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## THE APPROACHING FESTIVAL OF THE R.M.B.I.

WE look forward with hope, not, however, wholly free from anxiety, to the meeting at Freemasons' Tavern on Wednesday next, when Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Le Gendre N. Starkie, Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, will preside at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The year which began a few weeks since opened in some respects more auspiciously than could have been expected. The political outlook is clearer, and there is reason to hope that when the appointed time shall come a state of peace will be restored in Europe, and then of course we may look forward to a return of that material prosperity which has been denied us for the last year or two. But in the meantime we must look things fairly in the face, and it is beyond question that at this present time the commercial state of this country is sadly out of gear. It is beyond doubt that a very large amount of distress prevails in several of our most important industrial centres, and this distress is being constantly aggravated by the outbreak of fresh differences between employers and the employed. Moreover, the severity of the weather has been a serious hindrance to many trades, and there is no knowing, what with this fickle climate of ours, and the known obstinacy with which trade disputes are prosecuted, when our commercial prospects may become somewhat brighter. For ourselves, we are inclined to be sanguine, rather than to take a dismal view of the future that awaits us. Still it would be extremely unwise if we were to pay no heed to the circumstances of the moment. We sincerely hope that the Benevolent Festival of 1879 will more nearly approach, if it should not surpass, that of 1877 than did that of last year, but if there should unfortunately be no advance on 1878 or if—*absit omen*—there should be a falling off in the receipts on this occasion, we shall at least have the consolation of knowing that such a result is not entirely out of harmony with the circumstances of the day. However, as we have just said, we are inclined to be sanguine rather than downcast, and our reasons for being so, with sundry other matters bearing on the Festival, may be not unworthy a few moments' consideration.

The grounds of our hopefulness are of a substantial character, but may be briefly described. In the first place East Lancashire, whose Grand Master will preside on the occasion, for the first time at any of the Festivals, is the strongest of our Provinces in respect of the number of its Lodges, there being no less than eighty-nine borne on the roll of its Grand Lodge, thirty-seven of which have Royal Arch Chapters attached to them. In the next place, Prov. Grand Lodge has set a magnificent example to the Province by voting the sum of five hundred guineas towards the Festival, and we are informed there has for some time past been a numerous and influential body of Stewards canvassing the Province. Last year the chairman who presided was Grand Master of one of our smallest Provinces, and though the brethren in his district supported him admirably, still it was not to be expected they would be able to accomplish so much as a larger province. These circumstances, therefore, coupled with a very natural and very honourable desire to outvie their neighbours of West Lancashire when Lord Skelmersdale took the chair on one of these occasions, incline us to believe that the result of Wednesday's proceedings will be in harmony with the import-

ance of what for the occasion must be described as the most important of our Provinces. Then the Board of Stewards is considerably more numerous than it was in 1878. Already on Monday, the 27th ult., Bro. Terry was in a position to announce that his list of Stewards comprised the names of 253 brethren, or twenty-eight more than the total of last year. This has since been increased to 275, and there is no reason why, by the eventful day, this number should not be on a level with that of 1877, when no less than 274 brethren discharged the office of Steward, in which case, and allowing the usual average per Steward, we may anticipate a greater result than was announced in 1878.

Let us now turn our attention to a few other matters of even greater moment, and in stating this part of the case we shall glance rapidly back at the results achieved at the last five Festivals, as well as at the benefits conferred by the Institution now and in 1874. In the latter year, when Lord Waveney presided, the Festival yielded £5,220. In 1875, when the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot was in the chair, the sum announced was in round figures £6,630, with eleven lists outstanding. In 1876 Lord Skelmersdale was chairman, and the result was £9,184. In 1877, the Earl of Shrewsbury and Talbot—in the unavoidable absence, through ill-health, of H.R.H. Prince Leopold—was again the presiding spirit, and Bro. Terry had the satisfaction of announcing the handsome sum of £12,656, with fourteen lists still to come. Last year the Festival was held under the presidency of His Grace the Duke of Manchester, and a total of £11,136 was the result, with nine lists unreturned. Thus 1875 showed an increase of close on 27 per cent. over 1874; 1876 an increase of over 38 per cent. over 1875; 1877 an increase of rather less than 38 per cent. over 1876; and 1878 a decrease of a fraction over 12 per cent. from its predecessor. At the same time, it must be remembered that the Festival of last February was considerably more than twice as productive as that of 1874—a most satisfactory result when we take into consideration the shortness of the time that had elapsed in the interim. But then there are urgent reasons why this increase should be maintained—we do not say by leaps and bounds, but according to a certain standard of uniformity. We will leave the payments to widows who receive the half of their late husbands' annuities out of the reckoning. The aggregate amount of such is small—only £240 in 1874, and £220 last year—so that it will not greatly affect the main figures. Taking the male and female annuitants, we find there were at the end of 1874, 120 of the former receiving £36 per annum, and 88 of the latter receiving £28 per annum, the sum required for the two together being £6,784. In 1875 it was swelled to 130 males and 100 females, at the same rates respectively per annum, who received therefore among them £7,280. In 1876 the annuities were increased to £40 for the males and £32 for the females, the number of the latter being likewise raised to 110, with three over eighty years of age as supernumeraries, so that in respect of all these the Institution stood committed to an expenditure of £8,816. In 1877 a still further advance in numbers was made by the addition of fifteen male and fifteen female annuitants, so that the amount required for the service of the year was close on £9,900. Last year the number of male annuitants remained unaltered at 145, but that of the females was increased to 135, and the amount required for the payment of their annuities is £10,120. To this must be added the aforementioned £220 for half annuities to widows of deceased annuitants, and about £2,000 for expenses of management,

so that there is absolutely necessary, in order to maintain the Institution in its present state of efficiency, a sum of quite £12,500 a year, and of this barely one-fifth is derived from permanent sources. Thus, the £6,784 required in 1874 for the 120 male annuitants at £36 each, and 88 female annuitants at £28, has swelled to £10,120 for 145 of the former at £40 each, and 135 of the latter at £32. It is clear from these figures that in respect of this outlay the expenditure has advanced as nearly as possible fifty per cent. beyond what it was in the latter part of 1874, partly owing to the increase in the annuities from £36 and £28 to £40 and £32 respectively, and partly because there are now 145 male and 135 female annuitants, as against 120 of the former and 88 of the latter in 1874. But this by no means represents all that has been done. The Sustentation Fund remains, as before, possessed of £1,000 stock, but the two funds, male and female, at the end of the last financial year, between them had £50,400 Government Stock, as against £37,900 at the end of the year 1873-4, thus showing an increase of £12,500 Stock in the four years we have been considering. Thus, the Institution is richer as regards invested moneys, though the income derived therefrom amounts to only a few hundreds sterling per annum, and the benefits it confers are more considerable and are distributed among a larger number of persons. To keep up the present efficiency is the primary object we all have in view, and our next thought must be directed towards still further increasing the investments of the Institutions. One other point to be noted, and we shall close our remarks. By the failure of Willis, Percival and Co., the Benevolent has incurred a loss of close upon £1,000.\* The Committee, in their report just published, express "the hope that in the end this will be entirely made good." We sincerely hope so too, but here again we must not lose sight of the other side of the question. At all events, the temporary loss of this considerable sum must be included among our reasons for urging on the attention of brethren the necessity there exists for making, if possible, the Festival of this year as great a success as that of 1877. We sincerely trust it will be our good fortune to chronicle such a result on Saturday next, and that we shall be able to congratulate our worthy Bro. Terry, on—to use a familiar term—another "bumper."

\* Since the above was written we have been informed the amount has been paid in full.—ED. F.C.

### BRO. DICK RADCLYFFE'S DRAWING.

We hereby Certify that at the Drawing of Numbers in Bro. Dick Radclyffe's Ballot for Life Governorships in the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, held this day, the following were the winning numbers:—

No. of Ticket.	From books sold by—
6463	W. Smallpeice 7 Gray's-inn-place.
1501	S. P. Acton Bromley
2436	Mrs. Hunt 38 Portsdown-road, Maida Vale.
1703	W. Eyre 67 Tooley-street.
2194	D. Argyle King-street, Twickenham.
8957	Hy. Pope 17 John-street, Barnsbury.
4410	Jno. Berry Holly Grove House, Hounslow.
12384	J. Manton 4 Douglas-street, Derby.
11096	J. Churchley 24 Landfield-street, Dartford.
11100	Ditto
12764	W. H. Bowden 2 Sunderland-place, Clifton, Bristol.
Signed	JAS. TERRY Sec. R.M.B. Inst.
	GEO. N. DIXON W.M. 865 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.
	JOHN CARTER P.M. 209 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks.
	JOHN CONSTABLE P.M. 185.
	ROBERT ROBERTS P.M. 742.

6th February 1879.

Bro. Montague J. Guest, Prov. G. Master (Craft) of Dorsetshire, will shortly be installed Prov. G. Mark Master Mason of that Province, and the Rev. C. R. Davey as Prov. G. Mark Master Mason of Gloucestershire.

Warrants have been issued for two new Mark Lodges, one to be styled the Watford, No. 241, at Watford, Herts, with Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P., Grand Junior Warden, as the first W.M., and the other, Phoenix, No. 242, Jamaica.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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### THINGS ONE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW.

*To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad your correspondent "J. A. C." has drawn attention incidentally to the irregularity of balloting for joining members immediately after the proposition has been made; no possible good can result from rushing a brother into the Lodge. He can be present as a visitor at the meeting at which his name is submitted, and at the banquet which follows, if there be one, as the guest of the Lodge or of one of its members. He cannot take part in the business, or offer an opinion unless the Master invites him to do so, but with this exception he is as well off as though he had been elected. There is, therefore, no object to be gained by this unseemly hurry. On the other hand, much harm may be done. He may not be acceptable in the eyes of some members of the Lodge, and it may well happen, that owing to pressing engagements, some or all of those members may be unable to attend and cast their ballot against the proposed candidate. It is the duty of those who propose and second candidates, whether for initiation or joining, to be cautious whom they, to all intents and purposes, vouch for, but all the caution in the world will not occasionally prevent a brother from proposing some one who may be objectionable to some of his fellow-members, and the chance of such a one being elected is greatly increased by hurrying the ballot. The lax interpretation or application of a law is always unsatisfactory. Nothing is so absolutely necessary to the welfare of Freemasonry as a cautious election of members, yet the laws which enjoin the exercise of this caution and prescribe the manner in which it should be exercised—that is, by fixing the delay that must take place between the proposition and the ballot—are constantly being set at naught.

I had intended referring to the same subject in my letter last week, but I felt that I had already sufficiently trespassed upon your space.

Faternally yours,

"Q."

### DISPOSAL OF LODGE FUNDS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I hail with satisfaction the reappearance of "UNION JACK" in your columns. The balance-sheet which he furnished last week is a flagrant case of extravagance. All the year's receipts were expended, and a hole was made in the balance brought forward to the extent of close upon £25, or nearly one-third of the amount. Five-eighths of the expenditure were incurred for refreshment, one-eighth went for dues—I am speaking roundly of course—and one-sixteenth in charity. Even printing and postages cost more, while the Secretary received two-thirds of what went in charity, and the I.P.M.'s jewel cost more than was voted to Masonic Charity by half a sovereign. Ten-sixteenths in feeding, two-sixteenths in dues, three-sixteenths for Tyler, jewel, postages, commission, &c., and one-sixteenth in charity. A very brilliant arrangement, indeed, and one on which the Lodge is not to be congratulated.

By the way, what does "Secretary's commission—£18 18s 9d" mean? Does that Officer receive this amount for collecting subscriptions? Or is it a kind of honorarium, called by another name, for fulfilling the duties of his office? In the latter case it would not be a bad thing—at all events it would be highly remunerative—to be Secretary to half a dozen "commission"-paying Lodges. The duties would not be very onerous—for myself I think I could survive the labours of a hundred such secretaryships—while the remuneration, exceeding one hundred guineas, would form no insignificant addition to one's income. Happy thought—to find out a few commission-paying Lodges, and get elected a member, on the understanding I shall be appointed Secretary when a vacancy occurs. Masonic principles pure and unadulterated.

Yours ever,

"OLD FILE."

We have much pleasure in recording the fact that not only has the balance due to Grand Chapter by the late firm of Messrs. Willis, Percival & Co., bankers, been paid in full, out of the private estate of Comp. Samuel Tomkins deceased, but the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys have received their balances from the same source. It will be remembered that the Girls' School was indebted to the firm at the closing of the accounts.

A special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., &c., has been summoned for the 18th instant, and will be held at 2 Red Lion Square, for the purpose of passing a vote of condolence with the Queen on the death of her daughter, the Princess Alice of Great Britain and Ireland, Grand Duchess of Hesse Darmstadt.

## BALL OF THE NEW CONCORD LODGE, No. 813.

WE have been told that to make a Ball Assembly go off pleasantly you must have a good room, good music, a good supper, good stewards, and good-looking ladies. This seems to have been the idea of the members of the New Concord Lodge when they were arranging for their Annual Ball, which took place on Wednesday last. In the first place they had secured the Large Hall at Freemasons' Tavern. Secondly, Bro. H. J. Dean had been commissioned to provide the music, and he must be congratulated on having been able to secure so talented a body of artists. Thirdly, Bro. A. Best was the caterer for the supper; no better man could be found. Now for the Stewards; we give the names:—Bros. Wm. Stead W.M. President, T. J. Cusworth P.M. Vice-President, R. R. Harper S.W., S. George J.W., T. Bartlett P.M., J. R. Gallant P.M., H. J. Gabb P.M., H. J. Allardyce, W. Gabb S.D., J. Stillwell Treas., J. Thomas I.G., J. Boulton St., W. Pierpoint D.C., H. Blyher, T. Glass, G. Mustoo, J. T. Sinclair, and A. J. Potter. Lastly—we are called on to say something for the ladies; here our pen fails us; we should make those of our brethren who missed the opportunity of being present envious. Besides, we should be treading upon the war-path allotted our esteemed Bro. Main, and we fear our armour would not be proof against the sharp sting of his quips and quiddits. We will, therefore, content ourselves with saying that our brethren may justly feel proud of their sisters. After the first part of the programme had been gone through, supper was served; Bro. W. Stead, the W.M. of the Lodge presided, and he was ably supported by Bro. T. Bartlett P.M. and the Stewards, with the exception of Bro. T. J. Cusworth P.M., who was compelled to be absent through illness. After the good things provided had been fairly discussed, the W.M. rose to propose the two or three toasts usual upon these occasions. After the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty had been given and received with all heartiness, Bro. Stead proposed Prosperity to the New Concord Lodge, and Bro. P.M. Bartlett briefly responded. Bro. Main was called on by the Ladies to respond for them; and this our merry brother did most genially. Dancing was then resumed, and was kept up till the small hours were almost forgotten.

