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THE GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE General Assembly of this Grand Orient for the year 1878 was held during the week ended the 14th September. Bro. De Saint Jean, President of the Council, occupied the chair on the opening day—Monday, the 9th September—with Bros. Bruand and Antide Martin acting as Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, Bro. J. Jean as Orator, Bro. Poulle as Secretary, Bro. Neumark as Expert, and Bros. Foussier and Coulon as Masters of Ceremonies. Nearly two hundred representatives of Lodges were present, and the Assembly at once proceeded, according to custom, to organise itself in nine bureaux. At the afternoon sitting the same day, Bro. de Saint Jean was chosen President during the whole session, and on Tuesday the Wardens and other Officers who would take part in the direction of business were appointed. This over, the Assembly at once proceeded to the discussion of the motion relative to the modification of Article 41 of the Constitutions, and in the result it was resolved that the article should stand as follows:—"The Grand Orient will not constitute Lodges in those foreign countries, where there exists already a Masonic Power which is regular and in fraternal relations with it. It will recognise no Lodge constituted in France or the French possessions by a foreign Masonic Power. Bro. E. Rousselle then asked a question relative to the project for revising the Ritual in accordance with the change made in the Constitutions of the Grand Orient last year. Thereupon Bro. Bussière proposed that the Council of the Order should terminate its labours before the end of the year. President de Saint Jean suggested that the assembly should proceed to the Order of the day pure and simple. Bro. Bussière then modified his resolution. A long wrangle ensued, various propositions being submitted, and in the end Bro. De Saint Jean's simple order of the day was lost, and another carried over its head. This led to a scene. Bro. President, having donned his insignia, declared with strong emotion his intention of resigning his position as president and member of the Council. Very many of those present begged him not to do so, but he persisted and retired. Bro. Rondeau, the Senior Grand Warden, then took on himself the Presidency of the meeting, and on the proposition of Bro. Caubet it was resolved to send a deputation to Bro. De Saint Jean inviting him to resume his functions, after which the sitting closed. On Wednesday Bro. Rondeau announced amid the warmest manifestations of enthusiasm that Bro. De Saint Jean had consented to retire his resignation, shortly after which that distinguished brother was introduced and resumed his presidency. Medals of Honour were then awarded to Lodge *Les Disciples d'Hiram*, Orient de la Pointe à Pitre, and six brethren, while three received the distinction of Honourable Mention. On Thursday the Assembly proceeded to elect twelve members in lieu of as many retiring by rotation from the Council, the following being the successful candidates, namely, Bros. Poulle, Bruand, De Hérédia, Lagache, Wyrouboff, Doné, Roche, André-Rousselle, Thulié, Du Hamel, Brémond, and Andrieux. On Friday a proposition to reduce the price of Warrants from 150 francs to 50 francs was withdrawn, and at the meeting of the Council, the same Officers as last year were elected. Bro. J. Jean, as Orator, delivered the customary address, and on Saturday the banquet was held, Bro. De Saint Jean presiding, the number of guests being 350, among whom were many distinguished foreign brethren

who had the day previous been introduced, amid hearty welcome, into the Grand Orient.

It remains to be seen whether the Grand Orient will take any steps to establish Lodges in foreign countries where there is a regular Masonic Power which is not in friendly relations with it. This, indeed, is the question which immediately concerns us in England, and we trust sincerely that Grand Orient will not take such steps, as otherwise further difficulties may arise.

GIRLS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, at noon on Saturday last, and when the ordinary business was disposed of the Court adjourned, pending the election of four girls from an approved list of twenty-nine candidates, of whom five only had presented themselves for admission on any previous occasion. In the case of one of these (No. 2), it was her last chance, and the same must be said of one of the twenty-four new candidates, namely, No. 16. However, happily for these, it will be found that they have obtained places among the successful, so that in this one particular respect not one of the candidates can be said to have been absolutely disappointed, though, of course, hopes of their ultimate success will still prevail among the friends and supporters of the unsuccessful. We noted a fortnight since that eight of the twenty-nine candidates hailed from London. Of these only one has gained a place—No. 3 on the list—with 2724 marks. Of the twenty-one Provincial candidates three got in, obtaining the first, second, and fourth places respectively. No. 1, from Kent, polled 4741 votes, No. 2, hailing from Bristol, obtained 2817 votes, and No. 4, from Hants and the Isle of Wight, scored 1,104. Two other candidates, No. 24 (Cheshire), and No. 22 (London), stood next in order, with 1,086 votes and 1,018 respectively, and then the numbers grew less and less, No. 11 having no votes whatever recorded for her. It remains to be added that the attempt to introduce a daughter of the late Bro. Chas. Jardine, who was drowned in the Princess Alice, was a failure, Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, having ruled that it was not competent for the Quarterly Court to suspend the Rules of the Institution as proposed. Subjoined is a complete list of the Candidates, with the votes appended:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
16	*Brasier, M. B.	—	4741	4741
2	Cooper, M. S.	723	2094	2817
15	*Stone, Ethel	—	2794	2794
3	Hill, E. M.	742	362	1104

UNSUCCESSFUL.

24	*Harbord E. A.	—	1086	1086
22	*Palmer F. E. M.	—	1018	1018
27	*Jones, F. M.	—	884	884
19	*Busher, E. M.	—	865	865
4	Garnet, E. M.	622	214	836
18	*Mott, M. E.	—	745	745
17	*Veal, T. A.	—	686	686
7	*Mitton, B. A.	—	685	685
5	Sampson, M. J.	577	36	613
1	Jay, Gertrude A.	508	67	575
13	*Clark, B. M.	—	532	532
26	*Laybourne, R. E. A.	—	346	346
9	*Peele, K. A.	—	344	344

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
29	*Williams, E. E.	—	305	305
20	*Deeley, A. A.	—	300	300
8	*Keighly, H. G.	—	248	248
23	*Hart, Eva C. H.	—	198	198
10	*Hbblethwaite, K.	—	163	163
14	*Allison, E. F. W.	—	158	158
25	*Priestley, J. S. H.	—	141	141
28	*Williams, E. C.	—	83	83
12	*Cook, A. M.	—	43	43
21	*Brown, Edith	—	28	28
6	*Parker, E. M.	—	22	22
11	*Senior, Ellen	—	—	—

* Indicates first application

BOYS' SCHOOL ELECTION.

THE half-yearly election to fill the vacancies that have occurred in this Institution since April last, took place at the Quarterly General Court, held at Freemasons' Hall, on Monday. The number to be elected was originally eleven, but had since been increased to thirteen. A. W. Gardiner who, as will be seen, heads the list with 2,373 votes, of which 489 were carried forward from April last, is one of two candidates hailing from Durham, and had he not succeeded on this occasion would have been ineligible for admission at the next ballot. Miles Coverdale, who is said to be descended from the distinguished Biblical scholar of the same name, stands second with 2,119 votes, 687 of which were cast for him in April. Coverdale is one of the two Essex candidates. A. E. Reece, of London, who comes third, polled 1,813 votes, of which 602 stood to his credit from April. W. E. Furze, one of the three Devon candidates, had already made six previous attempts to get in. He had 634 votes to his credit when the poll opened, and this was fortunately increased to 1,777 votes—we say fortunately, as this was his last chance. Fifth in order is A. T. White from West Yorkshire, with 1,745 votes, all polled on this occasion. Of the seven East Lancashire candidates, W. R. Roberts stood sixth with 1,667, and then came a second West Yorkshire candidate with 1,652 votes. No. 8, A. H. Day, who had tried at six previous elections and had this one remaining chance left him, hails from Essex, and increased his score from 504 to 1,610 votes. E. A. Browning, of Monmouthshire, and a candidate last April, raised his total to 1,533 votes. T. E. Evans, of Warwickshire, a candidate for the first time, was tenth with 1,531 votes. H. A. Simmonds, of London, who scored 783 votes last April, increased his total to 1,476, and secured the eleventh place, while A. L. E. Rossiter, of Cheshire, and A. C. Balcombe, of the Western Division of South Wales, were twelfth and thirteenth, with 1,375 and 1,370 votes respectively. Rossiter had to his credit 849 votes from April; in the case of Balcombe this was his first, and, had he failed, would likewise have been his last attempt. F. C. Watkins (last chance), a Londoner, heads the list of the unsuccessful with 1,272, followed by James Ward from N. Wales and Salop, fifteenth in order, with 1,221 votes, A. J. Chandler (Norfolk), sixteenth, with 1,153 votes; C. W. Green of London (last chance), seventeenth, with 1,064 votes, and R. H. Nicholls (London and Essex), eighteenth, with 1,013 votes. After this the votes go on diminishing more and more rapidly, as we get lower on the list, till in due time we reach No. 41, with under a hundred votes, then No. 54, with under ten votes, and No. 65, with no votes whatever. Of these, No. 46 with 23 votes, No. 55 with 7 votes, and No. 38 with 3 votes, will have their names removed from the list, as it was their last chance. No. 45 had been withdrawn before the ballot was opened, and No. 43, though a candidate for the first time, turned out to be disqualified by age. Of the nine candidates who had this chance only of success, four are among the successful, and five among the unsuccessful, so there are already forty-seven candidates, with more or fewer votes to their credit respectively, who are eligible for election in April next. Of the fourteen London candidates, two only were successful; of the fifty-two Provincial, eleven—a result which proves decidedly the superior organisation of the latter. As regards the proposition to admit a son of the late Bro. Charles Jardine without the formality of a ballot, it will be seen elsewhere that the Mansion House Relief Fund intend purchasing an admission for him, as well as one for a sister of his into the Girls' School. We subjoin the full result of the poll:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
32	Gardner, Alfred Welsh	489	1884	2373
33	Coverdale, Miles	687	1432	2119
28	Reece, Albert Edward	602	1211	1813
2	Furze, William Ernest	634	1143	1777
61	*White, Arthur Thomas	—	1745	1745
41	*Roberts, Walter Robert	—	1667	1667
46	*Keighley, James	—	1652	1652
1	Day, Arthur Harris	564	1046	1610
23	Browning, Ernest Albert	530	1003	1533
48	*Hall, Thomas Evans	—	1531	1531
27	Simmonds, Hebron Albert	783	693	1476
36	Rossiter, Arthur Lewis F.	849	526	1375
50	*Balcombe, Arthur Charles	—	1370	1370

UNSUCCESSFUL.

18	Watkins, Frederick Charles	209	1063	1272
17	Ward, James	133	1088	1221
16	Chandler, Arthur John	323	830	1153
5	Green, Charles William	386	678	1064
21	Nicholls, Richard Howell	216	797	1013
6	Wilkinson, Percy Charles	689	230	919
29	Keighley, George Norman C.	72	662	734
13	Parker, George Shadwell	125	583	708
56	*Allison, Tom	—	706	706
60	*Green, James Baker	—	554	554
7	Wait, Emanuel	447	30	477
12	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett	278	188	466
19	Spalding, Edmund Parcell	229	208	437
54	*Thorn, William Richard	—	418	418
10	Allin, Charles James Fox	347	28	375
62	*Warner, Richard John	—	347	347
57	*Norrish, Herbert	—	340	340
51	*Brooks, George Bertie	—	290	290
55	*Beckett, Ernest George	—	272	272
47	*Southam, George William	—	254	254
53	*Hounslow, Herbert Rich	—	231	231
8	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope	169	147	216
9	*Gauntlett, George Frederick	—	212	212
40	Laslett, Alfred John	186	75	211
26	Scott, John Sheppard	49	154	203
52	*Grave, Richard Arthur	—	195	195
20	Gibbs, John	—	117	117
45	*Bazley, William Henry	—	94	94
44	*Tracy, William	—	93	93
35	Marshall, Phillipson	28	22	50
66	*Wilton, Ernst Colville C.	—	34	34
3	Newbould, Harry (withdrawn)	27	—	—
11	Minshall, Sam Bradford	11	12	23
37	Jones, Ernest Handel	9	14	23
63	*Thomas, John M. Alexander	—	19	19
14	Bell, James Herbert	11	4	15
25	Clark, Thomas John	14	—	14
31	Gay, George John	9	5	14
4	Cole, Alfred Thomas	—	10	10
9	Frost, Christian Frederic	10	—	10
40	Bartley, William James	—	8	8
24	Pike, John Henry	4	3	7
58	*King, Henry Hugh	—	7	7
67	*Fellows, Herbert M.	—	7	7
43	*Webb, Henry (disqualified by age)	—	6	6
59	*Henderson, John	—	4	4
15	Giles, Frank Arthur	3	—	3
38	Cowling, John Edward	3	—	3
64	*Landless, John Greenwood	—	3	3
39	Read, John	—	2	2
65	*Crane, Harry Samuel J.	—	2	2
22	Black, William	—	—	—
34	Winter, Richard Thomas	—	—	—
42	*Bowman, George Frederick	—	—	—

* Indicates first application.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham will be holden in the Masonic Hall, Durham, on Tuesday, 22nd October, at 2 p.m., by command of Bro. John Fawcett, J.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Banquet at 4.30 p.m. in the Town Hall. The Fund Committee will meet in the Masonic Hall at 12 o'clock.

The Rev. H. B. Tristram, Canon of Durham, Prov. G.M.M.M. has issued instructions for the annual meeting of Prov. Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Northumberland and Durham to be held in the Masonic Hall, Park-road, Sunderland, on Wednesday, 30th October, under the banner of the Union Lodge, No. 124, at 2.30 p.m. Banquet, at the conclusion of the Lodge, at the Queen's Hotel.

The Annual Meeting of Royal Arch Chapter de Burghi, No. 424, will be held on Thursday, 24th October in the temporary hall of the Lodge of Industry, No. 48, at 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 3 p.m., for the installation of Principals and investiture of Officers, after which the Companions will dine together at the Grey Horse Tavern.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTHUMB- BERLAND.

