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FIRST IMPRESSIONS.

THAT "Freemasonry is a succession of agreeable surprises" those who have proceeded farthest in its mysteries will be the most ready to admit. Its progress marks the unfolding of ever fresh and attractive scenes—always increasing in the intensity of their interest; and in each and all of these are new and useful lessons which may with advantage be applied to our everyday life. But perhaps to the initiate most especially come home the grand and solemn teachings of the Craft, as they are unveiled before him with the first gleams of Masonic light. Born into a new atmosphere, and surrounded by those symbols which had hitherto been to him a sealed book, he realises that he has thus far obtained the predominant wish of his heart; and the young student invariably bends with earnestness to the work before him and drinks in with avidity the beautiful lessons which are inculcated in the first charges of the ritual. Would that the impressions created at this early stage of the Mason's career were stamped indelibly on his heart and looked upon continuously as the "still small voice" which should actuate and guide every movement of his life. But, like all other human institutions, which are fallible, it is useless to disguise the fact that in not a few cases the sublime aspirations which fill the breast of the novitiate at his admission cool down, if they are not absolutely perverted, after the first flush of novelty has subsided. That this should be so is no more than we are taught by experience to look for in things mundane; and even in our religious institutions there is a no less departure from the "old love," as unworthy motives creep in and alloy the purity of first impressions. However, it is not so much our object in this article to remind backsliding or lukewarm Masons of the weaknesses to which all men alike are subject as to recal to our brethren the reverential emotions which thrilled their hearts when they first beheld the dawn within the sacred precincts of the Masonic Lodge. They had long been imbued with the desire—born of no mercenary or other unworthy motives, but of a wish to become more useful to their fellow men—to enter the portals of that mysterious Temple which has its votaries in every part of the habitable globe, and to know and understand those precepts of brotherly love, relief, and truth which have for ages distinguished the Order. And, having thus sipped of the fountain of truth and knowledge, they long for a deeper draught, and a more intimate acquaintance with the serious and solemn lessons which they undertake at their obligation to search into and observe. We have seen initiates so absorbed and engrossed by the strange-sounding, yet hallowed, admonitions of the W. Master, in his enunciation of the ritual, that they have turned, awe-struck almost, and expressed to us their unfathomable interest in, and appreciation of, the ceremony they had witnessed for the first time. This is as it should be. We hold it as no light matter that the initiation rite should be made as solemn as possible, without of course any extraneous accessories; otherwise, how can we look for a development of the highest and most admired traits in the Masonic character, and those acquirements which shed lustre and dignity upon the Craft? There have been unfortunate instances where work has been undertaken in sparse and inefficient Lodges, and where the very baldness and laxity of the ceremonial has caused in the mind of the newly-admitted brother a feeling of anything

but prepossession with the grandeur or importance of the Institution of which he has just become a member after, perhaps, many years of wishful resolve. We are glad to know that this does not frequently occur, and that in the generality of Lodges due regard is paid, not only to the susceptibilities of the candidate, but also to the effect which the earliest enunciations of morality and virtue will produce in the more progressive stages of his Masonic inquiry and research. When such is the case—when the Officers of the Lodge, by their own intelligent rendering of the ritual, their profound and respectful adherence to the spirit of the original forms and rites—invest the proceedings with becoming splendour and completeness, it is only natural to expect that these beneficent influences will permeate through the hearts and minds of all the brethren assembled, and will strike particularly home to the acceptance of him for whose special behoof the ceremonial is being performed. Nor does the advantage of such an impression readily fade away. The new Apprentice, rightly estimating the gravity of the charges to which he has listened, and the beauty of the moral teaching they open up to him, discovers that all the finest susceptibilities of his nature have been touched; he resolves in his innermost heart to follow religiously the sublime precepts inculcated; and, by assiduously striving after a closer intimacy with the hidden mysteries of nature and science, to merit that favour which is always the heritage of the deserving. This is the type of man who is destined to become an ornament to the Craft, and the longer he cherishes and retains the ennobling sentiments which are aroused at his first discernment of Masonic truth the more sure is he to adorn the profession of which he has become a disciple. It is the Brother who thus imbibes the real soul and spirit of Masonry—apart from the mere trappings of ceremonial—that raises himself to a high position in the esteem of the Craft, whose members are at all times only too happy to accord deserved praise. It is refreshing to watch the comportment of such an acquisition to the Lodge on his "opening night." There is a keen and intelligent appreciation of the grand teachings set forth—of the universality of a system which places all men on a common platform for the consideration of high and honourable principles—away from the bickering of political or religious differences and disputes; and there is a grasping of the individual power with which he has become enfranchised for extending the blessings of Freemasonry, and to advance its usefulness and importance. He cannot fail, of course, to betray a retiring modesty in the companionship of Masons older than himself; but even in this laudable shrinking from undue prominence we have another proof of the deep root which the higher tenets of the Order have taken in his heart. With respectful attention he listens to the instruction which is proffered to him, and he receives the "milk for babes" with simple yet becoming obedience, looking forward with pride and ambition to those onward steps on the staircase which lead to more exalted themes and more proficient practice. How different is all this when the ceremony is blundered through in slipshod fashion, as though the command of the Junior Warden was the only word of welcome, the only signal of interest! In such an event the brilliancy of the rite is tarnished, its ritual shorn of point and effectiveness, and its whole tenour lowered, if not altogether neutralised. What matter for surprise, therefore, that a candidate initiated under such untoward conditions should entertain but vague and indistinct opi-

nious respecting the ceremony which he had regarded with such ardent anticipation, and that he should fail to recognise anything more in Masonry than an organisation in which conviviality forms the most conspicuous feature? This is the matter in connection with which we may congratulate ourselves upon having seen a vast improvement of late years. Nothing tended so much to bring the Order into disrepute as the roysterings and revellings in which our brethren of "ye olden time" were wont to indulge, in the good old days, when even amongst the lords of the land the social bottle was more freely passed, and when titled tipplers frequently imbibed more than was good for their healths or than redounded to their Masonic credit. But these old customs have diminished in almost every grade of society, and thus we find that in the Fourth Degree there is a much nearer approach to decorum and good sense than existed formerly. Whilst cordially supporting the principle of extending to all the brethren such hospitality as we have it in our power to dispense, and recognising the fact that the newly-initiated should receive amongst his first impressions an example of open heartedness and good fellowship which should always actuate him toward the brethren, care must be taken to avoid even the appearance of too lavish display in this degree. It is often found that the pains bestowed upon this portion of a Lodge's proceedings is an index to a corresponding laxity in the discharge of more important functions, and it is in such Lodges where novitiates inhale light and contemptuous notions of the real objects of the Order, and an inordinate affection for the frivolities with which it is, or may be, ornamented. Upon the Worshipful Master and Officers of a Lodge a vast amount of responsibility rests as far as moulding the character and Masonic progress of the candidates who are presented to them. And we cannot too firmly press the matter home—that it would be preferable to delay an initiation ceremony for the time to scrambling through it in a half-hearted manner, and with the assistance of only a few inefficient brethren in attendance. Depend upon it first impressions are long retained, and exercise a lasting influence upon our after lives; and when we look around upon the ranks of bright and intelligent men who have achieved high position in the Craft it would need no great stretch of imagination to picture in the "mind's eye" the sort of initiation ceremony which those Masonic lights passed through. It is pleasant to think of those Sauls amongst their fellows whose aims are as lofty as their intellects, for the contrast is bold and gratifying when we gaze upon the background of men who have lost heart, perhaps from their early associations with the Craft—who have failed to receive such instruction as is necessary to give a grasp of the real principles and objects of the Order, or whose initiation may have been so cold and stunted as to have given birth to disappointment and disgust instead of that laudable ambition which is born of an intelligent recognition of what Masonry really is, and the sacred lessons it is intended to promulgate throughout the world. As our Lodges increase in influence and the number of their members, of course the race for high prizes will become more severe; and it will, we are sure, be the steady, thoughtful and painstaking workman who will outstrip his more boisterous and inexperienced fellows to whom personal enjoyment ranks pre-eminent to the high and excellent discharge of duty. To the initiates, whom we more particularly address in these few words, let us remark that as they will experience the motto we have quoted at the beginning of this article, as they progress with their studies and research, so in life there are surprises which by moderation, good temper, and practical application of the principles of Freemasonry, may be made agreeable, not only to themselves, but to those by whom they are surrounded. In the uprightness and unwavering consistency of our Masonic conduct lies the secret of happiness and success. Well is it for the newly-admitted brother to learn, mark and inwardly digest as much of the impressive and priceless lessons that are revealed to his gaze when he first emerges from the utter darkness which is lifted from his soul on the night of his becoming a member of our ancient and honourable institution.