## INSTALLATION MEETING OF THE KENNINGTON LODGE, No. 1381.

ON Tuesday, 4th February, at the Surrey Club House, Kennington Oval. In the temporary absence of the W.M., Bro. Henry Charles Reeves, who was prevented from being present in the early part of the evening, through an important engagement, the Lodge was opened by Past Master Bro. George Everett. After the reading of the minutes, which were unanimously confirmed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Jenkins a candidate for the third degree was examined. He gave evidence that his researches into the earlier stages had not been unprofitable, and the W.M. declared him worthy of proferment. He was, accordingly, entrusted, and retired to undergo the necessary preparation. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Everett worked the ceremony, much to the satisfaction of the candidate, and justly receiving the commendations of all assembled. There was one candidate for the second degree—Bro. Town—who duly passed his examination, and retired for preparation. The acting W.M. then worked this ceremony, in the same perfect manner he had performed the former one. The W.M. elect, Bro. Thomas Charles Walls P.G.O. Middlesex, was now introduced by Bro. W. Mann P.M. to Bro. Everett—who, in addition to the duties he had already undertaken, kindly consented to act as Installing Master—to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. In due course, the obligation was administered, the brethren below the degree of I.M. retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the ceremony proceeded. On the re-admission of the brethren, the appointment of Officers took place:—Bros. Köhler S.W., Speedy J.W., E. J. Page P.M. Treas., Stuart P.M. Sec., Webb S.D., Marston J.D., Robinson I.G., Stokes D.C., Stranger W.S., Bolton A.W.S., Longstaff Tyler. Bro. Everett then completed his arduous labours by delivering the addresses in a highly impressive manner, and on resuming his seat received, most deservedly, the thanks and approval of the brethren. This we consider the more deserved as Bro. George Everett had undertaken the work at very short notice; moreover, he has lately undergone severe domestic bereavement, and his kindness in undertaking the heavy work of the day was more fully appreciated under these trying circumstances. We trust that the efforts of our esteemed brother will have a tendency to divert his thoughts from so painful a theme as he has had to contemplate for the last few weeks. Routine business was now proceeded with. It had been notified at a previous meeting that Bro. Walls would serve as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent Institution, and now Bro. P.M. Higgins intimated his desire to serve in a like capacity for the Festival of the Girls' School. This intimation received the approval of the members, and ten guineas was voted from the funds to be placed on his list. A unanimous vote of thanks was passed to Bro. George Everett for his able services, and this compliment was gracefully acknowledged. The resignation of a member was tendered, and received with regret. Lodge was then closed. Banquet was served under the superintendence of Bro. Baldock, and the guests seemed thoroughly to appreciate the good things provided. Bro. Walls on rising to give the toasts said, that during his year he should keep his remarks within very narrow limits. On this occasion, perhaps, as it was his maiden effort, he might exceed those he had set himself. However, now he would offer for their acceptance The Health of Her Majesty the Queen and Prosperity to the Craft. After the other routine toasts had been given, Bro. Reeves proposed the health of the Worshipful Master; this duty was to him a most pleasant one. Bro. Walls had been in the Lodge almost from

its commencement; he was in every way competent to fulfil the duties devolving upon him, and he was one that he (Bro. Reeves) and all the Past Masters would feel a pleasure in assisting to carry out his duties. Bro. Webb here favoured the company with a song, which he rendered with exquisite taste. Bro. Walls thanked the I.P.M. for the happy and cordial way in which he had proposed the toast. He felt somewhat on the horns of a dilemma. Of this he could assure them, he had tried to do his duty. Five years ago he was initiated in this Lodge; he now found himself presiding over its destinies. He urged on young Masons the advantages to be derived from attending Lodges of Instruction. The result of his progress in Freemasonry had been very gratifying. He trusted the anticipations of Bro. Reeves would be fulfilled; all that he could do to further the interests of the Lodge he would strive to achieve. After the Band of Visitors—represented on this occasion by Bros. E. Hopwood P.M. 141, G. N. Downie 186, W. Bowden 186, L. Coleman 186, T. Gilbert jun. 1507, W. W. Morgan 211, Chisholme 151, John Kent 177, Newnham 1624, G. Hugall (Surrey Masonic Lodge) Thomas Keable 177, and Bellamy 1567—had been honoured, the W.M. gave the health of the Past Masters. He named them *seriatim*: last of all he came to Bro. Reeves, to whom he presented the Past Master's jewel voted by the Lodge. Bro. Reeves would ever prize the jewel that had that evening been presented to him. He was the first initiate of the Kennington Lodge. He had looked forward to the pleasure he should have in installing his successor; but, in consequence of domestic affliction that had fallen upon him during the year of his Mastership, he had been compelled to give up this anticipated pleasure. He sincerely thanked the members for their kindness. Bros. Mann, Koch, and Everett also replied. The latter brother had no desire to occupy the time of the Lodge, however he felt he should be wanting in courtesy if he failed to acknowledge the many kind things that had been said of him during the evening. This was his twenty-first year in Freemasonry. He was always ready and willing to render assistance to any Officer in the Lodge. Bro. Drysdale said he, likewise, was always gratified at being able to assist. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was now given, and Bros P.M.'s Page and Stuart replied. For the Charities Bro. Mann had a good word or two to say, and Bro. Page who had taken a Stewardship for the R.M.B.I. on behalf of the recently consecrated Kennington Chapter, notified he would retire in order that all the support of the members might be given to Bro. Walls, who represented the Lodge for the same Festival. The few remaining toasts were then speedily dismissed, and the evening's proceedings closed most harmoniously.

We notice that Bro. Henry Æneas Sidford, P.M. of Lodges 1027, 1043, and 1781 has been making most energetic efforts to spread Masonry in the ports of China. He seems determined to complete the series of the Orders in Architecture for the names of our Lodges in China, having now established a "Tuscan" as complement to one "Ionic" and "Corinthian." We congratulate him heartily upon his appointment to the office of Grand Senior Warden of his District. Our readers will join with us in wishing him "God speed," and ye higher rewards for his zeal and fidelity, if it be possible, in due time. It is to upright enterprising leaders of his stamp that English Masonry owes the allegiance of groups of men of culture and social worth in the most distant regions, whose reputation goes far towards maintaining the prestige of the Order throughout the world.

The Installation Meeting of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, took place on Thursday; there was a large attendance of Members and Visitors. Bro. T. J. Maidwell, the outgoing Master, installed Bro. William Richards as W.M. for the next twelve months. Report will appear next week.

## Tabular Statement showing the Incomes of our Institutions from all sources during the year ended 31st December 1878:—

	R.M.B.I.			R.M.I.G.			R.M.I.B.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Donations & Subscriptions	11382	12	9	11,033	9	8	11,027	3	1
Grand Lodge, Grant from	800	0	0	150	0	0	150	0	0
" Chapter	150	0	0	10	10	0	10	10	0
" " Special	*1,000	0	0	*500	0	0	*500	0	0
Dividends, &c.	1,526	9	10	1,170	0	0	295	0	0
Music Fees	...	...	...	136	10	0	85	11	6
Purchased Admissions	...	...	...	357	0	0	535	10	0
Life Presentation	...	...	...	...	...	...	525	0	0
Miscellaneous	21	0	0	8	12	0	2	4	0
	£14,880	2	7	£13,366	1	8	£13,130	18	7

\* This special grant consisted of £500 Consols to each of the four funds, namely, Male and Female of the R.M.B.I., together £1,000, and Girls and Boys each as stated.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

## STABILITY LODGE, No. 217.

THE installation meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, London, E.C. Present Bros. R. G. Seaborn W.M., J. M. Hodder S.W., J. F. Clark J.W., G. A. Taylor P.M. Sec., H. France Treas., H. France S.D., G. W. Hemmings J.D., H. J. Westmore D.C., W. Cattermole I.G., Gullock Tyler. Past Masters Bros. H. Marfleet, G. H. Hodges, J. C. Woolmer, F. Drummond, &c. H. Muggeridge, Hon. Member of the Lodge, as Installing Master. Visitors—Bros. G. Robey and S. Thompson 9, J. Sheffield 65, M. Ayres 95, H. Hollis and J. F. Rowe 167, C. Blain and J. S. Johnson 174, H. Leggo 192, A. Josling 504, J. Wright P.M. 1158, Hadley Prestage 1278, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. R. Hartley 1426, H. Vickery 1475, J. Hanlon 1512, W. B. Briscoe 1558, R. J. Voissey 1641, &c. The Lodge having been opened by the W.M., the minutes of the last regular meeting, as well as those of a Lodge of emergency, were read and unanimously confirmed. Bro. Muggeridge was then invited to take the chair. On doing so he advanced the Lodge to the second degree, and administered the obligation to Bro. J. M. Hodder, the W.M. elect. In due form a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the new W.M. was regularly inducted into the chair, Bro. G. A. Taylor P.M. acting most efficiently throughout the proceedings as D.C. The newly installed W.M. having been proclaimed, appointed the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. R. G. Seaborn I.P.M., J. F. Clark S.W., G. W. Hemmings J.W., H. France (re-elected) Treas., G. A. Taylor P.M. Sec., W. J. Cattermole S.D., H. Westmore J.D., J. Finch I.G., J. Addington D.C. The election of Tyler then took place, and resulted in Bro. Gullock being appointed to that office. The W.M., in the name of the Lodge, presented P.M.'s jewels to Bros. Taylor and James, and then a notice of motion was brought forward by the Hon. Sec., Bro. Taylor, to the effect that the sum of five guineas be given to each of the Masonic Charities. On being put to the Lodge, this vote was unanimously carried. No further business offering, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the banquet, which was provided by Bro. Clemow in his best style. The banquet being finished, and usual toasts of the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Grand Master, and the Pro. G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers, having been duly proposed and heartily received, Bro. Seaborn rose to give that of the W.M. It was a toast that he felt sure would be heartily received by all present. They had known Bro. Hodder for several years in connection with the Lodge; had seen him rise step by step, and must have appreciated the way in which he performed any duty that fell to his part. He felt sure that the new Master would use every effort to make his year of office a successful one. The W.M. in reply expressed his thanks for the way in which mention of his name had been received. He hoped to have health and strength to carry out the duties of his office to the satisfaction of himself, and trusted that at the end of his year of presidency he should merit the approval of his Lodge. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master. He was sure that the way in which that Bro. had carried out the duties of his position must be gratifying to all. Bro. Muggeridge thanked the members for the very kind way in which they had honoured the toast. He had had the pleasure of installing many Masters of the Stability Lodge, and although he had not had an opportunity of attending their meetings for upwards of ten years he could but remember the kind reception he always received in days past. He had for a short time been a subscribing member of the Lodge, and recalled the time he spent at its meetings with pleasure. He was introduced to Freemasonry close upon forty years since; the night after his initiation he had joined the Stability Lodge of Instruction, and since that time he had regularly attended its meetings whenever he had been in London. He regretted that the Lodge of Instruction was not better supported by the members of the mother Lodge, and hoped that in future the members of the latter would make an effort to attend the meetings of the Lodge of Instruction working under its sanction. The W.M. next gave the toast of the Past Masters. The Lodge was possessed of an array that any Lodge might be proud of. They had done good service during their respective terms of office, and since that time had been anxious to assist in any way they could. After a recitation from Brother Muggeridge, Bro. Seaborn, the I.P.M. replied. He tendered his hearty thanks for the kindness that had been shown him during his year of Mastership, and hoped as a P.M. that he would be able to be of service to the Lodge for many years to come. Bro. Drummond followed. He regretted that his business duties would not permit of his regular attendance at the Lodge, but assured the members that he looked lovingly on the summons for each meeting as it came to him, and envied the more fortunate members who were able to be present. He was pleased to see so numerous a gathering, and happy that the Lodge was in so prosperous a state. He would remind the Brethren that misfortune had necessitated the widow of one of their oldest P.M.'s making a claim on their charity. Considering the services which Bro. King had rendered the Lodge, he hoped the members would unite and make the candidature of his widow successful at the next election of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Marfleet expressed his thanks for the reception accorded the toast. He hoped the Visitors had had a pleasant evening. The next toast was that of the Visitors. The W.M. said the Lodge was always ready and pleased to see visitors. He hoped each had spent a happy time, and that they would make a point of attending at some future meeting, and then have an opportunity of witnessing the working of the Lodge. The toast having been acknowledged, the W.M. gave that of the Treasurer and Secretary; they were important Officers, no Lodge could get on properly without them. Bro. France was the first to reply. He had endeavoured to do his best for the Lodge, and trusted his efforts had resulted in some good for its members. He hoped the Lodge would continue to prosper. Bro. Taylor followed. He had

the pleasure of introducing the W.M. into Freemasonry, and was gratified that he had to fulfil the duties of Secretary in a Lodge presided over by so old a friend. The health of the Officers was next given, the W.M. referring in a few well chosen words to each; they severally responded, promising to carry out the duties of their respective positions to the best of their ability. The Tyler's toast was now given, and the meeting was brought to a termination.