THE annual meeting of the Prov. Grand Lodge of Northumberland was held on the 8th inst. at Alnwick. The Lodge met in the Corn Exchange, under the banner of the Alnwick Lodge 1167, there being present the greatest number of brethren that have ever assembled at any meeting held in the Province. To convey the brethren, a special train was run from Newcastle, and the total number present was about 700. The proceedings throughout were most successful, and the event for many years to come will be looked back upon by those present with feelings of unalloyed pleasure. The R.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl Percy, M.P., occupied the chair of K.S., and there were present the following officers:—Bros. L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M., R. H. Holmes P.G.S.W., W. J. Ward P.G.J.W., Rev. W. L. J. Cooley, P.G. Chap., Thos. Anderson P.G. Treas., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., N. Mein P.G.S.D., C. Hopper P.G.J.D., J. C. Mowbray P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis P.G.D. of C., Richard Eynon P.G. Assist. D. of C., A. Guthrie P.G.S.B., C. H. Shepherd P.G. Organist, Thos. Halliday P.G.P., Charles Anderson P.G. Assist. P., Joshua Curry P.G. Tyler. The R.W.P.G.M. was supported on the dais by a large number of Past Provincial Grand Officers. The Lodge was opened in due form, and after transacting other business, the R.W.P.G.M. invested his Officers for the year as follow:—Bros. Adam Robertson 1167 P.G.S.W., John Ridsdale 406 P.G.J.W., Robinson 409 P.G. Chap., Thomas Anderson W.M. 1712 P.G. Treas., George Cockburn P.M. 24 P.G. Reg., B. J. Thompson P.G. Sec., John Bolam W.M. 24 P.G.S.D., John Harness W.M. 431 P.G.J.D., George Forbes 393 P.G.S. of W., E. D. Davis P.G.D. of C., George Dean W.M. 541 P.G. Assist. D. of C., J. G. Youll W.M. 685 P.G.S.B., B. P. Ord W.M. 1427 P.G. Organist, R. J. Armstrong W.M. 406 P.G. Purs., John Taylor W.M. 1676 P.G. Assist. Purs., Joshua Curry Tyler. After the closing of the Lodge at the Corn Exchange, the brethren wended their way to the magnificent seat of the Percy family—Alnwick Castle. The normal quietude of the old town for the while was disturbed, and the sight of so many strangers appeared to take the inhabitants by surprise. Arrived at the courtyard, where a glimpse was obtained of the splendid proportions of the historic keep, the Visitors were at once struck by the perfection of the arrangements which had been made for their reception by the noble Earl, whose munificent hospitality will be regarded in the future as one of the greatest events connected with Freemasonry in this part of the country. There was no confusion in the seating of such a large company, for each of the Lodges was guided by numbers and letters directing them to the tables allotted to them. The banquet was held in the Guest Hall of Alnwick Castle, which for the occasion had to be enlarged, by the erection of a handsome marquee. The hall, which is one of the largest of the kind in the kingdom, had been splendidly fitted up for the banquet. The Chairman, the Right Hon. the Earl Percy, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M., and the leading Officers of the various Lodges, sat at a raised table facing the guests. Three very large tables ran the length of the room, whilst four were erected in the marquee, which was arranged in such a manner that all had an excellent view of the proceedings, and were well able to hear the various speeches. Covers were laid for over seven hundred. The admirable manner in which the viands were brought to the tables reflected the highest credit on Mr. Thorpe, the *chef de cuisine* of Alnwick Castle, and his able staff of assistants. The arrangements in the hall were under the personal supervision of Mr. Pantling, the house steward, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all concerned. The floral decorations and the dessert were arranged by Mr. Ingram of Alnwick Castle Gardens. After the arrival of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, who was accompanied in procession by the Provincial Grand Officers, grace was sung by the boys of the Duke's Schools, forming the choir of St. Paul's Charity, Alnwick, under the conductorship of Mr. C. G. Moore, the Organist of the Church, and this was repeated after dinner. Before dinner the Duchess of Northumberland appeared in the gallery of the Guest Hall, which was elaborately decorated with shrubs and plants. The presence of the Duchess was observed by Bro. E. D. Davis, the able Director of Ceremonies, and in response to his call, rounds of enthusiastic cheering, which the Duchess gracefully acknowledged, were given in her honour. The banquet was one of a most sumptuous description, and the system observed by the staff of waiters connected with the Castle, augmented by a staff of waiters from London, was admirable. After dinner, Earl Percy occupied the chair, and proposed Her Majesty the Queen, which was loyally responded to. He next proposed His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the M.W.G.M. of England, followed by the M.W. Prov. G.M. the Earl of Carnarvon, the R.W.D.G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and the Officers of the Grand Lodge. The V.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. L. M. Cockcroft gave The R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Northumberland, the Hon. Earl Percy, M.P., which was received with enthusiasm. The R.W. Prov. G.M. ably responded. Bro. G. Selby Thompson proposed The V.W.D. Prov. Grand Master L. M. Cockcroft, Esq., and the R.W. Prov. G.M. gave The Officers, past and present, of the Prov. Grand Lodge, to which the Prov. G.S.W. Bro. Adam Robertson replied. Bro. B. J. Thompson Prov. Grand Sec. proposed the W.M. and Members of the Alnwick Lodge No. 1167, to which the W.M. Bro. Geo. Simpson responded. Bro. E. D. Davis proposed The Masonic Charities, and the Rev. W. L. J. Cooley P.P.G.C., in the absence of Bro. Hubert Laws, responded. Bro. W. H. Holmes P.P.S.G.W., next proposed The health of the Duke and Duchess of Northumberland and the Countess Percy, a toast which was acknowledged with rounds of cheering, repeated again and again. Earl Percy briefly replied on behalf of the Duchess of Northumberland and Lady Percy, and with regard to the Duke said that, although not a Mason, he was willing at all times to lend his means and influence to every good work, as also were the Duchess and Lady Percy. The company then separated, after having enjoyed a princely repast, the whole proceedings having been of the most harmonious description. With reference to the gathering, which will doubtless be ever memorable in the annals of Masonry in

the North of England, we may state that there are now 18 Lodges in the Province, and the total number of contributing members is 1555. The oldest Lodge is No. 24, Newcastle, and the youngest is also a Newcastle Lodge, St. John's 1712. Up to between 11 or 12 years ago, Freemasonry was at a very low ebb in the old town of Alnwick. There was at that time no Lodge, but some two or three brethren took the matter in hand, and chiefly with the assistance of the Morpeth Lodges, a sufficient number of Masons were made to form a Lodge. The Alnwick Lodge was consecrated in 1867, the meeting place then being the Freemasons' Tavern, Market place, and the first W.M. being Bro. Thos. Braithwaite, then of Morpeth, but now of Alnwick. Very great interest was taken in the affairs pertaining to the Craft by the members of the young Lodge, and the numbers have gone on increasing, until now the number of contributing members is 95, whilst the brethren now possess a comfortable Lodge room in Clayport Street. The present W.M. is Bro. Geo. Simpson.

The present R.W.P.G.M. of Northumberland, Bro. the Earl Percy, M.P., was initiated at Oxford, and was installed in his present office in September 1869. The ceremony of installing his Lordship took place at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle, the installing master being the oldest Provincial Grand Master in England,—Bro. John Fawcett, R.W.P.G.M. of Durham. There were present on the occasion an unusually large number of brethren, and the attendance at the annual banquet was, with the exception of yesterday, the largest which has ever been known in the province.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

THE Freemasons of North and East Yorkshire held their annual Grand Lodge on Thursday, at Beverley. The gathering took place at Richmond last year, and now Beverley has been honoured. The event proved a red letter day in the history of the town, which is in every way appropriate for the assembling of an historical fraternity. Although the business of the Grand Lodge did not commence until two o'clock in the afternoon, all the early trains brought up Masonic visitors, who occupied themselves for a few hours by inspecting the Minster and St. Mary's Church, as well as other objects of antiquarian interest. The Minster was the chief attraction, more especially as Bro. Stephenson, of the Beverley Lodge, well known for his antiquarian researches, had acceded to a request to give a verbal description of the leading features of the building. Increased interest was given to the morning's proceedings by a recital on the organ, given by Bro. Camidge, Organist of the Minster. The organ is a grand old instrument, by the famous builder Snetsler, and it was heard to great advantage on the occasion, the organist having made a delightful selection of music, which was highly appreciated by all who were fortunate enough to be present. All the selections were of a contemplative character. Handel's overture to "Samson" being the first number. The next was one of Batiste's quiet Andantes, the one in E minor. This was played in fine taste, showing a judicious blending of the stops. No. 3 was Mendelssohn's "Cornelius' March," a fine sparkling theme, bringing out the more prominent stops of the instrument. The next number was an Andante movement by Smart, whose name is a sufficient guarantee for graceful melody and pure harmony. The organist led up to this movement by a pretty extemporaneous passage or two. The two next selections were specially interesting. The first comprised the movements moderato and allegro from Corelli, adapted no doubt from the instrumental writings of this famous composer, who died in 1713. The other number was Schumann's "Ich Crolle Nicht." A selection from Mendelssohn's "Hymn of Praise" was the next number on the programme, but at the last moment the organist changed it for Haydn's representation of "Chaos." The concluding piece was Bach's Prelude and Fugue in D, and with this the visit of the Freemasons to the Minster terminated, and the fraternity wended their way to the Assembly Rooms to hold their Grand Lodge. The entire suite of rooms was engaged. The principal rooms were decorated with flowers, plants, and Masonic flags and emblems. Every Lodge in the province was well represented. Prior to opening the Grand Lodge the Board of Benevolence held a long sitting, and considered several applications for assistance, from widows of Freemasons and necessitous brethren. Several grants were passed and the claims of candidates—boys and girls—for admission to the Schools were carefully investigated, and resolutions to support the most deserving passed. Bro. the Right Hon. the Earl of Zetland, the Provincial Grand Master, presided over the Grand Lodge, and was supported by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. J. Pearson Bell, M.D., J.P.; Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde Powlett, Major Woodall, &c. The following brethren were installed Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Sir Charles Legard, Bart., W.M. Denison 1248, S.G. Warden; Charles Norman P.M. Lennox 123 J.G.W., Rev. L. Heath, M.A., Kingston 1010 P.G. Chaplain, R. W. Hollon P.M. York 236 and Eboracum 1611 P.G. Treasurer, J. Todd P.M. York 236 P.G. Reg. M.C., Peck P.M. Sykes 1040 P.G. Sec., J. H. Emes P.M. Minerva 250 S.G.D., J. T. Atkinson W.M. St. Jermain's 566 J.G.D., A. W. Ansell P.M. Humber 57 P.S. Sup. Wks., T. B. Whytehead W.M. Eboracum 1611 P.G.D.C., B. L. Wells P.M. Alexandra 1511 P.G. Sword Bearer, J. Camidge Constitutional 294 P.G. Organist, J. Ward York 236 P.G. Pursuivant, T. Crier Humber 57 P.G. Tyler. A committee was appointed for the purpose of increasing the support given to the several Masonic Charities in the Province, and it was announced by the Grand Master that the Provincial Lodge next year would be held in York, on the invitation of the Eboracum Lodge No. 1611. About 120 brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, under the presidency of the Provincial Grand Master, who in the course of the proceedings thanked the officers and brethren of the Constitutional Lodge, Beverley, for the handsome hospitality with which the Grand Lodge had been received.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In answer to the query of your correspondent OLD FILE, the amount appearing as "Other Receipts" in Balance Sheet No. 2 is made up of Subscriptions £168, Initiation fees £52 10s, and Visiting fees £39 1s.

I am pleased to see, from the letters you publish, that the officials of the Yarborough and Doric Lodges take so much pride in shewing the results achieved by their Lodges. I wish others would follow their example, it would be a grand incentive to the members to exert themselves so as to get a respectable statement to put forward. At the same time I should like them to shew what proportion of their receipts they can afford to devote to charity. It would serve as a basis on which to suggest a fixed minimum.

No. 4.

BALANCE SHEET OF CHAPTER ——. ONE YEAR—1877:—

RECEIPTS.

Balance forward	£3 14 3
Receipts for the year:—	
Subscriptions and Visitors	75 10 6
Exaltation Fees ...	28 7 0
	103 17 6
	£107 11 9

EXPENDITURE.

Refreshment	£52 9 9
Grand Chapter certificates and dues	9 15 0
P.Z.'s jewel	5 5 0
Janitor	1 10 0
Printing, postages, &c.	4 7 6
Balance in hand	34 4 6
	£107 11 9

The above statement, although satisfactory on the whole, lacks the one important item without which no Masonic balance sheet is perfect. I, of course, allude to a Charity Grant.

I hope the members of this Chapter may have as large a surplus to report this year, but I trust they will not again forget those who, "from unavoidable calamity and misfortune, are reduced to the lowest ebb of poverty and distress." With such a balance brought forward, and anything of a prosperous year, they could, without risk, devote ten guineas from their funds to each of our Charities. Were they to do this, I feel certain that Companions would be found among them willing to undertake the duties of Stewards, and from what I personally know of the Chapter, I feel convinced the result of the united efforts of three Stewards would be such a sum as would put their name among those at the head of the Charity lists of 1879. I almost feel inclined to ask you to publish the name of this Chapter at the head of the statement, but in the hope that there are many where some-what similar results can be shewn, I leave it blank, thinking that by so doing, others than the members concerned will find it of interest.

I have to thank you, Bro. Editor, for forwarding the two letters which were sent to your office addressed to me, they each contained a balance sheet, both of which I will ask you to publish in due course.

Yours fraternally,

UNION JACK.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The third balance sheet presented by "UNION JACK" is more unsatisfactory than either of those which preceded it. The year's income amounts to £294 5s 6d, the year's expenditure, which includes no grant whatever for charitable purposes, to £343 17s 4d, so that the Lodge which commenced the year with the respectable balance in hand of £85 6s 6d, closed it with one of £35 14s 8d, thus showing the very substantial diminution of, in round figures, £50. Five-sixths of the whole income were spent in feeding and rent. Ten Guineas were voted for a P.M.'s jewel, and Printing, Postage, &c., cost the very considerable sum of £15 8s 3d. If we put the three balance sheets together, then, omitting, at the outset, the balances whether on the right or the wrong side of the account, we shall find the following results.

	1st Lodge.	2nd Lodge.	3rd Lodge.	Total.
	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d
(a) RECEIPTS.	201 9 6	266 0 9	294 5 6	=761 15 9
(b) EXPENDITURE:—				
Refreshment, &c.	160 13 4	238 19 6	251 7 7	=651 0 5
Grand Lodge	16 15 0	25 6 0	62 11 6	=104 12 6
P.M.'s Jewel	5 5 0	7 7 0	10 10 0	=23 2 0
Tyler	3 7 0	2 10 0	4 0 0	=9 17 0
Printing, &c.	2 18 7	6 7 1	15 8 3	=24 13 11
Not Specified	12 10 7	—	—	=12 10 7
Charity	—	20 0 0	—	=20 0 0
TOTAL EXPENDITURE				£845 16 5
Excess of Outgoings over Incomings				£84 0 8

It will be noted that out of this total of £845 16s 5d only £20, granted by 2nd Lodge, was expended in Charity, being less by £3 2s than was voted for P.M.'s jewels, and by £4 13s 10d than was expended for Printing, &c.

(c) Now for BALANCES at beginning and end of year.	£	s	d
Beginning: 2nd Lodge £336 3s 2d, 3rd Lodge £85 6s 6d	=421	9	8
Less due to Treasurer of 1st Lodge		36	11 5
	£384	18	3

End: 2nd Lodge £301 14s 4d, 3rd Lodge £35 14s 8d	=337	9	0
Less due to Treasurer of 1st Lodge		2	5 6
	£335	3	6

Difference—TO THE BAD—between opening and closing Balances		49	14 9
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It will be noted under this head that the "Excess" above shown namely £84 0s 8d is accounted for thus:—

Diminution of Balance in hand 2nd Lodge		34	8 10
" " " 3rd "		49	11 10

	£84	0	8
To which must be added "Due Treasurer," 1st Lodge		2	5 6
	£86	6	2

Again, if we add to "Difference—TO THE BAD,—above shown		49	14 9
The old Debts and moneys due Treasurer 1st Lodge, viz.		36	11 5

We have the EXCESS stated in another form		£86	6 2
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It must be remembered that had the 1st Lodge commenced the year without liabilities it would have closed it with £36 11s 5d amount paid off, less £2 5s 6d still due Treasurer, or the fair balance in hand of £34 5s 11d, which is the exact difference between Excess of Expenditure over Receipts (£84 0s 8d), and the Difference "TO THE BAD" between opening and closing balances (£49 14s 9d).

