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MASONIC PORTRAITS. (No. 62.)

ÆSCULAPIUS.

"L'honneur acquis est une caution de celui qu'on doit acquérir."

ONCE before have we presented our readers with a pen and ink sketch of a worthy brother holding high office in the Craft who was likewise a distinguished member of the medical profession. There are many reasons perhaps why medical gentlemen should become Craftsmen. Those who are fond of playing upon words may see a natural connection between medicine and Freemasonry, in respect of what is known in the latter as well as in the former, as the "healing" process, while others with a great degree of justice will see in the love and affection of medical men for the Royal Art merely another illustration of those genial and kindly qualities of heart and mind by which the profession is distinguished. There are, indeed, few classes of men who do so much good for their fellow creatures. We do not refer simply to their professional avocations, though the good they do in their medical capacity is incalculable. Rather do we incline to speak of that large-hearted kindness which impels them to assist the poor to so considerable an extent. The good they do is not generally known, but it is very generally and most deservedly appreciated. Under these circumstances there is every reason why a profession so philanthropically inclined should evince more than usual regard for Masons, and so account for their presence amongst us in such considerable strength, speaking numerically. However, be the reason what it may, there is little doubt that Freemasonry numbers in her ranks many who are highly distinguished in the medical profession. One of our Senior Grand Deacons is an instance. He whom we have described as "Hippocrates"—a contemporary, by the way, of the immortal Pythagoras—is another, and the brother whose portrait we present this day to our readers, under the designation of "Æsculapius," is a third. Doubtless, if we pressed the point still further, we should find some difficulty in enumerating in our columns the names of all the prominent physicians and surgeons who are likewise Craftsmen, but such a triad of eminent brethren is sufficient for the purpose either of argument or conjecture.

"Æsculapius," who is of honourable descent, and can trace back his pedigree to warlike ancestors who flourished in the county of Devon in the thirteenth century, after undergoing the customary general training which all youngsters undergo, entered upon that special course of study which is necessary in the case of men about to enter the medical profession. In this he distinguished himself, and closed the educational portion of his career by graduating in honours. During his professional career he has fulfilled the promise of his early days. He has at different times held medical appointments of importance, and is now settled in the county town of one of our northern Provinces as a physician in large practice. But his medical are not the only duties he has had to fulfil, and has fulfilled with such distinction. He is a most successful lecturer on various subjects connected with science and natural history. For many years he was curator of the local museum, and had almost the sole charge of the local science classes. He has the additional honour of being a Fellow of the Linnæan Society, and is a member of the London Literary Union. But though his numerous avocations have necessarily made the most serious demands upon his time, never-

theless he has for the last thirteen years been a member of the Craft. He was initiated in the year 1865, in Lodge No. 1051, then newly warranted in the town he then, as now, resided in, and in a very few months, thanks to the zeal and ability displayed, was honoured with the appointment of Senior Deacon. So rapid, indeed, was his progress in the study of the Royal Art, and so great the esteem in which he was held by his fellow members, that in little more than two years from the time of his initiation he was elected to fill the chair of his Lodge. To this office he was unanimously re-elected, a circumstance which reflects credit alike on the recipient of the honour as well as on those who conferred it. Men are not elected for the second time to fill an important position unless they have given irrefragable evidence of merit, nor do people confer such high distinction unless they are capable of appreciating such worth. It was during his Mastership—whether for the first or second year we know not, nor is the point of material importance—and chiefly through his instrumentality, that the late Earl of Zetland, the then M.W. Grand Master of England, consented to lay the foundation-stone of the "Royal Albert Asylum for Idiots and Imbeciles of the Northern Counties," one of the noblest charities we have in this country for those whose mental faculties have never been fully developed or have failed them, and who consequently are unable to obtain for themselves the necessaries of life. So great was the confidence reposed in our worthy brother, that, notwithstanding his entrance into our fraternity was of such recent date, the local conduct of the preliminary arrangements was placed entirely under his direction, and as a meet reward for his exertions, he had the supreme satisfaction of hearing from the Grand Master and his executive Officers that the assemblage of brethren on the occasion was more numerous than they had ever seen before, and that the subsidiary arrangements were entirely to his Lordship's and their satisfaction. It may well be imagined that merit such as our worthy brother had shown would be speedily recognised, and that no long time would elapse ere Provincial honours were bestowed upon him, but something further in the way of recognition was in store for him, and the high distinction of Grand Sword Bearer of England was conferred on him in 1871, when only six years had elapsed from the time of his initiation. Twice since then has he occupied the chair of a Lodge, the latter occasion being in the year 1875, when the Morecambe Lodge, No. 1561, was consecrated by Lord Skelmersdale, Deputy Grand Master, in person, and "Æsculapius" had the great honour of being inducted into the chair of K.S. by his Lordship. He may thus be spoken of as virtually the Father, as well as first Master of this Lodge. But not alone as an Officer is he known in his Province. The members of the several Lodges to which he belongs have frequently enjoyed the advantage of his teaching in Lodges of Instruction, and have again and again had opportunities of hearing him, both in sectional and other lectures. He has also occasionally given original lectures on different subjects connected with Freemasonry, several of which have been published in Masonic journals. He has likewise enacted very favourably the part of Installing Master; in fact, his services in this capacity are in constant request, both in the town in which he resides and its immediate neighbourhood, while it is very recently that he was deputed by the Grand Master of his Province to take the chair at the consecration of a new Lodge. He has, too, held the post of Secretary to his mother Lodge for eleven years, and early in the present year his retirement

therefrom was made the occasion for giving him a complimentary dinner, and presenting him with a handsome epergne as a testimonial of the appreciation in which his many and great services to the Lodge were held. The dinner was given under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, who, in presenting the testimonial, described at some length the valuable services which our brother had rendered to Freemasonry, and closed his remarks, almost word for word, to the following effect: "I have great pleasure in giving to you the sincere thanks of the brethren of this Lodge for the many and valuable services which, from time to time, you have rendered them, and at their wish, and on their behalf, present you with this epergne, which I hope you and yours may long enjoy, and I hope also that you may have a long, prosperous and happy life." He is also the recipient of a solid gold Past Grand Officer's jewel, which another Lodge of which he is a member presented to him, and of a silver goblet, by no means of lilliputian size, the gift of a third Lodge. But his services have not been limited to Craft Masonry. As soon as he was qualified to do so, he was exalted to the R.A. degree, and diligently served the office of Scribe E. in a Chapter situated at a considerable distance from his home. Appreciating, however, the great inconvenience arising from there being no R.A. Chapter in the town where he lived, he and sundry other R.A. Masons petitioned Grand Chapter for a warrant of Constitution. This was at once granted, and, in 1869, Chapter 1051 was consecrated, and our eminent Companion installed in the chair of the First Principal. On retiring from his office, the Companions presented him with a Past Z.'s jewel set in diamonds. Subsequently he became Second Principal in his Province, and another year having elapsed, he was further honoured by being appointed Standard Bearer to the Supreme Grand Chapter. He has likewise, as in the case of Craft Masonry, acted again and again as Installing Officer of Principals; and one of his latest Masonic acts was the consecration of a new Royal Arch Chapter and the constitution of a new and separate Provincial Grand Chapter. In the Mark Degree to which he was advanced shortly after the union of the English and Scotch Rites in the North of England, he is the founder and Past W. Master of a Lodge named after him. He has also occupied the position of a Grand Warden in his Province, and that of Grand J.O. in the Mark Grand Lodge. He has also distinguished himself as a Knight Templar and Knight of Malta, and not only has he filled the office of E. Commander of his Encampment, but he has likewise had high rank conferred upon him both in his Province and in the Grand Priory of England. He is an enthusiastic member of the A. and A. Rite, has devoted considerable time and energy to the promotion and progress of a Rose Croix Chapter, which has the reputation of being one of the most efficient in the Northern District, and has recently taken the 32° S.P.R.S.—a proof that his zeal and attention are fully recognised in Golden-square. He is a Knight of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, and after filling the office of M.P.S., he was appointed Intendant General of a Division, and has acted as Consecrating Officer at the foundation of two very flourishing Conclaves. As regards other degrees, he is a member and Prov. Grand Officer of the Royal Order of Scotland, Commander of Ark Mariners, a Past Celebrant of the Rosicrucian College, a member of the Order of High Priesthood, and a Master of the St. Lawrence degree. But, numerous as are the distinctions he has received in the branches of Masonry to which he belongs, there is yet another for which he is indebted to himself alone. This we are accustomed to regard as the highest distinction which a Mason can possibly gain, and is worth, in one sense, all the rest put together. He is a loyal supporter of all our Charitable Institutions—a Life Governor, we believe, of each of them, and the number of bars and clasps he is entitled to append to his Charity jewel—some twelve or fifteen—suffice to indicate the amount of labour he has undertaken in order to promote their welfare.

We are now approaching the close of our sketch. We have shown what he has been, the offices he has filled, and the many and well-merited distinctions which have been showered upon him, or which, as a practical exponent of true Masonic Charity, he has won for himself. We will simply add that in the midst of all his numerous engagements he is but seldom absent from his Masonic duties, be they in connection with Lodge or Chapter, Conclave or Encampment, and those among his juniors who desire his assistance always find him ready and willing to impart instruction and afford

them aid in the discharge of their several duties. May he, in the words of the Worshipful Master of his mother Lodge, when presenting him with a testimonial—as quoted above—"May he enjoy a long, prosperous, and happy life!"

REMARKS UPON "Q.'S" CRITICISMS ON THE DUNCKERLEY QUESTION.

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

IN the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 28th September Bro. "Q." lectured me for endeavouring to upset the "Masonic version" of Dunckerley's parentage ere I had read the article in the *Freemason's Magazine* of 1796. Bro. Q. is evidently *hot headed*, and hence he is apt to pay no attention to an article which conflicts with his received faith. My good brother has certainly misconstrued or magnified my offence. In my letter printed 15th July I have not committed myself one way or the other, as the following paragraph will show:—

"I propose to reproduce both accounts about Dunckerley, and though it is impossible to demonstrate which is true, yet the reader will have a chance of judging for himself."

I have acknowledged the impossibility of demonstrating which is true, but yet the printing of both accounts has enabled Bro. Q. to learn that Mrs. W. was *Lady Walpole*, and it also compelled me to read the article in *Freemason's Magazine* for 1796. I did indeed know of its existence some years ago, but we have not got the volume of 1796 in Boston. However, Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, kindly copied it for me. I have the whole of it now at heart, and am therefore now prepared to say what I shall say.

To do full justice to the subject, I would have to reproduce all the evidence *pro* and *con*, but as, for obvious reasons, that cannot be done, I must refer the reader to the previous papers in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE upon this question.

"Q." says, "There is no antecedent improbability against the truth of the Masonic version of Dunckerley's parentage." I thought so too, when I sent my letter, headed "Conflicting Accounts," &c., but since I have read the sequel of Dunckerley in the volume of 1796, I have changed my views. There are some facts in the second narrative of the *Freemason's Magazine* that one could not readily believe, but yet, to any one who had read the history of the two first Georges there is really nothing in the *Masonic version*, that is either impossible or improbable. For instance, I firmly believe as probable that Lady Ranelagh consented to make her residence a place of assignation for the Prince of Wales's amours, that she even sent her own carriage to bring his favourites to her house, and kept them there, and treated them on a perfect footing of equality, during the Prince's pleasure; and even afterwards, for her Ladyship to visit the Prince's favourite at Somerset House, or anywhere else. I can believe, that Lady Walpole was cognizant of her servant's intrigues with the Prince of Wales during his visit at Houghton. I could even believe that Sir Robert Walpole and his lady could provide a pretty girl for the entertainment of the Prince during his stay at their house. Nay, I should not be astonished to hear that the Princess of Wales, afterwards Queen Caroline, had sent her own carriage for Mrs. Dunckerley for the same purpose that Lady Ranelagh did. (For further information I refer to the Appendix at the end of this letter).

But while the immoral state of the court, the courtiers, and the court parsons (as will be seen in the Appendix), would favour the probability of the "Masonic version" of Dunckerley, yet, paradoxical as it may appear, this very looseness of morality among the highest classes forms an insuperable reason for disbelieving Dunckerley's story. Thus, Mrs. Dunckerley had certainly been a servant in the house of Sir R. Walpole; the man she was married to was also a servant; and Mrs. Dunckerley's mother was a midwife. Mrs. Pinkney informed Dunckerley that his mother told her that she was the daughter of a physician. It is very strange that Dunckerley had never heard of it before. It is not, however, improbable that her father may have been a barber, who performed bleeding and cupping—and may have administered some physic too; such "surgeon barbers," were common in England in those days, and are still to be found in Poland and Russia, and this may account for the statement in the *Gentleman's Magazine*, that his grandmother had bound young Dunckerley to a barber. But be this as it may, it is certain that his mother and his grandmother were poor, and hence I cannot understand why a woman in Mrs. Dunckerley's circumstances should have felt ashamed to acknowledge herself the favourite of the Prince of Wales, at a time when the idea of shame was unknown among the highest ladies in the realm. It is alleged by Dunckerley that his mother told Mrs. Pinkney, five days before her (Mrs. D.'s) death:—

"My son might have been known to his royal father, and I might have lived in as elegant a manner as Mrs. H. [Howard] or Mrs. B., but my dear mother reclaimed me from so criminal a passion, and dread of public shame prevented my making it known."

According to the "Masonic version," the secret was known to Dunckerley sen., to Lady Ranelagh, to her servant or confidant, Mrs. Meekin, to Mrs. Dunckerley's mother, and the said mother informed Mrs. Pinkney in 1724, at the birth of Thomas Dunckerley, that the Prince of Wales was the child's father. Besides which, the secret of the Prince's intrigues with Mrs. Dunckerley is said to have been known to Lady Walpole, and to Mr. L—y (probably Lumley), who is said to have been the Prince's *go-between* in love affairs. When so many knew it, it is rather strange that it was unknown to Sir Edward Walpole. But presuming that her mother was really conscientiously religious—yet, for the sake of the boy and his future prospects, a mother, even a religious mother, should not have scrupled to make the parentage of the child known to the Prince

—it seems contrary to human nature for a mother to suffer her only child to be brought up in ignorance, or very nearly so, and to subject him at the tender age of ten to the hardships of a man of war, when a solitary note from her to the Prince might have been the means of raising that child to a very high position in society.