Their Royal Highnesses Prince Philip and Princess Louise of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha honoured Messrs. Felton and Sons, in Albemarle-street, on Thursday last, with a visit, and graciously favoured them with commands for the renowned "Specialite" Sherry.

ROYAL ALBERT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

THE fourteenth annual report and treasurer's account of the cost of management, &c., in connection with this invaluable Institution have just been presented to the General Court of Governors and Subscribers. In the past year the subscriptions amounted to £1,804 17s 11d; donations, £1,420 7s 4d; purchased admissions, £3,179 1s 1d; presentation, £250; legacies, £195; interest on investments, £39 13s 4d; sermons, £11 6s 6d; making the gross receipts for the year, £7,240 6s 2d. The actual cost of management has been £3,481 4s 6d, which, with interest on mortgage (£450) charged in lieu of rent, makes the cost for food, clothing, lodging, education and training of children in the Asylum during the past year amount to £19 17s 1d per head; including furniture, building, repairs and outfits, it represents an average of £21 7s 4d per head. An important part of the industrial element in the Asylum is the farm and kitchen garden, the produce from which supplied to the house, after deducting the cost of labour and working expenses, resulted in a profit of £110 4s 7d. Fifty-four children have been admitted during the year—14 by election, seven on presentation, and 33 by purchase. Of these no less than 34 were rendered orphans by the disaster to the Princess Alice steamer, 32 of which were purchased by the Mansion House Committee. During the year 24 boys and 20 girls left the Asylum, and are all doing well in situations provided for them. The Committee in their report allude in feeling terms to the death of H.R.H. the Princess Alice, who was one of the vice-presidents of the institution; of Mr. John Sands, a member of the Managing Committee since its establishment; and of Mr. Augustin B. Fry, the respected and able surgeon of the Asylum. The vacant post of surgeon has been filled up by the election of Mr. William Henry Twort, of Canterbury. Lord William Frederick Seymour has joined the Board of Management; at the same time the Committee regret the resignation of Mr. John Harris, who had for so many years taken an active part in its deliberations. The general health of the children during the year has been very satisfactory. From the excellent results which the Institution has achieved in past years, and the evidence given of the manner in which its interior economy is studied and superintended, we feel assured that the appeal now put forth by the Committee for increased encouragement and support will be responded to, so as to still further lessen the liabilities of the Institution, which, we are gratified to learn, have been reduced during the past year by £1,887 2s. 7d. There is, however, still a deficit of £1,489 3s. 1d.; and the friends of the widow and orphan need scarcely to be reminded of the first principles of Masonic and Christian duty in assisting the Executive in promoting so excellent a Charity, which has been the means of rescuing so many helpless ones from poverty and destitution. The Secretary of the Institution, Bro. Wm. Worrell, who is well known to the Craft, will be happy to give any information in respect to the management and general benefits of the Institution, and by whom any contributions in behalf of that excellent object will be received.

We are pleased to announce that a new Lodge of Instruction has been established under the sanction of the Friars Lodge, 1349, and the first meeting took place on Tuesday evening last, at the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town. Among the members are several brethren well-known to the frequenters of East-end Lodges of Instruction, and it is confidently anticipated that this will become a new centre of attraction to members of the Craft in that district. A report of the opening meeting, on Tuesday last, will be found on another page, from which it will be seen that several members were elected, and a sub-committee appointed to frame a code of bye-laws for the new Lodge.

The *Portsmouth Times* states that the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Prince of Wales, has intimated his intention to appoint Viscount Ebrington, eldest son of Earl Fortescue, to the Provincial Grand Mastership of Devonshire, vacant by the resignation of the Rev. L. Hayshe, of Clyst Hydon.

FREEMASONRY IN CHINA.

A REGULAR meeting of the District Grand Lodge of Northern China was held at the Masonic Hall, Shanghai, on Tuesday, the 7th January last, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Brother C. Thorne, District Grand Master. Amongst those present were:—Worshipful Bros. James Hart D.G.J.W. acting Deputy District Grand Master, J. I. Miller District Grand Registrar acting Dist. G.S.W., T. W. Kingsmill President Dist. Board of General Purposes acting as Dist. G.J.W., Rev. Dean Bulcher, D.D. acting Dist. G. Chaplain, Peter Orme Dist. G. Secretary, Robert Fergusson Dist. G.S.D., H. Evans Dist. G.J.D., F. J. Marshall Dist. G.S. of Works, H. S. Morris Dist. G.D.C., Lewis Moore Dist. G.S.B., G. B. Fentum Dist. G.O., J. Brown Dist. G. Pur., H. D. Camajee, W. H. Anderson, B. Palamountain, and R. G. Goldspink, District Grand Stewards, T. Hore Dist. G.T.; W. H. Short W.M., and W. Miller S.W. Tuscan Lodge, No. 1027, A. Robinson S.W. Northern Lodge of China, No. 570. Visitors—E. P. Lalcaca Secretary and J. Indkay of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 501, A. Weiller P.D.G.W., D. Hay D.G.T., T. W. Harrocks of the District Grand Lodge of Japan, W. Birt P.M., J. Petersen and R. Anderson of the Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 428, S.C., W. L. Koch jun. P.M., G. Baffy D.M., T. Hutching and Charles Schmidt of Lodge Germania, H. M. Cook P.M., A. Bruce, G. L. Skinner and W. Graham of Ancient Landmark Lodge, Mass. Const., J. Sharples of Fidelity Lodge, No. 477, &c. The D. Grand Lodge was opened at five o'clock in due form and with solemn prayer, and the circular calling the meeting having been read, the minutes of last regular Communication were read and confirmed. The President of the Board of General Purposes then presented the Report of a meeting of the Board, from which it appeared that the District G. Lodge is already indebted upwards of 100 taels, mainly for expenses connected with its inauguration. The income for the ensuing year was estimated not to exceed 200 taels. These facts were recommended to the consideration of the District Grand Lodge, with a view to retrenchment, which was absolutely necessary. It was resolved to discontinue the services of Secretary to the Board. The President spoke of the difficulty he had experienced in getting the returns from the Lodges completed up to 31st December 1877. It was necessary that these should be in order, so that the returns of the District Grand Lodge might be properly kept. It was resolved that the subject should be mentioned at the Communication of District Grand Lodge. The President stated that Wor. Bro. Evans had spoken to him of his intention to address the Board on the subject of the knocks usually given in the various degrees; he had not, however, done so. The R.W. District Grand Master said it was highly advisable that due notice should be given of all questions of this nature, as he might not be, on the moment, prepared to reply to all questions put in the Communications of the District Grand Lodge. The report is received, and ordered to be inserted in the minutes. Bro. Orme, District Grand Secretary, and Past District Grand Junior Warden of China, was then unanimously elected District Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year; and the compliment thus paid was acknowledged in a few happily chosen sentences. The following District Grand Officers were then also appointed:—

