Org., R. Dobson P.M. Steward, R. B. Simpson P.M. Steward, J. Welbore I.G., and W. Jefferson Tyler; after which the Lodge closed. At six o'clock, in consequence of there not being any room in the hotel large enough to accommodate the brethren, they adjourned to the Spa Saloon, where a sumptuous banquet was held, of which upwards of sixty partook. The W.M. presided. Various toasts were proposed and cordially received. At ten o'clock the brethren from Hull, Beverley, Driffield, Bridlington and Scarborough retired, as special trains were waiting to convey them to their various destinations.

**Panmure Chapter, No. 720.**—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns' Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 11th inst., and was well attended. Chapter was opened by the M.E.Z. Comp. Bridges, and the Present and Past Principals, and all Officers were in their places. Bro. F. J. Burton, of the Panmure Lodge 720, was exalted into the supreme degree, with full ceremony, and the addresses from the chairs were ably delivered. The election of Officers for the ensuing year then took place, with the following result, viz.: Ex-Comps. George Waterall M.E.Z., Mark S. Larham H., Thomas Poore J., James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E. (tenth re-election), R. N. Field Scribe N., A. C. Burrell P.S., the Rev. W. B. Church Treas., T. Meggy D.C., and J. Gilbert Jan. A cordial vote of thanks for past services was recorded in favour of E. Comp. H. C. Levander, on his resignation of the Office of Treas. In addition to the above-named, there were present E. Comp. H. Smith P.Z., Poynter, F. W. Levander, T. Preston, E. Mitchell, &c., and Visitors, E. Comp. T. Perry P.Z. 328, and P. Prov. Grand Standard Bearer Devon, and Comp. W. J. Morpew. After disposing of some routine business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions dined together and enjoyed the customary good fellowship so regularly displayed at each recurring meeting.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, the 8th inst., at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge. Bros. Costelow

W.M., Gomm S.W., Blasby J.W., Erwin S.D., Gunner J.D., W. Goss I.G. Past Master Bro. J. Chambers Roe Preceptor. The first ceremony was capitally rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Jones candidate. Bro. Roe then took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of passing Bro. Neville Parker candidate. Bro. Blasby, in consequence of his heavy private duties, resigned the Secretaryship of the Lodge of Instruction, much to the regret of the members, who appointed Bro. Gunner in his stead. A well deserved vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Costelow, this being the first time of his filling the chair.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday, the 12th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Lovelock W.M., M. Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Brasted S.D., Slater J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Allen, Finch, Collins, &c. The Lodge opened, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bonner answered the necessary questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and regularly closed down to the first. Bro. Allen worked the second, third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor will work the Installation Ceremony next Tuesday evening.

**Ranelagh Lodge, No. 884.**—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday, the 12th inst., at the Bell and Anchor, Kensington-road, Hammersmith. Present—Bros. Fisher W.M., Baker S.W., Watson J.W., Middleton S.D., Shaw J.D., Warner I.G., Bayett D.C., Webb Steward, Thompson Treasurer, Worthington Sec., Oliver Org., Church Tyler. There were also present Bros. Knowles P.M., Slack, C. Barker, A. C. Alais P.M., Millis, Thompson; and Visitors Bros. H. Kyezor S20, Davey S.W. 30, A. Draper P.M. 1305, G. W. Lay 569, Ward 382, Read P.M. 511, Cumming W.M. Polish National 534, Crispin, Reid, Palmer, &c. Bros. Sir Charles Wentworth Dilke, Bart., Williams and Cox were raised to the sublime degree, with great and solemn dignity, by the W.M. Bros. Hayward, Abrahams and Glover then passed the second degree, having previously answered the necessary questions. Messrs. F. W. Lorenz, W. Iredale and P. Burton having been balloted for, received Masonic Light. The election of the W.M. was then proceeded with, when Bro. Baker was duly elected to fill that important office. He expressed himself grateful for the high honour conferred upon him. The jewel of P.M. was then unanimously voted to Bro. Fisher for the great services he had rendered the Lodge during his term of office. The W.M. thanked the brethren for the mark of respect they desired to confer upon him, humourously remarking that he should reserve his greatest thanks for the moment when he should be decorated. Several gentlemen were proposed for initiation. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the dining room. Upon the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the usual toasts in due form, to which the brethren heartily responded. The I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., and congratulated the members on the services which he had rendered, and also upon their selection of his successor. The Ranelagh had now reached its eighteenth year, and was displaying great vitality; so much, indeed, did it evince its power, that the brethren were about to raise the entrance fee to 10 guineas. The toast of the Initiates having been given and responded to, that of the Visitors followed, and with this was coupled the names of Bros. Kyezor, Cumming and Lay. Bro. Cumming, in thanking the members for their kindness, said he almost felt as one of themselves; he was so often amongst them. Bro. Kyezor felt it incumbent upon him to express his delight at the almost perfect working of the W.M. and his officers, and felt assured that so long as they worked harmoniously together, that the Ranelagh would flourish, even to the end of time. The proceedings were very much enlivened by the admirable singing of Bros. Hayward, Palmer and Hillinghaus. These brethren accompanied themselves on the piano. The brethren separated in harmony, peace and brotherly love.