## SQUARE AND COMPASS LODGE, No. 1336.

THIS prosperous Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John at the Masonic Chambers, Wrexham, on Tuesday, the 4th inst. Present—Bros. Edward Smith W.M., E. Eytton Jones S.W., J. C. Owens J.W., John Williams Sec., Howel Davies S.D., J. W. M. Smith J.D., J. F. Edisbury Treas., C. K. Benson I.G., J. F. Edisbury Organist, T. Leo Tyler. P.M.'s Wm. Low, J. Lewis, J. Oswald Bury. Bros. Jno. E. Woodford, E. T. Fitch, A. Williamson, J. B. Shirley, G. W. Allinson, J. A. Harris, D. Price, F. E. Roe, C. J. Gibbon, R. W. Evans, T. Jackson, R. J. Williams, J. Shone, &c., &c. Visitors—T. W. M. Lockwood W.M. 425, P.G.S.W. Cheshire, James Pye J.W. 425, Rev. M. Hamer 1582, H. Sheppard P.M. 601, P.P.G.P. North Wales and Salop, A. J. Brereton S.W. 1477, G. H. Adams I.G. 1477, J. D. Rowlands J.W. 1477, J. S. Swift 1477, D. Williams 1477, J. B. Murlis jun. S.W. 1432, Jas. Salmon W.M. 1674 P.P.G.J.W., H. J. Lloyd J.W. 721, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, P.G. Parst. Middlesex, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. The Lodge was opened about 4 p.m., with solemn prayer, and the minutes of the last meeting read and ratified. This being the meeting for installing the W.M. elect, Bro. Lewis P.M. undertook the duty of Installing Master. Bro. Lewis explained that as the W.M. elect was the Presiding Worshipful Master, he would dispense with the greater portion of the ceremony. Accordingly, Bro. E. Smith was re-installed the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, and as such received the salutations of the brethren. Bro. Smith is to be complimented upon receiving this most tangible mark of esteem and confidence from the members of the Square and Compass Lodge, and the Lodge is to be congratulated upon ensuring for themselves the Mastership of a Brother who has, during the past year, ably performed his duty, and advanced the welfare of the Lodge by adding greatly to its strength. By his geniality, uniform courtesy, and punctuality he has gained the high esteem and confidence of such a highly respectable Lodge as 1336. The Worshipful Master, with the assistance of Bro. Lewis, invested his Officers for the next twelve months as follows:—J. Oswald Bury Immediate P.M., J. C. Owen S.W., Howel Davies J.W., J. Fisher Edisbury Treas., John Williams Sec., J. W. M. Smith S.D., C. K. Benson J.D., J. A. Chadwick I.G., J. F. Edisbury Org.; W. Garratt-Jones, W. Pierce, Thomas Jackson, G. E. Woodford, Stewards; Thomas Leo Tyler. Bro. Lewis delivered the usual charges to the E. and S., and the exhortation to the brethren. The Worshipful Master, before closing, announced the prosperous state of the Lodge, as evinced by the Treasurer's report, which showed the balance of cash in hand to be £40, with a large amount to be collected as fees due from members. The Lodge was closed in harmony about 5.30, and by request of the Worshipful Master, the brethren adjourned to the Wynnstay Arms Hotel, to banquet. It is here worthy of note that a sum of five guineas is to be appropriated from the funds of the Lodge towards the relief of the poor of Wrexham. By this generous act, our worthy brethren have demonstrated that Freemasonry teaches the glorious principles of universal benevolence. After the brethren had thoroughly enjoyed an admirably selected and well-catered menu, the cloth was removed, and the Worshipful Master rose to propose the first toast of the evening, "The Queen and the Craft," which was loyally received, the brethren singing the National Anthem. The second toast, which embraced the sovereign head of the Craft H.R.H. The Prince of Wales was ably introduced by the W.M., who pointed out the great advantages which had accrued to Freemasonry while under the rule of His Royal Highness. The toast was received with full honours, and "God bless the Prince of Wales" was sung. Bro. E. Smith, in proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy G. Master, and the Officers of the G.L. of England, said the high and important functions appropriated to those distinguished Brethren were discharged with great ability and Masonic zeal. The toast was heartily drunk. The Worshipful Master on rising for the fourth time, said the next toast brought them to their own neighbourhood, in fact to Wynnstay. No toast proposed in a Lodge in their province was more heartily received than the one he now had the pleasure of submitting, whether they looked upon Sir Watkin W. Wynn as a Mason, as a landlord, or as a nobleman enjoying his many advantages, they could but admire him for his many excellent virtues, and his ability and readiness to aid the interests of the Craft, the enjoyment of those who participate in the chase, and above all his kind-heartedness, which prompts him to relieve the wants of the unfortunate. He deeply regretted to say that their highly esteemed Prov. G. Master had not the best of health; at the present time he is seeking that solace and recuperation which a more genial climate than our own can afford. He considered the Officers of Prov. G. Lodge deserved their entire sympathy and support. He united with the toast the names of Bros. Low, Lewis and Bury. The toast was received with great warmth of feeling. Bro. John Williams kindly obliged with a song, ably accompanied by Bro. Edisbury at the piano. Bro. Low thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour done him and the other Prov. Grand Officers. The Worshipful Master had explained the cause of the absence from home of the Prov. Grand Master, otherwise he might have been among them. He feared the Prov. Grand Officers were a little slack in the affairs of the Province; it was his wish to do all in his power for the interests of the Craft generally, and especially the Province, of which he deemed it an honour to be a Grand Officer. Bro. Oswald Bury said he felt himself a humble representative of Prov. Grand Lodge. He hoped to see a larger sprinkle of purple bestowed on the worthy and older P.M.'s of the Lodge, as a just



reward for their many services, and a recognition of the good works done by the Square and Compass Lodge. Bro. E. Jones Past Senior Warden, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, considered the elevation for the second time of the W.M. to the chair, was a substantial recognition of the regard and confidence in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. From the commencement of his Masonic career he has shown such love for the Craft, such zeal in the affairs of the Lodge, and such undoubted ability in discharging the duties of his offices as to merit the approval of the brethren. The Lodge during the past year had been progressing, its present position is most creditable to every member, and calls forth the highest praise on the W.M. for his administration. Bro. Jones concluded his remarks by alluding very touchingly to the prevailing distress. The toast was enthusiastically drunk, with full honours and three times three. Bro. Chadwick gave the next song. The Worshipful Master really felt that he was not able adequately to thank them for the kind manner the toast had been received. It was then over twelve months since they had conferred on him the office of Master of the Lodge, an honour which he considered the greatest he had enjoyed during his lifetime. They had renewed that honour; he felt it very deeply. His only cause for regret on this happy occasion was that Bro. Eyton Jones did not go forward to the chair, but his declining had induced him to accede to the wishes of the brethren. His efforts would be to discharge the important trust confided to him in the same manner he had done in the past, and which he was happy to think had given satisfaction. He wished to impress on the minds of the brethren his conviction that the well being of a Lodge does not altogether depend on the members attendance at its meetings, but rather upon the beneficial impression produced on the minds of each by our beautiful ritual. He wished them to carry outside the Lodge room those principles which are inculcated within, and trusted the talent of the Lodge would be applied to acquiring those offices, which merit and honour deserve. He next proposed the health of the Installing Master, in a very complimentary manner, and Bro. Adams favoured the brethren with a song. Bro. Lewis responded. He assured the brethren he did not waste words when he said that these annual re-unions were the happiest periods of his life. Against the advice of his doctor, and under the severe stress, he had that night attended and endeavoured to do all he could for the Lodge and the enjoyment of the brethren. He was happy to see so many worthy Officers who had their inspiration under his supervision, and was glad to know the prosperous state of the Lodge. The more the principles of our Order were known, the more highly they would be esteemed, and the addition to our ranks would be more numerous and advantageous. He deprecated the practice in the Province of giving the purple to comparative young Lodges in small towns, while a Lodge, full of good deeds, and held in a Metropolitan town like Wrexham was over-looked. He urged the brethren to promote Lodges of Instruction, and promised his aid. He was always at their disposal, to further their mutual interests. Bro. S.W. was entrusted with authority to propose the health of the Visitors, and, in doing so, he extended a cordial greeting to one and all. He spoke of mutual advantages arising from visiting. He regretted that he had not been able to visit as much as he wished. His private engagements, and the office of Mayor which he had held demanded all his time, yet he hoped to be able to visit more in the future. He had the pleasure of uniting with the toast the names of Bros. A. J. Brereton, S. M. Davies, and H. J. Lloyd. The toast was drunk with full Masonic honours. Bro. Brereton said it had given him great pleasure to visit the Lodge. He had been present at its consecration, and was pleased to see the great progress it had made. On behalf of the Sir Watkin Lodge he extended to all a most cordial welcome. Bro. Lloyd regretted he had not more eloquence to express to the brethren how deeply he appreciated the hospitality he had enjoyed, and the hearty manner in which the toast was received. He had one regret only, and that was that he had not seen the installation ceremony fully performed, as he knew Bro. Lewis was an adept in the ritual. Bro. Davies also returned thanks for the honour done the Visitors, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Officers of the Lodge. It afforded him great pleasure to bear testimony to the excellence of the working of every Officer in the Lodge. He was greatly indebted to them. He felt like the Captain of a good ship who had trusty Officers and a good crew to command and man his Craft. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Driscoll gave a recitation. Bro. S.W. returned thanks for the honour done the present Officers of the Lodge, and Bro. Past S.W., on behalf of the Officers of last year. Both felt that the newly-appointed Officers could not be excelled in any Lodge, and the remark is justifiable in every sense of the word. Bro. O. Bury proposed the Masonic Charities, and ably advocated the claims of these noble Institutions. He had served a Stewardship for the R.M.I. Boys, and hoped to do so for the Girls; he hoped they would never forget the Masonic Charities. The toast was heartily drunk. Bro. A. Bury kindly favoured with a song, and Bro. Driscoll gave another recitation. The Tyler's toast was called and given, after which the brethren separated with "Auld Lang Syne."

#### NEW CROSS LODGE, No. 1559.

**M**ET on Saturday, 1st February, at the New Cross Hall, Lewisham High Road. Bros. W. Simmons W.M., E. H. Thiellay P.G.D.C. Middlesex S.W., L. Beck P.G.O. Middlesex J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Tr., H. Keeble P.M. Sec., H. J. Green S.D., E. Smith J.D., W. Cowley I.G., Grammant D.C., and a numerous attendance of the Brethren and Visitors. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of the regular and emergency meetings were read and confirmed. The report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted; it shewed the Lodge was in a prosperous condition. The names of candidates were on the Agenda Paper, but the aspirants were not present. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. L. Beck J.W. P.G.O. Middlesex, was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed

into the chair by Bro. Hubback P.G.S., in a very able and effective manner, Bro. Kipps presiding at the Harmonium. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. The W.M. appointed and invested his Officers: Bro. W. Simmons I.P.M., E. H. Thiellay P.P.G.S.B. Middlesex S.W., H. Green P.M. J.W., F. Walters P.P.G.D. Middlesex Treas., H. Keeble P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Cowley J.D., Grammant I.G., Moss D.C., McGilvray W.S., Henton Assist. W.S., Kipps P.G.O. Kent Org., Church Tyler. Bro. F. Walters P.M. proposed, and Bro. W. Simmons I.P.M. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. Hubback P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. After this compliment had been acknowledged, Lodge closed, and banquet and dessert was provided by Mr. Leidig. The W.M. proposed the health of Her Majesty the Queen, and the "National Anthem" was sung, Miss Moss and Bro. Walls P.G.O. Middlesex singing the solo verses. The toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. was followed by "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The toasts of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M. and the rest of the Grand Officers followed. Bro. W. Simmons I.P.M. had now, with great pleasure, to propose the toast of the evening; the W.M. was in every respect worthy to occupy his position, and he was sure to receive hearty support during his year of office; under Brother Beck's able guidance he was convinced the Lodge would prosper. After a ballad, sung by Miss Moss, the W.M. rose: It afforded him great pleasure to return thanks for the kind way in which the toast had been received. His best services would be given to discharge the duties of the chair, and when his term of office expired he hoped to have the same amount of satisfaction expressed by the brethren. The W.M. in proposing the health of the I.P.M. said: Bro. Simmons was one very enthusiastic in Freemasonry; ill-health, however, had prevented him being so frequently among them as could be wished, but they were all pleased to see him. He had much pleasure in decorating him with a jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the brethren. He trusted the Great Architect would grant him health and strength to wear it; and in addition to the jewel, the brethren had supplemented their gift by presenting Bro. Simmons with a handsome clock. As one of the founders of the Lodge, all hoped to see their worthy brother take his seat for many years as a Past Master of the Lodge. After Bro. Walls had favoured the company, Bro. W. Simmons said he could hardly find words to thank them for their valuable gifts. That day twelve months he hardly thought he should have lived to see this day. However, he thanked Providence he had been spared. The W.M. and brethren had been very kind in giving him these testimonials of regard; he would hand them down as heirlooms. It had been his intention to deliver the addresses that evening, but he was not sufficiently well in health. Still, the well-being of the Lodge was not forgotten by him; he had four propositions for candidates for initiation, and two for joining. This would testify he had the interests of the New Cross Lodge at heart. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors; the members were all proud to see so many present who had made their mark in the Order. He would call on Bros. Bumstead, Copland, and Kirk to respond. Bro. C. Solomon here sang a humorous song, after which came the replies of the Visitors, and then the W.M. proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. The former brother was well known and tried in Freemasonry, and in this Lodge was fully appreciated. The Secretary was also one who deserved praise for his interest in the welfare of the Lodge. The entertainment given to-night, as to its success, was due to him. In coupling the names of Bros. F. Walters P.M. Treas. and Bro. H. Keeble P.M. and Sec., he hoped they would give the toast a hearty reception. After this compliment had been duly acknowledged, the W.M. gave the Officers, and Bros. McGilvray, Henton and Moss severally responded. The Tyler's toast was now called for, and a very enjoyable evening was brought to a close. The Visitors were Bros. A. C. Moffatt 1538, Grosland 1687, T. J. Moss P.M. 1326, G. Andrew P.M. 871, Batchelor 72, G. T. Bickerton W.M. 1326, T. Walls P.G.O. Middlesex, H. Gloster W.M. 1531, Macdonald P.M. 1158, Livermore 1687, Carter 1687, Bumstead P.M. 518, M. Clark 79, Cooper 72, Dunbar 1538, C. Solomons 188, Vickery 1687, Kirk W.M. 1687, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

#### TREDEGAR LODGE, No. 1625.

**M**ET on Monday, 3rd inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. In the absence of the W.M., who has been indisposed during the past week, the Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Lacey P.M.; he was supported by Bros. Brooks S.W., Anning J.W., G. W. Verry Secretary, Rawley Treasurer, Kendal S.D., Maud J.D., W. H. Clarke I.G., A. Deason D. of C., J. Tyler Steward. The minutes of the last Lodge, as well as those of the Lodge of Emergency, were read and duly ratified. Bro. E. J. Anning W.M. elect, was then introduced, duly obligated and installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being most ably performed by Bro. C. Lacey. The Officers for the year were appointed by the W.M. as follows:—Bros. G. W. Verry S.W., Kendal J.W., Rawley Treas., Sly Sec., Maud S.D., W. H. Clarke J.D., A. Deason I.G., Tyler D.C., Cole Steward, Steedman Tyler. The addresses were given by Bro. Lacey. Bro. Huggett the I.P.M., who arrived at this time, was duly invested by the W.M., with the collar of I.P.M., and then, in the name of the Lodge, Bro. Anning presented to Bro. Huggett a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted by the Lodge, and which he hoped Bro. Huggett would long wear as a memento of the many friendships formed in the Lodge. Bro. Huggett, in acknowledging the kind reception that was accorded him, regretted that he had been unable to attend earlier. He had long looked forward to the time when he should be numbered among the P.M.'s of a Lodge, and was pleased at having gained that honour. It had been his effort to carry out the duties of the chair during the past year to the satisfaction of the brethren. He had never had occasion to refer to the P.M.'s, or to ask anything of the Officers without at all times receiving the greatest assistance from them. He hoped the Lodge would prosper