But what a miserable revelation these statements afford of the true inner life of some of our Masonic Lodges! Are we not the veriest of humbugs, the most superlative of hypocrites, when we talk of our charitable doings; and here are three Lodges—I should much like to believe they are exceptional cases—which out of a year's receipts, amounting in the aggregate to £761 15s 9d, spend £651 0s 5d in feasting, and £20 in charity? Freemasonry has been described as a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory, and illustrated by symbols. A very peculiar system indeed, with humbug for its veil of allegory, and the knife and fork and tankard as the most remarkable among its symbols. £650 spent in eating and drinking, and £20 voted for charity! The contrast is superb, but not one of which the Lodges in question have the slightest reason to be proud. And this leads me to submit a farther observation, namely, that nine-tenths of those who banquet thus gorgeously belong to the class of folk who in their families live in honest, homely fashion, and the expenditure of a guinea or five-and-twenty shillings on a single dinner—one-half of which is showy vases and plated candelabra, and the other half a sorry attempt to rival a fashionable dinner—is not in keeping with their usual style of living. Here and there we find a member who can appreciate a really good glass of wine, but the majority are hardly able to distinguish between gooseberry and champagne. They speak affectionately and at the time with many a knowing wink of their love of Margaux, yet, if tried, they could not tell it from Medoc, even to save their souls. Honestly, they would prefer dining *en famille* off a prime haunch or saddle of mutton, or a sirloin of beef with et ceteras, and wash it down with a tankard of sound English ale; but they are afraid if they were to suggest the idea they might lose caste with their fellows. So with many a sigh for what is not in the menu, and many a wry face over the kickshaws they know nothing about, they partake of one after the other, "*Soupe à la polonoise*," "*Filets de requin à la chinoise*," "*Cotelettes de veau, sauce Brobdinag*," "*boeuf à la redingote*," and so on. Well nigh every guest knows the whole thing is but affectation and humbug, yet each pays his guinea or more for the privilege of playing the hypocrite on stated occasions. And then the statement of account is overhauled with the result as seen in the above cases—£650 in feeding, and £20 in charity! Heigho! this is, indeed, Freemasonry—a peculiar system of morality—with a vengeance!

I rejoice to say I am very partial to good living. I should be a fool if I were not. I hold that the good things of this life which a benign Providence has bestowed upon us should be enjoyed, and enjoyed freely—though not to excess—as well as thankfully. But too many of our Lodge banquets are mere glitter, make believe, and pretence; with plenty of bright light, and sham flowers and silver plate, &c., but nothing that is really sound and good; with plenty of enforced gaiety, but no true enjoyment. But I fear that I have trespassed at too considerable length on your valuable space. I will conclude, therefore, with the remark, that if we exercised more common sense, and exhibited more courage; if we declined to be led by the nose into expense which cannot be justified; if we thought more about our principles, and less about our bellies, our "peculiar system of morality" would be all the better; and what is more to the point still, some of our poor and distressed brethren might be all the better, too, if we showed a little more self-denial.

Ever yours fraternally,

OLD FILE.

OLD LODGES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to thank Bro. Gould for the notes he so kindly furnished in your issue of last week. The confusion of dates in the case of our senior Lodges is greatly to be regretted, but as the errors once made have been perpetuated, there is no help for it but to accept the present numbering, though there is no valid reason why the dates of Constitution, where they are proved to be wrong, should not be set right again. Now, Pine's List for 1734—recently reprinted by Hughan—was the first that was published after present Medina, No. 35, and Strong Man, No. 45, had been constituted, and it is reasonable to suppose that the dates would be correctly given when only a brief interval of time had elapsed between the date of the List's publication and those of the Lodges being constituted. Well, this Pine's List, 1734, gives the dates of constitution as follow:—No. 110 now Strong Man, No. 45—2nd Feb. 1732-3; No. 111 now Medina, No. 35—17 Feb. 1732-3. The same dates are also given in Pine's List 1736. According to Dr. Oliver, the former was warranted, in the 1738 List, on 2 February 1732 which would fall within the year 1732-3; but in the 1740 List, Pine gives the date 2nd Feb. 1734, which falls within the year 1733-4, thus degrading the Lodge one year in respect of date, the while he allowed it to retain its numerical precedence as No. 98—which by the closing up of the Lodges it had become from No. 110—over No. 99—formerly No. 111—constituted "17 Feb. 1732," which, by thus dating it, he advanced a year. The conclusion I am disposed to draw from this retention of No. 98 in this list in its pride of place (though with date of constitution degraded to 2 Feb. 1734) over two 1732 Lodges and eleven 1733 Lodges is that 1734 is a clerical error for 1732, which was intended to have been written, the "3" of "1732-3" having been dropped. Subsequently when the Lodges were closed up in 1756, the error committed by Pine and continued by Cole misled Grand Lodge, which, without stopping to examine the facts, transferred one Lodge to its supposed proper year, so that No. 98 was degraded and became No. 68 at the bottom of the 1734 Lodges, while No. 99 figured as No. 57 in its old place among the 1732 Lodges. How in the former case the original "Feb. 2," became "Feb. 17" I will not attempt to explain. Then, as Feb. 17 1732 falls within 1731-2, a subsequent compiler of Grand Lodge List, in his desire to be more than usually accurate, perhaps described the date of constitution as "Feb. 17 1731-2" and then a further change resulted in the "2" being dropped. In some such way as this I imagine a Lodge constituted 17 Feb. 1733 is now dated as a 1731 Lodge—the process being simple enough:—17 Feb. 1733 is the same as 17 Feb. 1732-3. The "3" was dropped for the sake of brevity, and it became 17 Feb. 1732 only. Then for greater accuracy this was converted into 17 Feb. 1731-2, and then for brevity again this was reduced to 17 Feb. 1731.

I think there can be no doubt whatever that present No. 45 is older than present No. 35, and all the intermediate Lodges formerly under the banner of Grand Lodge "Moderns." I fancy, too, there is just a little reason in the explanation I have offered for its degradation from 1732-3 to 1734.

Yours fraternally,

YOUR REVIEWER OF HUGHAN'S REPRINT OF PINE'S LIST OF LODGES 1734.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As a member of Strong Man Lodge, allow me to offer such scanty information as is at my command now, concerning the past history of No. 45. In the minutes of a regular Lodge meeting held on the 8th March 1833, it was resolved "that it is highly proper to celebrate in a marked and distinguished manner the Centenary of the Strong Man Lodge, at one of its meetings during the ensuing year, 1834, the Warrant bearing date February 1734." This was followed by the striking off and presentation to each subscribing member of a commemoration, or centenary jewel, one of which can be seen at Bro. Kenning's. Allow me also to add that the Lodge figures as 61 on 1st November 1832, and as 53, late 61, on 6th December. Next week I hope to be able to give a few more particulars, and if you will allow me space, I will endeavour to supply a copy of the warrant.

Yours fraternally,

H. J. DEAN.

2 Blomfield-street, E.C., 17th October 1878.

THE "FOUR OLD LODGES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hardly think it becoming, even in so able and enthusiastic a Masonic writer as Bro. Hughan, to adopt the regal or editorial "We" in expressing his individual opinions on the subject of the "Four Old Lodges," or, indeed, on any subject. Nor is it wise, unless he wishes to lay himself open to the charge of arrogance; as Masons, who are also men of the world, must smile at the exhibition of such petty vanity. Bro. Gould and Your Reviewer must be more than human, if they relish this kind of patronage. The value of their labours will be all the same, neither more nor less to the extent even of one jot or tittle, whether Bro. Hughan condescendingly pats them on the back or not. It is a pity one so enlightened as he should assume such airs towards writers who evidently know what they are about, and one of whom, by the laborious patience and ability with which he has gone on investigating a subject of deep interest to the Masonic public, is deserving of a better fate than to be patronised even by Bro. Hughan. If that estimable brother is anxious to be thought even wiser than we know he is, I would respectfully suggest to him to be a little less vain of his powers, and not assume, as the style of his letter would lead people

to believe he does, that he is the only competent authority on Masonic history. I know, directly, or indirectly, all three—Bros. Hughan and Gould and Your Reviewer, and except in the one particular, that the first, I believe, entered the field of Masonic literature before the other two, I have as great confidence in the opinions of the two last as Bro. Hughan's. This makes the assumption of any superiority on his part the more to be regretted. I confess that, when I began the letter, I thought I should find at foot of it the names of half-a-dozen brethren, or, at least, of Bros. Hughan and Woodford, who had constituted themselves a kind of irresponsible tribunal for the purpose of passing judgment on Bro. Gould's researches, having overlooked the fact that at all events some among your numerous readers are competent to form an opinion for themselves. Let Bro. Hughan take warning from a far greater writer than he can ever hope to be—the late Charles Dickens, whose marvellous abilities were only equalled by his inordinate vanity. Even he was the subject of frequent ridicule.

I am, Dear Sir,

Your faithful friend and Brother,

London, 15th October 1878.

SCRUTATOR.

MASONIC QUERY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A large number of W.M.'s aprons will shortly be wanted, all over the country: and I wish to know how much longer that badge is to be rendered ludicrous and unbecoming by the Taus being placed upside down, like *Levels*, merely because of the printer's blunder in the Constitutions, where "Perpendiculars upon Horizontals" appears, instead of "Horizontals upon Perpendiculars," as it obviously should be.

Too many members of the Fraternity, I am afraid, neither know nor care anything about the signification of the "Symbols" by which the beautiful system of Masonry is illustrated; and wear them only as children wear mock jewellery and watches on their gala clothes. But the most ignorant and careless S.W. who was ever promoted to W.M. can see the absurdity of stamping him in the *higher degree* with the emblem of the *lower*; and, instead of giving him his rightful "implement of power" to indicate his rank and position in the Lodge, sending him back for a level to the chair from which he had just emerged. I never see the W.M.'s badge as it is now made without being reminded of the famous picture of the "Rationalistic Chicken," with a piece of eggshell sticking to its tail, and wondering when the owner will awake to the consciousness of the foolish figure that he presents in consequence.

The manufacturers of course are not to blame. They merely go by the book. But surely there is in Grand Lodge some brother intelligent and influential enough to take up the question of revision, and insist on this and other errors being rectified without delay.

Yours fraternally,

5th October 1878.

C. V. N.

A SENSIBLE PROTEST.

To the Editor of the Standard.

SIR,—Having noticed in your edition of Monday last, a paragraph to the effect that it is intended at the approaching meetings of the Governors of the Masonic Boys' and Girls' Schools to move for the admission of a son and daughter of the late Bro. Jardine, who lost his life through the recent collision on the Thames between the Bywell Castle and Princess Alice, I must ask you to allow me to express my disapproval of such a proceeding, and submit that it is establishing a most unwise precedent, and calculated to give great dissatisfaction to hundreds of governors and subscribers who will not have an opportunity of being present when the motions are made. So far as the widow and orphans are concerned, I am confident there is not a member of the Fraternity who feels greater sympathy for them than myself, and I should be glad to hear of Mrs. Jardine succeeding in getting some of her children into the Schools, after the ordinary course for election has been pursued, but not in the manner proposed, as I am fully in accord with the view so clearly put before the public in the letter of "H. G. S." under the heading "Blindfold Benevolence," in your edition of the 4th instant, which was so ably supplemented by a leading article of same date.

Many cases of the greatest distress have been known to me, and the widows have been unable, after repeated applications, to obtain admission for their children to these Schools, and in some of these cases the brethren have met their death by drowning or accident, leaving large families totally unprovided for; but because it did not take place under circumstances similar to Bro. Jardine's, no "special," heed is taken, and these poor widows did not, as of course Mrs. Jardine and children will, receive substantial relief from a Mausion House Fund.

I will not trouble you further than to express a hope that the members who will assemble in Great Queen-street, at the Courts about to be held, will pause, before adopting a course not contemplated in the rules of these institutions, nor warranted by extreme distress.

I am, Sir, yours obediently,

10th October.

JUSTICE.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Diseases and casualties incidental to youth may be safely treated by the use of these excellent medicaments according to the printed directions folded round each pot and box. Nor is this Ointment alone applicable to external ailments; conjointly with the Pills it exercises the most salutary influence in checking inflammations situated in the interior of the body; when rubbed upon the back and chest it gives the most sensible relief in asthma, bronchitis, pleurisy, and threatening consumption. Holloway's remedies are especially serviceable in liver and stomach complaints, for the cure of bad legs, all sorts of wounds, sores, and likewise scrofula, and scorbutic affections. This Ointment produces a cooling and soothing feeling most acceptable to the sufferer.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, the 12th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C. The Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. R. Stanway, supported by Brs. J. Freeman and G. W. Blackie Senior and Junior Wardens respectively; Bros. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, N. B. Headon P.M. Treas., E. Moody P.M. Sec., J. Seex P.M., J. Stevens P.M., J. H. Townend P.M., W. H. Catchpole S.D., T. Hamer J.D., W. F. Kibble D. of C., G. Jenkins Org., C. Taylor I.G., W. H. Hook Steward. The emergency meeting of the previous Saturday having disposed of the business that would otherwise have been brought forward, the way was left clear for the installation to be proceeded with. Accordingly, the minutes having been confirmed, Bro. J. Freeman was duly presented, and obligated. The Lodge was advanced, and he was placed in the chair of K.S. in regular form. The Officers for the year were appointed as follow:—Bros. G. W. Blackie S.W., W. H. Catchpole J.W., Rev. R. J. Simpson Chap., N. B. Headon Treas., E. Moody Sec., T. Hamer S.D., C. Taylor J.D., W. Kibble I.G., W. H. Hook D. of C., R. Hooker and F. T. C. Keeble Stewards, G. Jenkins Organist, Steedman P.M. Tyler. The Auditors' report was then presented. From it we learn that the Lodge has the following balances:—General Fund, £52 16s 6d; Benevolent Fund, £109 15s 6d; Samaritan Fund, £23 3s; and Reserve Fund, £14 4s. Bro. J. Stevens proposed that the balance sheet be received and entered on the minutes, this was seconded, and, on being put to the Lodge, was carried unanimously. A proposition for initiation was handed in, and the visiting brethren having tendered their good wishes, the W.M. closed the Lodge. The brethren then adjourned to banquet in the great hall of the Hotel and commenced a very pleasant evening, under the presidency of the newly installed Master. After grace, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen. As Masous, he said, we should especially honour this toast. The brethren having given it a hearty reception, the W.M. gave that of the M.W. the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, which was also received in a hearty manner. In giving the next on the list, the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. expressed his pleasure at having two Past Grand Officers among them. He considered these two brethren were worthy members of a most influential body. They had each worked in their time for the good of the Craft, and he doubted not would never flag in so continuing to work. He would ask the brethren to evince their good opinion of Grand Lodge by giving a hearty reception to the toast. Bro. Simpson, in reply, considered, with reference to the heads of Grand Lodge, that their praises were so often sung it was hardly necessary for him to refer to them. Suffice it to say, that whatever they have in hand they carry out in a most straightforward manner. As for himself, he had to thank the W.M. for having reinvested him as Chaplain of the Lodge. He heard, not many years ago, that Masonry had been the turning point of a brother's life, and that turning point arose from the perfect way in which the ceremony was performed. Were he free to give that brother's name, it would reveal one of the most prominent Masons of the day. Our rev. brother further referred to various matters in connection with Freemasonry, more especially regarding the firm stand it had maintained. Bro. Fenn also responded; he said that while Freemasonry supported the throne and religion as it did, it could not fail to prosper. Bro. Stanway next assumed the gavel. In proposing the health of the newly installed Master, he did so with especial gratification, as that brother had taken a part in introducing him (Bro. Stanway) into Freemasonry. He was pleased he had that night had the pleasure of returning that kindness by installing Bro. Freeman into the chair. He hoped their W.M. would remember this ceremony with the same gratification as he did that of initiation. The W.M., in feeling terms, returned thanks for the way in which his health had been proposed. He felt that the members would excuse his shortcomings when they considered the responsibility entailed by his being appointed to rule so large a Lodge as The Great City. He hoped for the support of the members and officers in the carrying out of his duties. He next gave the health of the Immediate Past Master, and the other P.M.'s of the Lodge. Before giving the toast he had a pleasing duty to perform, viz.—to present to Bro. Stanway a P.M.'s jewel, which he hoped that brother would long be in a position to wear among them. Bro. Stanway, in responding, said he would not detain them long in detailing what should be done in and out of Freemasonry. He had to thank the members for the kind support he had received during his year of office. To the Officers he was especially indebted. To them, and indeed to members generally, he owed his most sincere thanks. He considered he could, at the end of this, his year of office, say, it was well finished. He accepted the jewel as a memento of what would never be effaced from his memory. Bro. Stevens followed. He referred the company back to the time of their inauguration, five years since, and felt sure the members would agree with him that so far The Great City Lodge had carried out its programme. He spoke at some length of the letter which appeared in our last issue, under the signature "Peter," and explained the matters therein referred to. Bro. Freeman next gave the toast of the Visitors. The Great City were always pleased to see among them a goodly array of Visitors, and hoped their gatherings would always be graced by some. The W.M. here announced that the Charity box had returned to him with £4 2s as the result of its journey round the table. Bro. Edmonston, in responding for the Visitors, considered it a great compliment being selected from so many to respond to the toast. It gave him great pleasure to be present at their meeting. He considered a compliment had been paid the Royal Leopold Lodge, of which he had the pleasure of being Senior Warden, in mentioning the members thereof specially in the toast. Bro. Dakers also replied. He was extremely gratified at what he had seen during the evening. Bro. Preston followed; he tendered his meed of praise. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He felt that they had brethren