Again Bro. Dunckerley was certainly no fool. He possessed the art of ingratiating himself into favour, and he was known to Sir Edward Walpole, who was willing to promote his interest in an honourable way. Mrs. Dunckerley died 9th January 1760. George the Second died 25th October following, at the age of seventy-seven. Now, why did the shrewd Bro. Dunckerley waste those precious nine-months or more? Why did not he at once make himself known to the king? He was not (he says) acquainted with manners or forms of the Court, but why did he not candidly make known all he knew to his friend Sir Edward Walpole, who surely had the means of making it known to the king? And again, why did Dunckerley make no effort to give his information to any of the members of the royal family, until after the death of Mrs. Pinkney, the only witness he had to verify his singular story. And I may farther add, as Mrs. Pinkney was the only one to whom Mrs. Dunckerley revealed the parentage of her son, why did not Dunckerley take Mrs. Pinkney before a justice of the peace, and cause her to make an affidavit to the fact? I am aware of his excuses, but to me they seem insufficient. When, therefore, the above inexplicable facts are taken in connexion with the obituary notice in the *Gentleman's* of 1795, written evidently by one who was posted up in the subject, and whose statement was never contradicted in the said *Gentleman's Magazine*, I must come to the conclusion, that the so-called Masonic version of Dunckerley's parentage, is not quite as certain as our Masonic orthodox writers and Masonic Cyclopædists have made it out to be. Indeed, *Tichborne* presented much stronger evidence of his identity than Dunckerley did of his parentage. Thousands of Englishmen and many Americans still believe that Tichborne (or whatever else his name may be) was wronged; but yet, one ended his days in Hampton Court, and the other may end his days in prison. And who knows whether in either of those cases actual justice was done?

There seems to be somewhere some further information about Dunckerley, for if I rightly recollect, Dr. Oliver says, somewhere, that Dunckerley's son was intemperate, and Bro. Oliver mourns over the scion of royalty being compelled to get his living as a common bricklayer, and that he died a drunkard, &c. It is not impossible therefore, that some further hints may yet be found to throw light upon the life of Dunckerley.

It is needless to discuss the minor questions which crept into this discussion, such for instance, as Bro. Q.'s definition of "fault finding," the date of Dunckerley's lecture. "It is all bosh," &c. But I must caution Bro. Q. against a repetition of the blunder in his letter of 28th September. I fraternally advise him, with the most friendly feelings, that whenever he finds himself irritated by an article in a Masonic paper, he should immediately clap a wet cold towel upon his head, and then read it again, for had he done so when reading the paper of 15th June he would not have charged me with upsetting the "Masonic version." If this paper should really shake the brethren's faith in the so-called Masonic version, Bro. Q. has to thank his own over-zeal in inducing me to read the article printed in 1796. Briefly, then, when I first read the narrative printed in 1793, I saw no reason to doubt that Dunckerley was a natural son of George the Second. When I first read the article in the *Gentleman's Magazine* of 1795, I was puzzled as to which account was the true one. But when I finished reading the sequel, printed in 1796, I came to the conclusion that if George the Third would have submitted the Dunckerley story to the judgment of such a lawyer as Sir Alexander E. J. Cockburn, Dunckerley would never have received £800 a year, would never have been a Provincial G.M., would never have introduced amongst the *moderns* the Royal Arch, Templarism, Kadosh, and other moonshine, and would never have figured in our annals as a "Masonic Luninary."

Boston U.S., October 18th 1878.

APPENDIX.—The following I abridge from Lord John Hervey's "Reign of George II."

Sir Robert Walpole told Lord Chancellor King that George the 2nd constantly wrote long letters to the Queen, of what he did every day, and particularly of his amours, and that the Queen replied in similar long letters, approving of his amours, "not scrupling to say, that she was but one woman, and an old woman, and that he might have more and younger women, "by which perfect submission to his will, she effected whatever she desired, without which it was impossible to keep him within bounds." (Life of Lord King, in Campbell's Lives of the Lord Chancellors.)

Again, when the King formed his attachment in Hanover to Madame Walmoden, he informed the Queen, by letter, of every step he took in the affair, such as the growth of his passion, the progress of his applications, the sum of money he paid for obtaining her love, and the final success. He wrote in addition to the Queen, "You must love her because she loves me."

The 27th chapter of the Heart of Midlothian shows the degree of intimacy between the Queen and her "good Lady Suffolk." Pope celebrated the said Lady Suffolk in verse, and if I recollect aright, Dean Swift used to visit her. Thackeray, in his lecture of George II., says:—

"As I peep into George II., St. James's, I see crowds of cassocks rustling up the back stairs of the ladies of the court stealthily, the clergy slipping purses into their laps." Lady Yarmouth, one of the King's mistresses, sold a Bishopric to a court parson for £5,000.

With all these facts before me, I really cannot believe Bro. Dunckerley, that his mother was deterred by a fear of shame from making known that the King was the father of her child.

INSTALLATION BANQUET OF THE EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE annual installation banquet of this young and prosperous Lodge was held at the Queen's Hotel, York, on Monday, the 25th ult., and was well attended. The dinner was of an excellent character, reflecting every credit upon the host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M. Bro. J. S. Cumberland occupied the chair, supported by the following members of the Lodge:—Bros. T. B. Whytehead I.P.M. Prov. G.D.C., T. Cooper P.M. 1611 and P.M. 236 P.P.G.D.C., P. H. Rowland P.M. 237 P.P.G.J.W., R. W. Hollon P.M. 236 P.G.S.B. Eng., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Sellar J.W., J. Kay Secretary, M. Milington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., A. T. B. Turner Asst. M.C., G. H. Simpson Organist, J. Bleukin I.G., W. Hill Steward, G. H. Hobbethwaite Steward, C. Blackstone G. D. Goodall, J. R. Jackson, J. E. Wilkinson, P. H. Matthews, H. Churchill, T. E. Abbey, M. Varvill, J. Morgan, R. Ware, G. C. Lee, P. Pearson Tyler. The special guests of the Lodge were Bros. W. Valentine W.M. 236 P.P.G. Chap., G. C. Baskett S.W. 236, A. Buckle J.W. 236, J. Hanly W.M. et ct 295 (I.C.), W. Harris Sec. 295, J. B. Somerset I.G. 295, and C. Cheesman W.M. De la Polo 1605. The following visiting brethren were also present:—Bros. J. Todd P.M. 236 Prov. G. Reg., R. Boggatt P.M. 1605, M. Rooke 236, W. H. Sampson 236, W. T. Gowland 236, C. Abbott 236, G. W. Flint 1129, C. Winn 938, Blagbro (Leeds), Meek (Fife), T. M. Richey, F. G. Bellringer (Stockton), &c. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, Bro. R. W. Hollon responding to that of the Grand Lodge, and Bro. J. Todd to that of Prov. Grand Lodge. Bro. T. B. Whytehead then gave the health of the W.M., which was received with great heartiness. He said that after a very long absence from England, he had returned four years ago, a Mason, to make many pleasant acquaintances, and none more so than that of the W.M., with whom he had been associated intimately in Masonry during that period, and he knew no brother who stood second to Bro. Cumberland in point of Masonic zeal and a true fraternal spirit. He was very proud to have had the honour and privilege of installing him as W.M. of a Lodge of which he was one of the first founders, and he wished him health, strength, and a happy term of office. In responding, the W.M. thanked the brethren for their good wishes, and said he would take that early opportunity of saying that he hoped great care would be exercised in the proposal of candidates. Brethren should remember that they had not themselves alone to consult in this matter, but that they must remember the comfort and pleasure of the other members of the Lodge, and never attempt to introduce any one as a candidate whose presence they did not think would contribute to the universal happiness and harmony of the Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the I.P.M. and Installing Master, Bro. T. B. Whytehead, which was very warmly received, and suitably responded to, Bro. Whytehead thanking the brethren very cordially for their strong support during his happy year, and expressing a hope that it might be extended with the same warmth to his successor. Prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge was proposed by Bro. Valentine, W.M. of the York Lodge 236, who spoke of the gratification with which he noticed the progress of the Lodge, and above all the excellent manner in which it was ruled and conducted. If he had even had a doubt on the question, it would have been removed at this time; but he had always held that the establishment of the Eboracum Lodge was a right and proper step, and he wished it every success. "The Sister Lodges of the Province" was proposed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and replied to by Bro. Buckle J.W., of the York Lodge 236. Bro. Buckle, in the course of his remarks, said that he thought Masons too often lost sight of that part of their duty which came under the head of Charity. Charity did not consist only in giving. "Though I give all my goods to feed the poor, and have not charity, I am nothing," said a very old divine. There was the charity which tried to hide the faults of a brother, which put a kind construction on his actions, which hoped the best, and believed the best, and was not carping and anxious to display the foibles and weaknesses of others. This he maintained was real charity, not to lose sight of the actual practical "giving," but to look to higher aims, and to work out the real meaning of the word "charity" in its highest sense. Bro. C. G. Padel S.W. 1611 proposed the Visiting Brethren, congratulating the members of the Lodge upon the constant number of visitors whom they had the pleasure of so frequently entertaining. Bro. G. C. Baskett S.W. 236, and Bro. Hanley S.W. 295, responded. The W.M. proposed the Wardens and Officers of the Lodge, to which the Wardens responded. Bro. Rowland P.M. proposed the Masonic Charities in happy terms, to which the W.M. responded. Bro. Rowland took occasion to note the service this very young Lodge had already done in the way of sending up Stewards with good lists, and rejoiced to know that a continuance in well doing was contemplated. Bro. T. D. Smith J.D. proposed the Ladies, and Bros. M. Varvill and A. T. B. Turner responded. The Tyler's toast then brought a very happy evening to a conclusion. The toast list was well worth notice as a work of lithographic art. It bore a series of appropriate mottos selected from the ancient charges and regulations, and on the first page was a photograph of an ancient Masonic flagon, the property of the Eboracum Lodge, the original occupying a prominent position in front of the W.M., and being used as a loving cup in the course of the banquet. Some capital songs varied the proceedings, contributed by Bros. Blagbro, Wilkinson, Cheesman, Todd, and Flint. Bro. G. H. Simpson Organist effectively presided at the pianoforte.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea and accumulations of phlegm can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger and effecting permanent relief. These all important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF EAST LANCASHIRE.

THE regular meeting of the above Prov. Grand Lodge was held in Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, on Friday, 29th November, when a large number of brethren were present, including Bros. Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie, R.W. Prov. G. Master; George Mellor, Dep. Prov. G. Master; Edward Ashworth, Prov. S.G. Warden; W. O. Walker, Prov. J.G. Warden; J. L. Hine, Dr. Lees, R. H. Hutchinson, Col. Parker, C. R. N. Beswicke-Royds, Edmund Ashworth, jun., J. Gibb Smith, James A. Birch, C. H. Coates, P. Prov. G. Wardens; George O'Neil, Prov. G. Treasurer; John Barker, T. J. Hooper, James Hall, P. Prov. G. Treasurers; Thomas S. Ainsworth, Prov. G. Registrar; J. F. Tweedale, P. Prov. G. Registrar; John Tunnah, Prov. G. Secretary; Edwin Hardon, Prov. S.G. Deacon; Edmund Heywood, Prov. J.G. Deacon; G. P. Brockbank, Dr. Royle, P. Prov. G. Deacons; John Salmon, Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies; John Tennant, Prov. G. Assistant Director of Ceremonies; G. F. East, Robert Whittaker, E. M. Jones, J. H. Sillitoe, P. Prov. G. Directors of Ceremonies; John Halliwell, Prov. G. Sword Bearer; Wm. Barlow, P. Prov. G. Sword Bearer; J. Randle Fletcher, Prov. G. Organist; Chas. Wood, Prov. G. Pursuivant; Hy. Greenwood, P. Prov. G. Pursuivant; Geo. Pilling, Assistant Prov. G. Pursuivant; Chas. Brierley, Prov. G. Steward; Thos. Mitchell, Prov. G. Tyler; and representatives from eighty-five of the eighty-nine Lodges in the Province; also Bros. H. A. Bennett, P. Prov. G. Warden Cheshire; James Terry, Prov. J.G. Warden Herts, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; E. C. Cooper, Prov. G. Sword Bearer West Lancashire, and others.

The Prov. G. Lodge was opened in due form, and with prayer, at 4.15 p.m.

The minutes of the last Regular Meeting of Prov. G. Lodge, held at Bury on 23rd May 1878, were taken as read, and were thereupon confirmed.

Bro. Hine, chairman of the Charity Committee, read the minutes of proceedings of that Committee, which were then adopted and confirmed.

Bros. Thos. W. Probert W.M. 191, Jas. Andrew P.M. 1,219, and J. H. Greenhalgh W.M. 1,723, were appointed Auditors of the Prov. G. Treasurer's accounts.

A grant of five hundred guineas was made from the Prov. G. Lodge Fund to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons on the occasion of the R.W. Prov. G. Master (Col. Le Gendre N. Starkie) presiding at the Festival of that Institution on 12th February 1879.

It may also be stated that thirty-two brethren of the Province have consented to serve as Stewards on the occasion, and this number is expected to be very largely increased before the Festival.

A grant of fifty pounds was made from the Prov. G. Lodge Fund to the East Lancashire Systematic Masonic Educational and Benevolent Institution.

All business being concluded, the Prov. G. Lodge was closed in due form and with prayer at 5.15 p.m.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK-ON-TWEED LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE annual festival of this old and flourishing Lodge took place on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a large attendance of brethren and Visitors. The Lodge was opened at 3 o'clock by the W.M. Bro. W. E. Franklin Prov. G.S.O., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong J.W., T. Armstrong M.O., R. L. Armstrong S.O., J. E. Robson J.O., R. Lock Treasurer, R. G. Salmon Sec., J. Wood J.D., S. M. Harris I.G., J. S. B. Bell Steward, and G. Sims Tyler. The minutes of last meeting being confirmed, the ballot was taken for two brethren for advancement. Bro. Ludwig Myer, being in attendance, was advanced to this honourable degree by the W.M. In the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Cockburn, the W.M. elect, through severe illness, the W.M. invested the following officers for the ensuing year:—W. S. Hughes I.P.M., Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W., T. J. Armstrong J.W., R. L. Armstrong M.O., J. E. Robson S.O., R. G. Salmon J.O., J. Wood Reg. of M., G. W. Lax Sec., R. Lock Treas., S. M. Harris S.D., J. S. B. Bell J.D., J. Usher Organist, J. Ridsdale P.M. D.C., W. H. Dunn I.G., G. J. Place and G. B. Ford Stewards, G. S. Sims Tyler. Bro. Hughes P.M. gave the usual address to the Officers, and a vote of sympathy was unanimously passed to Bro. Cockburn. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Turk's Head Hotel, where they sat down to a most sumptuous banquet, presided over by Bro. Franklin. A toast list was gone through, each item in its turn being received very heartily, and a pleasant evening was spent. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Capt. Forbs P.G.S.W., F. Maddison W.M. 142 P.G.J.O., Liddle P.M. P.P.G.O., &c.