during the coming year, and that the new W.M. would have a pleasant term of office. Bro. Verry now brought forward a notice of motion which stood in his name, as to altering the dates of the election and certain other meetings, such alterations being necessary by reason of the change which had been made in the date of installation. The motion was duly seconded and carried unanimously. It was then announced that Bro. C. Lacey was about to act as Steward for the Boys' School, and as he was anxious to represent the Tredegar Lodge at the next Festival of that School it was proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, to be placed on his list. This was seconded and carried unanimously. Bro. Lacey, in acknowledging this support of his list, hoped the brethren would come forward and handsomely supplement the liberality of the Lodge. There being no other business, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. gave the usual toasts. H.R.H. the Grand Master, was, the W.M. said, a true Englishman. When his history came to be written, the page which recorded the fact of his being a Mason would be far from the least important. Of our Pro G.M. and D.G.M., we all know sufficient to make those noblemen respected and loved. Of the other Grand Officers, the W.M. could only say they were ready to do their duty, and devote themselves to the good of Freemasonry. These two toasts having been honoured, Bro. Lacey rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Huggett the I.P.M. being obliged, through ill-health, to leave, it had devolved on him once more to call on the brethren to honour the Master of the Lodge. The present Master was one of the founders of the Lodge, and had, since the consecration, done great service for the Lodge. Bro. Lacey considered the brethren had acted wisely in selecting him to fill the post of W.M. The W.M. sincerely thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had expressed their feelings towards him. One of our greatest writers had said, "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them." He considered he might be classed under the third heading; he hoped that his conduct would be such as to warrant the distinction that had been accorded him. He then proposed success to the Institutions. He considered none were more worthy of support than those connected with the Craft. Every true Mason must look upon them with pride. He coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., and Bro. C. Lacey Steward, representing the Lodge at the next Festival of that Institution. Bro. Binckes felt greatly indebted to the W.M. for proposing the toast thus early in the evening, as he was thereby enabled personally to thank them for the support they had accorded the Boys' School that evening. He felt considerable diffidence in addressing the members, as of late it had frequently been said that the Masonic Institutions and those who advocated their claims were a nuisance. Be this as it may, few could but regret the cause which made the appeals necessary. He had been told that various of the Lodges at the East-end of London had withheld their support to the Boys' School in consequence of his (Bro. Binckes's) absence from their meetings. He could only say that such a feeling, if it really existed, was most unfair. How could the brethren expect him, or either of the other Secretaries, to visit every Lodge to which they were invited. They often had requests to attend several Lodges on the same evening, and if they did not attend, it was not from any neglect of their duties, or wish to slight any particular Lodge, but simply that they were unable to do so. Even when they could attend, they were frequently told that they were bores, and that their continued appeals should not be allowed at the meetings. He hoped the result of the efforts that would be made for the Boys during the current year would be in advance of its predecessors. He was not too sanguine, but thought from the support already promised that they might expect such a result. He concluded by urging every brother to do all in his power to make the list of Bro. Lacey a handsome one, and trusted it would be long before the Masons of the East-end ceased their efforts for doing good. He had pleasure in announcing that Bros. Verry and Mortlock had given their names as Stewards for his next Festival since he had been among them that evening. Bro. Lacey considered that while the east end had such men to advocate the claims of the Charities as had supported them during the past few years, it could hardly be said they were waiting for visits from the Secretaries, neither did he think such was the case; in fact the slightest examination of the results achieved would show to the contrary. He recalled to the memory of those present the fact that the founders of the Boys' School had emanated from the east end, and he now asked the present Masons of that district to support the Institution founded by their ancestors. The W.M. next gave the toast of The Visitors. The members of the Tredegar Lodge were pleased at all times to have the presence of visitors, and he hoped that they had enjoyed themselves, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. Bro. Seddon W.M. 174 was the first to respond. The present was the first opportunity he had had of visiting a Lodge since he had been installed into the chair of the Sincerity, and he must express the pleasure he had derived from his visit. He expressed his wish for a prosperous future for the Tredegar Lodge, and hoped to have the pleasure of attending another of its meetings. Bro. Webb followed. He hardly felt like a visitor, he knew so many of those around him. He hoped that the Lodge would continue with the same good feeling as had been evinced during the evening, and that the new Master would have as prosperous a year as had his predecessor. Bro. Tucker also replied, expressing his thanks, and wishing the members prosperity. The W.M. of the Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 1259, was the next speaker, but he evidently mistook his company, for he commenced such a tirade against our Charities as to compel the W.M. to order him either to keep to the question or hold his tongue. As he had evidently intended to expose the "awful" character of our Schools, he must have felt somewhat disappointed at not being allowed to continue; as it was, he merely expressed his thanks for the hospitality that had been shown him. The W.M. next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge. Although it was customary to separately

honour the names of the Past Masters, he would on this occasion unite them, as the time would not allow them to remain much longer. All must sympathise with the I.P.M., whose illness had prevented his stopping. As to the other Past Masters, the Treasurer, the Secretary, and indeed the whole of the Officers, too much could not be said in their praise. The toast having met a hearty reception, Bro. Rawley replied; he felt convinced that each brother would do ample justice to the office he had been appointed to. Bro. Sly followed. He felt his office was a most important one, and following, as he did, such a Secretary as Bro. Verry, a very hard one properly to fill. He would use every effort to perform the work to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Verry, as S.W., tendered the thanks of himself and other Officers. He was at all times happy to do anything for the welfare of the Lodge. He felt sure each of the Officers would exert himself to perform the duties creditably. The toast of the Masonic Press was proposed by the W.M., and acknowledged by Bro. W. W. Morgan jun., and then the Tyler's toast was given. Among the visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.M. G. Stewards' Lodge, Sec. R.M.I.B., J. H. Cambridge W.M. 15, J. Knight 95, G. T. H. Seddon W.M., and C. H. Webb S.W. 174, J. Chappell 511, H. Forss 554, W. H. Myers P.M. 820, T. J. Barnes P.M., J. W. Tacker W.M., and A. Ellis 933, E. G. Legge I.P.M. 1196, W. J. Kennaby 1420, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, &c.

#### TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 1094.

THE regular convocation was held at the Masonic Temple, Hope-street, Liverpool, on Tuesday, the 28th ult. Present—Comps. Richard Washington M.E.Z., P. Macmaldrow P.G.S.N. P.Z., R. G. Yelland H., J. W. Burgess J., Jno. Pemberton P.P.G.S.B. Treas., D. A. Davis S.E., Hugh Williams P.P.G.S.B. as S.N., J. H. Bradshaw P.S., R. B. Burgess and N. Robertson Assistant Sojourners, Peter Ball Janitor; R. R. Martin P.Z., also Comps. W. R. Reeve, J. C. Fisk, Henry Dutton, H. Sayer, P. S. Johnson, G. Wynu, D. Critchley, S. Gordon, J. Cribbin, &c. Visitors—John Peters 241, T. Shaw P.Z. 823, J. W. Ballard H. 823, James Pendleton 823, S. Schonstadt 203, J. M. King 823, M. Cottrell P.Z. 823, William Jones P.Z. 1086, J. T. Durant 1086, &c. The Chapter was opened at four p.m., and after the necessary preliminaries had been gone through, Comp. Macmaldrow P.Z. P.G.S.N. undertook the important post of Installing Officer, and invested and installed the three Principals in their respective offices, duly proclaiming them to the Companions present. These offices are now filled by Bros. R. G. Yelland M.E.Z., J. W. Burgess H., J. H. Bradshaw J. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Comps. J. Pemberton re-elected Treas., N. Robertson S.E., R. W. Burgess S.N., D. A. Davis P.S., Peter Ball re-elected Janitor. The Principal Sojourner then appointed his assistants. This business being ended the ballot was taken for Bro. Joseph Constantine, and proving unanimous he, in company with two other brethren, were exalted to the supreme degree of the Holy Royal Arch. We have had the pleasure of visiting this renowned Chapter on a previous occasion, and seen the admirable manner in which the Officers have done the duties allotted them. Upon the present occasion it is most gratifying to bear testimony which corroborates our previous conviction, the working of every newly appointed Officer was really splendid, and reflects the greatest credit on one and all. They seem determined to make the Temple Chapter the most prosperous and well-worked one in the province of West Lancashire. The heavy and difficult part of first Principal was ably discharged by M.E.Z. Yelland, except the lecture, which was reserved for the worthy and venerable I.P.Z. Comp. R. Washington. Often as he has performed this beautiful portion of our glorious ritual, and ably as he has always done his work, never did he address himself to newly exalted Companions and explain the intricate symbolism of Royal Arch Freemasonry with more power, effect, and grandeur than on this occasion. What a blessing it would be to our Institution if it numbered in its ranks many such worthy and soul-inspiring Masons as Comp. Washington. The esteem in which Comp. Washington is held by the Companions of the Temple Chapter was fully set forth by the M.E.Z., when he presented a very splendid Past Z's jewel to him, which was briefly but aptly acknowledged by the worthy recipient. The Treasurer's report was presented, read and passed. A vote of thanks, proposed by Comp. H., conveying the thanks of the Chapter to the Treasurer, for the very able manner in which he had filled his office was seconded and carried unanimously. The labours of the evening being ended, the Chapter was closed in ancient form, and the Companions adjourned to supper. After enjoying a substantial meal, which in its way was ample for any occasion (especially when we have a rare banquet inside a Lodge or Chapter such as was presented this evening), the cloth was removed and the M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal toast of The Queen, quickly followed by that of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Z. The next toast, the Z. said, brought them to their own province. He had great pleasure in proposing the health of Lord Skelmersdale Prov. Grand Superintendent of West Lancashire. Comp. Williams P.P.G.S.B. acknowledged the compliment on behalf of the Prov. Grand Officers, followed by Comp. Pemberton, both of whom were pleased to know the high appreciation manifested towards his Lordship and the Prov. Grand Officers. Comp. Davis enjoyed the privilege of proposing the health of the three Chiefs, and he did so with a great amount of pleasure, as he knew their Masonic career, and could testify to the zeal and assiduity with which each had worked his way to the proud position now reached. He held each of the chiefs in the highest esteem, for their excellent Masonic virtues, and felt sure the Companions present would endorse his opinion by drinking most heartily to their health and prosperity. He trusted that the ensuing year would be productive of benefit to the Chapter and R.A. Masonry generally. The toast was cordially received, after which E. Comp. Washington obliged with a song. Comp. Yelland rose in reply to the last toast, and expressed his gratitude for the very kind and hearty manner the toast of the three Principals had been received. He

felt that the Companions had always paid him more compliments than he deserved, but he had the conscientious conviction that he had done his best in the past, and the same feeling would ever actuate him in the future. E. Comp. Burgess said he was very much taken by the kind allusions to the Principals in the last toast. He was happy to hold so high a post in a Chapter in which there was but one feeling, one wish, one sentiment, animating the whole Chapter, and that a wish for its prosperity and the happiness of each member. E. Comp. Bradshaw also returned thanks, and promised to do all in his power to advance the welfare of the Chapter. The M.E.Z. next proposed the health of the Installing Officer, in very complimentary terms. He referred to the valuable services rendered by Comp. Macmurdrow, who, as a good, steady, persevering Mason, had the esteem of the Companions and the distinction of honours. He asked the Companions present to drink to his good health, which was complied with very heartily. E. Comp. Jones who was at this point compelled to leave, addressed himself to the M.E.Z. and Companions, tendering his best wishes for the continued prosperity of the Chapter. He gave the highest praise to the Officers for their splendid working, which he said surpassed anything he ever saw. Comp. Macmurdrow, in returning thanks for the honour done him, said on this as on the former installation of the Chiefs in the Temple Chapter he had assumed the task with very great pleasure. Any service he could render the Chapter he would most readily do. He felt the honour conferred upon him was really conferred on the Chapter. He was happy to know the harmonious state of the Chapter, and to see that there was no feelings existing but those which ought to be predominant in every Chapter, and which should be carried out by every Mason—Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth. By request of the M.E.Z., Comp. Macmurdrow took the gavel to propose the health of the Immediate Past Z. The Chapter could boast a long list of P.Z.'s. The last name added to that honourable and worthy list added greatly to the prestige of the Chapter. Every Companion present had received benefit from his able ruling and direction. He had produced a great influence on the minds of many as to the grandeur and magnificence of Royal Arch Freemasonry. In fact, Comp. Washington had done everything so well that words could not express how deeply indebted they were to him. Comp. Martin obliged with a song. E. Comp. Washington, in reply to the toast, had to thank E. Comp. Macmurdrow for the very kind expressions he had used in inviting the Comps. to receive the toast. He also gratefully thanked the Comps. for their manifest appreciation of his efforts, and trusted he would ever merit the high regard expressed towards him in the Temple Chapter. He had joined this Chapter in 1871, had worked up from Assist. Soj., and filled the offices to their satisfaction; although to-night consigned among the Past Z.'s, he would ever be as zealous in his efforts, and prompt to render aid, as he had been. From the disposition and qualifications of the Officers as they now stood, he augured proficiency and great prosperity. He should ever wear the P.Z.'s jewel with which they had presented him with heart-felt pride. Comp. Martin had the honour of proposing the health of the Officers, whom he characterized the pith and marrow of a Chapter, excepting of course the three Chiefs. The Comps. now in office had zealously attended to their duties, and no better choice could have been made. He felt he must particularly allude to their respected Treasurer, as no praise would be too great to bestow upon Comp. Pemberton for the valuable aid he had always rendered the Chapter. The toast was most cordially drunk, and Comp. Pemberton rose to reply. He was happy to say the Chapter was free from debt, and prosperous, the position it stood in was very creditable. As the oldest P.Z. present, he could say the Chapter was never so prosperous. He felt greatly the honour of being again re-elected Treasurer, and wished for the continued prosperity of each and all. Comp. S.E. said he felt the honour done the Officers in the last toast greatly; after the many remarks made as to the working and prosperity of the Chapter, anything he might say in that respect would be superfluous. Comp. N. followed to the same purport, and Comp. P.S. said he felt a little awkward in his present post, as there were now no circulars for him to despatch. He felt they had the right men in the right places, and looked forward to great prosperity. He accepted his post with pleasure. His great delight was in Freemasonry, from which he had learnt much good by its excellent teaching. The M.E.Z. proposed the healths of the P.Z.'s of the Temple Chapter in very kind terms, and the toast was duly honoured. Comp. Pemberton gave the next song, and Ex-Comps. Macmurdrow, Martin, and Pemberton returned thanks as P.Z.'s. The M.E.Z. most fraternally proposed the health of the Visitors, and followed in the footsteps of his predecessors in according a hearty welcome to all. He had great pleasure in uniting with the toast the health of Comps. Schonstadt, Shaw, Cottrell, Pendleton, Ballard, and Davies. Comp. Schonstadt expressed his delight in being present to see the admirable working, and characterized it as superior to anything he had ever seen. He also thanked the M.E.Z. for the honour done, and the kind hospitality shown the Visiting Comps. The other Comps. followed, to the same effect, each and all being highly pleased and gratified. The Janitor's toast brought a most enjoyable evening to a close, and the Comps. separated much edified.