filling those offices who were far in advance of those occupying similar positions in other Lodges. Bro. Headon, the Treasurer, was gratified that his office entailed so little talking. He was pleased if he had filled the office of Treasurer of the Lodge to the satisfaction of the members. He then referred to the letter on which Bro. Stevens had commented. He thought that the balance sheet of the Lodge would satisfy all the requirements of our correspondent. He hoped the Master would before long express it as his intention to represent, on behalf of the Lodge, one of the Charities. Should he do so, he (Bro. Headon) would guarantee that the Lodge would not be backward in supporting him; in fact, he would now offer to propose that such a sum be voted as would be a credit to the Lodge. He felt sure the members would handsomely support the Master. Bro. Moody also spoke at some length on what he considered the intrusion of our correspondent. He felt that The Great City Lodge did not want any suggestions as to what they should do. He thought their work in the cause of Charity, which, in the columns of the journal he was now alluding to, had lately been held up as an example, would amply answer any remarks of such correspondents as "Peter." We regret that Bro. Moody's "annual lecture" was here brought to an abrupt termination, on "a question of order," as we think that The Great City Lodge has, during its short existence, had suggestions made, as well as faults pointed out, at these installation meetings by their worthy Secretary. However, he promised an exhaustive "sermon" at the next gathering, when he specially invited the members to attend. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Officers, to which the S.W. responded. It was then proposed that the thanks of the meeting be given to Bro. Bertram, for the satisfactory way in which he had carried out the musical arrangements of the evening. Nor would it be just to omit mention of Bro. Harper's solo on the trumpet. As our readers are aware, Bro. Harper is the trumpeter *par excellence* of the day. Whether he is one and the same with the celebrated trumpeter of the Comic Latin Grammar, "Trumpeter unus erat, qui coatum scarlet habebat," we are not prepared to say; but as to the unapproachable merits of his performance there can be no question. Among the Visitors were Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D., W. H. Perryman P.M. 3, J. Walker P.M. 27, S. W. Sutton P.M. 73, E. W. Davis P.M. 95, 172, R. Jackson P.M. 104, G. Pritchard P.M. 117, A. D. Kerrell 145, L. Binet 179, G. Kenning P.M. 192, J. R. Green 228, E. Mackney P.M. 299, P.P.G.O. Kent, G. W. Churchley W.M. 615, M. J. O'Connor 636, T. Binsted 657, C. P. McKay W.M. 720, G. Light 959, G. Alcock 1149, G. W. Saul S.W. 1201, C. Fountain S.W. 1216, T. Harper J.D. 1216, F. Le Rossignol 1216, O. Latreille 1260, E. Lane 1275, J. W. Sanders 1293, W. Manger 1314, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, P. Thomas 1396, A. Vernon 1441, W. D. Partridge 1445, Joseph Lake 1471, J. J. Reading 1475, T. Eastgate 1563, J. W. Medwin 1613, T. Edmonston W.M. 1658, W. Richardson 1658, P. Dakers Treas. 1669, A. Bradley J.W. 1669, T. Preston Sec. 1669, E. Baup, &c.

West Middlesex Lodge, No. 1612.—The duty of writing notices of meetings is, as regards its monotony, one not well calculated to excite a very considerable amount of enthusiasm, but there are cases in which the recording one or other of our Lodge meetings is attended with a great deal of pleasure. This is essentially the case with young and vigorous Lodges, whose history is of yesterday, but whose members have shown from the very outset that they are animated by the true Masonic spirit, and that they are in fact what our American cousins are, we believe, in the habit of describing as "real grit." This is particularly the case with the West Middlesex Lodge, which, throughout the brief period of its existence, has proved itself to be an eminently good working Lodge, full of spirit and energy, and fully actuated by the most generous of Masonic principles. We do not say this in any spirit of flattery, but because we know it has been and is the case. The Officers do their duty admirably, and the members second their efforts to promote the success of the Lodge most laudably. More than this it would be impossible to say, so, without further preface, we announce that on Saturday last the members met at the Ealing Institute, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. A. Beasley, supported by Bros. Kasner and Burr, who filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens, Bro. J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, Bro. T. Kingston the W.M. elect, a strong muster of the members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. W. Goss I.P.M. 780, T. Cull J.W. 1416, John Johnson 475, W. W. Truman I.G. 1566, A. Kent 1425, S. T. Kingston 1269, John March 27, W. S. Cantrell jun. P.G.D. Berks and Bucks, R. E. Hannis 771, W. T. Wrighton 23, W. Heath 1681, W. W. Morgan 211, J. Collinson 862, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1489 and 1642, T. J. Robinson 1589, M. Rickwood J.W. 192, B. E. Blasby J.W. 780, George Wells 780, G. F. Hearne 733, S. J. Dowsing 167, &c. The Lodge was opened at two o'clock, when the minutes were read and confirmed. The Report of the Audit Committee was next received, and unanimously adopted. The ceremonial portion of the day's proceedings then commenced. Brother E. T. B. Allen was examined as to his proficiency in the second, he aspiring to be raised to the sublime degree. The knowledge he displayed warranted his claim for advancement, and the Worshipful Master worked the ceremony with the impressiveness we are so accustomed to from him. Bro. W. J. Bloomfield, a candidate for passing, was next introduced; he complied with the requisite formalities, and Bro. Beasley instructed him in his second step in Freemasonry. A notice of motion—That the Initiation Fee be raised to ten guineas, and the Joining Fee to six guineas—was then considered; the result, however, was a foregone conclusion, as it had been arranged by the Founders this increase should be made so soon as the muster roll of members had reached a certain number, which number had already been exceeded. We need, therefore, only state that the motion was carried. We now come to what, unquestionably, was the event of the day,—the installation of the W.M.

for ensuing year. The choice of the brethren, at the last meeting, had fallen on Bro. Thomas Kingston, P.M. of the Whittington Lodge, and he was now introduced by Bro. J. Chambers Roe, who most efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. The chairs of Senior and Junior Warden were severally filled by Bros. Weaver Past Master, and Cantrell W.M. of High Wycombe Lodge. After Bro. Kingston had been duly obligated, Bro. Beasley, who acted as Installing Master, requested the members who had not yet passed the chair to withdraw, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Thomas Kingston was inducted into the chair as Master of the West Middlesex Lodge. The brethren were then re-admitted, and saluted their new Master, who appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. H. L. P. Kasner S.W., A. J. Burr J.W., H. Tucker Treas., J. C. Roe P.M. Secretary, Delevante Org., Green S.D., Dyer J.D., Seward jun. D.C., Fisher W.S., Bourne I.G., Harrison Tyler. A chaste and elegant Past Master's jewel was then presented to the outgoing Master by Bro. Kingston, who expressed, on behalf of the members, their appreciation of the great services Bro. Beasley had rendered during the two years he had occupied the chair. The handsome gift was suitably acknowledged by the recipient. The name of a brother was then handed in as wishing to join the Lodge; also that of a gentleman as candidate for initiation. Bro. Weaver P.M., an honorary member of the Lodge, then rose, and briefly addressed the members. He expressed his sense of approval as to the way in which the heavy business of the day had been conducted by Bro. Beasley. He regretted he had not been so frequent a visitor to the Lodge as he could have desired, but he assured the members, though he had not been at their meetings, he had been eminently gratified by the reports he had read of their progress. The worthy Sec. then read a letter he had received from Bro. John Hervey, Grand Sec., expressing his regret that the state of his health at present precluded his accepting the kind invitation of Bro. Beasley; at the same time assuring that esteemed Brother that on one of their "quiet" nights he should have great pleasure in paying the Lodge a visit. The writer also stated how gratified he was to know the Lodge had attained so high a position. Bro. Roe brought several other letters before the Lodge, which was then closed. The banquet was served at the Feathers Hotel, and was placed on the table in capital style by host Bro. Stephens. On the removal of the cloth, Bro. Kingston gave the Loyal toasts, which were fully honoured. Bro. Beasley, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to Bro. Kingston's many qualities. He called on all present to drink the toast with all heartiness; and wish him every prosperity during his year of office, for a better-hearted man, or a truer Mason, he never was acquainted with. The toast was most rapturously received, and the W.M. announced that before he ventured to reply, Miss Delevante had kindly consented to favour them with a song. Bro. Delevante then introduced his daughter, who rendered with exquisite taste two of her favourite songs. Bro. Kingston then rose. He was much gratified with the kind way in which the toast had been given and received. Three years ago he was installed W.M. of his Mother Lodge; it was a great honour that had been conferred on him by the members of the West Middlesex, and he trusted he might be considered worthy of their confidence. He could assure them he had the welfare of the Lodge at heart, and would ever exert himself to further its best interests. Before sitting down he would offer a toast for their acceptance, which he knew they would receive with the greatest cordiality; it was the health of their first Master, the Installing Officer of the day. Any eulogy he could attempt would be superfluous; Bro. Beasley's actions spoke for him. He would therefore, without further preface, offer the toast for their acceptance. After the brethren had given most happy expression to their sentiments, Bro. Beasley rose. He would lose no time in returning his sincere thanks for the way in which the toast had been received. He appreciated their kindness, he trusted, in a way which it deserved. He only hoped they had not set too high a value on his services. He was the first P.M. of the Lodge; true he had served two years as their Master, and he hoped his services had been of benefit to the Lodge. Being now the P.M., he aspired to be looked up to as something more,—as the Father of the Lodge; and he hoped he might for many, many years be looked up to in that connection. Bro. Beasley concluded by thanking one and all for the kind way they had supported him. The next toast was the health of the Visitors, and Bros. Cull, Cantrell, and Morgan replied. Bro. Bloomfield replied to the toast of the New Members, and then came the "Officers," for which Bros. Kasner and Burr replied. "The Treasurer and Secretary" produced able responses from Bros. Tucker and Chambers Roe, and after one or two other toasts, the Tyler was summoned. Some capital songs were given during the evening, while Bro. Jones gave a reading from Knowles's *William Tell*.

Metropolitan Lodge, No. 1507.—The brethren of this Lodge assembled on Wednesday, for the purpose of installing a Master for the ensuing year, and transacting such other business as might offer. Lodge was opened at 3.30 at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street at which establishment the regular meetings are held. Bro. R. T. Kingham, the W.M., opened the Lodge, being supported by a goodly array of brethren and visitors. After the formal business of the day had been disposed of, the Lodge was opened to the third degree, and Bro. C. W. Blake and F. J. Perks were raised. Lodge was then resumed to the second, and Bro. W. F. Bates was passed. Bro. John Douglass was now presented and duly obligated. Lodge was advanced and the ceremony of installation proceeded with, Bro. Kingham acting as Installing Master. Bro. John Douglass having been formally inducted into the chair of K.S., proceeded to appoint the following brethren as his Officers for the year:—Bros. C. J. Scales S.W., W. Side J.W., J. Willing P.M. Treasurer, W. M. Stile Secretary, H. Lovegrove Assistant Secretary and W.S., G. Coll J.D., H. Stiles I.G., J. Clark Director of Ceremonies, Daly Tyler. The addresses having been given by the Installing Master,