**Era Lodge, No. 1423.**—On 9th Feb. at the Island Hotel, Hampton Court, the first meeting of the year was held. In consequence of the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 145, the Lodge was opened by Bro. J. T. Moss P.P.G.R. Middlesex P.M. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. E. H. Thiellay having now arrived, he took the chair. The report of the Audit Committee was read. It showed that after giving the usual thirty guineas to the Charities, and paying for the jewel for the P.M., that a goodly sum was in the hands of the Treasurer. This Lodge particularly prides itself in giving a strong support to the Masonic Charities, and sets a good example to the Province of Middlesex. The all-important ceremony of Installation was worked in an admirable manner by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.G.P. Middlesex P.M., who received a vote of thanks for his services. He installed Bro. T. J. Sabine P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex P.M. 73 P.M. 1540 as W.M., who appointed as his officers Bros. E. W. Devereux S.W., S. Wolff J.W., H. A. Dubois P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Treasurer, F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex P.M. Secretary (re-invested sixth time), A. F. Loos S.D., J. Johnson J.D., B. Wright I.G., J. Faulkner D.C., J. H. Pearson W.S., J. B. Ryloy A.S., D. D. Weinhausen Organist, G. S. Elliott Chaplain, J. Gilbert P.G. Tyler Middlesex Tyler (re-invested sixth time). Notices of motion to alter bye-laws, also to vote the usual thirty guineas to the Charities, were given. A P.M.'s jewel was given to Bro. E. H. Thiellay by the W.M. on behalf of the members of the Lodge. The Lodge was closed and adjourned till Saturday, 13th April. Banquet and dessert followed. During the evening telegrams were sent to Bros. Col. Burdett and Little, informing them that their health was being drunk; to these courteous replies were received.

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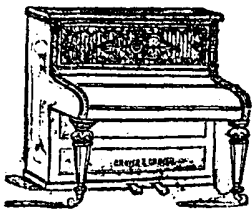
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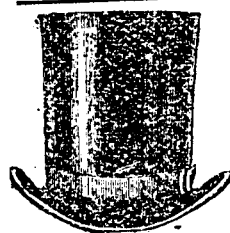
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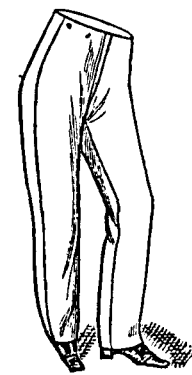
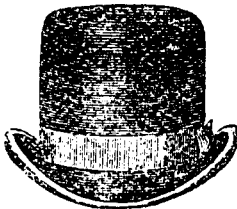
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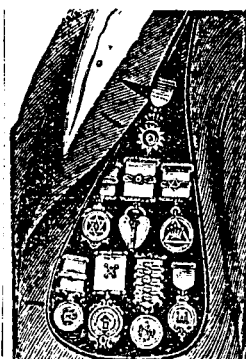


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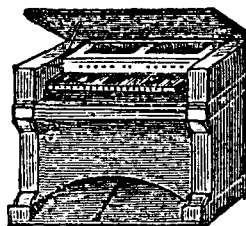
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