James Hart P.M. 525, D.D.G.M.
 John Irwin Miller P.M. 1027, D.G.S.W.
 Thomas W. Kingsmill P.M. 570, D.G.J.W.
 Peter Orme P.M. 1027, D.G. Treas.
 Henry Evans P.M. 501, D.G. Reg.
 Robert Fergusson P.M. 570, P.D.B. of G.P.
 William Henry Anderson W.M. 570, D.G. Sec.
 Adam Blyth Menzies P.M. 1433, D.G.S.D.
 Herbert Stephen Morris P.M. 570, D.G.J.D.
 Francis Julian Marshall P.M. 238, D.G.S. of W.
 Lewis Moore P.M. 1027, D.G.D. of C.
 John Brown P.M. 501, D.G.S.B.
 George B. Fentum P.M. 525, D.G. Organist.
 William H. Short W.M. 1027, D.G. Purs.
 Alfred Johnsford W.M. elect 501, Eduljee P. Lalcaca acting Sec. 501, William Miller S.W. 1027, and David Alfred Emery W.M. elect 1433, D.G. Stewards.
 Thomas Hore D.G. Tyler.

The election by ballot for the members to serve on the District Board of General Purposes was then proceeded

with, and resulted in the appointment of Bros. Moore P.M. Tuscan Lodge No. 1027 D.G.D.C., Short W.M. Tuscan Lodge D.G. Pur., and Johnsford S.W. and W.M. elect Royal Sussex Lodge No. 501 D.G. Steward. Bro. Moore, acting D.G. Treasurer, presented the accounts for 1878, which showed a deficit of taels 136.02, and these were received and passed unanimously. Some conversation took place relative to the arrears of rent, which had been applied for, but which had not yet been paid, in consequence of the secretaries of Lodges not having made their complete returns, and it was ultimately decided that Bro. Kingsmill should bring the matter before the executive committee and report. The R.W.D.G. Master then observed that a well-known brother had spoken to him in Lodge a few meetings back saying that he failed to see what beneficial effect Masonry had produced. He did not dispute the excellence of its foundation, but he observed that it did not apparently regulate the conduct of many who had been admitted to its privileges. This was a matter for their very serious consideration. It behoved them not simply to study their own lives and actions, but also taught them to be careful not to introduce any into the Craft who would not conscientiously fulfil the promises they made previous to their admission. Should any one desire to join their Lodges, he ought to be told that, the Institution being founded on the purest principles of morality and virtue, those who enter it are bound to act up to those principles. After the candidate had acknowledged his belief in the G.A.O.T.U. he was urged to practise every virtue; the address delivered to him at conclusion of the initiatory ceremony pointed out more fully the line of conduct expected from him. Perhaps if they looked fully into their own conduct they might find much in it which required amendment. Many of those present were Installed Masters, and they ought not to forget that when they received the benefit of installation they were especially warned to impress upon their brethren the dignity and high importance of Masonry; they were seriously to admonish them never to disgrace it; they were to teach them to practise out of the Lodge those duties they were taught within it, so that by amiable, virtuous and discreet conduct they might prove to the world at large the beneficial effects of our Institution. If every Master would act up to these precepts, he was perfectly sure they would have an improvement amongst the members of the Craft generally, so that remarks similar to those of the brother alluded to could not be made with justice. He would earnestly ask the co-operation of all present to the end that they might elevate the name of Mason to something beyond an empty title. In closing their Lodges in the second degree, they always called upon the brethren to remember that the eye of God is upon them, wherever they are, or whatever they do, and if they carried this feeling with them out of Lodge, it would regulate their lives in such a manner as to make members of the Fraternity respected by the world at large. Let them be especially careful whom they introduced into Masonry, lest they caused a slur to be cast upon the Institution. Before proposing a candidate for initiation, they should ascertain whether he had seriously considered what Masonry really was, and what it demands of its professors, and if they found him to be sound on these points, then by all means propose him; but they should not propose any one until they had fully explained to him some of their principles. By so doing they would raise the Masonic standard, and instead of, as at present, giving the outside world a chance to sneer at their Institution, they would gain the esteem of all right-minded men. The usual congratulations were passed, and District Grand Lodge was closed in due form.

The Prov. G. Chapter and Lodge of the Royal Order of Scotland will hold a meeting at 33, Golden-square, on Thursday, 15th May, at four o'clock, and that names of candidates (who must be members of the R.A. and 18°) should be sent to the Prov. Grand Sec. at the above address as soon as possible.

We are compelled to hold over several interesting items. We hope to be able to clear all off in our next week's issue.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

H.M. 24TH REGIMENT.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The charitable appeal which has been made, on behalf of the widows and orphans of the brave men who fell at Isandlana will, no doubt, be readily responded to by the Masonic fraternity.

It has been stated, that amongst the slain on the disastrous 22nd of January, were many brethren of our Society—but it also deserves to be recorded that the gallant corps who endured the brunt of the merciless Zulu attack was one of the first Regiments with which a military (or regimental) Lodge was associated. The engraved list of Lodges for 1769 has the following:—

No.	Description.	Constituted.
426	H.M. 24th Regt. of Foot, Genl. Cornwallis, at Gibraltar	June 11th 1768

The only "service" (i.e. Military and Naval) Lodges of prior date to No. 426 (under the Regular Grand Lodge) appear to have been (1):—

No.	Description.	Constituted.
1756-69.		
195	No. 8, The King's Regt. of Foot	Feb. 15th 1755
211	A Lodge in Capt. Bell's Troop in the Rt. Hon. Lord Ancrum's Regt. of Dragoons	Feb. 7th 1756
237	The Three Crowns at Plymouth—The Second division of Marines	Jan. 2nd 1759
254	A Lodge on Board H.M.S. Vanguard	Jan. 16th 1760
279	(2) On board H.M.S. The Prince	May 22nd 1762

Under the Seceding Grand Lodge, or so-called "Ancients"—five military Lodges only were of earlier date than the Lodge in the 24th Regiment, viz., in the Royal Artillery, (3) Quebec (1756); 5th Battalion R.A. (1762); 2nd Regiment Lancashire Militia (1763); and 3rd Regiment ditto (1767) (4).

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD,

P.M. 743, Meridian Lodge, 31st Regt.

(1) In the later numeration of 1770-80, H.M. 52nd Regt. appears as possessing a Lodge dating from 1762. This Lodge probably worked for many years under a Provincial Warrant (Quebec), prior to being placed on the roll of Grand Lodge.

(2) Now become, by various amalgamations, the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4.

(3) Now under Canadian jurisdiction. Continued as No. 17 on the English Roll until after 1865.

(4) Now No. 113, Lodge of Unanimity, Preston.

THE DISTINGUISHED AND LAMENTED BRO. RICHARD RODDA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Illius est lucrum: cum Christo esse: nermid multo melius esset.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—During this inclement and protracted winter, we have lamented the demise of many excellent and gifted men, of whom the world was not worthy, some of whom were distinguished in the ranks of Masonry.

The last of whom I beg to record here is a Devonshire worthy, the distinguished Bro. Richard Rodda, of East Stonehouse, Devon, whose many conspicuous attributes and excellencies endeared him to all who had the advantage of his intimate acquaintance and most valuable friendship.

Truly, I can say as a brother Mason,

Animæ dimidium meæ.

His sterling qualities, his transcendent abilities, I have already had the privilege to enumerate in your columns.

If ever a Mason, known to be a gentleman, deserved a place among your Masonic celebrities, our deceased brother did. His gentle expostulation to myself was, "I wish you had written more about Charity, and less of myself." Such was his genuine humility. I will not state that this Christian virtue was commensurate with his other splendid qualities; rather it was the most conspicuous gem in his lofty character, most prominent in the combination of his many excellencies.