five gentlemen, viz.:—Messrs. Alfred Mellon, L. Hollingsworth, David Morgan, G. F. Hall, and Jas. Markie were introduced for the benefit of initiation. The ceremony was duly proceeded with, and each admitted to Masonic light. Votes of thanks were passed to the Installing Master for the able way in which he had conducted the ceremony, and to Bro. C'lemow for his efforts to make the Lodge as comfortable as was possible in the present state of his premises. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to Bro. Mellon's Hotel, in Covent Garden, where a first rate banquet was served, the only hitch being that the waiters had more work than they could comfortably manage in consequence of the attendance being more numerous than was expected. At the conclusion of the banquet the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, coupling the name of Bro. T. Adams P.G.P. with that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Adams replied in his usual genial manner. Bro. Kingham, on rising to give the health of the W.M., was assured that he would receive the support of the members. Bro. Douglass had been intimately connected with the Lodge during the whole time of its existence; he was in fact one of the founders. He had worked through the several offices, and had now attained the summit of a Mason's ambition. Bro. Kingham felt sure that the position was well deserved, and that in carrying out the duties thereof, Bro. Douglass would have the support and co-operation of the whole of the members. He would conclude by wishing Bro. Douglass every prosperity, both for himself and for his Lodge. Bro. Douglass, on rising to reply, was received most heartily. He was exceedingly obliged to the members for their expressions of kindness. It would be an incentive to him to perform the duties, which he hoped to carry out in such a way as to merit the commendation of his fellow workers in the Metropolitan Lodge. The next toast was that of the I.P.M. It was a pleasing duty that the new W.M. had to perform in decorating his predecessor with a jewel, which had been voted in recognition of his services to the Lodge. He hoped he would receive it and wear it as a memento of a most successful term for many years to come. Bro. Kingham, in reply, referred to the occasion of his first responding as W.M. of the Metropolitan Lodge. He then stated that that was the happiest moment of his life, but now he could look back and say that he had spent other such pleasant moments while ruling the Lodge, and the whole was crowned by the act of kindness which he had just received at the hands of Bro. Douglass, in the name of the Lodge. He need hardly say that he should wear the jewel with the greatest pleasure. The toast of the P.M.'s was next given, with this the W.M. coupled the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. Willing, the Treasurer, was very brief in his reply. He, with the other founders wished to make the Lodge one of the successes of Freemasonry; he hoped that, so far, they had succeeded. Bro. Michael was gratified at the kind way in which the mention of his name was always received in the Lodge. Bro. Stiles followed, thanking the members for their support. To the toast of the Visitors, Bro. Crouch, W.M. of the Bardett Coutts, and Dottridge, W.M. of the Old Concord, responded. The W.M. next gave the Masonic Charities, he felt that few words of his were needed, as they had with them that evening Bros. Hedges and Terry, both of whom were ever ready and willing to urge the claims of our Charities. Bro. Hedges was the first to reply. He had great pleasure in stating that the W.M. had just sent him word that he would undertake to act as Steward at the coming Festival of the Girls' School. Bro. Hedges hoped that the members would support their W.M. in such a way as to put the Metropolitan Lodge as near the post of honour in the subscription list as its past doings warranted him in hoping. Bro. Terry followed. He was very pleased to hear from Bro. Hedges that the W.M. had undertaken a Stewardship for the Girls' School. He wished him every success. On no less than three occasions had the Metropolitan Lodge provided a Steward for the Charities, and so long as they carried out the first principle of Freemasonry in such a way as they had in the past, he was convinced they would prosper. The toast of the Officers followed, and to this each responded. The Tyler was now summoned, and the proceedings terminated. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. Terry P.M. 228 Prov. G.J.W. Herts R.M.B.I., F. R. W. Hedges R.M.I.G., E. E. Barratt Kidder 12, T. Vernon 25, W. S. Cooke 25, George Lee 40 (Canada), J. C. Dwarber P.M. 55, E. R. Freebody 87, C. Stevens P.M. 101, J. Yeomans W.M. 167, J. G. Humphrys 167, T. Crabtree 274, C. W. Hudson 315, H. Massey P.M. 619, E. Ayres 742, E. J. Massie 993, F. West 1076, G. Hall 1076, A. Rayner 1201, A. Allworth P.M. 1261, M. Mildred 1326, A. Start 1328, C. G. Hill P.M. 1366, W. W. Moreau jun. 1385, J. L. Bligh 1414, S. Sones P.M. 1425, L. Jacobs 1589, B. Kanffmann 1732, C. B. Putland 1732, F. W. Sillis 1744, W. H. Ball, &c.

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COLONEL JOHN CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the general business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of four girls into the Institution, from a list of 29 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly elected—

No. on list		Votes polled	No. on poll
16	Brasier, Meta Bell ...	4741	1
2	Cooper, Marion Selina ...	2317	2
15	Stone, Ethel ...	2794	3
3	Hill, Evalina Mary ...	1104	4

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next election, if eligible.

Lists showing the votes polled for successful and unsuccessful candidates may be obtained at the Office.

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At a QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers held at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, 11th day of October 1878,

COL. WM. THO. JOHN CREATON, Vice-Patron and Trustee, in the Chair.

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1. Gardner, A. W. ...	2373	8. Day, Arthur Harris ...	1610
2. Coverdale, Miles ...	2119	9. Browning, A. E. ...	1533
3. Reece, Albert E. ...	1813	10. Hall Thos. E. ...	1531
4. Furze, Wm. Ernest... ..	1777	11. Simmonds, H. A. ...	1476
5. White, A. T. ...	1745	12. Rossiter, A. L. E. ...	1375
6. Roberts, W. R. ...	1667	13. Balcombe, A. C. ...	1370
7. Keighley, James ...	1652		

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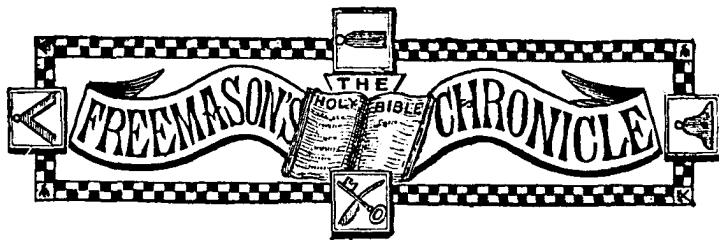
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Prince and Princess of Wales, with their children, arrived in London from Abergeldie early on Sunday morning. Their Royal Highnesses left for Paris on Wednesday evening, arriving there on Thursday morning. On Wednesday the Princess Louise opened a new building in connection with the Warehousemen and Clerks' Schools near Croydon.

In consequence of the unsettled state of affairs in India, the foreign leave of officers in the army and navy has been suspended. Nine batteries of Royal Artillery, with reinforcements for regiments already on service in India, left Portsmouth for Bombay on board the Serapis on Tuesday.

The Middlesex magistrates have refused, by a considerable majority, to renew the licence for dancing and music to the Argyll Rooms, a well known place of resort near the Haymarket.

A panic among the crowded audience of a music-hall in Liverpool occurred on Friday, in consequence of a cry of "Fire!" In the pressure to escape from the building thirty-seven persons were killed, and many others were severely injured.

The Board of Trade inquiry into the collision on the Thames between the steamers Princess Alice and Bywell Castle was opened on Monday, and has been continued daily.

The Judges of the Royal Court of Jersey have decided that marriage with a deceased wife's sister is lawful in that island, Lord Lyndhurst's Act prohibitory of such unions not having been registered in the Royal Court.

The Irish Sunday Closing Act came into operation on Sunday last, and was everywhere well observed.

Michael Heraghty, one of the men accused of the murder of the Earl of Leitrim, died on Saturday, in Lifford Gaol, from typhus fever.

William Stafford, a clerk in the Liverpool branch of the Bank of England, who absconded with £15,000 in notes, was captured at Jersey on board a yacht, which he had hired with a view of reaching Spain. Nearly £7,000 was found in his possession, and he states that he has been defrauded of the remainder.

It is announced from India that the Native Envoy despatched to Cabul by the Viceroy has been permitted to leave that city, bearing a reply from the Ameer. The nature of the reply is, of course, as yet unknown; but, as there is little hope of its proving to be of a satisfactory character, military preparations have been continued without intermission. Very considerable forces have been drawn from the central districts, and preparations have been made for an advance across the frontier. In the meantime negotiations are being carried on with the border tribes, who appear to be not entirely opposed to British interests. The Indian difficulty has not been without influence upon affairs in Europe. The Russian Government has sent a circular to the other Powers declaring a desire to conclude a definite Treaty of Peace with Turkey, and justifying the continued occupation of certain districts by the alleged impotence of the Porte to prevent ill-treatment of the Christian population. The Turkish Government, on the other hand, blame the Russian authorities for any excesses that may have occurred through their refusal to permit a Turkish occupation of the evacuated districts. The Austrian occupation of Bosnia is so far complete, and resistance overcome, that a reduction of the mobilised force has been ordered from Vienna, and about 70,000 men will be immediately withdrawn from active service. The Austrian Government has replied to the Turkish Circular attributing barbarous excesses to the occupying forces in Bosnia, denying the charges, and claiming credit for extreme moderation in carrying out the decisions of the Berlin Conference. A Turkish newspaper, published at Constantinople, strongly condemns the conduct of the

Ameer of Cabul in displaying hostility towards "the sole ally of Islam." The Anti-Socialist Bill has been carried in the German Parliament, generally in the shape agreed upon in the primary committee. General Greig, the Russian Minister of Finance, has visited Berlin, presumably with a view to a new loan, and is now in Paris, it is believed, with the same object. The Hungarian Ministry is still in abeyance, but Baron Depretis has been invited by the Emperor to undertake the formation of a Cabinet. M. Gambetta delivered a speech at Grenoble last week, in which he urged the selection of Republican Senators as the necessary complement to the national constitutional system. The Bishop of Orleans, Monseigneur Dupanloup, whose pamphlet against Freemasonry, published in 1875, attracted so much attention, died suddenly on Friday, aged 76. M. Blignières has been appointed to the control of the Egyptian railways and ports. The Italian papers express discontent at the assumed exclusion of their Government from influence in Egypt. The yellow fever is still very fatal in the Mississippi towns, but there are hopes that colder weather may stay the epidemic.

A letter we have quoted elsewhere in our columns from the *Standard*, is worthy of our attention, and the heading given to it by our contemporary—"A Sensible Protest"—shows what is its opinion of the writer's views. No Englishman would for one moment dream of suggesting anything which could possibly stay the free flow of Charity, and certainly no English Freemason would be guilty of such conduct. When, what is in fact a great national calamity happens, such as the wreck of the Princess Alice, or the Abercarne Explosion, it is just and indeed necessary that some special appeals have to be made to the public; but as has been suggested by another correspondent of the same journal, it is most undesirable that the relations of the victims should be pecuniarily better off than they would have been had their relations still lived. The intensity of their mental suffering is hard to be borne, but that is no reason for overwhelming them with charitable gifts. It is a fact that many poor people who are as sorely stricken as the relatives of those who went down with the Princess Alice receive no help whatever from the public, not because the public begrudges them the needful help, but because the accidents from which they suffer are not of sufficient magnitude to attract notice. If it were possible to suggest a means by which a general relief fund could be established, it would be better than the present plan of appealing to the public only when a great catastrophe happens, for then the inequality with which the Charity of the public is distributed would pass away. For this reason also we are content that the motions made at the Quarterly Courts of the Boys' and Girls' Schools respectively, for the admission without election of a son and daughter of the late Brother Charles Jardine were ruled down. Every Freemason deeply sympathises with Mrs. Jardine and her little ones, so suddenly and so sadly deprived of their husband and father, but our sympathy with them would not justify us in being guilty of an injustice to others who have been bereft in like manner, though not under such painful circumstances.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE Quarterly Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held last Saturday, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. Lieut-Colonel Creaton was called to the chair. The Chairman moved, that a sub-committee consisting of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the desirability of revising the bye-laws, and report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next. Bro. S. Rawson seconded the motion; but Bro. Joshua Nunn moved as an amendment, which was seconded by Bro. C. F. Matier, "That the sub-committee for the revision of the bye-laws be increased to at least nine members;" and this amendment meeting with the approval of the brethren, Bros. McIntyre, Clabon, Nunn, Rucker, Boyd, Griffiths Smith, Col. Creaton, Le Feuvre and J. L. Hine were appointed as the sub-committee. The following motions were also agreed to:—"That four girls be elected at the October Quarterly Court instead of three, thereby filling up a vacancy caused by death;" "That the amount paid as an honorarium to the chaplain be increased from £20 to £25 per annum, also, that to the parochial charities from £5 to £10 per annum;" and "That the premiums on the Secretary's guarantee be paid by the Institution." An exceptional case having arisen by the untimely death of Bro. Charles Jardine (a member of the Audit Committee of this Institution), through the late fatal collision on the Thames, whereby a widow and nine children are left unprovided for, Bro. Joshua Nunn moved, "That the laws regulating the admission of candidates to this Institution be suspended for the purpose of ad-

mitting Cecily Sara Jardine, aged eight years, one of the said orphans from that catastrophe, without election." This resolution, however, was opposed by several brethren, as not being within the power of the Court. The chairman having appealed to Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., for his opinion, Bro. McIntyre, after reading the law referred to, decided that the Court had not the power to suspend the laws. Upon the recommendation of the General Committee the Court granted a gratuity of £20 to G. S. Peachy, for attention and assistance, as extra services, during the late Secretary's illness. Bro. H. Hacker's motion, "that the name of Edith Brown, No. 21 on the list of candidates for election, be struck out as ineligible," was lost, the brethren holding that her father was not in receipt of such pay as would take her out of the rules. The brethren then proceeded to the election of four girls out of an approved list of twenty-nine candidates.

QUARTERLY COURT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

A QUARTERLY General Court of the Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern, Colonel Creaton, Vice Patron and Trustee, in the chair. The brethren passed a resolution to elect thirteen, instead of eleven boys, out of a list of sixty-five approved candidates at this meeting. Bro. R. B. Webster, in consequence of the ruling of Grand Registrar at the Quarterly Court of the Girls' School, the previous Saturday, withdrew his motion to suspend the laws of the Institution, and admit Arthur George Jardine into the School without election. Subsequently Brother Binckes informed the Court that he had received a telegram from the Rev. Dr. Cox, to the effect that the Committee of the Mansion House Fund had decided to buy this boy into the School, and one of his sisters into the Masonic Girls' School. Col. Creaton's motion, "That a sub-committee of five members of the General Committee be appointed to take into consideration the advisability of a revision of the laws; that such Committee be empowered to confer with a similarly appointed Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and to report thereon to the Quarterly Court in January next," being brought forward, it was suggested that in lieu of "five," the word "nine" should be substituted, and in the amended form the motion was carried. Colonel Creaton was elected a trustee of the General Fund, in place of Bro. John Symonds, resigned. On the motion of Bro. Raynham Stewart, seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck, a vote of thanks to Bro. John Symonds was afterwards passed, for his efficiency as a trustee, the vote also conveying the expression of a wish that his health would soon be restored. The result of the election of boys will be found elsewhere.

CONSECRATION OF THE ROYAL HANOVER LODGE, No. 1777.