On Tuesday, the 10th inst., a new Mark Lodge, the Clapton, No. 236, will be consecrated by Bro. Col. Burdett, Prov. G. Master Middlesex and Surrey, assisted by Bros. F. Binckes, G. Secretary, and D. M. Dewar, G. Assistant Secretary. Two other Lodges, it is said, are likely to be constituted at an early date, namely—one in Rochester, Kent, and the other at Watford, Herts.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

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LORD CARNARVON'S MARRIAGE.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I consider the proposal of "T. B. W.," that the approaching marriage of Lord Carnarvon should be made an opportunity for presenting his Lordship with some token of the appreciation in which his services are held by the Craft, an excellent one, and one which steps should at once be taken to adopt and carry out. I would go still further, and suggest that the approaching marriage of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught which, it is said, is arranged to take place early in the month of February next, should be made the occasion for presenting his Royal Highness with a similar token. Whether the Duke's future father-in-law, Prince Frederick Charles of Prussia, is or is not a Mason I cannot say, but the Prussian Royal Family, like the English, has always evinced a deep interest in the welfare of Freemasonry. Why not then exhibit our loyalty and our sense of gratitude for England's and Prussia's Princes doing so much for the Craft by making the Duke and his future consort some present? A committee can soon be formed, and if the amount of subscription were limited to a maximum of say £1, and a minimum of half-a-crown—which I think would be preferable to the fixed amount of a crown, a handsome sum might be raised for the purpose. Another Committee should be appointed with a similarly limited subscription in the case of Lord Carnarvon; and I would suggest the appropriation of the funds so raised in the following manner: Part in purchase of a Perpetual Presentation to Girls' or Boys' School, to be called the CARNARVON Perpetual Presentation, and the remainder in the purchase of some jewel or jewels for presentation to the future Countess. Similarly, in the case of the Duke of Connaught, part in purchase of a CONNAUGHT Perpetual Presentation to Boys' or Girls' School—care being taken that it shall be to that one of the Schools which does not receive the CARNARVON Presentation—and the rest in purchase of some jewel or jewels for presentation to His Royal Highness's bride elect.

Why, dear Sir and Brother, should you not at once take steps with a view to inaugurate the two subscriptions? A small working committee would do the work speedily, and a larger ornamental committee would lend the necessary *eclat* to the proceedings.

Faternally yours,

ONE WHO WILL SUBSCRIBE TO BOTH FUNDS.

London, 4th December 1878.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—“T. B. W.'s” suggestion in last week's issue, to present our Pro Grand Master with a “tangible token” upon his marriage, is one that will, I venture to submit, commend itself to the Craft generally, as an opportune moment to pay a graceful tribute to his worth as a Statesman, and as a Brother held in high estimation by Masons. Your correspondent's view as to subscription and banquet is worth consideration, if a committee were formed to carry out his idea. I am a stranger to him and the Pro Grand Master, but am willing to contribute and assist.

I am, faithfully yours,

2nd December 1878.

J. W. 1563.

THE “OFF NIGHT” AT THE TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is not right that a virtue should be assumed if not possessed; therefore, to allay any misapprehension that may have arisen out of the conflicting statements, I may state that the cost of the supper (re Tranquillity 185), on the 18th ult., was £1 11s 6d for thirty-five brethren, equal to 6s 7½d per head. I think this rather an extravagant sum for a supper!

I feel confident many of the brethren do not expend more than this sum for a week's dining; hence it is distasteful to me to hear remarks such as “Only a supper! if I had known it, I would not have come.” “Are we to have Champagne with our supper?” “I can't drink beer, I must have claret!” “Bro. Treasurer, order me a little sherry?” “Cannot I have a little Scotch whiskey?” and so on, *ad nauseam*.

This, dear Bro. Editor is distasteful to—

ONE WHO KNOWS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The discrepancy in the reports of FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE and *Sunday Times*, anent the “Off Night” of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, which so much tickled the fancy of “OLD FILE,” may be explained by the fact that the reporter of the *Sunday Times* evidently drew his ideas of what took place from reminiscences of the glorious past, while the report in your columns is a veracious account of the affair, as witnessed by the bodily presence of your

REPORTER.

"CHARITY IS GIVING?"

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Parsimony has lifted up her voice, and inquires, what shall I cry? Is Charity giving?

Brother Binckes justly and truly replies in the affirmative; but then, logically considered, assertion is not proof. I may ask further a logical question: Is there any charity *without* giving?

He who is not charitable is not a sincere Christian.

Some Masons are not charitable; therefore some Masons are not sincere Christians. St. Paul, who is of high authority, is pressed into the controversy.

But this I say, says St. Paul (which some readers of the sacred law, seem to have forgotten), but is proved in daily life! "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver."—2 Corinthians, ix. 6, 7.

Solomon, the wisest man, asserts what is proved in daily life: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty. He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack: but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."—Proverbs xi. 21; xxviii. 27.

But a greater than Solomon, the greatest of all Teachers, our blessed Master of all, lays down as an incontrovertible axiom, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Whose experience has proved the contrary? *Cadit questio.*

Yours fraternally,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Laughton Vicarage, 2nd December 1878.

CAUTION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly permit us, through the medium of your paper, to caution Lodges and Charity Committees against an itinerant, who calls himself "Bro. Charles Johnstone, of the Morning Star Lodge, No. 552, Lucknow," as he is unworthy of assistance?

We shall be glad to give further information if required.

Yours fraternally,

T. J. HOOPER.

J. H. SILLITOE.

Almoners for the Province of
East Lancashire.

Freemasons' Hall, Manchester, 3rd December 1878.

BRO. WHITE AND THE L.M.C.A.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

4th December 1878.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have noticed in the last number of the Chronicle your account of the proceedings at the last meeting of the Capper Lodge, at which Bro. White, in the course of an address to the Brethren on the subject of our Masonic Charities, is reported to have said, "I joined the London Masonic Charity Association to further Mrs. Priestley's child's case. After I had laid it before the Committee I noticed that a brother on my left stated that although pledged to support the Committee's 'last chance' selections, still, he could not give up some 300 votes he wielded. On this he was assured that his case would be carried at the next election if he would lend those votes." Now, as I recognise myself as the "brother on my left" and have a vivid recollection (assisted by memoranda made at the time) of what occurred at the meeting of the L.M.C.A. to which Bro. White alludes I beg that you will allow me to give my account of what then took place. It is somewhat at variance with Bro. White's statement, but I give it in no unfriendly spirit, as I can easily understand that Bro. White having attended the meeting for the purpose of advocating the claims of a candidate in whom he felt an interest, and finding the decision of the Committee not in harmony with his own desires, left the meeting with a feeling of disappointment, and as I venture to say, not with a memory sufficiently accurate to state three months subsequently what then occurred. What did occur at the meeting of the Committee of the L.M.C.A. on 30th August was as follows.

The Committee received and considered a report respecting the London Candidates for the Schools, all of whose circumstances were carefully inquired into. The merits of Bro. White's candidate were fully recognised by the Committee who however came to the decision that two more urgent cases were entitled to their first support. As regards myself, I stated to the Committee that, while I fully endorsed their selection, I was already pledged (previously to the formation of the L.M.C.A.) to support the child of an old friend. I mentioned also, in reply to an enquiry, that I thought the child's friends, not myself alone, which would have been an idle boast, would command at least 300 votes, when I was solicited to place the votes, if possible, at the disposal of the Committee, who would, after securing the election of the more urgent cases, take that of my candidate into consideration. This, your readers will perceive is a very different matter to offering me a positive guarantee that the child should be elected next April. The idea of such a bargain would not be entertained by the Committee as at present constituted. Such an arrangement would have been very convenient to me individually, but as a member of the Committee I

should not countenance it, and I think the other members of the Committee would agree with me that such a bargain would be neither righteous nor discreet.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

A. E. G.

A CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the Consecration of a Lodge at Thame, on Thursday, the 5th inst., the Lodge in the course of the ceremony being in the second degree, was "resumed" to the third degree, instead of being "opened" in the usual form.

I was informed by a brother sitting next me, that this was no new idea, and often adopted at one of the Oxford Lodges, although the question had been raised as to the correctness of the ceremony.

Perhaps some of your numerous correspondents, who are more conversant with the authorities on ritual than your humble servant will kindly give their opinion on the question?

Yours fraternally,

J. W.

5th December 1878.

CHARITY STEWARDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to point out to your readers, in reply to Bro. Godtschalk's remarks in last week's issue, that he has misunderstood my letter in CHRONICLE of 26th October. I suggested it was advisable for Lodge funds to be kept under two heads, and separate subscriptions:

1. Charity fund and general expenses.
2. Refreshment and tavern bill expenses.

There are many brethren who subscribe and seldom attend their Lodge; and I repeatedly hear they are under the impression their subscription is used for Charity. If they were to attend the audit meetings, they would soon be relieved of this erroneous impression. If this system were adopted, many brethren would subscribe willingly who now do not, simply because of their inability to attend their Lodges, and they do not feel disposed to see their money expended for the benefit of banqueting members.

Thanking you for your courtesy in publishing my letters,

I remain yours faithfully and fraternally,

DICK RADCLYFFE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I fear I must plead guilty to having overlooked the quoted passage containing the word "compel," which Bro. Godtschalk included in his letter. But I read Bro. Radclyffe's proposition by the light of common sense, and not in a spirit of hypercriticism. I interpreted his meaning to be that Lodges and brethren owed it as a duty to contribute to the necessities of our distressed brethren. This, in my humble judgment, was the limit of Bro. Radclyffe's suggested compulsion. But even if I misinterpreted him, am I not right in stating that every member of a Lodge is compelled to contribute to the Benevolent Fund? In each case, the Charity dispensed by our Grand Lodge to distressed members and their families is the result of *compulsory* contributions. Therefore, if each Lodge were *compelled* to contribute something to each of our Institutions, there would be an excellent precedent for it, and the Charity so dispensed would be a Benevolence justly imposed on the Masonic community, without distinction of persons.

Fraternally yours,

OLD FILE.

Bro. W. C. Parsons is very anxious we should point out to our readers that he never thought of propounding the idea that a Charity Steward could by any known arithmetical process be reduced to a guinea. What he wished to say was, that the Steward's "Fee," not the "Steward," might, in his opinion, very properly be reduced to a guinea. We enter fully into our worthy brother's views. A Steward may, occasionally, be reduced to his last guinea, but that is a figure of speech, not the result of an arithmetical process. Nor are "fees" and "Stewards" convertible terms. If they were, "Our Hercules" and his colleagues of the R.M.I.G. and R.M.B.I. might annually find themselves in a difficulty, as Bro. Best of the Freemasons' Tavern, and Bros. Bertram and Roberts of the Alexandra and Crystal Palaces might, and doubtless would, decline to accept corporeally Bro. A. B. C. and Bro. X. Y. Z. in payment of their dinner bills, the said brethren not being current coin of the realm. However, no great harm has been done, and the reason we headed this letter "Charity Stewards" was simply that such has been throughout the heading appropriated to this particular correspondence.

UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE regular Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Right Hon the Earl of Carnarvon, Pro Grand Master, occupied the chair, and, in the absence of Lord Skelmersdale, R. W. Bro. W. B. Beach M.P. Prov. Grand Master of Hants and Isle of Wight acted as Deputy Grand Master. Lord Tenterden C.B. occupied the Grand Senior Warden's chair, and Sir Harcourt Johnstone M.P. was in his place as Grand Junior Warden. There were likewise present—Bros. S. Rawson Past District G. Master of China, Sir Albert Woods (Garier) G. Director of Ceremonies, Aen. McIntyre, Q.C., Grand Registrar, John Hervey Grand Secretary, Rev. H. A. Pickard and Rev. W. A. Hill Grand Chaplains, Rev. C. W. Arnold, Rev. T. R. Wigram, Rev. J. E. Cox, and Rev. R. J. Simpson Past Grand Chaplains, H. G. Bass Grand Asst. Secretary, Erasmus Wilson and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G. S. Deacons, J. M. P. Montagu and Raphael Costa G.J. Deacons, W. H. Lucia G. Sword Bearer, Captain Platt P.G. Warden, J. L. Thomas Asst. G.D. of C., Ex-Sheriff Hutton P.G.D., W. F. Nettleship P.G.D., J. M. Clabon P.G.D., W. Gauz P.G. Organist, Lieut.-Col. Creaton P.G.D., Joshua Nunn, F. Richardson, T. Fenn P.G.D., J. A. Rucker President Col. Board, Captain Philips P.G.D., J. C. Parkinson P.G.D., &c., &c. After the usual preliminaries and the confirmation of the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the motion of Bro. Richardson, was re-nominated Grand Master for the ensuing year. The Pro Grand Master then announced that by the lamented death of Bro. F. Pepys Cockerell, the office of Grand Superintendent of Works had become vacant, and His Royal Highness the Grand Master had appointed Bro. John Gibson, a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and Past Master of Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, to fill the vacancy. His lordship, having paid a tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased brother, whose name must ever be associated with the building in which they were assembled, invested Bro. Gibson with the insignia of his office, and Bro. Gibson, having been conducted to his seat on the dais by Sir Albert Woods, was saluted according to ancient custom. The Pro Grand Master then announced that Bro. Clabon had been re-appointed President of the Board of Benevolence, and that, as the only brethren brought forward for election, Bros. Joshua Nunn and James Brett were re-elected Senior and Junior Vice-Presidents thereof respectively. Only twelve Past Masters were nominated for election on the Lodge of Benevolence, and the twelve were elected accordingly. Their names will be found at foot of this report. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. then rose and interrupted the proceedings for the purpose of making an appeal on behalf of the brethren and their privileges, but the brethren for the most part treated the appeal with remarkable indifference, and Bro. Raynham Stewart very properly resumed his seat without concluding his observations. Bro. Clabon, supported by Bro. Nunn, then moved the confirmation of the several grants made by the Board of Benevolence, after which the Earl of Carnarvon announced that Bro. Edward Tyrrell Heath, Dep. District G. Master of Bombay, had kindly presented G. Lodge with a highly interesting and even invaluable record of the early history of Speculative Freemasonry. This was none other than a book, consisting of only a few pages and in a splendid state of preservation, of which, as far as is known, there is only one other copy extant. It is a record of the Lodges in existence in the year 1729, and of these—only fifty-four in number—there are still several yet flourishing which, as his lordship had been informed, were distinguished by the very features which characterised them at the date of this Book. Accordingly, Lord Carnarvon proposed, in the first instance, that they should accept it, and that it should lie in the Grand Secretary's Office for the period of one month, in order that brethren might have an opportunity of inspecting it, and in the next that a vote of thanks should be passed to the donor. Both these motions were seconded by Bro. Beach, Deputy G. Master, and were agreed to unanimously. The motions standing in the name of Bro. Clabon were then discussed and agreed to, and G. Lodge was closed. The following are the names of the several Past Masters elected to serve on the Board of Benevolence, namely:—Bros. W. H. Perryman P.M. 3, Griffiths Smith P.M. 21, Charles Atkins P.M. 27, Henry Bartlett P.M. 147, W. Mann P.M. 186, C. F. Hogard P.M. 205, H. Massey P.M. 619, W. Maidwell P.M. 657, Henry Garrod P.M. 749, W. J. Marlis P.M. 1,642, W. S. Christian P.M. 1,662, J. M. Klenck P.M. 1,666.