Mainly to him and to his exertions was the election of the boy Cox indebted. Few beyond myself knew what he did in that case; but one circumstance I will reveal. When other helpers failed, or seemed to fail, he did not. I called on him, at his office in East Stonehouse, Devon, and then the election was virtually secured, for he knew well the excellent father of the orphan. He remarked to me, "I will see him elected." And, subsequently, writing to myself, he remarked, "Failure is not a word in my Masonic vocabulary."

In the higher grades of Masonry, as in everything that was valuable, our late Bro. Rodda was pre-eminent. Wherever he was found, there was the mark of merit and talent, which others in vain might

envy. After his former illness, he wrote to me, thus expressing himself that his hope was, that his extended term of convalescence would better prepare him for admission into the Grand Lodge above. No wonder that a host of excellent Masons and other distinguished persons should attend his obsequies, and pay the due tribute of deserved respect to pre-eminent abilities and worth, at his sorrowing grave. Yet, to him, to die was gain; to be with Christ, his Saviour, his all in all; that to him was far better. An eminent Mason, a distinguished learned man, has preceded us to another world. His eloquence is now mute; but not in eternal silence. In undying strains he once recited to me his inimitable poem on "Time;" which thrilled we with emotion when he pre-nunciated the Archangel's asseveration that "Time shall be no longer." Then, our Brother shall rise again; and re-appear, body and soul re-united, in the Grand Lodge above; a worthy brother, who spent his time of life in works of untold charity; and even now, when he rests from his labours of love, his works of kindness and mercy do follow him.

Yours very truly,

DANIEL ACE, D.D.

Loughton Vicarage,
Near Gainsborough, Lincolnshire.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am pleased to have the good opinion of both "H." and "ENQUIRER," and their admission, so far, that my scheme, though apparently Quixotic and impracticable, is, at all events, an attempt at a move in the right direction, and I am perfectly willing to become the butt of criticism at the beginning, if I can only partially attain the butt that I am aiming at in the end. I admit that I was wrong in the name of one of my last applicants, viz., "Allison," whose claim I do not think sufficiently good because she, as well as "Jay," has already two sisters in the School, yet a fair reading of my letter will show the practicability of admitting every applicant (that is one girl and one boy, but not two girls or two boys of the same family) into our institutions, not necessarily on the first (except it is also a final) application, but before their chances cease altogether.

As to the tergiversation of the Editor of your contemporary, who is certainly one of the Fathers—if not the Father—not only of the London Masonic Charity Association, but of one of a similar organisation in West Yorkshire which has been attended with such success that they never have a last chance to support, and the word failure is not in their vocabulary; why he should consign this last infant of his, begot on the same principles, moulded in the same form (as far as circumstances would permit) as that of his first-born (of which he might justly be proud), to the "limbo of hopeless and chimerical projects," can be best answered by himself; that he was getting cold towards it his editorial note to my letter in his paper of the 15th instant was a clear indication, but that he should so damn his child with faint praise, and finally consign it to the realms of perdition, must have fairly astonished those with whom he was apparently working in unison, as well as

Your humble but hopeful servant,

CHARLES JOHN PERCEVAL.

8 Thurloc-place, 30th March 1879.

P.S. No. 24 Williams, Edith Corral, I am informed by Bro. Hedges, Secretary of R.M.I.G., has been withdrawn, some benevolent lady adopting her. Thus my correspondence on the above subject must cease.

NEW MASONIC HALL AT SOUTHAMPTON.

THE corner stone of the Hall which is about to be erected for Masonic purposes by the Southampton Masonic Hall Company was laid on Monday afternoon, the 24th ult., by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the P.G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. The ceremony was purely unofficial, but was nevertheless performed in the presence of a numerous assemblage of brethren. The principal elevation of the hall, which is to be in the Italian style of architecture, freely treated, faces Albion-terrace, and is 50ft. in length; the side elevations, facing the Forest View roadway, extending about 73ft. The passage, five feet wide, is approached by an arched porch, with a passage and a corridor or lobby, nine feet long, leading to a cloak room, with bay windows, overlooking the Western Bay. There will be an ante-room or Chapter-room, 26ft. 4in. by 18ft. 9in., with a height of eleven feet, its bay windows overlooking the Western shore. The lodge-room will be 45ft. by 30ft. and 18ft. high, and will be lighted by two lanterns from the roof. There will be a banqueting-room, facing Albion-terrace, 38ft. 6in. by 25ft., also 18ft. feet high, together with a kitchen, wash-house, pantry, and serving passage. A back entrance will be from Forest View. On the one pair floor, over the ante-room, will be four rooms, and other accommodation for the lodge-keeper. The material is to be of white brick in all the exposed parts, with dressings partly in moulded brick, and of stone to the architraves and pediments. The roofs will be slated and tile capped. The plan altogether is adapted to a very irregular frontage in Forest View. The architect is Bro. J. G. Poole, of Portland-street, and the builder, Bro. S. Stevens, who it is hoped will have the hall ready for occupation in November next. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., thanked the P.G.M. for his attendance, and the latter expressed a hope that the erection of the new building would be conducive to the best interests of Masonry here. The P.G.M. then laid the corner stone, which is situated at the north-east corner of the building, and bears the following inscription:—

This corner stone was laid by the Right Worshipful P.G.M. Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., the 24th day of March, 1879. Bro. W. Hickman, D.P.G.M., Chairman on the Board of Directors.—*Portsmouth Times.*

FUNERAL OF BRO. R. RODDA, OF STONEHOUSE.

THE funeral of the late Bro. Richard Rodda, for twenty-one years high bailiff of the Stonehouse County Court, took place on Thursday, 27th ult. The cortege proceeded from the deceased's residence in Durnford-street, Stonehouse, to the parish church of St. George, of the congregation of which Bro. Rodda was a member. There was a large attendance, including many prominent Freemasons, among whom the deceased had held high office. In the first mourning coach were Mr. Jonathan Rodda and Mr. Charles Rodda, sons of the deceased; Master Rodda, grandson; Mr. William Rodda, brother; and Mr. Thomas Rodda, nephew. Second—Mr. Martin Thomas, of Manchester, nephew; Mr. John Ivey, of Penzance, nephew; Mr. W. J. Hughan, Past S.G.D. of England; and Mr. George Cox, Manor-office. Third—Mr. R. G. Edmonds, Registrar of the County Court; Messrs. J. E. Curteis and T. S. Bayly, the executors; and Mr. J. R. Newcombe. Fourth—Bearers—Four P.E.C.'s of the Masonic Knights Templar—Fraters Colonel H. C. Fitz Gerald, R. R. Rodd, J. Sadler, and I. Watts. Fifth—Bearers—Four P.M.'s of Lodge Fortitude, No. 105—Bros. George Hilson, G. C. Bignell, W. H. Anthony, and John James. Following in other carriages were many influential local gentlemen, including the chief officials connected with neighbouring County Courts, together with a sprinkling of the merchants and tradesmen of the town. Mr. Matthew Fortescue, judge of the County Court, wrote expressing deep sympathy with the family in their bereavement, and added that he would have been present at the funeral but for severe indisposition. Letters of sympathy had been sent by several other friends, who regretted their inability to be present to pay a last token of respect for the deceased.