THIS new Lodge, which has been named to perpetuate the memory of the ex-King of Hanover, was consecrated at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Friday, the 11th inst. The large hall was fitted up for the occasion, and formed a spacious and imposing Lodge-room. The Consecrating Officer was the R.W. Bro. Col. Francis Burdett, Prov. G.M. Middlesex, with Bros. John Boyd P.G.P. as S.W., Dr. Ramsey Prov. S.G.W. Middlesex as J.W., Rev. John Conder Chaplain Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1 as Chaplain, and H. G. Buss as D.C. The Prov. G.M. gave a most excellent address, and impressively performed the ceremony of consecration; after which Bro. H. Shadwell Clerke S.G.D. assumed the chair, and a Board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. H. A. Dubois P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex was installed in ancient form, and on the return of the brethren duly saluted. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bros. Henry Lovegrove as S.W., Geo. Clark jun. as J.W., W. H. Barber Secretary, G. J. Dunkley Organist, and J. Daly Tyler. Bro. W. Ramsey P.M., who was unavoidably absent, was elected Treasurer. After the transaction of some formal business, the Lodge was closed in due form. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Bro. G. S. Graham, assisted by the Quartette Party, Bros. R. Taylor, A. Bannister, W. Clegg, and W. Hobern, with G. W. Evans as Organist. The following brethren were present, besides those mentioned above:—Bros. Sir Charles Bright Dep. Prov. G.M., G. W. Dixon P.M. 209 P.P.D.C. Berks and Bucks, Crawshaw P.M. 209, E. J. Massie 993, Curtis 145, C. C. Cruikshank 1507, Newby 73, Abbott P.M. 619, Johnson 868, J. Blake P.M. 8 P.G.S., M. Larham P.M. 1216, H. Clark 1507, Green P.M. 27, W. M. Whitmarsh, M.D., 145, Daniel J.P.M. 65, E. W. Dubois 1216, Lyon 863, Stedwell P.M. P.P.S.G.D., Charles B. Payne Grand Tyler, Woodstock Tyler. Previously to the Lodge being closed, the Consecrating Officers, with Bros. Sir Charles Bright and Col. H. Shadwell Clerke, S.G.D., were elected honorary members of the Lodge. The brethren were conveyed to the Greyhound, at Richmond, where an elegant banquet had been provided by the proprietor, Bro. Moullet, to which thirty did justice. The usual toasts were proposed by the W.M.; Bros. Shadwell Clerke and Buss responding for the Grand Officers. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Col. Burdett, and suitably responded to. The toasts of the Officers was responded to by Bros. H. Lovegrove and G. Clark jun., and that of the Visitors by Bros. Dr. Whitmarsh and Larham. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close.

MARK MASONRY IN SOUTH LONDON.

ALTHOUGH a large number of Lodges and Chapters meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, there is no Mark Lodge nearer than Balham or London Bridge, and a Warrant has been issued for the formation of the Brixton Lodge of Mark Masons, No. 234, with Bro. T. Poore P.G.I.G. as W.M., Bro. G. J. McKiv as S.W., and Bro. H. Lovegrove as J.W. Particulars may be obtained of Bro. Lovegrove, 30 Budge-row, E.C.

REVIEWS.

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

Truths about Whisky. London: Printed by SUTTON, SHARPE & Co. 145 Queen Victoria-street, E.C. 1878.

WHEN Sir Wilfred Lawson and his fellow-advocates of total abstinence from liquors shall have succeeded in converting their countrymen to their views, the necessity for the publication of a work of this description will have passed away. But the time when the British public are likely to be influenced by the eloquent voice of the Lawsonian charmer is still remote, and it may be doubted if it ever will arrive, though the world should last for another thousand or so of centuries. Till, then, we are all converted to teetotalism, it is unquestionably to the interest of the public that the liquors we imbibe should be of the purest and most unsophisticated character. If whisky happens to be our particular vanity—and there are not a few who are prepared to swear by it as the vanity of all vanities—it is desirable we should have it as pure as possible. Whisky-drinkers, therefore, both North and South of the Tweed, as well as on the other side of St. George's Channel, will welcome this publication most heartily. It has been written at the instance of the four well-known firms of Whisky Distillers, Messrs. John Jameson and Son, Wm. Jameson and Co., John Power and Son, and George Roe and Co., who for the last two years have been using their utmost exertions to check the practice of those fraudulent traders by whom silent spirit, variously disguised and flavoured, is sold under the name of Whisky; and they consider their efforts are likely to be more successful, in the first place, if their own position in the trade is known; and in the next, if what constitutes true Whisky is thoroughly and generally understood by the British public. To this end, they state in Chapter I. their position as Whisky Distillers, and having done this they go on to speak of the qualities and popularity of genuine Dublin Whisky, the peculiarities of the Dublin manufacture—all the four firms hail from the capital of Erin—the question of patent stills and silent spirit, the growth of silent spirit into sham Whisky, the relative wholesomeness of the two, the action of the official and parliamentary authorities, "Racking in Bond—the Grogging Question" and "Whisky Frauds outside the Bonded Warehouses." We must not be understood as possessing more than a general knowledge of the subject, and it is on this ground only that we can venture upon the opinion that the contents of this book will prove valuable to the reader. However, the reader will doubtless ask himself this very pertinent question—who can speak with greater authority on the subject of Whisky than the firms who have had this book published. They are engaged in the business of distilling, and are interested, therefore, in having their Whisky as pure and unadulterated as possible. They suffer from the action of the fraudulent tradesmen who sell what is Whisky in name only, and they are fully justified, therefore, in doing all they can to guard the public against buying adulterated liquor. Thus the public is deeply indebted to the Jamesons and their co-adjutors in this work for the pains they have taken to enable it to distinguish the pure from the impure, the good from the bad or the indifferent. Four illustrations accompany the work and will give the reader some idea of the extent of the business transacted by each of the four firms which share among themselves the honours and responsibilities of the authorship of these "Truths about Whisky."

Poverty of India. BY DADABHAI NAOROJI. London: Printed by Vincent Brook, Day and Son, Gate-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields 1878.

THE title of this little pamphlet is somewhat startling, the general public being under the impression that India is a mine of wealth. We know that it has a very large revenue, that its manufactures are numerous and considerable, and that its mineral and agricultural resources are enormous. At the same time it is undeniable that in so densely populated a country there must necessarily be a large amount of poverty, especially if we bear in mind the character of its climate. We have had a recent and most terrible illustration of this in the shape of the famine which raged in so many districts, and caused so terrible a sacrifice of life. What makes it still worse is the fact that these lamentable visitations occur at comparatively frequent intervals, and though, as the railway system is more largely developed, we may look forward to the day when the effects of these famines will be far less severely felt, still there is no doubt that great misery and distress, the inevitable result of much and widespread poverty, does and will for some time to come prevail in our Indian Empire. How to lessen this poverty is the object Mr. Naoroji has had in view in writing this pamphlet, and he has certainly brought together a mass of varied and important information on the subject. This information is well and methodically arranged. The statistical matter, which is conspicuous throughout, is derived from the best and most authentic sources. What is still more to the point is, that having shown how great is India's poverty, and the cause to which it is attributable, he suggests a means by which it may be remedied. Whether the means proposed will secure the desired object is a question we cannot take upon ourselves to affirm. It is, however, well worthy the consideration of all right-thinking men. The book, though on a painful subject, is highly interesting, and the reader will gather from it much information which is not easily accessible to the general public. We thank Mr. Naoroji for his courtesy in forwarding us a copy of this pamphlet.

SHAKSPERE AT SCHOOL.—So our chestnut-haired, fair, brown-eyed rosy-cheeked boy went to school, and waited on his father and mother and their guests. Was he like Seager's model lad, or Jaques' "whining school-boy, with his satchel and shining morning face, creeping like a snail unwillingly to school"? (*As You Like It*, II. vi. 145-7. Did he never, unlike "the blessed sun of heaven, prove a

micher [truant], and eat blackberries? . . . a question to be askt" (*1 Henry IV.*, II. iv. 419). Did he not play "nine-men's morris"? (*Midsummer-Night's Dream*, II. ii. 39). and "more sacks to the mill," "hide and seek," (*Love's Labours Lost*, IV. iii. 78), and other games like hockey, foot-ball, &c., that Strutt names, and that we played at school too? Undoubtedly he did; and birds-nested too, I dare say, and joined in May-day, Christmas, and New Year's games: helpt make hay, went to harvest-homes and sheep-shearings (*Winter's Tale*, IV. iii.), fished (*Much Ado*, III. i. 26-8), ran out with the harriers (*Venus and Adonis*, st. 113-118), and loved a dog and horse (*Venus and Adonis*, st. 41-52; *Midsummer-Night's Dream*, IV. i. 119; *Shrew*, Ind. i. 18-31, II. 45; *Richard II.*, V. v. 78-86; *1 Henry IV.*, II. i. 7, &c.), as dearly as ever boy in England did. It is good to think of the bright young soul's boy-life.

What did Shakspeare learn at school? Latin, of course; and notwithstanding bragging Ben Jonson's sneer of Shakspeare's owning "little Latin and less Greek," it is clear that he must have been well grounded in Latin at least (see Capel on Dr. Farmer's essay on "The Learning of Shakspeare," 1767). On this subject, Mr. Lupton, the editor of Colet, the best authority I know, says:—"I think you would be safe in concluding that at such a school as Stratford, about 1570, there would be taught—(1) an 'A B C book,' for which a pupil teacher, or 'A-B-C-darius' is sometimes mentioned as having a salary; (2) a Catechism in English and Latin, probably Nowell's; (3) the authorised Latin grammar, i.e., Lilly's put out with a proclamation adapted to each king's reign (I have editions of 1529, 1532, 1655, &c.); (4) some easy Latin construing-book, such as Erasmus's *Colloquies*, Corderius's *Colloquies*, or Baptista Mantuanus, and the familiar 'Cato,' or *Disticha de Moribus*, which is often prescribed in Statutes (a copy I have is dated 1558). The Greek grammar, if any in use at Stratford, would most likely be Ctenard's, i.e., 'Institutiones absolutissimæ in Græcæ linguam' . . . Nicolao Ctenardo auctore (my copy is dated 1543)." The treatment of boys at school was sharp, and Shakspeare, no doubt, got whacks on the hands and back with a cane—to say nothing of being bircht over a desk, or hoisted on another boy's back—for making mistakes, like the rest of us in later time. English, we may be pretty sure, he was not taught; it is now only gradually finding its way into schools. Of some of the university subject, the trivials—grammar, "logike, rhetoriko,—and the quadrials . . . I meane arethmetike, musike, geometrie, and astronomie" (*Harrison*, 1577-1587, book ii., p 78, of my edition), I suppose some smattering was given in the grammar-school, but I know no authority on the point.—From Mr. J. Furnivall's Introduction to "The Leopold Shakspeare" for October.

RETURN OF THE PILGRIMS.

ST. GEORGE'S HALL, Philadelphia, was a scene of unsurpassed brilliancy on Thursday evening, 3rd October, the occasion being the reception banquet to the members of Mary Commandery, K.T., No. 36, and their friends who accompanied them on their recent pilgrimage to Europe. Long before the hour announced for the supper, the spacious waiting rooms were filled with lovely women and gallant Sirs, to the number of four hundred and fifty, anxiously awaiting the signal for their pilgrimage to the haunts of Epicurus. Promptly at eight o'clock the long line, headed by the officers of the Commandery, passed up into the beautiful banquet hall above, and after a blessing by the Rev. Joseph Welsh, were soon seated. Every effort was made by the committee to make the affair home-like and agreeable, and certainly the presence of the ladies considerably heightened the pleasure, and added not a little to the elegant scene. The room was appropriately decorated with flags, banners, ensigns bearing the symbols of the Order, while the tables were profusely ornamented with beautiful pyramids of fragrant flowers. Five long tables extended the length of the hall—and also one across the room, all of which were abundantly laden with every desirable edible. At the latter table were seated the officers of the Commandery, the guests and their ladies. After doing full justice to the bountiful repast, E. Sir James S. Barber introduced the presiding officer of the evening, Sir Andrew Robeno, P.E.C., who made a lengthy and touching address of welcome, in which he thanked the ladies for their presence, and said, although he was not accustomed to seeing the fairer sex at Masonic dinners, yet he was forced to admit that their attendance this evening had greatly intensified the pleasure of all. Referring to the absence of wines and other intoxicating drinks, the speaker said that intemperance and Christian chivalry should never go hand in hand, and Mary Commandery was determined they should not on this occasion. The president then introduced Sir James S. Barber, E.C., who spoke of the parting scenes of the Pilgrims, and described the routes taken by them, and after bidding them a hearty welcome he proposed, "Our brethren of the old world," which was responded to by Sir Charles E. Meyer, P.E.C., in which he gave a glowing description of the hospitable manner in which they were treated during their pilgrimage. He thought it a happy coincidence that after such a grand reception which they received in old England, they should return home and be so cordially received and enthusiastically welcomed under the roof of St. George's Hall, the home of the Englishmen of Philadelphia. Sir Harry R. Coulomb, Generalissimo, in a short but pleasing address introduced Sir Daniel Sutter, P.E.C., who gave a lengthy and pleasing account of their travels through Paris, Brussels, Antwerp, &c. Sir Americus R. Underdown, Captain General, was then called upon, who, in a humorous and happy vein, proposed a sentiment to Switzerland, which was replied to by Sir Charles Matthews jun., in an exhaustive description of their tour through that beautiful country. Other speeches were made by Sir Joseph Zinc, Sir M. Richards Muckle, P.E.C., and others. The speeches were interspersed by vocal and instrumental music, which was rendered in excellent style. The committee of arrangements, of which P.E.C. Sir William H. Heck was chairman, deserve unqualified praise for the management of this, one of the grandest affairs ever held in Philadelphia.—*Philadelphia Evening Star*,

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 19th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms, Hotel, Wood Green, at 4. (Installation.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)

MONDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

- 45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
 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, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 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, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
 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.)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
 1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Prince Alfred Hotel, Southall.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 p.m. (Instruction.)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 K. T.—Edmund Plantagenet, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury.
 K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel Preston.

TUESDAY, 22nd OCTOBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 92—Moir, Criterion, W.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 186—Industry, The Restaurant, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30. (In.)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
 R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 6.
 193—Confiance, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, P. ppin'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 Counts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.0. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 117—Salopau of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
 724—Deroy, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 942—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
 1069—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, no name, Hull.
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1723—St. George, Commemorative Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton.
 R. A. 258—Ampthibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike.
 R. A. 1356—De Vere and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.A.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 3—Fidelity Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 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.)
 1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 78—Imperial George, Assheaton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brontwood, Essex.
 348—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
 591—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 835—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
 1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester.
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1612—West Mid. Essex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple street, Newcastle.
 R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R. A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield.
 R. A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gate-head.
 R. A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
 R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 R. A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Bailey.

FRIDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- 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.)
 569—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, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1288—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.)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction.)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
 1393—Hame, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1541—Alexandra Palace, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill, N.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 1462—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone.
 R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

TRADE TRICKERY AND THE "LOUIS VELVETEEN."—A victim of imposition, J. M. Ward, thus writes to the *Courier*, as a warning to ladies shopping:—"I was the other day made the victim of an imposition, which I fear is largely practised by tradesmen, especially drapers. I entered what I believed to be a respectable shop, for the purpose of making several purchases. Among other things that I wanted was some 'Louis Velveteen,' which I had seen favourably noticed in a daily paper, and which had been specially recommended to me by a lady friend. I was shown an article of this description, purporting to be what I required. Thinking the appearance of the material very good, and being assured by the assistant that it was the 'Louis Velveteen,' I completed my purchase, and left. On the following day my friend saw the velveteen I had purchased, when she at once pronounced it to be a comparatively worthless imitation. Such frauds upon the public can only be safely guarded against by the use of trade-marks, and I would recommend ladies who require any special article to ascertain whether it should bear any such mark, and, if so, to see that it does. Too late—for the draper positively declined to take back the material—I discovered that the velveteen I wanted is stamped every seven yards on the reverse side with the name ('The Louis Velveteen') in plain letters. Had I known this at the time, of course I could have protected myself against the plausible misrepresentations of the young man before whose suave assurances I felt a victim. Such frauds hurt both ways—the deluded purchasers and the manufacturers (reputation) of an article which the press had done much to bring into public demand."