In a letter we published last week, signed "T. B. W.," it was proposed that the approaching marriage of the Earl of Carnarvon should be made the occasion for presenting his lordship with some mark of the esteem in which he is held by the Craft. This week we publish a letter signed "ONE WHO WILL SUBSCRIBE TO BOTH FUNDS," on the same subject. Our latter correspondent is more detailed in his suggestion, and proposes that a presentation should be made both to the Duke of Connaught and the Earl of Carnarvon. He even goes further, and suggests that it should take the form of a Perpetual Presentation to one or other of the Schools, to be named in the one case the CARNARVON and in the other the CONNAUGHT Presentation, the balance remaining in each case to be appropriated to the purchase of a wedding gift to the bride elect. We can only say that the proposition meets with our entire approval. This does not, of course, apply to the details, but to the suggestion pure and simple, which, in our judgment, should be immediately acted upon. For ourselves, we shall be happy to render all the assistance in our power.

MARK MASONRY IN READING.

THERE has hitherto been no Mark Masons' Lodge in Reading, and we believe that there is only one in the county, namely that recently consecrated at Abingdon. A resolve had been made to establish a Lodge of the same description in Reading, and the determination has been very successfully carried out. On Monday the ceremony of consecrating the Leopold Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall. Previously, however, to the ceremony a Lodge was formed, and twenty-one brethren were advanced to the degree of M.M.M. It is very rarely that so many candidates offer themselves for advancement, and the fact that they were so numerous augurs well for the future prosperity of the Lodge. The ceremony of advancement was most ably gone through by Bro. E. Margrett, the W.M. of the Lodge. The Consecrating Officer was Bro. F. Binckes, who in Mark Masonry is Past Grand Warden and Grand Secretary. Bro. Binckes discharged his duties as Consecrating Officer in a felicitous manner, and in the oration he gave a very interesting description of the teaching peculiar to the degree of Mark Master Mason. At the conclusion of the ceremony of Consecration the W.M. invested the Officers, amongst whom were Bro. W. H. Herbert (S.W.), C. Stephens (J.W.), the Rev. C. R. Honey (Chaplain), C. Stephens (Treasurer), and T. J. Pulley (Secretary). Several distinguished brethren were elected honorary members of the Lodge. Amongst them was H.R.H. Prince Leopold, who had been requested to allow the Lodge to be named after him. He had given his consent to the proposal, and had also expressed his willingness to become an honorary member of the Lodge. Previously to the closing of the Lodge a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to the Consecrating Officer and to the other brethren who had taken part in the proceedings of the day. The Lodge was, it should be added, very numerously attended, and indeed the Masonic Hall has scarcely ever been so full. After the Lodge had been closed the brethren, to the number of about fifty, sat down to a banquet at the Ship Hotel. It was served by Bro. Bailey in his usual excellent style. The W.M. presided. Several speeches were delivered, and all of the brethren who took part in the proceedings appeared to be of opinion that the Lodge would be likely to maintain an excellent position. In reference to the question of charity, attention was called to the Mark Benevolent Fund. It was stated that it was originally intended to expend the fund in making grants to Mark Master Masons who were in necessitous circumstances. From a very small beginning the fund had, however, largely increased and it had been determined, chiefly at the instance of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, to allocate a certain portion of the fund to the special purpose of assisting brethren in meeting the expenses incurred in the education of their sons. The W.M. (Bro. Margrett) expressed his intention of acting as one of the Stewards at the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund, and the announcement gave general satisfaction. In the course of the evening some very good songs were given, and the singing and playing of Bro. F. H. Cozens, Prov. G. Organist, were especially appreciated. After having had a most agreeable gathering, the brethren separated shortly before ten o'clock.—*Berkshire Chronicle*.

REVIEWS.

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

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons of Pennsylvania. Its Early History and Constitutions. From A.L. 5780, A.D. 1730. Its Minutes and Proceedings. Part II. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Shorman and Co., Printers, 1878.

SOMETHING like a year has elapsed since it became our duty to notice Part I. of the Early History and Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and had the Library Committee of Grand Lodge there and then terminated its labours we should have had no reason to be surprised at their conduct. The forty and odd thousand brethren in the State are so deeply interested in the history of the Grand Body to which they belong, that from the Report of the said Committee published in the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the past year, they would seem to have purchased among them about two hundred copies. Or, to put the matter in a different form, about two hundred out of forty thousand have mustered up sufficient courage to expend the munificent sum of one dollar, or four shillings of our money, in the purchase of the first part of a most interesting as well as valuable contribution to Masonic History. Under these circumstances it reflects the utmost credit on the Library Committee that in the teeth of such terrible discouragement they should have resolved on prosecuting their task, and if only one-half of our Fellow Craftsmen have any sense of shame about them they will now respond, as it is their duty, to the appeal to their honour, and liberally support their Grand Lodge Committee in their erection of this grand national Masonic monument. Let it no longer be chargeable against the Pennsylvanian Craftsmen that any number of dollars are invariably forthcoming when it is a question of Masonic show, or dining sumptuously, or going on a pilgrimage, while not a single dollar can be spent on one or two occasions in the year for Masonic literature. Having spoken thus freely, we now enter on the more agreeable task of noting what is worthy of note in Part II. of these Proceedings. Remarking first that this Part is embellished with what strikes us as being an admirable Portrait of the great Benjamin Franklin, we will add incidentally that it carries us to the month of March 1799, thus extending over a period of about twelve and-a-half years. We left off at the close of Part I. with the formal severance

of the connection formerly existing between Pennsylvania and the G. Lodge (Ancients) of England. This severance was resolved upon on 26th September 1783, and appears to have been thought worthy of comment in the columns of the *Pennsylvania Gazette* of the 4th October following. The comments are made in the greatest courtesy toward British Masons. Having pointed out that the Masonic separation naturally follows the political, and that "it would be as improper as absurd that we should again yield an obedience to her wild, extravagant claims of power, as that Lodges of this Empire should be subservient to jurisdictions from abroad," the writer goes on to say, "But notwithstanding our Masonic dependence on Great Britain is now no more, yet those fine-spun cords of love and affection, by which the Fraternity are drawn together, will no doubt ever induce them . . . as a band of Brothers connected by the dearest ties . . . to cultivate the most social intercourses with each other. The means of this happy cultivation and improvement will probably be the frequent subject of our best and most serious disquisitions. We shall endeavour to hold forth every engaging allurements, that the members of the British G. Lodge may approach and apply their elegant wonder-working fingers to finish the beauties of so well ordered a dome in this new empire, and make this favourite land what we really wish, the distinguished residence, the last best retreat of heaven-born Masonry." The severance was also ordered to be notified to the English Grand Lodge aforesaid, in a letter bidding farewell to the latter. Accordingly, at the adjourned Communication held on the 16th October 1786, the draft of the said order was submitted and unanimously approved, and the first step rendered necessary by this act of Masonic independence was taken, namely, the preparation and approval of a form of Warrant to be issued to its subordinate Lodges, by the new Grand Lodge. At the same time a circular letter was ordered to be written and forwarded to the different daughter Lodges announcing the erection of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania into a Grand Lodge, and calling upon them to surrender their old Warrants in return for new ones, to be issued to them free of expense. At an extra Grand Lodge held on 2nd December, it was resolved to celebrate St. John's Day by attending Divine Service in one of the City Churches, and a Committee was entrusted with the preparation of the arrangements. On the 18th December it was announced that the service would be held in St. Paul's Church, and that the Rev. Mr. Pilmore had consented to preach the sermon. At the same meeting a letter was read from Lodge No. 7 setting forth that they, with Lodges Nos. 6, 17, 19, 29, and 37 (held at Somerset, Maryland), had met and declared and constituted themselves an independent and Grand Lodge—that of Maryland. A committee was appointed to reply to this letter. At an extra Grand Lodge on the 2nd January 1787, the thanks of the meeting were voted unanimously to the Rev. Mr. Pilmore for his sermon, and to Rev. Dr. Magaw for his prayer on St. John's Day, and a request for a copy of each with a view to their being printed was also made, while committees were appointed to distribute the sums collected among the distressed prisoners in gaol and among distressed brethren. Bro. Adcock was shortly afterwards re-elected Grand Master, Br. Jonathan Bayard Smith being appointed his Deputy, while Bros. Joseph Dean, Geo. Ord, Gavin Hamilton, and Asheton Humphreys were elected to the offices of Grand Senior Warden, Grand Junior Warden, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary respectively. Grand Deacons were next appointed, and the Grand Master proclaimed, after which his Deputy installed the other principal officers. On motion duly made and seconded, a Bro. Wm. Williams, a Master Mason, was passed to the chair with the usual ceremonies. On the 13th January, the Grand Lodge met for the purpose of constituting the new Lodge No. 19, for which a warrant had previously been ordered to be issued, and the W.M. and Wardens were installed. At the Quarterly Communication on 26th March, the Secretary was instructed to call upon the late officers of vacant Lodges to deliver their books, papers, jewels, and furniture to the Grand Lodge, and to send copies of the sermon and prayer to each Lodge in the jurisdiction, as well as to every Grand Lodge in the United States. The Secretary was also ordered to inform the latter of the declaration of independence by the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and to send copies of the By-laws and Constitutions. There are two other items of interest recorded at this meeting, namely, that the Treasurer was ordered to buy for the use of Grand Lodge every book which appeared interesting on Masonry, as well as a ticket in the lottery. At the Quarterly Communication in June it was announced that the ticket had been purchased and drawn blank. At this meeting the Lodges in arrear of dues were called upon to pay as early as possible, and it was resolved that as soon as the Grand Lodge funds would permit, it should subscribe to the Philadelphia Infirmary for the relief of sick persons. A resolution directing that the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master should present a copy of the Constitutions to General Washington is the last minute recorded of this meeting. In September there would appear to have been no meeting—at all events there are no minutes of one. We pass therefore to the Communication in December when, *inter alia*, it was resolved to appoint a committee with a view to procuring a room in the Philosophical Hall, then building, for the use of the Grand Lodge and its subordinate Lodges. The election of Grand Officers was then proceeded with, Bro. Adcock being re-elected G.M., and Bro. Jon. B. Smith re-appointed his Deputy. Steps were likewise taken to relieve the Grand Tyler in his present distresses, and also generally for the relief of distressed brethren, it being recommended to the several Lodges to open subscriptions for the latter. The minutes close with an order to the Grand Secretary to convene the members of Lodge No. 2, which had declined its meetings for some time, with a view to considering and ameliorating its position. The usual installation of Grand Officers on St. John's Day was not fully carried out, as the Grand Master was unable to be present, but this was done on the 1st January 1788, when also a motion was carried that the sums subscribed towards building a home for Grand Lodge on a plot of ground given by Bro. Jos. Dean, G.S. Warden, should be reported at the next meet-

ing, and also that plans for the said building should be submitted at the same time. Beyond, however, a similar motion at the June Grand Lodge, nothing was done for some time, but in December of the same year arrangements were ordered for raising £10 or £50 towards erecting a temporary building, and on St. John's Day orders were issued for such building to be proceeded with. Towards the close of the year the Grand Lodge of Virginia solicited correspondence with that of Pennsylvania, and the inevitable Committee was appointed to draw up an answer. On the same occasion a change was made in the Government of the Craft, and Bro. Adcock having declined re-election, his Deputy, Bro. J. B. Smith was chosen for the ensuing year, and he and his principal Officers were installed on St. John's Day. On 30th March 1789 a letter was read from Grand Lodge of Maryland, enclosing minutes of its proceedings in October of the previous year, and formally announcing the separation from Pennsylvania of the Lodges now comprised in the said Grand Lodge of Maryland. Several late members of Lodge, No. 2, succeeded on 15th June, in obtaining a Warrant to be called No. 2, the attempt to revive the original Lodge without some such step having apparently proved unsuccessful. An application by certain brethren for a Warrant for a new Lodge to be held at Norfolk, Virginia, was declined on the ground that there was a Grand Lodge already existing in that State. Bro. J. B. Smith was re-elected Grand Master on 14th December 1782, and retained that high office during the remaining period, to which the minutes recorded in Part II. relate. At the adjourned meeting on 18th December, a Warrant was granted for a Lodge to be held at Port-au-Prince in the island of St. Domingo. The letter recognising the Grand Lodge of Maryland was at the same meeting submitted and approved. On the 21st of the same month the Grand Master tendered his resignation, but from what we have said already it is clear that it was not accepted. On this occasion, and also at the meeting on the 25th following, Bro. M. Ewing, G. Secretary, of New Jersey, was invited as having been present as a visitor. At the latter Grand Lodge, a new Secretary, in the person of Bro. Peter Le Barbier Daplessis, was chosen in succession to Bro. Asheton Humphreys, whose resignation tendered more than once had at length been accepted, and to whom the thanks of Grand Lodge were unanimously voted in recognition of his long and valuable services to the Craft in Pennsylvania. At the meeting on the 28th December, Bro. M. Ewing, Grand Secretary of New Jersey, being again present, a communication from the Grand Lodge of that State was read, inviting correspondence and the interchange of friendly relations. At the meeting the next day the Code of Laws and Regulations for the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania were submitted and adopted.