#### CLAPTON LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

A MEETING was held on Tuesday last, at the White Hart, Lower Clapton. Bros. W. Stephens W.M., Jos. Badkin S.W., Thos. W. Hobbs J.W., L. P. Coubro Sec., W. Stephens Treas., T. Poore P.G.I.G. acting S.D., Jas. Linzell J.D., J. Glaskin D.C., Fred. Badkin I.G., O. Dietrich Tyler. Visitors—Bros. Donald M. Dewar P.G.O. Assist. G. Sec., W. Fieldwick M.O. Duke of Cennanght 192, Thos. Poore P.G.I.G. P.M. 139 W.M. 231, An. McDowall St. Barnabas 97. Bros. Th. Harwood and Pierrepont were advanced, the ceremony being performed in a most able and impressive manner by the W.M., with the assistance of his Wardens, Overseers and Deacons. Several of the Officers being unavoidably absent at the opening of the Lodge, Bros. Poore and W. Fieldwick tendered their services, which

were heartily accepted. After duly disposing of the business of the evening, the brethren, numbering about twenty, sat down to an excellent and well-served supper, which certainly did great credit to Bro. B. Burkin, the caterer. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. called upon the brethren to honour the first toast, Her Majesty the Queen, coupling with it Mark Masonry. He felt sure that among his brethren in Mark Masonry he need not dilate upon her many virtues. He knew that wherever her name was mentioned it was received with honour and reverence. In respect to Mark Masonry, he was convinced they all had its interest at heart. The toast was received and drunk with enthusiasm. The next toast the W.M. proposed was the health of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale; it was a most pleasing duty to him, the W.M., to submit this toast to the brethren. It was a well-known and gratefully acknowledged fact that his lordship took a very great and active interest in Masonry. His lordship was everything a Mason could desire, in the Craft, Arch, and Mark degrees, and so long as they had such a willing, able, and exalted brother to preside over their interests they need not fear; he coupled with his lordship's name those of Bros. D. M. Dewar Assist. G. Sec., and Thos. Poore P.G.I.G. He was exceedingly pleased to meet those distinguished brethren on this occasion; they were both ever ready and willing to assist the young and inexperienced, they could not have got on without them that evening; he begged to thank them very much, not only in his, but also in the name of the Lodge for their kind attendance. This toast was most heartily drunk. Bro. Dewar, on rising to respond, called the brethren's attention to the flight of time. He would be brief. He could most sincerely endorse every word that had fallen from the W.M. in praise of the Right Hon. Bro. Lord Skelmersdale. His lordship is a most genial, earnest, and hard-working Mason, doing his duty manfully and well. Whenever he was at a distance, and Bro. Dewar had to address his lordship, he always answered by return of post. Having assisted at the consecration of this Lodge, and being an hon. member, he felt very great pleasure in being present on this occasion. We sometimes hear Craft Masons pooh-poohing Mark Masonry—we have a good and ready answer to these; we need only to point to the list of our high dignitaries in the degree. Bro. Dewar felt sure that as long as we had the support of such personages, we need not fear for the welfare of the Mark Degree. He thanked them for having coupled his name with that of his lordship. Bro. Poore being an adept at speechmaking, he would leave him to answer for himself. Bro. Poore thanked the W.M. and brethren for the honour conferred; being a fellow labourer in the vineyard of Mark Masonry, he was always very pleased to assist Bro. Dewar. He felt great delight in aiding any body of brethren in Lodge working. He was quite sure that from what he knew of their W.M., as a most able and experienced Mason, they must all feel it an honour and privilege to work under his rule. He should always be very happy to come amongst them and do whatever he could to further their interests. Bro. Dewar then rose to propose the health of the W.M. He had taken great delight in witnessing the manner in which he had conducted the ceremony that evening. He would always be heartily glad to assist him as far as it was in his power; he wished him very good health and a happy and prosperous year of office. The toast was drunk enthusiastically. The W.M. scarcely knew how to thank Bro. Dewar and the brethren for the very eulogistic manner in which the former proposed his health, and the kind reception accorded to it by the latter. Bro. Dewar would say more than he deserved. However, he begged to thank them most heartily. He must acknowledge that he was not so well up in the Mark ritual, but he thought the fault lie in the fact that the Grand Lodge of M.M.M. issued printed books of the ritual, and he felt that if this practice was abolished, we should soon all make ourselves as proficient in the working of the Mark as we are in the Craft and other degrees. He had made up his mind that the Clapton should be a pattern to all Lodges in that part of London in respect of its working. The W.M., on again rising, called upon the brethren to join him in drinking the health of the advancees, Bros. Pierrepont and Harwood; he was very pleased indeed to see them in his Lodge. He knew that they both felt interested in the degree just conferred on them, and this would increase, he hoped, as they became better acquainted with its manifold beauties. Bro. Harwood has this evening purposely come from Hastings to be advanced. These brethren returned thanks in a most able manner, and then followed the toast of the Visitors, Officers, and that of the host, Bro. B. Burkin, whom the W.M. praised in no measured terms for his assiduity in attending to their comfort. The toasts were interspersed by several songs and recitations, and ultimately the Tyler's toast brought the social meeting to a close, and the brethren separated.

#### MAURITIUS.

THE installation meeting of the Independent Lodge, No. 236, I.C., was held on St. John's Day, the 27th December 1878. The following brethren from sister Lodges were present:—W. C. Argent, T. A. Graves, E. Leblanc, C. L. Larcher, T. Cassidy, J. T. Russell, R. N. L. Rosenblom, J. D. Brown, D. Anderson, T. Bradshaw, E. F. Jones. The brethren assembled at 5 o'clock p.m., and the Lodge was soon after opened, with the usual forms and ceremonies, by Bro. A. G. Rickwood, who having been re-elected to the chair, was installed by Bro. P.M. Lewison, one of the oldest Freemasons in the island of Mauritius, assisted by Bros. J. T. Russell and W. C. Argent. The following brethren having been duly elected, were invested:—G. Lewison P.M., J. Cornell S.W., F. Mathews J.W., A. Lister Treas., W. C. Argent Sec., G. A. Martin S.D., J. Pierre J.D., F. Latouche I.G., P. A. Dumont Tyler. The choice of the brethren had been well formed in the re-election of W. Bro. A. G. Rickwood, for since he inaugurated the Lodge, the proceedings of which were published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, No. 198, of the 12th October 1878, the manner he has discharged his duties has met with the entire satisfaction and sympathy of the brethren. The brethren retired to a splendid banquet, and separated in peace, love and harmony.



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Has been pleased to signify his intention of presiding.

Brethren desiring of accepting the office of Steward upon this occasion, will greatly oblige by forwarding their names and Masonic rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

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W. Sir and Brother.—Your attendance is requested at a Grand Lodge of Emergency, to be holden at No. 2 Red Lion Square, Holborn, W.C. on Tuesday, the 18th instant, at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon. To vote an address of condolence to Her Majesty the Queen on the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. The attention of Grand Officers is specially directed by Resolution of the Grand Lodge, held in December 1864, to the Book of Constitutions, Arts. 25, 27, 40, 42, 48, which will be strictly enforced in cases of non-attendance.

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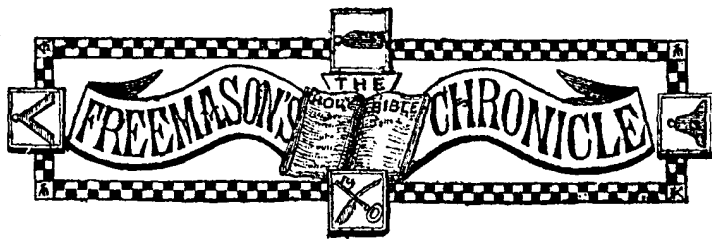
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OUR WEEKLY BUDGET.

THE Queen held a Council at Osborne on Tuesday. On the same day Count Karolyi, the Austrian Ambassador, presented his credentials to Her Majesty. A Cabinet Council was held on Monday, at which all the Ministers were present.

Lord A. Loftus has been appointed Governor of New South Wales, and is to be succeeded as British Ambassador at St. Petersburg by Lord Dufferin.

A handsome piece of plate was presented on Saturday, by a deputation from the London Irish Volunteers, to the Duke of Connaught, their honorary Colonel, as a wedding testimonial.

The Marquis of Hartington was formally installed on Friday as Lord Rector of Edinburgh University, and delivered an address upon the advantages of superior education in all walks of life, and especially in connection with politics.

A petition for liquidation has been presented to the Court of Bankruptcy on behalf of Mr. Albert Grant, whose liabilities are estimated at £590,000.

The Lord Justice Clerk on Friday summed up the evidence in the case of the City of Glasgow Bank Directors, and the jury, after two hours' consultation, returned a verdict of guilty, of uttering false balance-sheets, against all the accused. On Saturday the Court sentenced Lewis Potter and Robert Stronach to 18 months' imprisonment, and the remaining five late directors of the City of Glasgow Bank to eight months' imprisonment.

Charles Peace was tried on Tuesday at Leeds Assizes for the wilful murder of Arthur Dyson, at Banner-cross, in November 1876. The trial lasted many hours, and the jury returned a verdict of "Guilty," upon which Mr. Justice Lopes sentenced the prisoner to death.

A gamekeeper at Witmore, near Crewe, was beaten to death on Wednesday night last by poachers, whom he had discovered. Several arrests of suspected persons have been made, and two men were taken at Birkenhead on Wednesday as they were about to embark for the United States.

At a meeting of delegates of the London Societies connected with the engineering trades, on Monday, it was determined to advise the workmen to resist the proposed reduction of wages, and a strike is therefore apprehended.

A bridge over the Manchester and Sheffield Railway, near Brocklesby Station, which was under repair and had been attempted to be blown up, suddenly fell on Monday, killing four men, and injuring many others.

There is little to report from Afghanistan, but there are indications that an early advance towards Cabul is not improbable. Civil strife is reported to have broken out at Cabul, and Yakooob Khan has been firing upon the Ghilzai portion of the city. In France the transfer of the chief authority has been quietly conducted. M. Grévy has been recognized as President by the Ambassadors of the foreign Powers, and yesterday sent a message to the Chambers which notified his election and declared his resolution to favour measures beneficial for the country. M. Gambetta has been chosen to succeed M. Grévy as President of the Chamber of Deputies. M. Dufaure, alleging his advanced age, has retired, and a new Cabinet has been formed under M. Waddington, in which the Left are very strongly represented. M. Léon Say retains the Ministry of Finance. A treaty between Austria and Germany has been published, by which the former Power assents to the abrogation of the article of the Treaty of Prague giving the inhabitants of North Sleswig a right, whenever consulted, of voting for annexation to Denmark. The existence of Plague in Eastern Russia, although denied by the semi-official papers, has been regarded abroad with such apprehension that intercourse with that country has been virtually prohibited by the German, Austrian, and Rouma-



nian Governments, while Italy and Turkey have adopted very stringent quarantine regulations. News from Cape Town up to 21st January has been received. The British troops had entered into Zulu land, and two slight encounters had resulted in the defeat and flight of the natives, but the ultimate intentions of Cetewayo were still unknown.

### SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ENGLAND.

**T**HE QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C., on Wednesday, the 5th day of February, Comp. Samuel Rawson, Past District Grand Superintendent of China, presided as M.E.Z., Captain William Pratt as H., Capt. N. G. Philips as J. There were also present Comps. John Hervey S.E., Erasmus Wilson S.N., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.S., Rev. C. W. Arnold 1st A.S., H. C. Tombs 2nd A.S., James Lewis Thomas Sword Bearer, H. G. Buss Standard Bearer, Joshua Nunn as D.C., James Glaisher, Thomas Fenn, Col. Creaton (President of the Committee), H. J. R. Dumas, E. S. Snell, E. J. B. Bumstead, Peter de Lande Long, Charles Hudson, John J. Pakes, J. M. Case, F. P. Morrell, Peter Robinson, John Anthony Rucker, E. H. Thiellay, F. T. Morrell, Col. Somerville Burney, Hyde Pullen, W. H. Perryman, W. Dodd, M. D. Loewenstark, Thomas Massa, R. A. Grey, E. J. Barron, Peter Wagner, H. Massey, H. A. Dubois, F. G. Baker, W. Noak, H. C. Levander, E. H. Letchworth, J. W. Clever, and C. B. Payne Janitor. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the following report of the Committee of General Purposes was taken as read, and ordered to be entered on the minutes, on the motion of Col. Creaton, seconded by Comp. Morrell:—

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 16th October 1878, to the 14th January 1879, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance G. Chapter	507	17	6	Disbursements during			
„ Unappropriated				the Quarter -	198	16	10
Account -	191	10	5	Balance -	757	18	9
Subsequent receipts -	435	3	1	„ in Unappropriated Account-	177	15	5
	1134	11	0		1134	11	0

Of which Balance, there is in the hands of the Trustees of the late Grand Treasurer a sum of £388 17s 4d, and in the London and Westminster and Bank of England, £546 16s 10d.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following petitions:—

1st. From Comps. Henry France as Z., John Wordsworth as H., Mark Potter as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Sincerity Lodge, No. 1019, Wakefield, to be called "The Sincerity Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Wakefield, in the West Riding of Yorkshire.

2nd. From Comps. Joseph Nicholson as Z., Peter de Egglesfield Collin as H., Thomas Mandle as J., and eight others for a Chapter to be attached to the Perseverance Lodge, No. 371, Maryport, to be called "The Nicholson Chapter," and to meet at the Freemasons' Hall, Maryport, in the County of Cumberland.

3rd. From Comps. Walter Wells as Z., Henry Wadham Dalwood as H., John Henry Dodson as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589, London, to be called "The St. Dunstan's Chapter," and to meet at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, in the City of London.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

A Memorial having been received from the members of Chapter No. 1260, for permission to change the name from the "Hervey" to the "John Hervey Chapter," the Committee recommend—as the M.W. Grand Master has granted the permission to its members so to call the Lodge—that the prayer of the memorial be granted.

The Committee regret to report the lamented deaths of Comps. Benjamin Head, Past Sword Bearer, an appointed member of the Grand Chapter Committee, which occurred on the 24th December, and of Companion John Boyd P.Z. No. 145, an elected Member of the Committee, which occurred on the 30th December, in whose place Grand Chapter will have to proceed to the election of some other Companion.

The petitions having been granted, Col. Creaton read the paragraph of the above Report referring to Comps. Head and Boyd, and thereupon Comp. S. Rawson said he was sure the Comps. would join in his feelings of regret at the death of these two Comps. He did not know whether he should be in order in proposing from the chair that the regret of Grand Chapter be recorded on the minutes of the present Convocation (Cries of "Quite in order.") Feeling, then, that the Comps. would agree most cordially in this expression of his wish, he would move that Grand Chapter on its minutes record its regret at the death of Comps. Head and Boyd. The motion was seconded by Col. Creaton, President of the Committee of General Purposes, and carried. Comp. Rawson informed the Comps. that the M.E.Z. had appointed Comp. A. J. Duff Filer to fill the place of Comp. Benj. Head deceased on the Committee of General Purposes. Comps. W. Stephens, Joseph Clever, and Charles F. Hogard were then proposed for election to supply the place of Comp. Boyd on the same Committee, and the Comps. elected Comp. W. Stephens. Col. Creaton, during the election, said that for the pur-

pose of saving time, he would at once state that he had received a note from Comp. S. Leith Tomkins, the son of the late Grand Treasurer, Comp. Samuel Tomkins, informing him that the balance due to the Grand Chapter (at the failure of Messrs. Willis, Percival, and Co., bankers), was paid in full from his father's private estate that day. The Comps. then closed Grand Chapter, and adjourned.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was held on Friday at the Assembly Rooms, Aldershot, Companion W. W. B. Beach, M.P., being the head. Comp. Mark Frost 487 was elected Treasurer, and the following appointments were made:—Comps. Hickman 130 H., G. S. Lancaster 487 J., Le Fenre 130 Scribe E., Hacker 723 Scribe N., Cole 723 P.S., Harrison 801 1st Assist. S., Payne 342 2nd Assist. S., Osborne 487 Registrar, Benham 728 Sword Bearer, Street 804 Standard Bearer, Powell 903 D.C., Osborne 487 Organist, and Biggs 130 and Hexell 487 Janitors. Subsequently a banquet took place at the Wellington Hall. Comp. W. W. B. Beach presided, and the usual toasts were given.