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227. — At Bro. Bolton's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 17th instant. Present—Bros. Bolton W.M., Hine S.W., Moss J.W., Fenner Precep., Townsend Sec., Cleverley S.D., Giescke J.D., Percy I.G.; also Bro. Peacock, and others. All formalities having been gone through, Bro. Townsend was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge resumed, and Bro. Cleverley answered the questions, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Hine was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Royal Military Lodge, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday last at the Guildhall Hotel, Canterbury, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, Bro. E. Beer. Present—Bros. H. T. Naylor W.M., E. Beer S.W., J. Ball J.W., B. Anderson Sec., P. Plume Treas., H. Miskin S.D., H. Hammond Steward. Past Masters—Bros. W. W. Turner I.P.M., A. Cooley, Major Knight, H. Minell, W. J. Greenwood P.P.G.P., A. Wade. Among the visiting brethren were the V.W. the D.P.G.M. Bro. Eastes, the P.G. Treas. Bro. B.K. Thorpe, and Bros. G. Page P.M. P.P.J.G.D., H. Ward P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Wilts, A. J. Beer P.M. P.P.J.G.D., S. Hill Dean W.M. 31, J. Plant I.P.M. 31, J. R. Hall P.M. 31, F. Horner 31, J. J. Talman 429, J. Secra W.M. 972, Geo. Pilcher P.M. 972, A. Pierce P.M. 972, R. Blake P.M. 972, G. Downs 972, H. F. Pringuer 972, J. G. Eve W.M. 1209, W. V. Watson 1209, E. Elgar 1209, W. F. Green 1209, W. Tuff W.M. 1273. Business—The retiring W.M. Bro. H. T. Naylor P.G.S. was the installing master, and performed the ceremony in a peculiarly impressive manner, which won the approval of the D.P.G.M. The following brethren were invested with the collars and jewels of their respective offices:—Bros. J. Ball S.W., H. Miskin J.W., T. Blamiers S.D., G. H. Coats J.D., J. Vautier I.G., J. Roughan D.C., B. Anderson Sec., H. T. Naylor I.P.M. Treas., J. Spence Evison S.S., W. W. Tyler J.S., and W. Harnett Tyler. After the ceremony the brethren adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. R. Shaxby, of the Guildhall Hotel, whose catering elicited an expression of universal approbation from the brethren. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, several vocal selections being given in the intervals by the Masonic trio, Bros. Plant, Moulding and Higgins. During the evening the retiring master was decorated with a massive P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by individual members of the Lodge, in recognition of his exemplary discharge of the duties of his responsible position.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Percy W.M., Jeapes S.W., Robison J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Wing S.D., Hallam sen. J.D., J. Millington I.G.; also Bros. Hyland, Dybdahl, Hallam jun., Guyer. All preliminaries having been duly observed, the W.M. worked the first section of the second Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Hallam jun. proved his efficiency, and was entrusted. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of passing. The W.M. worked the second and third sections, assisted by the brethren; the fourth, assisted by Bro. Hallam sen.; and the fifth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jeapes was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, Tuesday, 15th October. Present—Bros. Daniel W.M., Moss S.W., Roberts J.W., Maidwell S.W., Chapman J.D., Hamilton I.G., Hollands Sec., Sargood, Hill. The ceremonies of the third and second degrees were rehearsed, Bros. Hill and Hamilton candidates. Bro. Moss was elected W. Master for the ensuing Tuesday. It was resolved unanimously that the annual supper be postponed till the third Tuesday in November, this date being more convenient to the brethren.

St. John's Lodge, No. 104.—The regular monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at Ashton House, Stockport, on Monday, the 14th inst. Present—Bros. Walter Schofield I.P.M. as W.M., W. Harrison S.W., J. Swindells J.W., W. W. Sheldermine Treas., T. Bullock Sec., H. Collier S.D., W. Booth J.D., G. T. Barrow D.C., G. Balfe Organist, T. B. Birch I.G., E. Stevens, H. W. Mather Stewards, G. Turner P.M. 287 Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Col. S. W. Wilkinson P.P.S.G.D., J. Beresford P.P.S.G.D., H. Finch; and Brothers H. Seel, J. P. Wooley, J. H. Lomas, G. Rodgers, W. Bradley, J. Bell, T. Haslam, J. Roberts, J. Wood, J. Stafford, J. Eaton, T. Torkington. Visitor—S. M. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and found correct, were ratified. The W.M. resigned his seat in the East to Bro. Beresford P.M., who advanced the Lodge to the 2nd degree, and conferred the degree of Fellow Craft on Bro. Bell, performing his task in a very able manner. The Lodge was lowered, and Bro. Schofield resumed the gavel. The business of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren, by request of the W.M., adjourned to refreshment. Bro. Schofield proposed the first toast, the Queen and the Craft, which was duly honoured, and the succeeding toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family was most heartily drunk. The next which was given was the R.W. the Prov. G. Master, Lord de Tabley, and the Prov. G. Officers Past and Present. This also was drunk most cordially with musical honours. Bro. Booth favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Col. Wilkinson replied; he was followed by Bro. Beresford. Bro. Finch proposed the health of the newly passed Brother, and kindly responded to the call for a song. Bro. Bell returned his best thanks. The W.M. next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, which was warmly received. Bro. Balfe kindly conducted to the harmony of the evening by singing the next song. Brother Senior Warden responded; he expressed his sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. The Officers always tried to do their duty, and in the effort they were successful. Bro. Junior Warden also followed, with a few remarks to the same purport, and several of the Officers added a few words. Bro. Beresford, by request of the W.M., rose to propose the toast of the visitors; he did so by expressing the great pleasure he felt in extending a hearty welcome to those brethren who had favoured them with their company. After the visiting brethren had replied, Bro. Col. Wilkinson proposed the health of the W.M., which was most heartily received and gratefully responded to. W. Bro. Finch, by permission of the Wor-

shipful Master, assumed control of the gavel; he had to propose a toast which it had never been his privilege to do before, and a privilege that might never occur again. We have here a brother who has come a long way to visit us, and as a brother and a representative of the Masonic press we are delighted to welcome him. The applause which greets this announcement shows me that you greatly appreciate the importance of this toast. The press is a mighty means of diffusing knowledge, and with the freedom of the press is associated the liberty of a nation. He regretted that so few Masons read. There are great advantages to be derived from the careful perusal of such a journal as the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. His (the speaker's) acquaintance with that journal had extended over a long period, and he always enjoyed and appreciated its contents very much. It was a journal he could commend to each of those present most heartily. The worshipful and worthy brother continued his remarks by speaking of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in the most complimentary and appreciative manner, and concluded by again urging the brethren to a more extended knowledge of the working of the Craft through reading Masonic literature, and by calling upon the brethren to drink most fraternally to the health of Bro. Davies. Bro. Davies, in response to the last toast, which had been most enthusiastically received, spoke at length. He congratulated the worshipful brother on the highly appreciative sentiments which actuated him to propose the toast in such a kind and able manner, and also the brethren who had done honour to him personally by receiving his name in connection with the journal he had the honour to represent. A very pleasant social chat was enjoyed, after which the Tyler's toast brought a thoroughly edifying evening to a close. Besides those already mentioned, Bros. Bradley, Booth, Meadows, and others, contributed by their vocal efforts to amuse the company.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on 15th October, at 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. Present—Bros. Perceval W.M., Dailey S.W., Leggett J.W., Bassington Hon. Sec., Green S.D., Samuels J.D., Fincham I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Cottebrune P.G.P. and Stewart; Bros. Cross, Frame, Collins, Cole, Andrews, Ockenden. Lodge opened in due form. The three ceremonies were rehearsed, Bros. Cross, Hook, and Collins candidates, respectively. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Gladwell, of Lodge No. 172, was elected a member.

Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.—This Lodge met for the first time since the vacation on Thursday, the 10th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Bros. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hyman J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., A. J. Champion S.D., R. Baker J.D., Benjamin I.G., S. Genese D.C., Blanks Steward; Past Masters Bros. L. Alexander, J. Abrahams, M. Alexander, S. Hickman, A. G. Dodson, H. M. Levy and O. Roberts. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The new Bye Laws of the Lodge were discussed *seriatim*, and accepted. A distressed brother was relieved with the sum of 10s 6d. A letter was read from Bro. Hoffenbach, an old member of the Lodge, who stated that he would be pleased to render service to any brother who should be in Paris. A vote of thanks was proposed and carried, thanking him for his kindness. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren, seventy-two in number, sat down to banquet. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P., in responding to that of the Grand Officers, said he had so often spoken in response to this toast, that he could do little but thank them. He was proud of occupying the office of P.G.S. of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, and of being Proxy Master of the Mauritius. Only yesterday he had heard of being elected honorary member of a Lodge in the island of Mauritius, under the constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland. The toast of the Benevolent Fund was responded to by Bro. Alexander P.M. and President. He was pleased to hear from the brethren that they had now the sum of £1,400. Since 1849 they had relieved brethren of the Lodge with various grants, ranging from £100 downwards. He hoped the fund would go on increasing, and none of those present ever be in a position to require its help. The W.M. then proposed the Visitors. He was pleased to see so many brethren, not only from London, but also from the country. He alluded to the French Freemasons inviting the members of the various Constitutions to a meeting in Paris on 24th October. He called on Bros. Hudson and I. P. Cohen to respond. Bro. I. P. Cohen replied in a neat speech, and was followed by Bro. Hudson, who was proud to hear that the Benevolent Fund had reached the amount it had. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. He stated that he had been a member of the Lodge for twenty-seven years; they had not yet had an opportunity of seeing the working of the W.M., but he was sure they would be gratified when they did. The W.M. replied, and then proposed the Past Masters. They had a number present, and he would call on Brother H. M. Levy to respond. This speaker was followed by Bro. S. Hickman. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens, Bros. M. Spiegel and Hyman, who he hoped to see in the chair. The Tyler's toast concluded an agreeable evening. The Visitors were—Bros. E. M. Levetus 31 C.R., C. Hudson, Royal York, I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, W. Holt 928, R. Clark 1613, S. Jewell 1559, H. Ryan 207, H. J. Hawkes W.M. 315 P.G.S. Sussex, A. Barnard 749, A. McLaren 193, H. Lyon 205, J. Cox 157, C. Hudson 314.

Etonian Lodge of St. John, No. 209.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 1st inst., at the Masonic Hall, Windsor. Present—Bros. Schiemann W.M., Roberts S.W., J. O. Carter P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Sec., Wilson P.M. Treas., Tolley P.M. P.P.G.D. Organist, Cousins J.D., Dixon P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., Apted and Evans Stewards, Dick Radcliffe P.G.S. I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. Hume P.G.D.C., Reid, Stacey P.P.G.R., Strange P.P.G.D., McIlwain, Stedwell, Long. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Hartmann, Cantrell P.M. 1501, Davey S.D. 1566, Baum 198,

Bingham P.M. 771, Johnson 771. Bros. Brinsmead and Stevens were raised to the third degree. Bro. Dixon D.C. called attention to the fact that since the last meeting of the Lodge, the Provincial Grand Master Bro. Sir D. Gooch Bart., M.P., had appointed Bro. Hume I.P.M. as P.G.D.C., and Bro. Dick Radclyffe as P.G. Steward. The brethren thereupon saluted the two new Provincial Grand Officers in due form.

Hope Lodge, No. 433, Brightlingsea.—The last monthly meeting was rendered peculiarly interesting by the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel, suitably inscribed, to W. Bro. George Riches, as a token of respect on his leaving Brightlingsea for Gorleston, near Gt. Yarmouth. There was a large muster of the brethren in honour of the event; and the presentation was made by the W.M. Bro. W.S. Ling, who spoke of the great interest Bro. Riches had taken in Masonry during the past ten or twelve years, and especially of his services to the Lodge of Hope. In bidding him farewell on behalf of the brethren, Bro. Ling wished Bro. Riches long life and prosperity among those amidst whom he was going to reside. Bro. Riches, in a few well chosen words, expressed the surprise and gratification he felt at the receipt of such a handsome token of their goodwill; and assured them that he should never forget the kind friends he left behind him at Brightlingsea.

Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452.—A meeting was held on Tuesday the 8th inst., at the Greyhound Hotel, Croydon. Present—E.C. H. E. Frances Z., Wm. Sugg H., W. S. Masterman as J., Magnus Ohren P.Z. Scribe E., James Robins P.Z. Treasurer, Chas. H. Edmonds Scribe N., Walter Spencer P.S., A. T. Jeffery, Wm. A. Cogar, A. J. Dickinson, and F. A. Manning. The Chapter was opened in ancient form, and the minutes were approved as correct, and signed. Brother John Methven, having been balloted for at the last meeting, was duly exalted as a Royal Arch Member, and Companion of the Order. E. Comp. Frances then installed his successor E. Comp. Wm. Sugg as Z., J. W. Sugg, the H. elect, was unavoidably absent, and Chas. H. Edmonds was installed as J., Magnus Ohren Scribe E., Charles Pawley Scribe N., Edward J. Harty P.S. was also unavoidably absent. A. T. Jeffery as First Assistant, and J. C. F. W. Rogers as Second Assistant, were appointed *pro tem*, in the absence of Companion Captain Harty P.S.; Comp. Speight was re-elected Janitor. A vote of thanks was passed to E. Comp. H. E. Frances for the gift of the large banners used at Chapter meetings—they were the work of his own hands—and Comp. Frances's ability as an artist was commented upon, and much appreciated by the Comps. present. The bye-laws, with the alterations proposed by Grand Scribe E., were approved as altered, and ordered to be printed. The Chapter then adjourned to the second Tuesday in April, being the next regular meeting.