(To be continued.)

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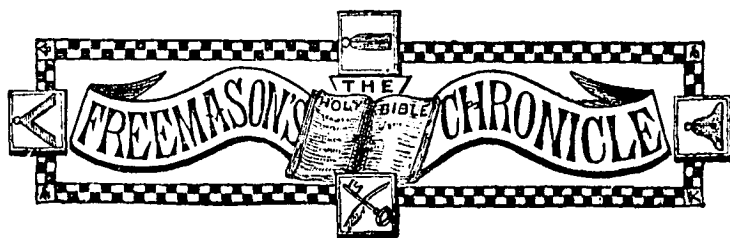
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen with Princess Beatrice paid a visit to the Empress Eugenie at Chiselmhurst on Tuesday. On Wednesday Her Majesty held a Council at Windsor. The Prince of Wales on Thursday passed through Luton, returning from a brief visit to the Hoo, and was presented with an address. The town was gaily decorated in honour of the visit.

A Cabinet Council was held on Tuesday, at which all the Ministers were present.

The Session of Parliament was opened on Thursday by Royal Commission. The Queen's Speech, read by the Lord Chancellor, was very brief, and merely referred to the hostilities which the unfriendly conduct of the Amcer of Afghanistan had rendered necessary, with a declaration of belief that the Treaty of Berlin would be carried out. At the Evening Sitting in the Lords, the debate upon the Address was continued until 11 o'clock, but no amendment was moved, although Lord Granville, Earl Grey, and other Peers took exception to the Government policy in respect of Afghanistan. In the Commons, Lord Hartington said he should not oppose the voting of supplies, but the course of the Government would require explanation at a later period. The debate was continued by many speakers, and the Address was eventually agreed to. Vacancies have arisen in the Commons by reason of the death of Mr. Dunbar, member for New Ross, and Professor Smyth member for Londonderry, and also in consequence of the resignation, by reason of ill health, of Mr. K. Hodgson, member for Bristol, and Mr. Sandford, member for Malvon. Sir John Gnest and Mr. Lewis Fry are the Candidates for the Bristol seat, and Sir W. N. Abdy and Mr. G. Cortauld for that of Maldon.

Notice has been given of an application to Parliament for an Act to authorise the affairs of the City of Glasgow Bank to be settled by arbitration. The unlimited liability attaching to the possession by the Caledonian Bank of four shares in the City of Glasgow Bank has led to an arrangement between the former and other Scotch Banks, and it was decided on Wednesday that the Caledonian Bank should present a petition for liquidation.

The Bishop of Durham, in consequence of continued illness, has resigned his office, and foregoes the pension pre-cribed by Act of Parliament.

The most important news from Afghanistan is the success of General Roberts in capturing the Peiwar Pass. Checked on Saturday by a determined fire, the General

retired, but on Tuesday renewed the attack with great vigour, and succeeded in expelling the enemy from formidable positions and capturing 18 guns. The evacuation of Jellalabad is stated upon official authority, and there is general belief that the Afghan troops have been withdrawn to Cabul. The Khyber Pass has been re-opened to convoys, and in the valleys the British forces receive abundant supplies. The definitive Treaty of Peace between Russia and Turkey appears now to be in course of negotiation, with some prospect of a satisfactory result. The Emperor of Russia, after visiting Moscow, returned to St. Petersburg, and has publicly declared his expectation that a definitive arrangement with the Porte will shortly be effected. The Turkish General Suleiman Pasha, who commanded the Balkan Army, and so strongly contested the Shipka Pass, has been found guilty by a Court-martial of military misconduct, and sentenced to 15 years' confinement in a fortress.

The Marquis and Marchioness of Lorne have arrived at Ottawa, where, as at every other point of their journey, they were received with the utmost cordiality.

EMULATION LODGE OF IMPROVEMENT.

THE Annual Festival was held in the Grand Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, 29th November 1878. Present: Bros. T. Fenn P.G.D. as W.M.; Bro. C. A. Murton P.G.D. as S.W.; Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. as J.W.; Bro. A. C. Spaul as S.D.; Bro. G. C. Pulsford as J.D.; Bro. W. A. Dawson as I.G.; Bro. W. Smallpeice as Secretary, and about 130 other brethren. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, the whole of the sections of the first lecture were worked in an able and impressive manner by the undermentioned:—

- Section 1. By Bro. A. C. Spaul J.W. 1,768.
 " 2. By Bro. G. C. Pulsford S.D. 1,593.
 " 3. By Bro. A. D. Renshaw S.D. 194.
 " 4. By Bro. E. Hornblower S.D. 1,604.
 " 5. By Bro. E. G. Tattershall 165.
 " 6. By Bro. F. R. Spaul S.W. 1,768.
 " 7. By Bro. W. A. Dawson W.M. 1,768.

About thirty-three brethren were then proposed as joining members of the Lodge, and Bro. Fenn having vacated the chair, Bro. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker R.W. S.G.W. took his place, and closed down the Lodge in the three degrees.

The brethren then proceeded to an excellent and substantial supper, served by Bro. Best in the large Banquet Hall, the chair being taken by Lord Henniker. Amongst the distinguished brethren who supported his Lordship we noticed Bros. John Hervey Grand Secretary, Captain Philips, Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Case, H. J. P. Dumas, Murton, Clarke, Edwin March, and others.

Grace having been said, and the cloth removed, the Chairman gave the usual loyal toasts, which were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the M.W. Grand Master, his Lordship made a fitting allusion to the many estimable qualities of His Royal Highness, and expressed a hope that they might soon have an opportunity of repeating the welcome they had recently given him in that Hall. Passing to the toast of the Grand Officers, Lord Henniker trusted that they might for many years have such rulers in the Craft as the Earl of Carnarvon and Lord Skelmersdale, whose efforts for the welfare of Masonry could not be too highly valued. In responding to this toast, Bro. Clarke said it must be an especial pleasure and satisfaction to the Grand Officers to attend the Emulation Lodge, whose proceedings cast such lustre upon English Masonry. Bro. John Hervey next proposed the health of the Chairman, Lord Henniker, in flattering terms, and bore testimony to his Lordship's great services to the Craft in the Province of Suffolk, remarking that the Lodge of Emulation owed Lord Henniker a debt of gratitude for having, at much inconvenience, undertaken a long journey in order to preside over them that evening. The toast was received with acclamation. Lord Henniker, in responding, complimented the Officers of the Lodge on the splendid working he had witnessed, the gratification derived therefrom fully repaying him for the journey he had undertaken in order to be present. He then proposed the toast of the evening: Success to the Emulation Lodge of Improvement. He considered the Emulation Lodge supplied one of the great Masonic wants, and was becoming a great authority in this country in matters of ritual. "Emulation" was a word we, as Masons, should always have before us, and he could not refrain from connecting with this toast their highly valued friend, Bro. John Hervey, who had been one of the chief supporters of the Lodge of Emulation for over thirty years. They should try, although they would find it a difficult task, to emulate the services of Bro. Hervey. Bro. Hervey in responding, expressed the pleasure he felt in seeing so numerous an assembly that evening, which convinced him that the good which was being done by the Emulation Lodge would continue to increase. In consequence of failing health, he had lately taken no active part in their working, but his Bro. Officers were not likely to let the Lodge fall off either in numbers or efficiency. The Chairman then proposed the health of the Officers of the Emulation Lodge, Bro. Fenn and others, who had given them such a treat that evening by their impressive working of the first lecture. He looked upon Bro. Fenn as a model W.M., and it was only due to Bro. Smallpeice, the indefatigable Secretary to the Lodge, that they should accord him the praise he deserved for his active services in that capacity. Bro. Fenn, in responding, said, that if they had earned any credit for their working, it must be

shared alike by all the brethren who had taken part in it; but he might observe that the greater part of them were young members, and it must be gratifying to all present to know that they had received their education in the Lodge of Emulation. Bro. Murton then proposed Prosperity to the Lodge of Unions, under whose Warrant they were privileged to meet. He hoped that as they were proud of their mother Lodge, she was also proud of her offspring, the Lodge of Emulation. He recommended brethren to spare no pains in learning the lectures, so as to arrive at a true understanding of the ceremonies. The toast was responded to by the W.M. of the Lodge of Unions, who gave a short sketch of their history. Bro. Rucker next proposed the toast of the Royal Masonic Institutions, remarking that there were two classes of Masons, namely, those who contributed to the support of the Charities, and those who did not. In coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Binckes, he would leave him to say something on behalf of the claims of the Charities, although advocacy of that kind he looked upon as superfluous, when the advantages of the Charities were so widely known and understood. Bro. Binckes, in responding at some length, made an eloquent appeal to the brethren, observing, in allusion to the remarks of Bro. Rucker, that he feared the class who did not give to the Masonic Charities was more numerous than the class who, acting up to their Masonic profession, contributed freely. He hoped that that state of things would be reversed before long, and he had every confidence that the great body of Masons were alive to the importance and necessity of supporting by all means in their power the various Charities associated with Masonry. The health of the Stewards of the evening, was proposed by Bro. Clarke, and responded to by Bro. Pulsford.

GRAND MARK LODGE.

THE half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge of England took place on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Lord Skelmersdale, Grand Master, was unable to be present, and the throne was occupied by the Earl of Limerick, Past Grand Master. There was a large attendance of brethren, among whom were General J. Studholme Brownrigg, Bros. Thos. Halsey, M.P., Captain Philips, S. Rawson, Shadwell H. Clerke, Sir J. Halford, and J. Lewis Thomas. The following business was on the agenda paper:—

Recommendations from the General Board:—

(a) "That in clause 63 of the Book of Constitutions the following words shall in future be omitted, 'Unless by special dispensation of the Grand Master, have been previously installed as Master of some Craft Lodge of Freemasons, and also,'"

(b) "That Grand Lodge authorise a grant of £25 in aid of the brethren of the Mark degree at Curacoa, who lost all their property, and have been reduced to a state of great destitution by the hurricane of September 1877."

(c) "Grants from Benevolent Fund—That £15 be granted to Bro. R. H.; that £10 be granted to the widow of Bro. H."

(d) "That the rules for the management of the Education Fund, now submitted, be approved."

(e) "That the Grand Master be authorised to take charge of certain other orders and degrees connected with Freemasonry, under such conditions as the General Board may from time to time recommend."

After a long discussion on Recommendation a, in which the general feeling of the brethren was against the proposed alteration, the Earl of Limerick drew attention to the circumstance that this clause was not included in the Report of the General Board. It therefore could not be put. This subject then fell to the ground. Recommendations b and c were agreed to. Recommendation d was adopted, with a few minor alterations in some of the bye-laws. On Recommendation e, Brother Binckes explained that the strong argument in favour of it was the desirability of not multiplying supreme jurisdiction in the Degrees or Orders. Several brethren disapproved of the proposition to take other Orders under Grand Mark Lodge, and the Earl of Limerick warned Grand Lodge that by giving the power proposed they would be taking a very serious step, that might lead to discussion which would be inconvenient and injurious to the Mark degree. Bro. C. J. Smith strongly opposed adopting the Side degrees. The Mark degree did not stand so free from dangers that it could afford to adopt further grounds of opposition by the Craft, and it should endeavour to establish harmony rather than resistance. The motion was ultimately withdrawn, and the Report of the General Board, with this exception, adopted. Bro. Montagu then nominated Lord Skelmersdale for Grand Master for the ensuing year, and the Earl of Limerick distributed charity jewels to Bros. Rev. D. Ace, Robt. Arnison, H. Bagot, J. Barker, R. Boggett, Rev. W. Bedford, W. G. Brighton, E. H. Coates, T. Cubitt, R. Eve, J. Fawcett, J. Gardiner, J. R. Goepel, C. Harding, J. C. Mason, W. Nicholl, Capt. Perkins, C. H. Perrott, Capt. Ritchie, A. Scargill, J. L. Thomas, E. T. Tattershall, F. M. Tindall, F. Trickett, and George Ward Verry. Grand Lodge was then closed.

A centenary warrant having been granted to the members of the Howard Lodge of Brotherly Love, 56, Arundel, Sussex—the Lodge was constituted in London in 1736—on 19th December the Festival will be held, and the Prov. Grand Master Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., has consented to be present, accompanied by his Officers.

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, 7th DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pinlicko, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.
R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

MONDAY, 9th DECEMBER.

45—Strong Man, Old Rodney's Head, 12 Old-st., near Goswell-rd., at 8.0. (In.)
90—St. John's, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (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.)
R. C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth.
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport.
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields.
262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, New-road, Batley.
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
403—Three Graces, Private Room, Haworth.
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham.
491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.
587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
589—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport.
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis.
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester.
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth.
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall.
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Hindport-road, Barrow-in-Furness.
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea.
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham.
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1542—Legionium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford.
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton.
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.
M. M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham.
K. T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

TUESDAY, 10th DECEMBER.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
223—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City.
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.)
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, 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.)
1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
131—Portitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.
178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
181—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.
211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
274—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
443—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
503—Belvedere, Star Hotel, Maidstone.
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton.
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham.
650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich.
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leamster.
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
1250—Gilbert (Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes.
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
1509—Mancoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
1622—Olicann, Crescent Hotel, Hkley.

1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.
R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
K. T. 101—Ancient Ebor, Masonic Hall, Duncombe-street, York.
R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 11th DECEMBER.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town at 8. (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Muldox-street, W., at 7.15. (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 8.30. (Instruction.)
1260—Hervet, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Finsbury Pk. Tav., Seven Sisters-rd., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8.0. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Fauce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.
1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 9. (Instruction.)
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)
R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. C.—Grand Metropolitan Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hyde.
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester.
281—Fortitude, Athenaeum, Lancaster.
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
397—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
493—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
635—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30.
1393—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1613—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
R. A. 409—Stortford, Chequers' Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.
M. M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
M. M. 192—St. Outhbert, Masonic Hall, The Parado, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th DECEMBER.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gray, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 7. (Instruction.)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
203—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
720—Panmure Gen. L. of Inst., Antelope Tavern, Lorn-road, Brixton, at 8.
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1319—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1604—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn.
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stonecrough, near Manchester.
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe.
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
469—Hundred of Ellox, Masonic Rooms, Loudon Road, Spalding.
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street Deal.
786—Croxeth, United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.