### COMMITTEE MEETING—BOYS' SCHOOL.

**T**HE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday, 1st February, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. R. W. Stewart (in the chair), Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, C. J. Perceval, A. Tisley, A. Durrant, S. Rosenthal, J. G. Chancellor, J. W. Dosell, F. Adlard, H. T. Thompson, H. Massey, W. F. C. Moutrie, R. Tyrrell, W. Paas, W. Roebuck, and F. Binckes (Secretary). The Secretary having reported the death of Bros. Benjamin Head and John Boyd, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford thought the brethren should not separate without recording an expression of their regret at the loss of these valuable friends to the Institution. He therefore moved that such an expression be recorded on the minutes. Bro. Rosenthal seconded, and the brethren unanimously carried the motion. A further motion was also made by Bro. Moutrie, seconded by Bro. Durrant, and carried, that the Secretary forward a letter to the families of the two deceased brethren, conveying the Committee's deep regret at their loss. After the Audit Committee's report had been read and adopted, one candidate from Bradford was placed on the list for the election in October. There were only two petitions, and one of these was deferred. An application having been made by a former pupil of the Institution for assistance to enable him to study at Sandhurst, the Secretary was directed to make inquiries in the matter, and the Committee then adjourned.

### DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

**O**N Tuesday a large and influential committee assembled at the Hayshe Temple, Plymouth, for the purpose of considering the rules by which the Fund for the local education, sustentation, and advancement of necessitous orphans of Freemasons of the Province of Devon should be regulated. The R.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master Bro. L. P. Metham presided. As preliminary to the business, the chairman stated that the scheme had received the concurrence of their venerable and esteemed Grand Master, the Rev. John Huyshe, who would contribute ten guineas towards the Fund. Bro. Gover, the hon. secretary, read letters of concurrence from Bros. Walter G. Rogers, the G. Secretary, and Bro. Samuel Jones of Exeter, also giving their pecuniary support, and Bro. Vincent Bird read a letter from Bro. Major Tawner Davy, of Rose Ash, North Devon, who associated himself with the project. Bro. the Rev. W. Whitley said he would promise a donation of twenty guineas from Lodge Harmony, where the brethren on the previous evening expressed their hearty concurrence with the movement. A belief was further expressed that by degrees every Lodge in the Province would gradually come in and give to the Educational Fund their assistance, but the D.P.G. Master deprecated their ever making the Fund a ground for appeal to the funds of the Prov. Grand Lodge, by which means they would be able to keep it independent. To this suggestion there was an expression of hearty approval. It was stated that at present there was something like £250 that would be available to start with, though that amount is not yet promised. Indeed, till the Fund is brought before the Lodges by its friends, it cannot be stated what the amount will be that will be subscribed. It is probable that it will attain to much larger proportions when it is seen what great good may be secured at a small cost by the plans proposed.

It will be remembered that about three or four years since a somewhat similar scheme was proposed by the D.P.G. Master, but the Province was not then ripe for it, and it was defeated in Grand Lodge by a majority of one. Hence it has now been brought forward entirely independent of Grand Lodge or its personal influences, either for good or evil. At that time rules had been framed in anticipation of success. These had been now gone through carefully by Bro. J. E. Curteis, the Hon. Secretary, and Bro. Gover, to both of whom the thanks of the Craft are due for the time that they must have bestowed on the work. The constitution of the body who are to manage the Fund was very carefully considered, and each of the rules duly discussed, Bros. the Hon. Captain Jolliffe, I. Latimer, Lynn, E. A. Davies, Bird, S. Jew, and others taking part.

It was agreed that there should be an annual meeting on the first Tuesday in April, and the first election of orphans to the benefits of the Fund will take place on that day in the present year. Meantime endeavours will be made to obtain a wide and general support of the benevolent scheme which has already met with an assent amongst the Craft that may be regarded as almost universal.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1436—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.  
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.

## MONDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

- 45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 90—St. John, 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.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)  
 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.)  
 1489—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.  
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Fulmouth.  
 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.  
 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, Hebdon Bridge.  
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham.  
 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.  
 602—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby.  
 687—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 689—Druid's Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth.  
 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.  
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
 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.  
 1259—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate.  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.  
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.  
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds.  
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York.  
 1618—Haudyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea.  
 M. M. 165—Egerton, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.

## TUESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster.  
 65—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.)  
 167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 193—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.)  
 880—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, 289 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)  
 1533—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-street-rd. at 8. (In.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.  
 1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.  
 117—Wynstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro.  
 178—Antiquity, Royal Hotel, Wigan.  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston.  
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Room, High-street, Warwick.  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)  
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.  
 503—Belvidere, 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.  
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 929—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.  
 993—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.  
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.  
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankay-street, Warrington.  
 1325—Stanley, 214 St. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey.  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.  
 1509—Manoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.  
 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.  
 1693—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.  
 1675—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge.  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.  
 R. A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.  
 R. A. 299—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.  
 R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn.  
 M. K. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.  
 R. C. 152—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

## WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemason's Tavern, at 6.  
 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, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 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 6.30. (Instruction.)  
 1260—John Hervey, Freemason's Hall, W.C.  
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8.30. (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russel, Iseldou-road, Holloway, 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.)  
 1538—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell.  
 1707—Eleanor, Angel Hotel, Edmonton, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8.0. (Instruction.)  
 R. A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.  
 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.  
 429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Runsgate.  
 443—Sympathy, Charendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.  
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.  
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.  
 758—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.)  
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.  
 1394—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.  
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.  
 1421—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (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.  
 L. A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham.  
 L. A. 387—Moravian, Masonic Hall, Shipley.  
 L. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 L. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (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.)  
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street.  
 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C. at 8. (Inst.)  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 335—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
 34—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 60—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 976—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)  
 425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.  
 426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.3. (Instruction.)  
 558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)  
 677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)  
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)  
 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.  
 246—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 460—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 548—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—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
 971—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Willington Quay, Northumberland.  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hall, Tredegar, Mon.  
 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.  
 1514—Thornhill, Dearna House, Lindley, Huddersfield.  
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Fishers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 1687—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.

R. A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.  
 R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 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. 68—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.  
 K. T.—Salamanca, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.

### FRIDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)  
 834—Raucelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1260—Hervey, Punch's Tavern, 99 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1298—Finsbury Park Master Masons' Lodge of Inst. Isledon-road, N. 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 6.  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)  
 R. C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square.  
 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—Beauesert, 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.  
 M. M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.

### SATURDAY, 15th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1732—King's Cross, Metropolitan Club, King's Cross.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge.

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.**—A meeting was held on 30th ult. at Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square. Present—Bros. R. T. Cook Sec. W.M., J. E. W. Smith S.W., McLaren J.W., W. Phillips Treas., Breitbast S.D., Knight J.D., S. Reid I.G., Past Master Bro. Koester Preceptor. The W.M. worked the first and fourth sections of the first lecture. Lodge opened to the second. Bro. Koester offered himself as a candidate for raising, was examined and entrusted. Lodge opened up, and ceremony of raising, together with the traditional history, rehearsed. Lodge was closed to first degree. On the proposition of Bro. Koester, seconded by Bro. McLaren, the S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week; he appointed his Officers in rotation. On the proposition of Bro. Koester, seconded by Bro. J. E. W. Smith, a vote of thanks was unanimously recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the duties of the evening. Proposed by W.M., seconded by S.W., that the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE should be requested to supply the Lodge with a copy of that paper weekly. Carried. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

**Fortitude and Old Cumberland Lodge, No. 12.**—The installation meeting was held on Monday, the 3rd inst., at Bro. Painter's, the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. The Lodge was opened by Bro. D. Nicols W.M., who was supported by a numerous assemblage of brethren and visitors. After preliminaries, the report of the Audit Committee was read and adopted, it showed a balance in hand of £176 15s 10d. Bro. W. H. Bateman S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. J. Cleaver. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. H. Mower S.W., R. Coombs J.W., L. Ruf P.M. re-invested (14th time) Treasurer, A. Snelgrove P.M. Sec., W. H. G. Rudderforth S.D., E. E. B. Kidder J.D., F. J. Buttenbach I.G., W. J. Beedel D.C., J. F. Meen Org., Gilchrist P.M. Tyler. Bro. W. B. Kidder P.M., at the request of the W.M., presented the I.P.M. with a jewel, which had been presented by the members in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. The brethren now set down to banquet and dessert, provided in excellent style by Bros. C. and A. Painter. Grace having been said, the W.M. proposed the Loyal toasts. Bro. R. W. Stewart proposed the toast of the Grand Officers, coupling with it the name of Bro. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., who responded. Bro. D. Nicols I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., whom he described as a Mason in heart and soul, one they had known and respected for seven years. The W.M. thanked Bro. Nicols for his kind remarks, it was seven years since he visited this Lodge, then under the Mastership of Bro. Lilley; he joined, but he did not think he should ever have been so honoured as to be installed W.M. He heartily thanked the members for the reception they had given the toast. Before taking his seat he would propose the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. They now numbered twelve. Bro. Ruf had reared them faithfully as Treasurer for fourteen years. Bro. Lilley introduced him (the P.M.) into Freemasonry, and Bro. Cleaver installed him; to both of these brethren thanks were due; he would call on Bro. Kidder to respond. Bro. Kidder said he, as well as the P.M.'s, felt a pleasure in responding; in their name he returned the members his sincere thanks.

Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M., with the permission of the W.M., proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Jas. Terry replied. He was pleased to see the able manner in which Bro. Cleaver had performed the ceremony of installation. In the course of time he hoped that instead of twelve P.M.'s they might see twenty-four. The Visitors would be equally ready to be present. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Installing Master, Bro. Cleaver; he as well was worthy of their regard and esteem. Bro. Cleaver thanked the W.M. and brethren for their kind expressions. He felt great pleasure in installing Bro. Bateman; he felt it an honour to hear such complimentary remarks from Bro. Terry. He thanked Bro. Kidder for allowing him to perform the ceremony. On Bro. Lilley P.M. devolved the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treasurer was enthusiastically received. He had but a few words to say; he had been twenty-four years a member, and fourteen years Treasurer, and was the oldest P.M. of the Lodge. What he did, was done for the interest of the members. Bro. Picard was the next in seniority; both could remember when they mustered but eighteen, now, to see such an assemblage was a great pleasure. They could not have a better Secretary, and to Bro. Snelgrove the success was mainly due. Bro. A. Snelgrove followed. The W.M. then proposed Prosperity to the Masonic Charities, urging the claims of the Institutions most forcibly. Their respected Bro. Terry Secretary R.M.B. Institution was present; he (the W.M.) was a Steward for the Charities, as also were Bros. Lilley and Cleaver, and he hoped the brethren would liberally subscribe. Bro. Terry in responding to the toast gave statistics as to what was being done by the Institutions. There were many deserving cases that came under the notice of the Committees. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Officers. Bro. H. Mower and W. H. G. Rudderforth replied. The W.M. had now to apologise for not proposing the health of the I.P.M. with that of the Past Masters. However, all would agree Bro. Nicols was deserving of a special toast. Bro. H. P. Matthews gave a very humorous song, which was received with roars of laughter. In due course the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. H. P. Matthews, Frank Ward, Rudderforth, Pigarche, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Hyde Pullen P.G.S.B., Dr. Barringer P.P.G.D. Hertfordshire, T. L. Green P.M. 1194, W. Bourne P.M. 749, 1348, 1614, Jas. Terry P.G.J.W. Herts Secretary R.M.B.I., Paul Storr 811, E. T. Lewis 173, James Houghton 173, W. Wainwright P.M. 933, J. Phelps 471, F. J. Osmond 1328, E. Osmond 1425, J. C. Edmonds 1507, Stevens 171, Morgan 108, Frank Ward 1541, Percy 228, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd instant, at Bro. Spurgin's, Sportsman Tavern, City-road. Present—Bros. Hallam sen. W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Gyer J.W., Fenner Sec., Stock S.D., Willison J.D., McMillan I.G., Hames acting Preceptor. All preliminaries being duly observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. King acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, third, fourth and fifth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. King of the Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, was elected a member. A letter was ordered to be sent by the Secretary, to Bro. R. G. Tolmie, expressing their sympathy with him in his severe illness. Bro. Hallam jun. was appointed to preside at the next meeting.

**Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.**—Held at Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on 28th January Bros. King W.M., Daniel S.W., Sayer J.W., Rich S.D., Roberts J.D., Shadler I.G., Sparrow Preceptor, Holland Sec.; Bros. Lucop, Maidwell, and Richards. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lucop candidate. Bro. Rich answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and duly passed. The Lodge was called off and on. Bro. King vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lucop, who worked the third degree very impressively, Bro. King candidate. The Lodge was closed down. Bro. Daniel was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Lucop, for the able manner he had worked, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. The brethren attending this Lodge of Instruction will please note that the members intend visiting the City of London Lodge of Instruction, on the second Thursday in February, by invitation of Bro. Lucop.

On 4th February, Bros. Moss W.M., King S.W., Brown J.W., Chicken S.D., Roberts J.D., Shadler I.G., Sparrow Preceptor, Hollands Secretary; Billing, Maidwell, Hammond, Hill. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Billing candidate. Bro. Moss vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Brown. Bro. Maidwell answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted and duly raised. Bro. Sparrow gave the traditional history. The Lodge was closed down in the third and second degrees. Bro. Billing, of the Lewis and Prosperity Lodges, was elected a member. Bro. King was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday.

**Kendal Castle Chapter, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual convocation of this Chapter was held at the Chapter Rooms, Stramongate, on Thursday, 30th January, at one o'clock. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z., Comp. Joseph Bintley, through domestic affliction, the first chair was occupied by E. Comp. John Bowes P.Z. P. Prov. G.S.N., as Installing Principal, who was supported by E. Comp. Colonel Whitwell, M.P., P.Z. Prov. Grand H., E. Comp. John Holme P.Z. Prov. Grand J., Titus Wilson P.Z., John Talbot H. Z. elect, George McKay Prov. G.S.E. J. H. elect, Nelson P.S. J. elect, Banks, Taylor, Bell, and a goodly number of other members. The Chapter having been opened by the Principals assisted by other distinguished members of the proper rank, the rest of the Companions were admitted and the minutes of the last convocation read and confirmed. E. Comp. Bowes then proceeded



to instal the Principals for the ensuing year, viz.:—E. Comps. Talbot, McKay, and Nelson, each being presented by E. Comp. Titus Wilson P.Z. Treasurer. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, the subordinate Officers were invested, and the usual proclamations, salutations, and greetings observed. The proceedings were closed with the Ancient Benediction by the installing principal. We regret to observe that several exaltations were of necessity postponed for want of time, as the Craft Lodge held its annual meeting in the same room at three o'clock. We would recommend that in future exaltations due should be cleared off at a Chapter of Emergency held prior to the annual convocation, as it is scarcely ever convenient to take them on the same day.