La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on 16th October, at the Horse and Groom, Winsley-street, W. Present—Bros. W. H. Dean W.M., Cundy S.W., Ginger J.W., J. Hurdell Sec., C. Davis Treas., H. Bertram S.D., Wills J.D., A. Cohen I.G. Past Master F. G. Baker. Lodge opened and minutes were confirmed. Bro. M. Jewel was examined, entrusted, and passed. Lodge opened in third degree, and the first section was worked. Lodge closed down, and the first, fourth, and fifth sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Cundy was elected W.M. for 30th inst. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, 23rd October. Bros. E. Farwiw (S.W. 180) W.M., W. J. Ferguson (P.M. 177) S.W., and A. Cameron (P.M. 180) J.W. FIRST LECTURE—Bros. Ginger, O. le M. Latreille, E. Child, J. Hurdell, R. T. Cook, A. Cameron, C. Koester; SECOND LECTURE—Bros. W. H. Dean, J. Kew, J. G. Docker, W. J. Ferguson, C. Dairy; THIRD LECTURE—Bros. L. G. Langdon, D. M. Belfrage, J. Hemming. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Hurdell (D.C. 1348) Hon. Sec.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 7th October, at the Castle Hotel, Brecon. Present—Bros. Richard Webb W.M., Thos. Batchers S.W., Thos. Jones J.W., J. A. Whittle Sec., A. Phipps acting S.D., Wm. Webb J.D., H. O. Aveline Maybery Steward, John Morgan I.G., Jas. Jones Tyler; P.M. Bro. Hans St. G. Caulfeild. After the usual routine, the Charter of the old Brecknock Lodge, No. 542, 1st August 1789, was ordered to be framed and hung up in the Lodge room. Bro. Wm. Price was raised.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On Friday, the 11th of October, at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, Edgware-road. Present—Bros. George Tribbel W.M., Hayes S.W., Nichols J.W., A. Brann Sec., Rudderforth Preceptor, Godden S.D., Hall J.D., Hill I.G.; Clipper, Kennard, Murch, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Godden candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and that ceremony was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Reid candidate. Bro. Hayes was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—On 11th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge. Present—Bros. Tucker (Treas.) W.M., Blasby S.W., Kyezor J.W., Gunner (Sec.) S.D., Talbot J.D., Emerson I.G. P.M.'s Bros. Roe Preceptor, Gardiner. Visitor—Bro. Jones 1612. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees. Bro. Tucker gave the lecture of the third. He also worked the initiation ceremony, Bro. Talbot candidate. Bro. Jones was elected a member, and Bro. Blasby appointed W.M. for next meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Weige W.M., J. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Gilham S.D., McClean J.D., Polak I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treasurer, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin Brasted, Jones, and others. The Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Brasted answered the questions; Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Bro. C. Lorkin gave the traditional history. Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed duties. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the 1st and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Jones P.M. of Lodge 917 was elected a member. Bro. J. Lorkin will preside next week. The Preceptor will work the installation ceremony on Tuesday, the 29th inst., when the Secretary will occupy the chair.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—On 16th October, at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street, Bro. Abell W.M., Vizzard S.W., Gladwell J.W., Collinson I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. After the confirmation of the Minutes the ceremony of raising was ably performed by the W.M., and the sections of the degree were worked by the brethren. Bro. Bowman of the Pythagorean Lodge was elected a member, and Bro. Vizzard W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, under the able presidency of Bro. W. A. Morgan the W.M. The following officers and brethren were present:—Bros. J. B. Walker J.W., H. Wilson Treasurer, J. Frost Sec., W. J. Huntley J.D., Fredk. Reed D.C., F.W. Wardroper I.G., E. H. Boddy P.M., J. G. Carter P.M., George Howick P.M., H. E. Frances (visitor) P.M., J. G. Kewney P.M., H. R. Jones I.P.M., P. Cooke P.M., C. W. Gray P.M., F. H. Newens P.M.; John Sanders, J. F. Tucker, Percy, V. Denham, W. Springett, W. H. Price, A. J. Duck, G. Clark, H. J. Newens, George Fortescue, and A. A. Denham. Bro. Boddy P.M. filled the position of S.W. Bro. J. Sanders was raised, Bro. Tucker passed, and Mr. Joseph Wm. Marshall, of Balham, and Mr. William Field, of Putney, were initiated by the W.M. It was unanimously resolved, upon the motion of Bro. Carter P.M., seconded by Bro. Gray P.M., that a jewel of the value of five guineas, and a purse containing a like amount, be presented to Bro. John Frost the Secretary, for the very efficient manner in which he had carried on the duties of his office for many years past. At the conclusion of the business, an excellent dinner was provided by Bro. H. Dougherty, when the usual loyal, patriotic, and Masonic toasts were given and responded to.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th of October, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Arthur Welch Prov. G.R. Berks and Bucks W.M., W. H. Herbert P.M. acting S.W., J. Early Danks J.W., J. H. Hawkes Steward acting Secretary, W. Ferguson S.D., E. J. Blackwell J.D., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. R. C. Hurley P.P.G.S.W., Bros. Hant, Pulley, Bailey. The Lodge was opened, the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The bye-laws, Nos. 3, 4 and 5, were altered. The W.M. read a letter, accompanied by papers that he had received from the W.M. of 414, and after a long discussion, it was resolved that a Lodge of Emergency be called for the 23rd to reconsider the matter. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 10th October, at Head Quarters, First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell. Present—Bros. T. W. Carnell W.M., G. Waterall P.M. S.W., D. A. Ross J.W., W. J. Messenger Sec., W. C. Hale S.D., T. A. Harper J.D., C. H. Nevill D.C., A. R. Cranch I.G., H. Steed Tyler; Bros. Jarman, Rugg, Cuff, Clay, Curtis, Fitzer, and many brethren belonging to the Lodge; also Visitors Bros. P.M. F. T. Dubois, W.M. T. Edmondstone, W.M. H. A. Dubois. The Lodge being duly formed, Bro. Dane was examined and entrusted, and upon the Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. Dane was passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft. The Lodge having been closed in the second degree, Bros. Dubois and A. G. White were initiated by the W.M. in his usual impressive manner. The Lodge being closed, the brethren adjourned to the customary supper, which was followed by an agreeable musical entertainment.

Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288.—At Bro. Pigot's, Finsbury Park Tavern, on Wednesday, the 16th inst. Bros. C. N. Campbell W.M., T. Goode S.W., A. Goode J.W., Dickinson Preceptor, Fenner S.D., Walker J.D., Bee I.G.; also Bros. Oldis, Pigot, Wood, Saul, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Oldis candidate. The W.M. resigned the chair in favour of Bro. Walker. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Oldis acting as candidate. Lodge being resumed, Bro. Campbell took the chair. Bro. T. Goode was unanimously elected to preside at next meeting. A vote of thanks was awarded to the W.M., this being the first time of his occupying the chair of K.S.

St. John of Wapping Lodge of Instruction.—On Monday evening, at Bro. P.M. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., W. E. Banks S.W., C. Veal J.W., T. Mortlock Preceptor, McDonald S.D., Moss J.D., Wooding I.G.; also Bros. Greeley, Brame Secretary, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Brame candidate. Lodge was closed down, and the W.M. worked the third section of the first lecture, which was

ably rendered. Bros. Moss and McDonald having been elected members, it was proposed, and carried unanimously, that W.M. Bro. Stephens be elected an honorary member, in recognition of his services to the Lodge, and the able manner in which he had inaugurated the work of the season. Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for Monday next, at eight o'clock.

Campbell Lodge, No. 1415.—A meeting was held on Saturday, 12th Oct., at the Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court. Present—Bros. H. C. Levander W.M., Thomas Cubitt Treas. as S.W., W. S. Moses J.W., D. M. Dewar Sec., J. W. Lambert S.D., G. A. Rooks J.D., C. J. Wallis Steward, R. M. Jones as I.G., James Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. F. W. Levander, Edward Kimber, and Thomas Keene; R.W. Bro. Colonel Bardett P.G.M. and others. Minutes read and verified; the bye-laws were read by the order of the W.M. After the transaction of the rest of the business, the Lodge was closed, and the members adjourned to a banquet under the presidency of the W.M.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 17th October, at Masons Hall Tavern, Masons-avenue, E.C. Present—Chas. Taylor W.M., Bisset S.W., Moss J.W., Blackie Sec., Harper S.D., Saul J.D., Geo. Taylor I.G., and other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremonies of passing and raising were rehearsed, and the Lodge closed down. Bro. Bisset was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary gave notice that the Fifteen Sections would be worked on the 31st inst., at 6 p.m., Bro. T. Poore P.M. 720 in the chair. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Bagshaw Lodge, No. 1475.—A meeting was held on the 10th inst., at the Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, Essex. Present—Bros. T. W. Nicholson W.M., W. Holloway S.W., B. Turquand acting J.W., J. Tanner P.M. Sec., J. Clarkson P.M. Treas., C. Edwards S.D., J. H. Crowther J.D., S. R. Fuller I.G., R. W. Goddard Tyler; P.M. Bro. D. Reed; Bros. Dr. A. McRoberts, A. G. Challis, H. Webb. Visitors—Bros. J. Appleby W.M. 174, S. Turquand P.M. 1556, D. Dewar P.M. 1415, A. Durrant P.M. 1185, R. Martin Sec. 453, C. R. Garnett J.W. 1707, C. Wood 315, E. Tholander No. 8, St. Andrews (Scotland). S. Dove 376, H. Walker 1475. After the Lodge was opened and the minutes read, Messrs. Smith, Whitehead and D'Oyley were introduced, and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The installation of Bro. W. Holloway W.M. elect then took place, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Clarkson P.M., Bro. Turquand P.M. 1556 giving the addresses. After the Lodge was closed, the members and their friends adjourned to their banquetting hall, and enjoyed a pleasant evening, which is always the case with this Lodge, meeting as they do in their own hall, and Lodge room adjoining, which they have erected.

Bertie Lodge, No. 1515.—This young but flourishing Lodge held its regular meeting at the Masonic Hall, Oxford, on Thursday, 10th inst., when the W.M., Bro. Henry Harris P.G.S.B. Oxon, was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—F. Dolley S.W., Horton P.M. as J.W., Buckell Sec., Chas. Head J.D., F. Codd D.C., R. Fernsby jun. D.C., Hodgson Org., Dover and Wheeler Stewards; F. Galpin, A. Adams, G. Talbot, W. Reeves, J. Winstedt, J. W. Dodds P.P.G. Org. Oxon, R. Webb, G. Cowdery, H. Houghton P.M., J. A. Barrett, C. Martin, J. Robinson, J. J. Collett, W. Dolloy, F. Freeman, and Edward Moody P.M. The following members of the Royal Alfred Lodge were also present as Visitors:—Bros. Meadley, Parker, Green, with Bro. Heller 1319. The Lodge having been opened, ballot was taken for Mr. Charles Daniels, manager of the Wagon Department G.W.R., Swindon, and this proving unanimous, he was introduced and initiated, the ceremony being very effectively performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Bro. E. Moody P.M., and Sec. of The Great City Lodge returned thanks to the brethren for having elected him an honorary member. There being no further business, the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned. A very excellent dinner was served in the hall attached to the Lodge room, at the conclusion of which the usual toasts were given and responded to, the speech in which Bro. Daniels, the initiate, returned thanks being a model of brevity. In replying for the toast of the Officers, Bro. F. Dolley S.W. expressed his regret at the absence of his brother Junior Warden, caused by illness. Bro. Hodgson Org. delighted the brethren by his rendering of several well known ballads. One of the Visitors and Bro. J. Dover also contributed to the harmony. A most pleasant and enjoyable evening was brought to a conclusion with the Tyler's toast.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, at York. Present—Bros. T. B. Whytehead W.M., J. S. Cumberland S.W., G. Balmford P.M. as J.W., P. H. Rowland P.M., T. D. Smith as S.D., W. P. Husband as J.D., W. Craven Org., M. Millington I.G., G. Simpson M.C., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphries Asst. Sec., A. T. B. Turner Steward; H. Churchill, W. Hill, H. Jackson, R. Walker, Blackstone, &c. Amongst the visitors present were Bros. Major Shaw-Hellier W.M., Capt. Murphy J.W., and Serjt. Gladdon, St. Patrick's Lodge, No. 295 (I.C.), Gowlan 236, Sampson 236, and brethren from Manchester, Wigan, &c. The first business of the evening was the passing of Bro. Girling to the second degree, which was performed by the W.M., the working tools being given by the S.W. The Lodge then was lowered to the first degree, and the annual elections proceeded with, with the following unanimous result: Bros. J. S. Cumberland W.M., G. Balmford P.M. Tr. (re-elected), Bro. P. Pearson Tyler (re-elected). The W.M. then

reported that, accompanied by several brethren, he had attended the annual meeting of the Prov. G. Lodge on the previous Thursday, and had received the office of P.G.D. of C., and he was glad to inform the brethren that the P.G. Lodge meeting next year would be held at York, under the banner of the Eboracum Lodge. He also explained the formation of a Provincial Committee of Charity, as adopted by P.G. Lodge, and said that at the next meeting the Lodge would have to nominate a representative for that Committee. The W.M. then, in the name of Bro. Clifford P. MacCalla, of Philadelphia, an eminent Mason, and editor of the well-known *Keystone*, presented to the Lodge his recently published works, "Wonders of Operative Masonry," and "Philadelphia, the Mother City of Masonry in America." The thanks of the Lodge were given to Bro. M. Millington, for the gift of an illuminated "G" for the centre of the Lodge. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presented to the Lodge a portrait of the Marquis of Ripon (late G.M.), in full Masonic regalia. The W.M. proposed, as a joining member, Bro. Wm. Lawton P.M. 236 and P.P.G. Reg., and the Lodge was closed. The brethren met at refreshment after the closing of the Lodge, when the full toast list was gone through, and the proceedings were enlivened by the singing of several of the brethren, and a very happy evening having been passed.

Lodge of Ancient Carthage, No. 1717, Tunis, North Africa.—The installation meeting of this Lodge, was held on the 5th October, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, and was very numerous attended. Amongst the members assisting at the ceremony were W. Bros. A. M. Broadley W.M., and Dr. Magnani Hon. P.M., J. H. Stevens (acting) S.W., J. E. L. Barker J.W., A. Blanch (acting) Treasurer, S. Souiller Secretary, V. C. Clement Director of Ceremonies, A. Perini, M.D., S.D., G. Pentecost J.D., P. M. Paleologo I.G., M. Lumbruso and M. Schembri Stewards, and H. Haylock Tyler. There were forty-four members present, besides several visitors, and the representatives of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento." The W.M. re-elect being again duly installed received the most cordial greeting from the brethren present. Bro. Broadley then proceeded to appoint and invest the following Officers: Bros. N. Lenghi 33° P.M., J. H. Stevens (British Vice-Consul) S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., A. Blanch Treas., M. Lumbruso Sec., Professor Souiller Interpreter, G. Pentecost S.D., P. M. Paleologo J.D., M. Le Gallais I.G., and E. Gardelle, Dr. Cassanello and V. Finzi Stewards. Bro. H. Haylock was re-elected Tyler and duly invested. The W.M. delivered an address in Italian on the aim and scope of Freemasonry, and strongly urged the brethren to co-operate with him in supporting the Masonic Charities. The Lodge being duly closed, the brethren adjourned to a banquet, at which the usual loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The muster-roll of the Lodge now contains sixty-two names, and its revenue for the year 1877-8, has reached nearly £300.

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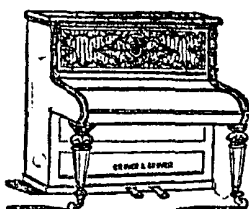
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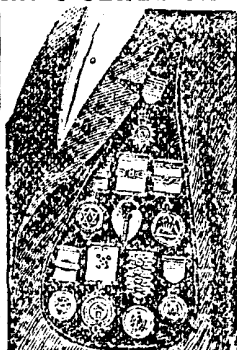
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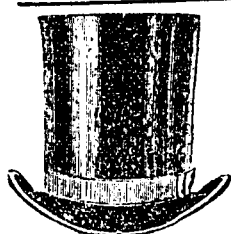
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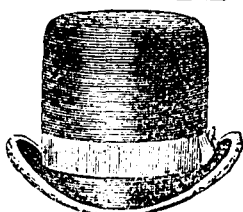
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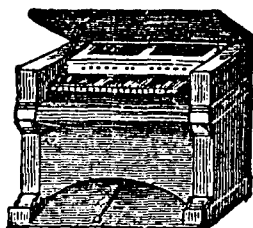
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