971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley.
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Trade-gar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1457—Bagshaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
 1533—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 R. A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
 R. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K. T. 58—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.

FRIDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
 892—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.)
 London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme.
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard.
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield.
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Bedford-road, Rockferry, Cheshire.
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 K. T.—Faith, Leaders Buildings, King-street, Wigan.

SATURDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
 K. T.—Faith, Masonic Rooms, 20 King-street, Wigan.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—At the Old Rodney's Head, Old-street, Goswell-road, on Monday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Percy W.M., Woolley S.W., Simons J.W., Tolmie Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Wing S.D., W. Rowley J.D., Pelikan I.G. Bros. Alford, Hallam jun., Claudius, Isaac, Gyer, &c. After opening, the W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Alford acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the fourth, fifth and sixth sections, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Woolley was elected to preside at the next meeting.

The Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—At the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, Holborn, on Tuesday, 8th December, Bros. J. H. Dodson W.W., Tranter S.W., Sanders J.W., Abell S.D., Linscott J.D., Cooper I.G., P.M. Bingham Preceptor. Bros. Todd, Jackson, T. B. Dodson, Dickins, Watts, McAlpine and others. Lodge was opened in due form with solemn prayer, and the minutes of preceding meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Jackson candidate. The second section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Abell, the third by Bro. Bingham, and the fourth by Bro. Watts. Bro. Tranter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, 3rd December 1878. Present—Bros. Moss W.M., Daniels S.W., King J.W., Chicken S.D., Emmison J.D., Roberts, I.G., Sparrow Preceptor, Holland Sec., Richards, Lucup, Wharman, Brown, Shadler, Maidwell, Sargood, West. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Maidwell candidate. Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Richards, who worked the third degree in a very perfect manner. Bro. Moss resumed the chair and closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Lucup, of the Lebanon Lodge 1,326, was elected a member. In responding, he stated that he was very gratified with the manner the work was done at this Lodge of Instruction, and gave the members a hearty invitation to visit the City of London Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed by Bro. King, seconded by Bro. Wharman, that the report of the Audit Committee, as read, be received and adopted. Carried unanimously. The sum of five guineas was promised to Bro. Maidwell, to be placed on his list for the Boys' School Festival. Proposed by Bro. Daniel seconded by Bro. Holland, that the usual guinea be

given towards the entertainment to the "old people"—carried. Bro. Daniel, a very earnest "beggar" for the old people, then proposed a whip round, which resulted in a goodly sum being collected.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The regular meeting was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of Bros. J. H. Miller W.M., M. Spiegel S.W., H. Hymans J.W., L. M. Auerhaan Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Campion S.D., R. Baker J.D., Genese D.C., Benjamin Steward; P.M.'s Bros. L. Alexander, I. Abrahams and S. Hickman. The Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The election for W.M. took place, and Bro. M. Spiegel S.W. was unanimously elected. Bro. L. M. Auerhaan was re-elected Treasurer. The Audit and Benevolent Committees were appointed. The brethren partook of slight refreshment, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some excellent speeches and singing. The following Visitors were present:—Leon Jacobs 1732, F. Silvester 193, T. C. Edmonds 1507, D. A. R. McLaren 193, B. Alexander 1017, I. Botibol 1201, S. Jewel 1559, William Dixon 1107.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—On Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Thos. W. C. Bush W.M., W. W. Medcalf S.W., T. B. Biddle J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., E. Gottheil P.M. Treasurer and Preceptor. R. A. Morgan S.D., J. E. Fells J.D., D. Moss I.G., Bros. Thompson, Meiter, W. Smith, Holland, R. Harris, Woodward, Aarons. Visitors—Bros. Thompson E. Goldberg Samson Lodge. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Kennett Harris acting candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was well attended, and the brethren highly appreciated the efforts of Bro. Moss. Bro. Medcalf was appointed W.M. for next Wednesday. The proposition that in future each officer should answer in his respective office in the opening of the Lodge was carried unanimously. Bro. E. Goldberg Samson 1,668 was elected member.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington, N., Saturday, 30th November. Bro. Percy W.M., Brasted S.W., Gilham J.W., Millington S.D., Spencer J.D., J. Lorkin I.G., Halford Treasurer, Killick Sec. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin as candidate. Bro. R. Halford W.M. 228 took the chair, and rehearsed the ceremony of installation, in a manner that met with the warmest approval. A vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge were offered to, and accepted by Bro. Halford, who expressed his thanks in an earnest and eloquent speech. Some sections of the first lecture were worked. Bro. Woolley, of the Wanderers' Lodge, was elected a member. Bro. Brasted will preside at the next meeting.

York Lodge, No. 236.—There was a very large attendance at the meeting of this Lodge on Monday last, when the election of Master took place. Bro. W. Valentine W.M. presided, supported by all his Officers, and a number of visitors. The unanimous vote of the Lodge fell on the J.W. Bro. A. Buckle, and Bro. J. Todd P.M. was unanimously re-elected to the office of Treasurer. Bro. Redfare was re-appointed Tyler. It was agreed that the annual Lodge banquet should be held on St. John's Day, 27th December. The installation will take place on 16th December.

Prosperity Chapter, No. 290.—The first regular Convocation of the sesison was held on Wednesday, the 27th November, at the Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield. Comp. W. Harrop M.E.Z. in the chair, Jno. W. Turner H., Allen Haigh J., C. Wheawill S.E., B. Hutchinson P.Z. Treasurer, Farrer S.N., and about 25 other subscribing members of the Chapter. The following Visiting Comps. were present—H. W. Crowther P.Z. P.P.G.D.C., A. Smith P.Z., Thomas Raddock P.Z., J. R. Dove Z. Chapter of Perseverance 275, Thomas Tyers P.Z. Rectitude 581, John Mossop Assistant Soj. Furness 295. The business commenced punctually at six o'clock, and after the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Bro. Vickers, Huddersfield Lodge No. 290. It proved favourable, and he was duly exalted into R.A. Masoury by the M.E.Z. The Historical, Symbolical, and Mystical Lectures were delivered by Comps. Wale, Turner and Harrop respectively, in a very able manner. The report of the Auditors was overlooked, but we are in a position to state that it is very favourable. The business being concluded, the Chapter was closed, when the Companions adjourned to the Banquet Hall, and sat down to a sumptuous repast. After which the M.E.Z. proposed the Loyl and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Mitchell P.S. proposed, in suitable terms, the health of the M.E.Z. and the other Principals, which they briefly acknowledged. Comp. Wm. Smith P.Z. proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, coupling with the toast the name of Comp. W. Harrop P.Z. the Installing Officer. He congratulated the Chapter on having so many excellent workers, more particularly Comp. Harrop, who had performed the installation ceremony that evening without a fault, and in a beautifully impressive manner. Comp. Harrop having briefly acknowledged the toast, the M.E.Z. proposed the health of their newly-exalted Companion, in response to which Comp. Vickers expressed his pleasure at being admitted a member of the Chapter, and promised regular attendance to the duties of Royal Arch Masonry. The M.E.Z., in eloquent terms, proposed the health of the Visitors; he was very pleased to see so many there that evening, more particularly as two came long distances to offer him their congratulations on his being placed in the high and honourable position he had that evening attained. Comp. Tyers P.Z., having come from Manchester, and Comp. Mossop Assist. Soj. a still greater distance, that being from Grange-over-Sands, and what made it a greater pleasure was that

Corp. Mossop was a member of his (the M.E.Z.'s) mother Chapter. The Visitors, in acknowledging the toast, congratulated the Chapter on the efficient working, and spoke of the duties undertaken by Comp. Harrop in such a masterly manner, and with a degree of perfection they had never before had the pleasure to witness. The other toasts having been proposed and responded to, the Companions separated, after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on the 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. There was a large attendance of brethren. The Lodge was opened with the following Officers in their respective places: Bros. R. L. Armstrong P.G.P. W.M., W. Monday P.P.G.P. I.P.M., J. Page S.W., R. G. Salmon J.W., J. Ridsdale P.M. P.G.J.W. Treasurer, G. W. Lax Secretary, S. M. Harris S.D., G. Dumford J.D., W. Sheppard Organist, J. S. B. Bell I.G., J. MacDonald Steward, and Sims Tyler. The minutes being confirmed, the ballot was taken for three candidates and one subscribing member, which proved in each case successful. The three gentlemen were then initiated into our Order in a most impressive manner. Three brethren were passed to the F.C. degree, and one was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, all three degrees being perfectly conferred by the W.M. All routine business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and several complimentary ones received hearty responses. The Visitors were—J. Cook P.P.G.S.W. 481, J. McCulloch W.M. 1,643, J. J. Taylor W.M. 1,676, G. Hardy S.W. 1,643, W. Eckford S.D. 1,643, A. Cumbal Sec. 1,613, R. Whitfield S.W. 48, E. Liddle Sec. 48, J. Wood S.D. 48, J. G. Homfray 683, &c.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The proceedings at the meeting on Friday, 29th ultimo, were of a very interesting character. It has frequently been remarked that a good dinner makes every gathering pass off well. At the present time we are perfectly content to accept this aphorism. We will even go further, and concede that the doings at the gathering we are about to chronicle were especially interesting. About two years back this Lodge of Instruction was started, and the meetings have since been held most regularly, as is evidenced by the reports which have appeared from time to time in our columns. Bro. J. Chambers Roe, a Past Master of the mother Lodge, at all times a sincere and hard-working Mason, was appointed Preceptor, and, under his guidance, the younger members of the Royal Alfred have acquired a knowledge of ritual, and have attained a capacity for office, that will fit them for any duty they may be called on to fill in this or any other Lodge. Friday was the day appointed for the Annual Banquet, and was further made the opportunity, by the members, of testifying to Bro. Roe their appreciation of the kindness he had always evinced, and of offering him some tangible recognition for the trouble he had expended. Bro. C. Costelow presided, and was supported by Bro. Walter Goss I.P.M. and W. Gomm, of the mother Lodge, who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Wardens. There was a large attendance of members, and Bro. Stanbury—mine host of the Star and Garter—had provided an admirable menu, which was served in the style so characteristic of this establishment. On the removal of the cloth, the toasts customary on these occasions were given and duly acknowledged. Bro. Roe proposed the health of the W.M., who was a young but very energetic Mason. He had been a most persevering student in the Lodge of Instruction, and it was gratifying to all who were present to have Bro. Costelow presiding. After the chairman had expressed his acknowledgments, he brought forward what might be termed the toast of the evening—"Prosperity to the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction and the health of the Preceptor." After conveying to Bro. Roe assurances of their appreciation of his zeal, the chairman directed his attention to a splendid clock, on a marble stand, which the members had requested him to present. Bro. Costelow formally handed over the testimonial to their esteemed Preceptor, amid the cheers of all assembled. The following is the inscription:—

Presented to
Bro. J. CHAMBERS ROE P.M. 780,
Preceptor of the
Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780,
As a mark of the esteem of the Brethren,
Who have to acknowledge his zeal and
Tender care in imparting to them his
Extensive knowledge of the Ritual of the Craft.
29th Nov. 1878.