At the church gate the corpse was met by the Rev. Percy R. Scott, the vicar, and the Rev. W. Whitley, P.P.G. Chaplain of the Freemasons, and minister of the Independent Chapel in Batter's-street, Plymouth, who walked together into the church, where the vicar read the Psalm and lesson, the Rev. W. Whitley occupying a chair by the reading desk, Mr. Scott having had one placed there in order that Mr. Whitley might remain near him. The hymn, "A few more years shall roll," was sung, and as the mourners and friends left the church the Dead March in "Saul" was played on the organ. Mr. Scott and Mr. Whitley rode together to the Plymouth cemetery, where a vault in which rested the remains of the deceased's second wife had been prepared for the reception of the body. This vault is situated in the Nonconformist portion of the ground, and here the concluding sentences of the beautiful service of the Church were read by Mr. Whitley, Mr. Scott standing by his side and leading the responses. At the close of the service Mr. Whitley gave a brief address to the Masonic brethren present. He pointed out the suddenness of the death. In the full vigour of life on the Monday evening, an inanimate corpse on the evening of the following Saturday. Cut off before the usual span allotted to man. How soon, for aught they knew, might that be the fate of any of them? What a solemn admonition to live so that it might be a life of preparation for the certain lot of all! Might they all be looking forward to that hopeful reunion promised to those who proved sure and faithful.

A very large number of the brethren gathered around the grave to take the last farewell of their brother, according to the rites of the Order. The deceased, although he suffered much in his illness, died in perfect consciousness. His end was one of hopeful faith; almost his last words were "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin." The coffin was covered with floral remembrances; among them Lodge Fortitude contributed a large and handsome wreath containing the square and compasses in camellias, azaleas, and lilies of the valley; a similar wreath with a triangle came from the gardens at Mount Edgcombe; and another, in the form of a P.E.C.'s cross, was sent by Frater J. E. Curteis.

The cost of the improvements at St. George's Church will entail an expenditure of £600, without including the re-seating, which is also contemplated. A portion of the £600 is as yet not gathered. On the Monday before Bro. Rodda's decease he was in conversation with the vicar and churchwardens at the church, on the question of providing a central painted window, and on being told that it would cost £50, he at once undertook to obtain ten parishioners, including himself, who would provide the money by contributing £5 each. Towards the improvements recently effected Bro. Rodda contributed largely in personal exertions and pecuniary aid, and in obtaining an organ he was an active member of the committee and contributed liberally. The opening performances were given on it on Friday evening, when he was on what proved to be his death bed, and its next performance, besides accompanying the services on Sunday, was at his funeral.—*Western Morning News.*

FUNERAL OF BRO. BENJAMIN ROOSE.

TUESDAY, the 25th ult., was a day which will be long remembered in the town of Amlwch, as it was on that day that the last tribute of respect was shown to Benjamin Roose, Esq., of Frondeg. He died after a few days' illness, at his residence, on the 21st ult. When the news of his demise spread abroad, it cast quite a gloom over the whole town, and expressions of regret at his loss and sympathy with his family were universal. By his death the poor of the neighbourhood have lost a kind benefactor, society a useful member, and the Church a Christian and consistent supporter. He had been the Vicar's Churchwarden since the appointment of the former to the living, and had served in that capacity also during his predecessor's tenure of office. The number of persons present at his funeral—computed at about seven hundred—testified to the respect in which he was universally held. The deceased, having been a prominent Freemason, a goodly number of the Fraternity appeared in Masonic costume, to show their fraternal esteem and respect to one who had

so well and faithfully exemplified those Christian and Masonic virtues inculcated by the Craft. The funeral procession was started at 1.15 p.m. by the Vicar, who made a few appropriate remarks suited to the occasion; his feelings being evidently overcome by the loss of such an invaluable coadjutor. The cortege was preceded by two Swordbearers (Freemasons)—Bros. C. S. Dyer and W. Jones—who were followed by members of the Fraternity in their full Masonic regalia, with their usual insignia of office covered with crape. Behind the Freemasons came the Vicar of Amlwch and the Rector of Llanellian; then the hearse and mourning coach, containing the brothers of the deceased and Mr. Williamson. The Hon. Lady Neave's carriage, containing Captain Mitchell and W. M. Preston Esq. J. W. Paynter jun. Esq.'s carriage, containing J. W. Paynter sen. and jun., W. C. Paynter Esq., and Captain Williams Glanydon. In addition to the above, we also noticed among the mourners Messrs. J. Matthews, John Owen, R. Roberts, J. Owen, Elias Jones, T. F. Evans, E. M. Hughes, W. Fanning, J. Richards, Williams, Lewis, Mitchell, H. Lloyd, Hughes, J. Treweek, Dr. Evans, Rev. J. Smith, and others. The procession was met at the church gate by the Vicar and the Revs. J. Smith and H. Lloyd, and slowly proceeded to the church, a selection of appropriate music, including the Dead March, being played on the organ by Miss Sophia Sellers. The Rev. J. Smith read the appointed Psalms, and the Vicar the lesson, at the conclusion of which an address was delivered by the Rev. H. Lloyd. The procession was then reformed, and proceeded to the cemetery, where the remainder of the Burial Service was most impressively and feelingly read by the Vicar. When all was over, the Masonic brethren of the deceased each threw into the grave a sprig of acacia, being the emblem of immortality. Among the Masons present we noticed Bros. J. Treweek W.M. 1488, J. Peters P.M. 597, P.P.G.S.W., Rev. T. Lloyd Kyffin P.M. 113 P.P.G. Chaplain, J. Lloyd Griffith P.M. 597, P.G.S.B., Rev. H. Lloyd I.P.M. 1488, W. P. Elliott W.M. 597, T. Pritchard W.M. 1113, Dr. Evan Williams P.M. Sec. 1113, Rev. J. W. Smith S.W. 1488, W. Jones J.W. 1488, E. M. Jones Treas. 1488, O. Rowlands S.D. 1488, T. Lloyd Evans I.G. 1488, Thomas Jones S.S. 1448, J. W. Jones J.S. 1488, Dr. W. Francis Jones 1488, J. Hughes 1488, C. S. Dyer 1483, Captain Robert Griffith 1488, Owen Roberts 597, W. H. Jones J.D. 1113, Joseph Crewdson S.S. 1113, Dr. E. Parry Edwards 597 and 1488, and Owen Roberts Tyler 1113 and 1488. The following is a summary of the address delivered on the occasion by the Rev. Henry Lloyd I.P.M.:—"Friends and Brethren,—With the kind permission of our worthy Vicar, and which my sacred profession as a Clerk in Holy Orders may perhaps in some measure warrant, I am allowed, according to Masonic custom, if my feelings will permit me, to make a few remarks over the mortal remains of our dear, very dear, departed friend and brother. He is no more—his genial presence will never more grace any social meeting of friends, or the closer gathering of the Antient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons; but let us hope that the remembrance of the virtues displayed by our deeply regretted friend and brother will always live in our memory, and be an incentive to us to imitate him in those moral and social virtues which enabled him to adorn society in general, and to be an ornament to the Craft in particular. He was at all times ready, even foremost, in practising that distinguishing feature of Freemasonry—Charity. I cannot imagine to myself a picture more pitiable than that the death or burial of a fellow-being should take place without a tear of regret being shed upon his bier. The picture presented here to-day, my friends and brethren, gloomy as it may be in other respects, is in that respect far from being a gloomy one. I feel that I can confidently appeal to the immense concourse of gentlemen who have come here to pay this last tribute of respect to our dear departed friend and brother that there is not one among us who can look into the bosom of the cold grave of our beloved brother, without a pang of regret that it should have so unexpectedly received into its icy embrace one who was so near and dear to us. The Masonic wish is that all brethren should live respected and die regretted; that wish has been fully realised in the instance of our newly lost brother here. His right hand, which is now cold and still in death, was at all times ready to be given in real fellowship to all who sought it; and, when extended to a fellow Mason was on all occasions a sure pledge of brotherhood. He was also always ready to relieve a friend or brother in his hour of distress, and to succour him in his time of need; and I feel sure that the posture of his daily supplications reminded him of the wants of his friends and brethren, and disposed his heart to exercise towards them those Christian and Masonic virtues which were the distinguishing features of his well-spent life. His breast, in which, until stilled by death, once beat a truly Masonic heart, was always the sacred repository of his brethren's secrets, when entrusted to his care as such. He was also on all occasions ready to defend a Mason's character in his absence as well as in his presence, nor would he suffer others to malign him if in his power to prevent it, but would on the contrary repel the slanderer of his good name. Friends, though his body lies here in the cold embrace of the King of Terrors, let us hope that his soul has winged its way to that land of eternal rest and joy where theirs are unknown. And brethren, though we have lost that which is mortal of him from our Masonic Lodges here on earth, let us sincerely trust that that which is immortal has ascended to the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for evermore.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Glad tidings.—Some constitutions have a tendency to rheumatism, and are throughout the year borne down by its protracted tortures. Let all sufferers bathe the affected parts with warm brine, and afterwards rub in this soothing Ointment. They will find it the best means of lessening their agony, and, assisted by Holloway's Pills, the surest way of overcoming their disease. More need not be said than to request a few days' trial of this safe and soothing treatment, by which the disease will ultimately be completely swept away. Pains that would make a giant shudder are assuaged, without difficulty, by Holloway's easy and inexpensive remedies which comfort, by moderating the throbbing vessels and calming the excited nerves.