**Union Lodge, No. 129, Kendal.**—The annual meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge was held at the Lodge rooms, Stramontgate, on Thursday, 30th January, at three o'clock in the afternoon. The W.M. Bro. George McKay presided, and was assisted by Bros. John Banks S.W. W.M. elect, Watson J.W., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W., John Holme P.M., P.P.G.J.W., John Talbot P.M. P.P.G.J.W., T. Wilson P.M., Hogg Sec., Nelson P.M., Harrison, Theobald, Gooding, Baron, Taylor, Bell, Atkinson, Medcalf, Winder, and about fifty other brethren. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. The approach at the door of the Lodge of the Deputy Grand Master of the Province, Colonel Whitwell M.P. was announced, and on that Worshipful Brother's entrance he was saluted as became his office and rank. The Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bro. John Banks W.M. elect was presented for the benefit of installation, and the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. McKay, who opened and closed the Board of Installed Masters, assisted by Bros. Bowes and Nelson. All the newly invested Officers were placed in their respective situations, and their jewels and duties fully explained by Bro. John Bowes, who also presented the working tools of the three degrees to the W.M. At the conclusion of the ceremony the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Commercial Hotel for the banquet. The newly installed W.M. Bro. John Banks presided, and was supported on the right by the Deputy Grand Master, Bros. McKay, Titus Wilson, Hogg, &c., and on the left by Bros. John Bowes, Holme, Talbot, Wilson, &c. The company numbered over fifty. Grace after meat having been said by Bro. the Rev. H. Chaplain, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable evening was spent. We are glad to be able to congratulate this old Lodge on its increasing vitality. It has always borne a good name for correct working, and now there is a goodly company of efficient Past Masters ever ready to afford instruction to the members in the lower degrees. So mote it be!

**Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 5th February, at Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. C. Kendall W.M., G. L. Walker S.W., Thos. W. C. Bush J.W., J. K. Pitt Sec., D. Moss S.D., Thos. W. Bush J.D., Fells I.G. Past Masters Bros. Barnes, Sayer, Webb; Bros. Johnson, Aarons, Biddle, Bone. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Aarons candidate Bro. Moss worked the three first sections of the lecture, and Bro. Barnes dictated the answers. Bro. Walker was elected W.M. for next meeting. The Lodge voted a guinea to the Benevolent Institution, for which Bro. Barnes is a Steward.

**La Tolérance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.**—On 3rd February, at Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W. Bros. O. Latrielle W.M., G. Cundy S.W., L. Langdon J.W., C. Davies Treas., J. Hardell Sec., Skinner S.D., S. Cooper J.D., M. Jewell I.G. Past Master Bro. F. G. Baker. Visitor—Bro. Foy P.M. 292, Liverpool. The first and second sections of first lecture were worked. Ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Bertram candidate. Ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. J. Homming candidate. Bro. Cundy elected W.M. for 12th February. Lodge closed in due form.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 31st ult., at Star and Garter Hotel, Kew-bridge, at half-past seven. Bros. Goss W.M., Blasby S.W., Costelow J.W., Gunner Hon. Sec. S.D., Kyezor J.D., Roe (Preceptor) I.G., Bros. Pearson, Talbot, &c. Business:—Lodge opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second, when Bro. Pearson was passed. Resumed to first, and called off for refreshment. Resumed to third, and Bro. Pearson was raised. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for next meeting, and Lodge closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pow. all-road, Dalston. Bro. Polak W.M., H. Williams S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Carr S.D., Christian J.D., Maclean I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Smyth, R. Williams, Collins, C. Lorkin, Weige and others. After preliminaries, the W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Wardell candidate. Bro. Wardell answered the questions, and Lodge was opened in the second. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed. The Preceptor now took the chair, and Lodge was opened up; the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Wardell again offering himself as candidate. Bro. Polak resumed the chair, and closed the Lodge to the first degree. Bro. Richardson, of Lodge 860, was elected a member. Bro. H. Williams was appointed W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

**Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862.**—At the meeting on Wednesday, the 5th inst., at Bro. Hyde's, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street. Bro. H. R. Hallam W.M., Brown S.W.,

Abell J.W., Pate S.D., Kuill Abell J.D., Vizzard I.G., Long Preceptor and others. The minutes having been confirmed, Bro. Gobby offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was ably performed by the W.M. Bro. Brown then worked the second section of the lecture, Bro. Tate the third, and the W.M. the fourth and fifth. Brown was elected W.M. for ensuing week, when the ceremony of passing will be rehearsed.

**Friendship Lodge, No. 928.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Petersfield. Present—Bros. W. B. Edgeler W.M., H. Pierson S.W., Arnold J.W., J. P. Cordery S.D., A. Nockolds J.D., W. C. Burley I.G., C. Knight Tyler. P.M. Bro. L. A. B. Cole. Visitors—Bros. H. Townsend P.M. 1428, G. P. Arnold P.M. 312, J. Woodhouse P.M. 487. Business—Installation of W.M. elect, Bro. M. P. Creedon, ceremony conducted by Bro. W. B. Edgeler.

**St. Augustine Lodge of Instruction, No. 972.**—A meeting was held on the 25th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. W. H. Vile W.M., H. F. Pringuer S.W., H. Miskin J.W., T. Crump Treas., S. F. Pringuer Sec., J. Bing S.D., J. Rossiter J.D., H. Welby I.G. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes read. It was then advanced to the second and third degrees, and closed in the same, when Bro. P.M. Welsh, the Preceptor, worked the fourth and fifth sections of the Lecture. The previous Lodge night, Wednesday, 22nd January, was devoted to refreshment, when twenty-three brethren partook of the usual annual supper, provided by Bro. Shaxby, at the Guildhall Hotel. The W.M., Bro. J. F. Cozens, occupied the chair, supported by Bro. J. Plant I.P.M. 31, and Bro. Dr. Longhurst J.W. 31. Good viands, eloquence and music combined, and profit and pleasure resulted.

**Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.**—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Wednesday, the 29th ult. Bro. F. Reed was the W.M., but, after ably working the first degree, he resigned the chair to Bro. W. A. Morgan (the esteemed W.M. of 1044). Bro. C. Digby afterwards presided, when he rehearsed the third degree, Bro. F. Reed being the candidate. The S.W. was Bro. A. A. Denham and the J.W. Bro. P. V. Denham. The other brethren present were Bros. H. R. Jones, J. Frost, W. Marshall, J. G. Carter and C. M. Monk. Bro. A. A. Denham proposed, Bro. Carter seconded, and it was carried *nem con* that Bro. Marshall be elected a member. The Secretary, Bro. Denham, will be the W.M. for next meeting.

**Skelmersdale Lodge, No. 1380.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 3rd February, at the Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool. Present—Bros. Edward Ford jun. W.M., John Cobham S.W., R. H. Exton J.W., Richard Brown Treas., F. W. Barnes Sec., John Brown S.D., R. W. Hickson J.D., Geo. Broadbridge P.M. P.P.G.D.C. D.C., John Almond Org., Henry A. Tobias as I.G., W. H. Ball Tyler. Past Master Bro. T. W. Richardson. Bros. Morrow, Betts, Limerick, Chamberlain, Gittens, Watt, Fairhurst, Davies, Skellorn, &c. Visitors—H. Bailey P.G.S.B. Eng., H. S. Alpess P.G.S., S. E. Ibbs P.M. 594 P.P.G.S.B., W. Archer P.M. 1086 P.G.J.D., R. Roberts P.M. 1473, J. Ellis P.M. 1086, Thos. Salter J.W. 241, Ridehalgh 241, &c. Business—The minutes having been read and approved, and an applicant for initiation having been balloted for and elected, the Lodge was raised to the second degree, when Bro. Cobham S.W. V.M. elect was presented by Bro. Geo. Broadbridge P.M. P.P.G.D.C. and Ibbs P.P.G.S.B. to Bro. Rev. T. W. Richardson, for the benefit of installation. Having answered the usual questions, he was duly obligated as W.M. elect. The Lodge was raised to the third degree, when all the brethren below the rank of Installed Master retired, and a Board of Installed Masters was opened. In due time, the brethren were re-admitted, and saluted the W.M. Lodge was closed down to the second degree, and then to the first, when the W.M. invested as his Officers for the ensuing twelve months the following brethren:—E. Ford jun. I.P.M., George Broadbridge D.C., R. H. Exton S.W., F. W. Barnes J.W., Richard Brown Treas., John Brown Sec., R. W. Hickson S.D., Fred. Smitton J.D., Ralph Lamb I.G., John Almond Org., W. H. Ball Tyler. The Treasurer presented his accounts, showing a balance of £50 3s 6d to the credit of the Lodge. Bro. Tobias gave notice of motion that the sum of ten guineas be donated to the R.M.I.G. to give a life vote to the W.M. for the time being of the Skelmersdale Lodge. The Lodge was then called off to refreshment, and partook of a good substantial tea, admirably served by Bro. Chapman. After the cloth was removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and were cordially received and responded to by the brethren present. A collection, amounting to £9 9s, was made for the W.L. Educational Institution. Perhaps not the least pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Edward Ford jun., by the W.M. on behalf of the Lodge and its members. The musical portion of the entertainment was entrusted to Bros. Broadbridge, Gittens, Chamberlain, and Almond, whose masterly rendering of several glees, duets, &c., contributed very greatly to the success of the meeting. Labour having been resumed and the usual fraternal greetings of visitors having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form.

**Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.**—A meeting was held on the 27th January at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. J. Vautier W.M., Lagden S.W., Hammond J.W., E. Beer Treasurer, W. Carter Secretary, T. Blamire S.D., Tyler J.D., Missin D.C., Tyler Steward, Cattelle I.G., Evisor Tyler; Past Master Bro. Naylor; also Bros. Howarth, &c. Business—The Lodge was regularly opened, and the minutes of the last Lodge of Instruction were read and confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree. The ritual of second degree was rehearsed. The Lodge was closed in due form.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—Thursday evening, 30th January, at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C. Present—Bros. Harper W.M., Moss S.W., Goodman J.W., Hamer Treas., Blackie Sec., Hamer S.D., W. Bertram J.D., Rush I.G., Saul Preceptor; Bros. W. Paddle, Wade, Randell, Parker, Le Resignol, &c. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Wade offered himself as candidate, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. The first, second and third sections were worked. The S.W. was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Bro. Saul Preceptor was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge.

**Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 28th January, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present—Bros. Crosbie W.M., Hallam jun. S.W., Pelikan J.W., Osborn Sec., Godolphin S.D., Hirst J.D., Millington I.G.; E. G. Sim, Trewinnard, Wood, Isaacs, and several other brethren. Bro. Godolphin, a candidate for raising, answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted, and the ceremony was rehearsed. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. The sum of five guineas was voted by the Lodge to Bro. Morris's (of the Mother Lodge) list, who will act as Steward at the Festival of the R.M.B.I. on the 12th February. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting.

On Tuesday, the 4th instant, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed by Bro. Halford.

**Hotspur Lodge, No. 1626.**—The Installation meeting of this young Lodge took place on the 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, the W.M. elect, Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong S.W., was duly installed by Bro. W. S. Hughes P.M., and he afterwards appointed his Officers. The brethren then dined together at the Turk's Head Hotel, Guy-street. We are unable to give a full report, as our representative in Newcastle-on-Tyne did not receive any notification of the meeting.

**Wolsey Lodge, No. 1656, Hampton Wick.**—A very successful meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday last, at the White Hart Hotel. The Lodge being opened, Messrs. Ellis and Gerhold were initiated, and Bro. Drummond was raised. The Rev. Bro. F. J. C. de Crespigny was unanimously elected W.M., Bro. A. Nuttall re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Gilbert elected Tyler. To Bro. Wm. Hammond, who has held the office of Master for the past two years, a P.M.'s jewel was most heartily voted, and he was highly and deservedly complimented on his excellent rendering of the beautiful ceremonies of the Order, and the great success that has, through his efforts, attended the Lodge during its two years' existence. The day of meeting has been altered from the 1st to the 2nd Monday in the months of February, March, November, and December. The installation of Bro. the Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny will take place on Monday, 10th March, and, in order to save time, there will be, probably, an "emergency" held on Saturday, 8th March. After the closing of the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the supper-room. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given, and the brethren separated. The following members were present:—Bros. William Hammond P.P.G.D. W.M., J. W. Baldwin acting S.W., Rev. Frederick John Champion de Crespigny P.P.G. Chap. J.W. and Chap., Thomas William Ockenden Sec., John Hurst J.D., Benjamin Richard Aston S.D., Thomas Charles Walls P.P.G. Orgst. I.G., Edward Andrews, Charles Richer, John Featherstone, Charles R. Fitt, Richard Wealthy Forge, Richard Masters, John Piller, John Henry Duffell, Arden Elphick, Arthur Thomas Ayles, Charles Worthington, John Murray, Alfred Humphris, Frederick Lewis Chandler, Alfred Abbett, Frederick Turner, William Symons White, Alfred John Emms, Charles Bonell, Richard Drummond, G. Harrison Tyler. Visitor—Bro. Jas. Smith W.M. Jordan 201.

**Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 4th inst., at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. A. H. Trowinnard W.M., H. P. Isaac S.W., Hawkins J.W., J. Crosbie Treas., C. K. Killick sen. Sec., A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., C. Western D.C., H. Opperman Steward, W. Burtle I.G., Steedman Tyler. Past Master Bros. C. K. Killick jun., and about twenty members. Visitors—Bros. T. J. Byng W.M. 902, E. B. Gauge 151. Lodge opened, and the minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Chas. Millington was raised to the sublime degree. Bro. John Kentish was passed, and Messrs. Stanbrook and Pummell were duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The whole of the ceremonies were excellently rendered by the W.M., who was ably supported by his Officers, all of whom are energetic in Masonry, and are well known in London Lodges of Instruction. The Lodge being closed, the brethren sat down to a plain but substantial supper, provided by Bro. Fysh, in his usual satisfactory manner. The regular toasts were proposed and duly honoured. Several brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening by some excellent songs and recitations, and the brethren separated, after having enjoyed a very pleasant evening. We may here note that the W.M., Bro. A. H. Trowinnard, will act as Steward at the Festival for the Benevolent Institution; the brethren present contributed liberally to his list, which we hope will be a handsome one.

**Ancient Carthage Lodge, No. 1717.**—At Tunis, in North Africa, a meeting was held on the 18th January, at the Masonic Hall. Present—Bros. A. M. Broadley, barrister-at-law, W.M., Dr. A. Perini S.W., G. Pentecost J.W., M. Lambroso Sec., E. Gardelle as Treas., V. Finzi as S.D., A. Bokobsa as J.D., W. Darmon D.C., Dr. Cassanello Steward, M. Le Gallais I.G., J. Eymon Tyler; Past Master Bro. Salema, and forty-two brethren. Visitors—Bros. Xueref, Samama, Disegni, and Guarino, of the Italian Lodge

**Risorgimento.** The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, as well as the report of the proceedings of the Permanent Committee in the matter of the half-yearly audit of the Lodge accounts. The following candidates were introduced and duly initiated by the W.M. into the secrets and mysteries of the Order, in the French language, viz.:—Messrs. Benjamin Padoa, Emmanuel Nanes, and Alexander Bya. The W.M. announced that on the 1st February he would deliver a lecture, the first of a series, on the "History of Masonry up to the year 1717." The charitable collection having been made, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Eleanor Cross Lodge, No. 1764.**—A Lodge of emergency was held at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Monday, the 3rd inst., when Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. Norths and Hunts presided, in the absence through illness of Bro. Bremé W.M., he was supported by Bros. Hamilton Parker W.M. 360, Rev. S. W. J. Saunders S.W., H. J. Atkins J.W., Rev. S. W. Wigg Chaplain, H. Brown Sec., C. H. Frank Assist. Sec., H. Hill S.D., H. Spoor J.D., G. Ellard D.C., E. Morris I.G. There were also present Bros. Percival, Beasley Cogan, Barton, Manning, Emery, Flewett P.M. 360, Green P.M. 360, Robinson P.M. 360, Goode W.M. 445, Jones P.M. 445, Chapman 360, &c. Bros. Cogan and Barton were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Parker performing the ceremony in the case of Brother Cogan. The D.P.G.M. resumed the chair and raised Bro. Barton. The solemn and impressive manner in which the ceremonies were performed elicited the highest praises from the visiting brethren. Bro. Hill the Organist superintended the musical accompaniments to the ceremonies. After the close of the Lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where a very harmonious evening was spent.

**Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1767.**—A meeting was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday last, Brother Louis Stean W.M. presiding, assisted by Bros. G. T. Barr S.W., C. F. Barham J.W., C. Stevens Treas., J. Cox Hon. Sec., E. Benjamin S.D., J. A. Jones J.D., A. A. Clement I.G., R. Marshall S., G. C. Young Organist, and C. T. Speight Tyler. Besides a good attendance of members of the Lodge, there were also present Bros. W. P. Dukes P.M. 15, W. Hester P.M. 749, E. S. Parker P.M. 1579, C. W. Cox S.W. 1566, R. W. Biggs J.D. 1421, A. Wagstaff 188, S. J. Walton 1693. From the reading of the minutes, it appeared that at a Lodge of Emergency Bros. Funston, Waynforth, King, and Matthews had been raised to the sublime degree. After the usual formularies, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson was duly entrusted with the distinguishing badge of a Master Mason, the ceremony being most impressively worked by the W.M. and his Officers. Bros. Tidball, Thrower, and Drysdale were then duly passed. Mr. W. J. Stevens was balloted for, and afterwards initiated into the ancient mysteries of the Order, the work being admirably done. Bro. W. H. Brand, No. 1524, was elected a member of the Lodge. Other business was also transacted, and a sum of £10 was voted to the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. W. Beasley having undertaken to serve the office of Steward at the forthcoming Anniversary Festival. The W.M. then proceeded to invest Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson with the collar and jewel of Chaplain of the Lodge, and Bro. G. C. Young, who had previously been appointed Organist, was now likewise formally invested. The Lodge having been duly closed, the brethren retired from labour to refreshment, which was served by Bro. Grist in his usual excellent manner. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, Bro. the Rev. H. G. Henderson warmly acknowledging the kindly spirit and excellent working of the Worshipful Master, and the Visitors expressing high approval the conduct of the Master and his Officers, as well as at the unanimity which appeared to exist amongst the whole of the brethren. The meeting was altogether of a very satisfactory character, and this new Lodge is evidently making progress.

**Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Hounslow, on Saturday last, when there were present Bros. H. A. Dubois P. Prov. S.G.D. P.M. P.Z. W.M., H. Lovegrove S.W., G. Clark jun. J.W., W. Ramsey Hon. I.P.M., H. B. Marshall Treas., W. H. Barber Sec., H. Clark S.D., C. C. Cruikshanks J.D., G. J. Dunkley Organist, J. Daly Tyler, and others; with Visitors Bros. J. W. Baldwin P. Prov. G.P., and Bro. Cannon. Bros. H. B. Marshall, W. Heelis, C. J. Axford, and C. W. G. Wood having been entrusted, were passed to the second degree, and the ballot having been taken for four gentlemen, two who were present, Messrs. Walter S. Dunkley and W. A. Villars were duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. (Bro. H. A. Dubois) was indisposed, but managed to get through the ceremonies in his usual style, except the passing, which was very kindly taken by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P.M. After discussing some business matters, the Lodge was closed. The next regular meeting will be on the 22nd of March. The brethren partook of refreshment, when the usual toasts were honoured, that of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master (Col. F. Burdett) and the Provincial Grand Officers being ably responded to by Bro. J. W. Baldwin P. Prov. G.P., and the party separated at an early hour.

**Peace and Harmony Lodge, Southampton.**—20th January, being the festival of St. John, of the Peace and Harmony Lodge, there was a numerous attendance of the brethren and visitors at the Masonic Hall, Bagle-street, Southampton, to witness the installation of the W.M. Elect, Bro. T. Lashmore, when the ceremony was ably performed by Bro. T. P. Payne P.M. The W.M. Elect then chose his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Bros. Andrews S.W., J. C. Strand J.W., Weston P.M. Treasurer; A. J. Miller P.M. Secretary, Jones S.D., J. Patstone J.D., K. G. Westley I.G., W. Waters P.M. D.C., Dr. Goodwin Org., J. H. Biggs Tyler, Vere Assist. Tyler.

**Royal Albert Lodge of Freemasons.**—The brethren dined together on Tuesday evening, 28th January, at the Grosvenor Hotel, Westland-row, Limerick, where a banquet was served up in a style of excellence which did the caterer, Mr. Robert Mitchell, the highest credit. The Master of the Lodge, Brother Thomas W. Coster, presided. The *carte*, which was a most artistic production, presented the following bill of fare:—

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Ye toothsome Turtle Ponche to drynk therwyth.

Lykewise Pottage mayde from ye daintie Oystere alsoe.

Ye Pale Sherrie Wyne to drynk therwyth.

Then wil folow (in covrse)—

Fine Salmonne from ye antient and good Citie of Limerick,  
& Cvevmbere savorie served therwyth.

Ye ryghte royalle Tvrbote, with Lobstere savorie.

Ye rare foreign Leibfraumilch wel saved by ye connyngo  
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Ye THIRD COURSE wil be—

Compote mayde from ye timide Hare.

Ye savorie Sweete Bredes, served hotte, wyth juicie Mvshroomes.

Ye following foreign Wynes to drynk therwyth—

Master Perinet's *Cuvée Réservee*, Master Heidsieck's Dry Monopole.

Then foloweth—

Yonge Turkey, boyled, served wyth celerie & Oystere sance.

Ye Tongve of ye Oxe.

Saddles of tendere Mutton rostede.

Fine Hamme from ye goode Citie of Limerick aforesaid,  
be-frizzled in ye wyne of Champagne.

Wynes from France to drynk therwyth as:—

Dry Monopole—Mastere Perinet's Champagne.

Atte ye propre time loko out ffor—

Ye wilde and tastie Dveke rostede.

Servyed wyth divers tendere Vegetables as foloweth—

Yonge Asparagvs, Peas, and Seakale alsoe.

Ye wynes for this dysh are as foloweth:—

Master Perinet's Champagne—Master Heidsieck's alsoe.

Here for ye daintie wil folow—

Jellie mayde wyth Brandie from France.

A rare dysh mayde from jvicie Apples.

Sherrie Wyne—Champagne Wyne.

By waye of reliefe, there wil be—

Macaroni & Cheese after ye manner of ye Italians.

Puddynge of Ice finely flavovred.

Ye Grande liqueur made by ye pious Monkes of ye Abbeye Chartreuse  
in France,—lykewise Cognac from abroad alsoe.

And Lastly—

Ye Dessert of sundrie choise Frvits from manie far countrees as:—

Ye Pine Apples from ye Indies.

Ye lascious grape, and jvicie Water Melon, &c., &c.

Ye wyne yecept Claret la Rose.

Mastere MITCHELL, ye Manciple, ye Hostetrie, ye signe of ye Grosvenor

**Ancient Ebor Preceptory, No. 101, K.T.**—A meeting of this body was held at York on Tuesday, E. Sir Knight T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. acting as E.P., Sir Knight P. H. Rowland as Constable, and Sir Knight J. S. Cumberland Marshal, with other Officers and members. Comp. A. T. B. Turner of the Paradise Chapter 139 was installed a Knight of the Order.

### "SECRET SOCIETIES."

A BISHOP'S FULMINATION ABOUT "DANGEROUS INFLUENCES."

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

**B**ERNARD, Bishop of Rochester, better known as Bishop McQuaid, has just published a lengthy "pastoral letter," in the course of which he tells the "faithful" that secret and oath-bound societies are regarded with horror by the Church. This, of course, will not be news to the readers of the *VOICE*, but never before have I seen so emphatic a condemnation of these organisations as I shall quote from this "pastoral." As Masons make no war on the Catholic Church, nor upon any other sect or political organisation, it may hardly be worth while to give this document any particular consideration, nevertheless it may be well enough to have a proper understanding as to the attitude of the Romish hierarchy and priesthood towards the Masonic institution, for clearly it is Masonry more than any other secret society which is regarded with "horror." The Bishop says:—"The Popes have at various times condemned these societies, and excommunicated all belonging to them, or in any way aiding or abetting them. No one can be a member of these forbidden societies and of the Catholic Church at the same time. Many members of secret societies understand this fact so well, that now they are unwilling to admit a Catholic to membership. He can scarcely be true to them, so they say, since he betrays his church, and is is unfaithful to his religious obligations."

Mark the point made by the Bishop: "No one can be a member of these forbidden societies and of the Catholic Church at the same time."

Why? Because *excommunication* is the penalty. But the Bishop has made a singular discovery—"the dangerous influences of secret societies," and to preserve the diocese from such a calamity as it would be liable to if these societies got a foothold in it, he urges his pastors to greater vigilance and zeal to "point out to the young and unwary the evils flowing from association with condemned societies." Perhaps from want of a proper Catholic education Masons will never be able to discover wherein this *dangerous influence* lies hidden. At any rate in this very diocese there are numerous very flourishing secret societies of various names, aims and objects, but I have not discerned any diminution in the ratio of increase in the communicants of the Romish Church, neither have I heard or seen any evidence that the leading secret societies have at any time made any effort to elert members of that church, hence I see no special reason for telling the people just now that "there can be no question of the nature of thesin committed by a Catholic who joins any of these societies and of the consequence to him in his relation to the Church. Other societies are equally to be avoided, because, in their aims and methods, they are identical with the first class. It is not necessary each time one of these societies puts on a mask and assumes a new name, that the Holy See should tear off the mask and brand the exposed body. Catholics can do this work for themselves by remembering the marks given for their guidance. 1. Avoid all societies condemned by the church by name. 2. Avoid all societies whose principles are similar to those of the first class, as in any way inimical to religion, or legitimate government. 3. Avoid all societies whose purpose is the doing of wrong or injustice to individuals or classes in the community. 4. Avoid all societies bound by oaths of secrecy against the rights of lawful authority, spiritual or temporal. 5. Avoid all societies whose rights and rituals are made up of forms, ceremonials and words partaking of a religious character, or communionship of worship, not according to the teachings and practices of the Catholic Church. Some of the societies and Lodges, with their Most Worshipful Masters and High Priests, are substitutes for church and priest."

I have hesitated, but finally concluded, to publish the above lengthy extract. Rules 2, 3 and 4 seem to me absurd, for it is scarcely possible that any one can point out as flourishing in the State of New York societies of the character the Bishop says are to be avoided. I do not object, as it is none of my business, to the Bishop telling his "faithful" people to "avoid all societies condemned by the church by name," doubtless meaning Masonic. He may be sure of one thing, his followers will not be molested with any request to become one of us. That is not the way we increase the number of our Fraternity. But the closing paragraph of this fulmination about secret societies is so fresh and entertaining that I give it entire: "Leaving out of account the commands of the church and all religious considerations, a man has no right to give up control of his own will, binding himself to unknown obligations. He can do so only by sacrificing his manhood and independence of action. In resigning into the keeping of a society or Lodge a man's liberty of speech, the boasted freedom of Americans is lost. It is a disgrace that, in a country like ours, in which there is no possible excuse for oath-binding societies, men should be so ready to yield up their freedom of will, and become slaves to unknown and irresponsible masters, by the oaths they take. Men who never tire of condemning titles and the *fantastic trappings* of the aristocracy, assume wonderful state and dignity, aping the manner and style of the classes they pretend to despise. It is childish and silly, and one of the chief signs of weakness and decay in our young Republic. The robust vigour and plain common sense, so prevalent among the American people a few years ago, are clearly passing away."

The reasoning of this is somewhat strange, and the logic very peculiar. I apprehend that most of our sensible American people will think the Bishop looks at our present condition as a nation with a dyspeptic intellect or jaundiced eye, when he calmly puts on record the opinion that "the robust vigour and plain common sense, so prevalent among the American people a few years ago, are clearly PASSING AWAY!" Does he refer to the "vigour" which characterised the anti-Masonic crusade in the decade between 1830 and 1840? If so, I can happily assure him that such vigorous political animosity can never again be revived in the United States against Masons.

"*Fantastic trappings*," too, is good. I know of no church which has more *fantastic trappings* than the Catholic. But, of course, it is not the church the Bishop had in his mind. Wonder whether he had forgotten for the moment a certain Catholic society (probably not secret in our sense of the word) which occasionally appears on the streets—a fair looking body of men—in the "trappings" indicating circus performers rather than *knights*, as they are pleased to call themselves. Be this as it may, the Bishop has not been able to resist the organisation, among his own "faithful" in his own city, of several companies of so-called knights, who appear occasionally in public with a counterfeit Knights Templar regalia. To the casual observer the difference can hardly be discerned. What their special tenets of organisation are, I have never learned, neither do I care. But it is plain that the Bishop has a smothered hostile feeling to these, & ill for some reason he has failed to use his powerful rhetoric in denunciation of them. Perhaps when he returns from Rome we will hear from him again, informing us that the Sovereign Pontiff condemns those Knights of St. James or St. Gregory as emphatically as he now does the Knights Templar and Masonic Lodges.

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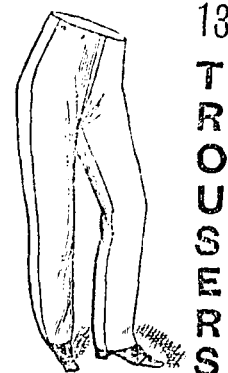
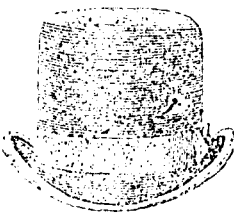
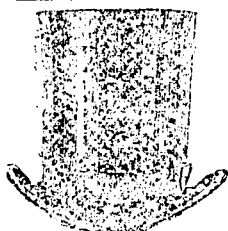
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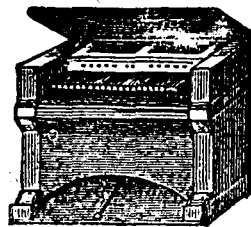
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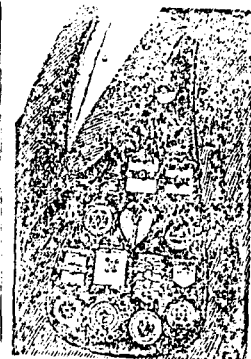
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