Bro. Roe gracefully acknowledged the honour paid him by the brethren, for what he considered such trifling services. His work had been truly a labour of love, and as the brethren thought he had been of service to them, the knowledge of it could not but be gratifying. Their valuable gift he should ever prize, and he trusted it would mark the run of time for generations in his family and be esteemed as an heirloom. After other toasts had been disposed of the brethren departed, greatly pleased at the successful result of the meeting.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Carr S.W., Brasted J.W., C. Lorkin S.D., J. Lorkin J.D., Macklin I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Holdsworth, Wardell, McClean, Harding, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Christian as candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the 1st, 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Audit Committee informed the brethren they had examined the accounts of the Lodge to this date, and found the same correct. Bro. Dallas was elected Secretary, and Bro. Smyth Treasurer, for the ensuing year. Bro. Carr will preside next Tuesday evening.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 897.—The regular monthly meeting of this prosperous Lodge was held at the Pleece Hotel, St. Helens, on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. Present—Bros. W. J. Marrow W.M., W. Harrison I.P.M., J. S. White S.W., T. Molyneux J.W., T. Morris Sec., W. Loader S.D., F. Hodgson J.D., C. F. Mermagen Chaplain, R. B. Woodward Organist, E. Beilby I.G., J. Taylor Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. S. L. Gurney, J. G. Dann, W. Leather, R. Tyson, Bros. W. Gardner, Wm. Butler, Isaac Smith, John Wolfenden, H. H. Jackson, H. C. Lockhart, Capt. T. Windus, J. H. Roughsedge, C. C. Wilson, H. S. Oppenheim P.M. 1,384, John Harrison, D. M. Gaskin, T. Haslam, J. Penketh, J. Griffith, W. R. Ward, A. J. Foote, J. Hall, J. H. Jordan, A. Stanson, Peter Jackson, &c. Visitors—H. S. Alpass Prov. Grand Sec., H. A. Tobias J.W. 1,502, R. H. Exton J.W. 1,380, R. Wylie P.P.A.S.D., Geo. Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C., J. Newsome W.M. 1,384, W. R. Robinson W.M. 1,335, Wm. Tyrer P.P.G.S. of Works, R. C. Mellor P.P.G.J.D. North Wales and Salop, John Taylor P.M. 1,276 S. M. Davies FREEMASONS' CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was opened at 2.30 p.m., and the minutes of last meeting duly ratified. This being the night for installing the W.M. elect, and the choice of the brethren having fallen upon Bro. White, late S.W., he was presented for the purpose of attaining the distinguished honour of Worshipful Master of the Lodge of Loyalty for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. Wylie, who invested and proclaimed Bro. J. S. White, and requested the brethren to salute him as W.M. The W.M., with the assistance of Bro. Wylie, appointed his Officers as follow:—W. J. Marrow I.P.M., T. Molyneux S.W., T. Morris J.W., F. Hodgson Secretary, E. Beilby S.D., R. B. Woodward J.D., W. Harrison P. . D.C., C. F. Mermagen Chap., Dr. Ricketts S.S., H. L. Rieley J.S., W. R. Ward I.G., J. Taylor Tyler. After some business of a private nature had been transacted, and the usual preliminaries observed, the Lodge was called from labour to banquet. The spacious and comfortable hall in which our St. Helen's brethren meet has recently undergone complete renovation, and on this occasion everything looked quite smart. Great credit is due to the hostess of the Pleece Hotel for the great interest she always evinces for the comfort and enjoyment of the brethren. Mrs. Taylor prides herself on her ability to provide a menu which, while it gratifies all, cannot be excelled for *récherché* character. Bro. George Broadbridge P.P.G.D.C. ably directed the ceremonies of the evening. The musical brethren (Capt. Windus, G. Barton, M. Gaskin, H. C. Lockhart, Taylor, accompanied by R. B. Woodward, who presided at the piano and organ) added greatly to the enjoyment. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. gave the three toasts which usually head the list. Bro. Gaskin then sang "The Worthy Mason," after which W. Bro. White rose to propose the health of their Prov. G. Lord Skelmersdale Deputy G.M. of England, and the Prov. G. Officers past and present. Bro. White had attended as many Prov. G. Lodges as possible, and had been very much edified and pleased on such occasions by the able manner in which everything was carried out. It must have been gratifying to all, as it was to him, to witness such a large attendance at Prov. Grand Lodge as there was recently at Liverpool. He was very grateful so many Prov. Grand Officers had done him the honour of attending his Lodge. All must feel it a great distinction to have the worthy Prov. Grand Secretary among them. He was pleased to say he had visited the Lodge before, and they were always glad to welcome him. He united the name of Bro. Alpass P.G. Sec. with the toast, and felt sure it needed no further commendation to ensure that brother's name being most cordially received. There was a time when Provincial Grand Lodge honoured St. Helens with its meeting, and he hoped the time was not far distant when they would do so again. Bro. Alpass, in the course of his reply, gave the brethren some good advice as to the means to be pursued when matters were not quite as straight as could be wished, and stated that it was much better to explain any grievance which might exist privately to the W.M. than run the risk of causing discord by publicly demonstrating it in open Lodge. He congratulated the members on the prosperous condition of their Lodge, and hoped that their balance—close upon £150—would be judiciously invested. He would suggest that they make a grant of ten guineas to each of the three London Charities. This was not an unreasonable sum, but it would be the means of handing down the names of the present members with credit to those who might follow, and would be a good example to all who might try to emulate them. The I.P.M. proposed the Army, Navy and Reserve Forces, uniting therewith the name of Bro. Capt. Windus, which was followed by the musical brethren singing "Comrades in Arms," in capital style. Bro. Capt. Windus had great pleasure, as an officer of the Reserve Force, in replying to the toast. At the present time a small portion of our Army was engaged in a war, the difficulty and danger of which could not be easily realised; but with the characteristic pluck of our soldiers, the ability of our officers, and the full equipment of modern war appliances, he considered there was no doubt our forces would give a good account of themselves. Worshipful Bro. Marrow again assumed the gavel, to propose a toast which he knew would receive most cordial reception. Diligently, step by step, Bro. White had worked himself up to the highest office in Lodge, and by strict attention to his various duties, efficient working, and courteous bearing, he had gained the love and esteem of all, both in the Lodge and in every day life. Bro. Marrow was pleased to see him occupy this proud position of W.M. He was sure he would discharge its duties with the same zeal, attention, and efficiency he had those of his previous offices; he felt that no words could ensure a more hearty welcome to the toast than it was their desire to give. Bro. Barton favoured the brethren by singing "The Pilgrim of Love." The W.M. in his reply stated that it had been his aim and endeavour to attend the meetings of the Lodge regularly, and to perform his duties faithfully. He not only attended the regular communications of the Lodge, but derived great pleasure and advantage from attending the Lodge of Instruction. He wished to impress on the minds of all the brethren that in order to acquire proficiency in the Craft, they must study, persevere, and practically

utilize their time and talents; there was no place where a Brother could acquire so much practical knowledge of Freemasonry as in a Lodge of Instruction. With reference to his position of W.M.; he deeply feel the responsibility of the post, and in proportion to its responsibility, would endeavour to use extra zeal and caution, so that he might discharge the duties to the credit and welfare of the Lodge, and to the satisfaction of those who had so confidently placed the government of the Lodge in his care. He hoped the remarks of Bro. Alpass would make a deep and lasting impression on each and all, and that the cloud which had that day hung over the proceedings would be dispersed, and the future be happy and prosperous. He next proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Marrow. The prosperity the Lodge during his year of office had been very great. It was his privilege to present to Brother Marrow a Past Master's jewel, which had been subscribed for by the brethren as a mark of the high esteem in which they held him, and as a token of appreciation for the way in which he had discharged his duties. In placing the jewel upon Bro. Marrow's breast, he wished him long life to wear it, and called upon the brethren to unite in drinking to his very good health. Bro. G. Broadbridge called for a salute of twenty-one guns, which was given. Bro. Marrow felt grateful for the kindness shown him, and also for the great distinction conferred in presenting him with a Past Master's jewel. He should wear it, not merely as an emblem of the office he had vacated, but more particularly as a memento of fraternal regard. He was happy to know that at the termination of his year of office that he had won and maintained the good opinion of the brethren. He also thanked the Officers for their hearty co-operation during the past year. The next toast was the Officers of the Lodge, Past and Present. With regard to the Past Officers, the members had seen and heard how admirably they had done their duty, and the W.M. hoped the appointment of Officers made that day would redound to the credit and prosperity of the Lodge, and meet with the approbation of the brethren. The musical brethren again favoured the brethren with a very melodious selection, "As the Moments Roll," after which Bro. Dunn P.M. returned thanks for the Past Officers, and Brother S.W. for the Present. He did so with pleasure, feeling confident that each and every brother officer would attend his duties punctually, and maintain the position confided to him with efficiency. They would be pleased to receive the instruction of their elder brethren, and profit by their experience in the Craft. His love for the Craft, the deep interest he had ever manifested for the welfare of the Lodge, and the important office he now filled would be sufficient incentive for him to redouble his energies in order to make the future prosperous and happy. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Installing Master. He had carried out the ceremony to the delight and edification of all. The toast was received with Masonic honours. Bro. Taylor favoured the brethren by singing "The Holy Friar," after which Bro. Wylie responded. Bro. Leather proposed the Visiting Brethren, coupling with the same the names of Brothers Tobias and Taylor. Bro. Tobias felt doubly honoured in having his name united with the toast. He was glad for the privilege of being present. He did not consider it too much to say that the visitors had been most bountifully provided for and fraternally entertained. He trusted that the Lodge might continue as prosperous in the future as it had been in the past. Bro. Taylor also responded, to the same purport. Bro. Robinson proposed the Masonic Charities, and was followed by Bro. Wolfenden, who also urged the claims of our noble Institutions. Bro. Broadbridge responded in his usual able and impressive manner. Bro. Morris J.W. proposed The Ladies. In doing so he stated that the toast was one of the most interesting that could be submitted. The ladies, although not admitted to our gatherings, are closely united with us in all our social positions in life. We are greatly indebted to them for many comforts. He was sure among a body of Freemasons it would be impossible to find a brother so ungallant as not to drink heartily to the toast. "The Image of the Rose" was sung by the Musical Brethren, and Bro. Garvey responded on behalf of the fair sex. Bro. Lockhart sang "Nancy o' Bristol," and then Rev. Bro. Mermagen proposed the health of the Musical Brethren in deservedly complimentary terms, uniting with the toast the name of Bro. R. B. Woodward, whom he described as the pervading musical genius of the Lodge. The toast was cordially received, after which "Come, Boys, Drink," was capitally rendered. Bro. Woodward, in returning thanks for the toast, said he should always do all in his power for the good of the Lodge. From the remarks of his Rev. Brother, he understood that the beauty and solemnity of music in the ritual was admitted. No doubt it added additional grandeur to what is in itself sublime and profound. The W.M. now called the Lodge back to labour, when it was suggested that the consideration of Votes for the Charities should be left over until the next regular meeting, and accordingly the Lodge was closed in due and ancient form.

Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.—At the weekly meeting held on Wednesday, 4th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppins-court, Fleet-street. Bro. Abell as W.M., Tate S.W., Knill Abell J.W., Vizzard S.D., Hallam J.D., Brown I.G., Long P.M. and Preceptor, and others. The whole of the ceremony and lecture of the first degree were rehearsed, after which Bro. Tate was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when he will perform the ceremony of the second degree.

St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.—Met for the first time at the New Masonic Hall, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 27th November. Bro. Vile, W.M. for the evening, rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, and Bro. Rossiter gave the charge. The Secretary read a summary of the attendance and working of the past year, from which it appeared that although the attendances had not been quite so large (owing to circumstances which are now removed), the work had not fallen off. Not only have the ceremonies been worked

frequently, but the Fifteen Sections have been given twice, and some of them as many as six times. The attendance on Wednesday night was good, and augurs well for a successful year.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday, the 4th inst. Bro. J. J. Holland was W.M., Bro. F. Reed S.W., and Bro. W. A. Blackmore J.W. The first and second degrees were rehearsed, Brother Wardroper candidate. Several of the brethren offered to present the Lodge with some working tools. The subject is to be considered at the next meeting. Besides those above mentioned, there were present—Bros. W. A. Morgau, J. G. Carter, H. J. Newons, and A. A. Denham Sec.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1,227.—At Bro. Bolton's King and Queen, Norton Folgate, on Thursday, the 28th November. Present—Bros. Hine W.M., Pearcey S.W., Giosoke J.W., Townsend Sec., Bolton S.D., Serjeant J.D., Richmond I.G. also Bros. Abrahams, Shrold, Peacock, &c. After the usual formalities had been complied with, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Abrahams gave proof of his proficiency and was entrusted. Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able manner by the W.M., Bro. Abrahams as candidate. Lodge was closed down to the first degree. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Pearcey, by whom the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in an excellent manner, Bro. Richmond candidate. The W.M. having resumed, Bro. Pearcey was elected W.M. for the next meeting. The following brethren were elected auditors, according to the bye-laws:—Bros. Bolton, Townsend, Hine, Pearcey, and Serjeant, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Clapton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1356.—29th Nov. —Present—Bros. Bell W.M., Spurgin S.W., Buck J.W., McMillan S.D., Cogan J.D., Goddard I.G.; also Bros. Soper, Greenwood, J. Badkin, Cusworth, Hobbs, L. Conbro, Lecch, Stevens, and several other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. L. Conbro candidate. The necessary questions were then answered, and the same candidate was raised to the degree of M.M. The annual supper will take place on Friday, 13th December, at the White Hart Tavern, Clapton, when Bro. J. L. Cogan, W.M. of the Clapton Lodge, will occupy the chair, on which occasion a large attendance is anticipated. Brethren who are unable to use their tickets are requested to return them not later than the 11th instant.

Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, Battersea.—On Tuesday evening, the 3rd inst., the Fifteen Sections were worked at the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, under the guidance of Bro. Collings W.M., who had for his Wardens Bros. Leaper and P.M. Whitley. There was a good attendance of the brethren, who one and all were highly gratified with the able manner in which the work was carried out. It would indeed be unkind to bestow more praise on one worker than on another; but the faultless manner in which P.M.'s Wise, Read, and Davis, and Bros. Leaper and Farwig fulfilled the duties, allotted to them, deserve special mention. A vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded to the W.M., the brethren who had worked the sections, and to the host, for the kindness shown in providing for the creature comforts. We must certainly congratulate the Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction on the progress they are making.

Lodge of Equity, No. 1384.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Alford Chambers, Widnes, on the 5th instant. Present—Bros. J. W. Wareing I.P.M. as W.M., H. S. Oppenheim as I.P.M., J. White J.W. as S.W., J. Foster as J.W., A. Tebbutt Sec., J. W. Carlile Treas., F. A. R. Neill S.D., A. G. Kyle J.D., G. Purver I.G., J. Taylor Tyler; Bros. C. Gerrard W.M. 758, A. Speakman, John Matthews, James Rimmer, W. Cooper, F. Pankhurst, &c. Visitor—S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. The Lodge was opened at 6.30 with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last regular meeting read and ratified. The presiding W.M. deplored the absence of the W.M., which was unavoidable; the same may be said with regard to the other absent Officers, who are usually very punctual. There being no work before the Lodge, the Worshipful Brother closed the same in due and ancient form, and the brethren adjourned to supper. The brethren of 1384 have just taken new quarters, and it reflects great credit on them for furnishing so compact a little Lodge room in which to hold their meetings. On these occasions the usual custom of adopting a series of toasts is dispensed with, being supplanted by a social chat round the festive board. Each brother having done full justice to the good things provided, and a pleasant evening having been spent, the brethren dispersed at an early hour.

Falcon Lodge, No. 1416.—W. Bro. Geo. Marwood, P. Dep. Prov. Grand Master for North and East Yorkshire, will, on Thursday next, perform the ceremony of installation of the W.M. elect of this Lodge (Bro. J. T. Wilkinson), at the Masonic Hall, Thirsk, at two p.m. A large attendance of brethren is anticipated.