ROYAL ARCH.

Joppa Chapter, No. 188.—A Convocation of this excellent working Chapter was held on Monday last, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street. Comps. Littaur Z., P. Dickinson H., L. Lazarus J., S. V. Abrahams P.Z. Trea., W. H. Gulliford S.E. H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.s E. P. Albert, J. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, M. J. Emanuel; Comps. Mann, Jennings, A. Botibol, W. Howard, Moore, Davis, Haines, Quincey, Bookbinder, Dewsnap; Visitors—Comps. Eckstein 1196, and C. F. Hogard M.E.Z. 145. There were several names on the agenda paper, but Bros. M. Lenzberg and N. H. Benjamin being in attendance, were duly exalted into R. A. Masonry by the M.E.Z. in his usually impressive manner, ably assisted by the other Principals and Officers. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts were duly honoured, after which the M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly exalted Companions, in doing which he gave a beautiful illustration of the duties of R. A. Masonry, his remarks being listened to with great attention. Comp. Benjamin responded to the toast, and said how pleased he was with the remarks of the M.E.Z. Comp. Lenzberg followed, briefly and appropriately. Comp. M. J. Emanuel P.Z., then proposed the health of the Z., in doing which he said they all knew his real worth in every respect, and those who listened to the manner in which he performed the ceremony, not only on this but on every occasion when he occupied the chair, must have been gratified with the intelligence he displayed, and the excellent way in which he discharged his duties. The M.E.Z. in reply, thanked the company, and said although he had the interests of the Chapter at heart, yet their kind remarks would be an incentive to him to work more assiduously for their comfort. He promised them that when the chair was in his occupation it should not lose any of its lustre. The M.E.Z., in proposing the health of the Visitors, said they were honoured by the presence of two distinguished brethren. Comp. Hogard was well known, not only in Craft Masonry, but also in the Royal Arch, and as a member of the Board of General Purposes. Comp. Eckstein was a friend of the worthy J., and that was sufficient recommendation. Comp. Hogard, in reply, thanked the Z. for his kind expressions. The Z. had initiated him into the Order, and he was proud to see him in the chair of this important Chapter. Comp. Eckstein fully endorsed all Bro. Hogard had said, and spoke of the beautiful ritual so admirably performed by each Officer individually. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of the P.Z.'s, and spoke of the manner in which each of them had performed his important duties. Comp. E. P. Albert had occupied the chair for two years, in a very able manner, or he would not have been re-elected. Comp. J. Lazarus was a zealous R.A. Mason, and he had performed the duties of the minor offices, which qualified him to fill the chair creditably. Comp. J. Lazarus returned thanks for the manner in which the toast had been received. The health of the H., J., Trea., Sec., P.S., and Officers was given, and the Z. gave the meed of praise due to them for the excellent work which they had performed. The Janitor's toast was given, and the Comps. separated.

Caledonian Chapter, No. 204.—The regular Convocation was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Thursday, the 20th ult. Comps. R. L. Mestayer Z., A. Humphreys H., Rev. S. Y. B. Bradshaw J., W. W. Dawson S.E., N. Donville N., R. Hartley Treasurer, John Roberts P.S., A. B. Whittaker A.S., Jas. Sly Janitor, and Comps. T. J. Hooper P.Z., Edward Clay P.Z., E. Nathan P.Z., &c.; Comps. W. Byway, J. Davies, W. Sykes P.Z., J. Walter, W. Aldred P.Z., J. Richardson, H. D. Marks, E. C. Locke, R. A. Eldershaw, &c. Visitors—D. A. Davis P.S. 1094 and 625, Vetter 317, J. Hall P.Z., &c. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes of last Convocation confirmed, Ex. Comp. Hall proceeded to instal Comp. Bradshaw as third Principal of the Chapter, that appointment having to be deferred through his unavoidable absence at the time when the first and second Principals were installed in their present chairs. The Comps. were called upon to salute the third chief in accordance with ancient custom, which was done; after which Bros. A. Painter and T. Southern were exalted to the supreme degree of Holy Royal Arch. The labours of the evening ended, the Comps. adjourned to supper. On the removal of the cloth, the Ex. Chief proposed the first toast, the Queen, which was followed by that of the Princess of Wales and the rest of the Royal Family. The health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, the Sovereign head of the Craft, was cordially drunk, likewise that of the Pro Grand Principal, and the rulers of R.A. Masonry. The Officers of Prov. Grand Chapter were next honoured. This was supplemented by a Comp. opening the harmony of the evening with a song. Ex. Comp. Clay rose to propose a toast which was always acceptable to the Comps. of the Caledonian Chapter. He had more than ordinary pleasure in proposing the health of the newly-exalted Companions, as in Comp. Painter he recognised a son of a very old friend. He felt highly gratified to welcome him to the Chapter, and trusted that the friendship so much appreciated and so long existing between himself and Comp. Painter's father might be extended to the son. He regretted that Comp. Southern had to leave early. He called on the Comps. to drink to the toast heartily, which was done. Comp. Donville kindly favoured with a song, he was accompanied by Comp. Vetter on the piano. Comp. Painter returned thanks for the honour conferred, and expressed the pleasure of being admitted to companionship in Holy Royal Arch. He also thanked Comp. Clay for the remarks personally directed to him, and he very cordially reciprocated the feelings expressed. Comp. Vetter obliged with an overture on the piano. The M.E.Z. proposed the health of the newly-installed third Principal, whom every one knew as one of the most zealous and true Masons living. He was assured that the duty confided to him in the Caledonian Chapter would be discharged with such efficiency as would redound

to the honour of the Chapter, and the welfare of the Fraternity. The toast was heartily received, with full honours. Comp. Whittaker kindly favoured the Companions with a song, after which Ex. Companion Bradshaw expressed his warmest thanks for the very kind manner in which the Companions had responded to the toast which it had pleased the M.E.Z. to propose in such complimentary terms. He thanked them also for their sympathy and consideration in the cause which prevented his being present at the appointed time for investiture, and looked forward to a year which would indicate how delighted he was with the appointment, and how truly he appreciated the honour of the position. To Comp. Marks was entrusted the duty of proposing the toast of the Visiting Companions. The Chapter was well favoured that evening in the presence of Comps. Davies, FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, Godrich and Vetter, whose musical abilities were so conducive to their pleasure, and Comp. D. A. Davis. He but uttered the feeling of the Chapter when he said they were very delighted with the favour of their company, and trusted all would come again. This toast was always heartily received among Comps., and he called upon the members of the Caledonian Chapter to honour the toast. Comp. Marks favoured the Companions with a song, and Comps. Godrich, Vetter, D. A. Davis and S. M. Davies returned thanks for the kind fraternal greeting extended to them, and assured the Companions that they had enjoyed themselves greatly. Before parting Comp. Bradshaw, knowing Comp. Davies had been in Canada, enquired very kindly about Ex. Comp. Rev. Vincent Clementi, one of the most accomplished and zealous Masons in existence, and on being told that not long ago Bro. Davies had seen him in the flourishing town of Peterborough, hale and hearty, Bro. Bradshaw was delighted. So we meet and so we part.

Macdonald Chapter, No. 1216.—The usual Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday, 20th ult., at the Headquarters of the 1st Surrey Rifles, Flodden-road, Camberwell, and was as usual well attended. The fittings and furniture of this Chapter are both unique and elegant, and never fail to elicit from Visitors general admiration. Comp. W. J. Messenger M.E.Z., Waterall P.Z. (acting H. in the absence of Comp. Hastie), Newtonton Bridges, J., W. H. Thomas S.E., Bradley P.S., Captain Styan A.S., and W. Allen Janitor. The Visitors were Comps. Larlham and J. Stevens P.Z. 720, and H. Thompson J. 619. Bro. G. H. Besley, of the Macdonald Lodge, was introduced, and in a very able manner exalted by the M.E.Z. After some other business, the Chapter was closed in due form, and the Companions adjourned for refreshment, which was provided by Bro. Kethro, the caterer to the corps, and gave general satisfaction. The whole of the customary toasts were not given, for reasons assigned, but that of the health of the M.E.Z. was not allowed to be omitted. It was proposed in very appropriate terms, in which the ability he had displayed in the performance of the ceremony received its due share of commendation. The M.E.Z. very briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, and then proposed the health of the Visitors; in doing so, he remarked that he was glad to see present amongst them that evening Comp. Thompson, from whom, when attending the Domestic Lodge of Instruction, he had received a considerable amount of assistance in qualifying him for the duties he had to perform in the Craft. He also welcomed amongst them Comps. Stevens and Larlham, of the Panmure Chapter, and was glad to have the opportunity of proposing their health. The toast was very cordially drunk by the Companions. Comp. Stevens returned thanks for the favourable manner in which they had received mention of his name, and expressed the renewed pleasure he had experienced in being amongst them that evening. Comp. Henry Thompson had very great pleasure in visiting the Chapter that evening, for the first time, as he on many occasions had had most gratifying meetings and associations with the members of the 1st Surrey. In the first place, he had for many years experienced repeated acts of kindness in meeting with them "on the tented field" of Wimbledon; in the next, he had the gratification of meeting them in the Macdonald Lodge, and that night his pleasure had been supplemented by meeting them in the Macdonald Chapter. Their M.E.Z. had been pleased to refer to the services he had rendered him in the Lodge of Instruction, but he believed Comp. Messenger over-estimated any assistance he might have rendered; still as regarded the Royal Arch degree, at any rate, the pupil had outstripped the teacher; and although he (Comp. Thompson) might endeavour to do so, he thought it would be long, indeed, before he should overtake him in the race. Humble, however, as might be his efforts, he would try what he could do, and if he failed to reach his high standard, he would try to emulate his bright example. Thanking the Companions for the hospitality they had shown to him, he said his visit to the Macdonald Chapter would remain in his mind as one of the most agreeable evenings he had ever spent in the company of the 1st Surreys. Comp. Larlham P.S. also responded; he had so often been a Visitor there, he almost began to consider that he was a member of their Chapter, and he should briefly thank them for including his name in the toast. Comp. W. Crauch sang, in exquisite style, "The Thorn," and other songs.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual weekly Convocation of this excellent Chapter of Improvement, working under the warrant of the Rose of Denmark, No. 975, was held on Tuesday evening last, at the Jamaica Tavern, Cornhill. From the number of talented Royal Arch Masons attending this Chapter, it is eminently fitted to afford correct information to any seeking preferment in that supreme degree. The chairs of M.E.Z., H., and J. were respectively filled by Comps. Brown, Waterall, and H. Thompson, Comps. Thomas W. White S.E., P. A. Bianchi S.N., W. H. Lee P.S.; and the other Companions present were G. L. Walker, J. J. Row, J. C. Goldsmith, H. Wood, H. J. Gabb, Thomas

Slaiter, St. Machor's, Aberdeen (Scottish Constitution). The ceremony of Exaltation was performed by the M.E.Z., Comp. Brown, with his usual ability, Comp. Gabb being the candidate; and especial praise is due to the other Officers for the manner in which they discharged their duties. Comp. Thomas Slaiter was elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement. This was election night, and Comp. Wood was appointed as M.E.Z., Comp. Waterall as II., and Comp. H. Thompson as J. The Chapter was then closed, and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 8th April.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No. 1471.—Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road (near the Angel), Islington.—This Chapter is now in full work, under the Preceptorship of J. L. Mather P.Z. 174 and M.E.Z. 1471. A Convocation was held on Friday, the 21st ult., Comp. Killick Z., Griggs H., Sparrow J., Halford P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stock as candidate.

On 28th ult., Comp. Griggs was the M.E.Z., W. J. Hunter H., and Halford J. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Stock being the candidate. The meetings are held every Friday at eight, and close at 9.30., Comp. J. L. Mather President.

CHARTERHOUSE CLUB OF INSTRUCTION.

THE first Annual Festival of this Club was held, according to the previously advertised announcements, at the New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield, on Tuesday, the 1st instant. Bro. James Stevens P.M. of The Great City Lodge, 1426, opened a Lodge at six p.m., supported by Bros. W. Hames Preceptor as S.W., W. Webb W.M. 382 as J.W., and a large number of brethren, amongst whom were Bros. T. B. Humphrey Sec., John Syer 720 and 1017 D.C., R. R. Harper W.M. 1017, Seymour Smith, R. W. Brown, W. Stead P.M. 813, W. C. Hale 1216, G. W. Taylor P.M. 917, W. H. Gulliford P.M. 1017, W. J. Hunter W.M. 1677, F. R. Hayes 73 and 1697, R. Prime 917, J. L. Conlton P.M. 382, M. H. Levington 1017, P. P. Chandler 1017, R. B. Greenwood 1623, J. W. Wallace P.M. 1509, T. F. Van Raalte 917, John Bain 360 S.C., W. Heath 584, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, R. D. Cummings, A. H. Chisholm, W. Gilbert, and others who did not sign the attendance sheet. The Lodge having been advanced, Bro. Stevens addressed the brethren on the mode of election of W.M., and the acting Senior Warden, Bro. Hames, having been presented, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in the most careful and perfect manner, the Installing Master introducing, as occasion offered, some most interesting additions to the ordinary ceremony. These evidently gave his hearers very considerable satisfaction, and the cordial vote of thanks which he received at the conclusion of his labours was endorsed thoroughly by the W.M., who stated that during the course of a long Masonic career he had never heard the beautiful ceremony of installation so ably rendered. This must have been highly gratifying to Bro. Stevens, who briefly, but forcibly, acknowledged the compliment. Lodge having been closed, the Club members and visitors proceeded to banquet in the large assembly room of the hotel, where the host, Bro. Butt, had prepared abundant evidence of his liberality and ability to cater for large gatherings of his patrons, whether Masonic or otherwise. At this very elegantly appointed feast Bro. Wm. Hames 1677 P.M. 917 officiated as President, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426 as Senior Vice President, and Bro. Wm. Webb W.M. 382 as Junior Vice President, while the comforts of the guests were well looked after by Bros. John Syer as D.C. and T. B. Humphrey the energetic Secretary of the Club. It has seldom been our good fortune to sit down to so thoroughly an agreeable re-union of Masonic brethren, for equally in respect of the viands and wines provided, and the social harmony and goodfellowship which pervaded the whole arrangements, no single circumstance militated against the fullest enjoyment of each person present. On the cloth being cleared, the President proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were heartily responded to, although the brethren in their Club character omitted the usual "fire" accompaniment. The Senior Vice-President, Bro. James Stevens, proposed the toast of the evening, Success to the Charterhouse Masonic Club, and the health of the President, Bro. Wm. Hames Preceptor of the Club. Bro. Stevens remarked that he was quite sure the brethren would be ready to do all justice to this toast. He referred to the many vicissitudes through which the Club had passed, and referred humorously to the old adage that "three removes are as bad as a fire." No less than five changes had been made in their place of meeting, and it was almost a matter of surprise that the Charterhouse Club of Instruction had not been burnt out altogether. He had only been acquainted with the Lodge intimately five or six weeks, when their Junior Vice President was elected to the Mastership of a Lodge at Uxbridge; but he could say, after his very short experience, that the Club could not find a better meeting place than they had at the New Market Hotel. Coming to the subject of the meeting, he argued there was nothing whatever antagonistic to the ancient rules, charges, or constitution of the Order of Freemasonry in the means they adopted for the purpose of conveying instruction to each other. There was no more fit occupation for Freemasons than to meet together as a Club, and talk over their principles, tenets, and ceremonies, and mutually to explain to each other their different significations. Besides, it was one of the best methods of making the young Officers who came amongst them proficient in the discharge of their respective offices. The toast was most cordially received, and the President in acknowledging the compliment paid to him expressed his practical acquaintance with all the vicissitudes through which the club had passed. During the time he had been its Preceptor they had some very good meetings, varied, of course, by indifferent attendance,