St. Elath Lodge, No. 1488, Amlwch.—The first monthly meeting, after the installation of the new Master of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, at the Lodge Room, Castle Hotel, at five o'clock. The Lodge was opened by Bro. James Treweek Worshipful Master, James Smith S.W., William Jones J.W., Henry Lloyd I.P.M. and Chap., O. Wm. Rowlands S.D., Wm. Jones Gareglest J.D., J. Hughes I.G. pro tem, Owen Roberts Tyler, &c. After the minutes were read and confirmed, Bros. J. R. Brown of St. David

Lodge, No. 384, and Dr. E. P. Edwards of St. Cybi Lodge, No. 597, were balloted for, as joining members, and unanimously elected. Bro. Wm. Francis Jones, the candidate to be passed to the second degree, was then examined and approved. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Jones was admitted and passed, the ceremony being performed by the W.M., assisted by the S.W., who gave the lecture on the tracing board; and the J.W., who presented the working tools. The Lodge was then closed in the second degree, and a proposition was made that the Brother to be selected for the painting by Bro. Mercier, to be presented to the Lodge, should be by ballot, which unanimously was in favour of W. Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., and D.P.G.M. of North Wales and Salop, who has been a joining member of the St. Elath Lodge since its consecration; and who was the principal mover for its formation, he having from its commencement always evinced the liveliest interest in the welfare of the St. Elath Lodge. The harmonium used in the Lodge was presented by him, and when the Lodge funds were at a low ebb he magnanimously came forward with pecuniary assistance, and it is the unanimous opinion of the brethren that a more deserving brother, or a more worthy Mason, could not have been selected than Bro. W. Bulkeley Hughes. The Lodge was then closed in due form.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—The installation meeting was held on 28th ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W. The chair was taken by Bro. Edward White, who was supported by P.M.'s Swallow and Holden, his Officers, a considerable number of members, and the following Visitors:—Bros. C. J. L. Sandilands 1540, Fred. Green 1687, Albert Fish J.W. 1366, G. Hammond 1765, J. Berrow 190, W. H. Fletcher W.M. 190, G. Draper P.M. 1305, J. L. Baker P.M. 1305, D. W. Belfrage S.W. 179, H. Gloster W.M. 1531, A. J. Manning W.M. 1472, J. Austin P.M. 753, M. Crook 1614, A. Bassington S.W. 205, R. Collingham Perfect Ashlar, W. H. Dean W.M. 417, L. Ascott P.M. 733, John Kent 192, W. F. Neave 1314, U. Ponsford 25, Louis Beck P.M. 1687 W.M. elect 1559, W. W. Morgan 211. On the opening of the Lodge the minutes were read and confirmed, Bro. Jas. Middleton, a candidate for passing, underwent examination, and was entrusted. Lodge opened up, and the ceremony of the second degree was carefully performed by the W.M. Bro. B. Phillips S.W. and W.M. elect was then introduced to Bro. White to receive at his hands the benefit of installation. The obligation was administered, and on the retirement of those below the degree of installed Master, the ceremony was proceeded with. The brethren were then readmitted, and saluted their new Master in the three degrees. The investiture of Officers was proceeded with as follows:—Bros. B. Turner S.W., J. E. Shand J.W., B. Swallow P.M. Treas. E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., J. Hutchinson named as S.D., Warr P.M. J.D., E. C. Woodward P.M. I.G., Rev. P. M. Holden Chap., James D.C., Potter P.M. Tyler. The Auditors' report was submitted and duly received confirmation. An order was given that the balance sheet should be printed and circulated amongst the members. Several propositions were handed in, and communications read; amongst others one from Bro. Col. Burdett, Provincial Grand Master Middlesex, regretting his inability to be present. Heartly good wishes from the Visitors were then tendered. Before Lodge was closed, the Worshipful Master presented the Immediate Past Master with an elegant jewel. In consequence of a domestic bereavement Bro. Phillips was prevented from staying to participate in the festive part of the evening's proceedings. Consequently, Bro. P.M. White was called on to preside. Under his experienced guidance the business was conducted most admirably. On the removal of the cloth he gave the health of Her Majesty the Queen, associated with Prosperity to the Craft, which was received with acclamation, and drunk most heartily. After the National Anthem had been sung, the presiding Worshipful Master gave the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master the Prince of Wales. Brother Cantle sang in good style a new version of "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The next toast the W.M. brought under the notice of the brethren was the health of the Pro G.M., the D.G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present. He made some happy allusions to the Pro G.M.'s approaching marriage, and called on the brethren to honour the toast. "At the Queen's Command" was then sung by Bro. L. Fryer, much to the taste of the company assembled, who marked their appreciation by receiving this song in a most enthusiastic manner. Bro. P.M. Holden proposed the health of the I.P.M. All present would join with him in deploring the sad event which had precluded their W.M. staying with them. He commented on the conduct of the chair by Brother White, who had ably completed his work by installing his successor, and likewise on the qualities displayed by those members who were advancing towards the chair. After an admirably rendered song by Bro. Cantle, Bro. White rose and acknowledged the compliment paid to him. He had been, he said, nervous at his installation, but since then he had regained confidence, and now he felt more at home in his duties. He deeply regretted the unavoidable absence of the W.M., who he trusted, would be able to preside at their next gathering, and he also alluded in justly complimentary terms to the harmonious feeling which existed in the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors, after a humorous song by Bro. Cosens, was acknowledged by Bro. Draper and others. Bros. Swallow and Holden responded for the P.M., and the other toasts having been given and honoured, the brethren rose and departed. In the course of the evening Bro. Rev. P. M. Holden recited with great effect "The Charge of the Light Brigade." One remark we feel it our duty to add. The menu and the music programme showed great taste. They were, in fact, admirably designed, and as admirably coloured, the music programme in particular being something quite out of the ordinary run of such cards. It should also be noted that the officers one and all were most courteous in their attention to the guests, and Bro. Scott, the genial and painstaking Secretary, was especially distinguished by his amenity, and the desire he evinced to please everybody.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the meeting on Thursday, 28th November, Bro. Seward jun. was W.M., the Officers being Bros. Porter S.W., Wells J.W., Le Grys S.D., Dyer J.D., Clark I.G., Tucker T., and there were present Bros. Tink Brown, Kasner, Stephens, and Murch. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Tucker candidate, and the Lodge having been opened in the second degree, Bro. Brown was advanced a step, the work being done by Bro. Seward in his usual careful and impressive manner. The Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when a most deserved compliment was paid to the Hon. Treasurer, in unanimously appointing him Preceptor to the Lodge. Bro. Tucker is in every way competent for this post, and has bestowed great pains in acquiring an accurate knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies. The appointment is one which every member of the Lodge will hear of with pleasure. Bro. Porter was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and having appointed his Officers in rotation, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656.—The brethren of this Lodge mustered in considerable force at the regular meeting on Monday last, 2nd instant. The proceedings commenced shortly after 6.30. Bro. William Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex presided, and the following Officers were present:—Bros. J. Hammond P.G. Steward Middlesex Hon. I.P.M., John Bond P.M. 889 S.W., Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny P.P.G. Chap. J.W. and Chaplain, F. T. V. Honeywell P.M. 889 Honorary Organist, T. W. Ockenden J.W. 1512 Secretary, J. Hurst P.M. 1512 Deacon, and T. C. Walls P.P.G. Organist I.G. The necessary examinations having proved satisfactory, Bro. Drummond was passed to the second degree, and Bros. Handel and Bonell were raised to the sublime degree. The ritual was rendered in a most impressive manner by Bro. Wm. Hammond, and Bro. Honeywell, who presided at the harmonium with marked ability, contributed greatly to the solemnity of the occasion. Three candidates for initiation were not present, but from two satisfactory explanations of absence were forthcoming. The minutes of the last regular meeting, 4th Nov. were read and confirmed, and a notice of motion from Bro. Walls for the alteration of the day of meeting was discussed and amended, and the members will have to consider at the next Lodge in February the desirability of altering the day from the first to the second instead of to the third Monday as at first moved. Bro. T. W. Ockenden was appointed Steward for the next Festival of the Girls' School, and will head his list with a donation of ten guineas from the Lodge. A communication was read from the R.W. Bro. Colonel Burdett P.G. Master Middlesex, regretting his inability to attend. Further business was despatched, and the Lodge being closed the brethren adjourned to partake of the good cheer prepared by Bro. E. Andrews, the Host. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were honored with the usual "Wolsey" fire. The Worshipful Master's health was proposed by Bro. J. W. Baldwin Prov. G. Parst., and heartily responded to. Bro. Walls P.P.G.O. replied for the Prov. Grand Officers. Bro. Chilcott 1512 responded on behalf of himself, and Bro. Davey 1512 to the Visitors' toast. The W.M. took the opportunity of commending to the notice of the brethren the toast of the Organist, for his efficient services rendered during the evening, which was warmly received, as was also the health of the Host and Hostess. Vocal contributions from Bros. Walls, Hurst, Piller, Chandler, Honeywell, and others, considerably enlivened the harmony of the proceedings. The members present not already named were Bros. Eyres, Forge, Masters, Darling, White, Featherstone, Duffell, Richer, Turner, Jobbins, Worthington, and Gilbert Tyler. The next regular meeting will take place on Monday, 3rd February 1879.

Samson Lodge, No. 1668.—A meeting was held on 3rd December, at Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C. Present—Bros. J. D. Barnett P.M. 185 W.M., W. H. G. Rudderforth S.W., B. D. Barnett J.W. and Secretary, A. D. Loewenstark P.M. Treas., W. T. Lover P.M. 1178 S.D., J. Quincey D.C., J. Elkan Steward, H. Aarons I.G., J. Rogers Tyler. Past Masters Bros. M. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., A. D. Loewenstark. Visitors—Bros. E. J. Hart 1602, G. Bell 733, J. Cohen 1556, H. Harris, L. Coleman 186, Rev. V. Rosenstein 17, J. Stroud 1227. Lodge opened in due form. Minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Ballots, taken for Messrs. E. H. Goldberg and F. Gilmore, unanimously favourable. Mr. Goldberg duly initiated. Bro. Cooper, being a candidate for passing, was examined and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Cooper duly passed. Lodge resumed. It was resolved that votes of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M., and Bros. A. D. Loewenstark P.M., M. D. Loewenstark I.P.M., and J. Quincey, for presenting to the Lodge a Hebrew Bible, English Bible and Cushion, box of working tools, and sword for Tyler, respectively. Bro. S. Wasserberg J.D. having tendered his resignation, which was received by the Lodge with regret, the W.M. invested Bro. H. Aarons I.G. as J.D., J. Quincey D.C. as I.G., J. Elkan W.S. as D.C., and Bro. Williams W.S. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed with prayer. The brethren adjourned to banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, at which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, interspersed with some good songs by the W.M., Bros. Rev. V. Rosenstein, A. Cohen, and Rudderforth S.W., and a reading, from the "Lady of Lyons," effectively rendered by Bro. Cooper. The W.M. accompanied the brethren at the piano.

Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.—A meeting was held on the 16th November, at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley D.G.S.W. Malta W.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., Dr. A. Perini J.W., M. Lumbruso Secretary, A. Blanch Treasurer, G. Pentecost S.D., P.M. Paleologo J.D., V. C. Clement D.C., Dr. Cassanella and E. Gardelle Stewards, M. Le Gallais I.G., H. Haylock Tyler; Past Master Bros. P. Sulema, and 38 members; Visitors—Bros. Souiller, Carillo, Samama, and Rolland, of the Italian Lodge "Risorgimento," and Si Arousi Ben

Ayat, of "Carthage and Utica." The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Brunet (an old French Mason, of the Lodge *Amis de Progrès*, Paris), claimed admission, and having produced his certificate headed "A.N.D.G.A.D.L.U.," and affirmed his own belief in the existence of a supreme being, was, after due examination, admitted. The ballot proved favourable to the admission as candidates of Si Hamed El Sunni (a nephew of H.H. the reigning Bey of Tunis), Si Ali Ben Reschid (a nephew of the late Sovereign of Tunis Ahmed Bey), and Mr. S. Sitbin (a merchant of Susa). Mr. Jules Emile Jessel (Traffic Superintendent of the Bône and Tunis Railway), and Mr. Claude Mivière (of the French Telegraphic Service) were then introduced and initiated, in the French language, into the secrets and mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. The W.M. also delivered the charge in the same language. It was resolved that a Committee, consisting of the W.M., Bros. Souiller Interpreter, and Lombroso Secretary, should proceed forthwith to translate the Book of Constitutions into Italian, and that the same should be printed and published at the cost of the Lodge. Another Committee was also appointed for the translation of the ritual into Arabic. The charitable collection having been made, and two candidates for initiation proposed and seconded, the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony at 8.30 p.m.

Kirkdale Lodge, No. 1756, Liverpool.—The first regular meeting of this Lodge after its consecration on the 8th November was held on Wednesday evening, the 27th ult., in the Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Westminster-road, Kirkdale. The Lodge was duly

opened with the following Officers:—Bros. Edward Johnston W.M., P. M. F. Neill P.M. 203 as P.M., Robt. E. Mitten Treasurer, Wm. Gick S.W., Hugh Ferguson J.W., James Grierson Secretary, Charles Bargery as S.D., Thos. Hay as J.D., Henry Alexander as I.G., and John Cruice Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. John Lunt P.P.G.D.C., William Sephton P.M. 1086, M. Comber 1013, Thomas McWean S.W. 1035, Dr. Costino J.W. 216, Isaac Lino Secretary 1086, &c. The minutes of the formation and consecration having been read and confirmed, twenty-eight brethren were unanimously elected joining members, and on being admitted, the W.M. proceeded to invest his assistant Officers as follow:—Bro. Charles Bargery S.D., Thos. Hay J.D., Henry Alexander I.G., W. G. West S.S., Henry Marshall J.S., and George Marsden Assistant S. Bro. John Lunt P.P.G.D.C. acting very efficiently as D. of C. Eight candidates having been duly proposed and approved of, were introduced and initiated into Masonry, very satisfactorily by the W.M. The bye-laws of the Lodge were then adopted, and three new joining members, Bro. Dr. Costino, Andrew Finnie and Alexander Ruxton, were duly proposed. The Treasurer, in reply to the W.M., said he was not prepared at the moment to give a list of all the donations to the Lodge, but he was proud to say, that notwithstanding their great outlay, the Lodge was free from debt. The Lodge having been closed, the members and visitors adjourned to the Hall below, for refreshments, where peace and harmony prevailed.

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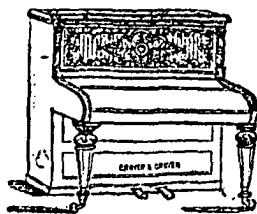
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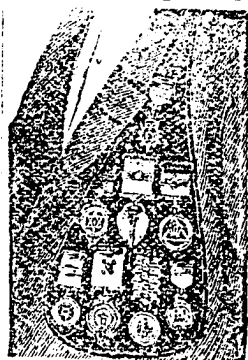
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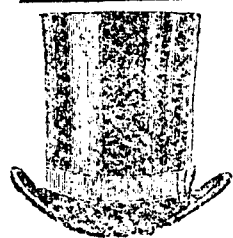
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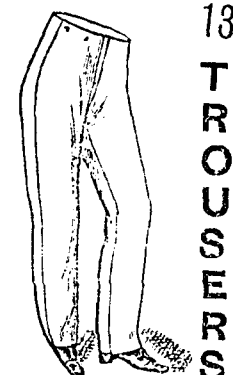
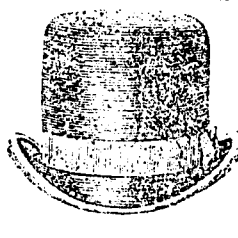
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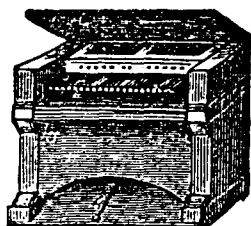
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