but he ventured to predicate the future meetings of the club would be such as would be an honour to any Preceptor to preside over. He should always have pleasure in doing his utmost to promote the welfare of the club, it was a school to which many were indebted for their first knowledge of Masonry. He expressed his earnest conviction that as time went on it would regain its wonted vigour and become worthy of all the exertions they could bestow upon it. Bro. H. Webb jun. then proposed, in felicitous terms, the health of the Visitors, and in replying to the toast with which his name was associated, Bro. Morgan made some sharp allusions to the "rough and tumble" manner in which the work was done at many of the Lodges of Instruction, where some of the attendants seemed to think the desired end was attained by rushing through the three ceremonies in the course of the evening, and taking some four or five of the sections by way of giving zest to their appetites for what they considered Masonic knowledge. He urged that instruction could be much better imparted were the brethren to insist upon the several helpers in the work keeping well to the point, and going back time after time until they were enabled to get through perfectly what was required of them. He was acquainted with many members of the Craft who had obtained their knowledge of Masonic ritual by attending this Club of Instruction, and he could freely state those he referred to were a credit to their Preceptors. On behalf of the Visitors, Brother Morgan thanked the members for the very pleasant and enjoyable evening they had spent. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Vice-Presidents, Bros. James Stevens P.M. (Installing Master) Senior V.P., and William Webb W.M. Jun. V.P. In doing so, he acknowledged with thanks the manner in which Bro. Stevens had discharged the important functions of Installing Master, and it was no empty compliment to say that during his very long Masonic experience he had seldom heard it more efficiently rendered. The Vice-Presidents responded in a few happily chosen sentences. Several other toasts followed—the health of the Secretary (Bro. T. B. Humphrey) and that of the Director of Ceremonies (Bro. John Syer), the Press, the Host, Bro. T. Butt, and finally that of our Distressed Brethren. During the evening some capital songs were given, and our genial Brother Seymour Smith gave happy illustration of his musical abilities, both vocal and instrumental. Bro. Prime gave a splendid rendering of the "Old Sexton," to which Bro. Smith's accompaniment was very effective.

THE RECENT CAMBRIDGE LOCAL EXAMINATION.

A SUMMARY of the results of this Examination, which appeared in our issue of the 22nd ult., was sufficiently gratifying to the Fraternity in a general sense, but at the request of many of the brethren interested, we are induced to give a few more details, such as must be conducive to the satisfaction of the subscribers and friends of our excellent Masonic Charities. In the first class, in which pupils from upwards of forty-five schools were examined, and outside the Boys' Masonic School, candidates from only six of that number obtain first-class honours. From our Boys' School there were fourteen candidates, and of these no less than nine obtained first honours, viz.:—Daveyport, Abingdon, distinguished for English and French; J. H. Moon, Bristol, for Latin; Sage, Atherstone, for Latin; E. R. Ralling, Colchester, for English; J. J. Hazel and P. K. Heavyside, Darlington; H. E. V. Pinson, Norwich; S. H. Sargaut, Reigate; and H. J. Wellington, Lincoln. In the second class three passed meritoriously, namely, E. L. Price, W. B. Evans, and F. C. Gates, all of London. In the third class J. E. Battye, of Huddersfield; and H. M. Fenemore, of Canterbury, were successful. Thus it will be seen that of the fourteen boys sent up from our School none failed, nine taking first honours, three second class, and two third. Considering that the picked pupils out of forty-five Schools (London Main Centre) were examined, these results must be highly gratifying to our Masonic brethren, evidencing the superior care which is taken in the education and training of the boys. Only fifteen candidates out of the London Main Centre got into the first class, and those were distributed over six schools. Of these fifteen first class honours, the Royal Masonic boys obtained nine places, leaving the remaining six to be shared by the other five schools.

The *East Anglian Daily Times* writes:—"We are glad to hear that as the result of our paragraph announcing that thirteen out of fourteen of the girls of the Masonic Schools had passed the Cambridge Local Examinations, a Suffolk brother has offered to take the fourteen competitors with two attendants to a grand morning concert, to be given at St. James's Hall, London, in May next, in aid of the funds of the new Hospital for Women, 222, Marylebone-road, London."

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A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers of this Institution will be held in the Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Saturday, 12th of April, at Twelve o'clock precisely, on the General Business of the Institution, to consider the following notice of motion, and to elect 18 Girls into the School by ballot, from a list of 46 approved Candidates. The Election will commence at One o'clock (or after the usual business is over) and close at Three o'clock precisely.

By Bro. R. B. Webster, Vice-Pres.: "That the name of Harriet Emily Hood be struck off the List of Elected Candidates."

** The name of Edith Corral Williams, No. 24 on the List, has been withdrawn.

F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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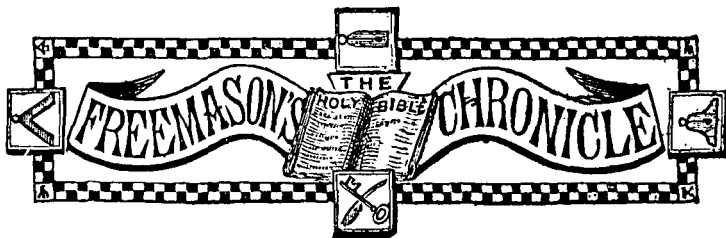
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ON Wednesday last, under the banner of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, the annual meeting of the West Yorkshire Prov. Grand Lodge took place in the Masonic Hall, Huddersfield, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., assisted by Deputy Prov. G.M. Brother Tew, and a large array of Prov. Grand Officers. Only six Lodges out of sixty-six in the Province were unrepresented, the attendance numbering about 250. The customary salutations having been tendered to the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy, Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. Grand Master, after congratulating the brethren upon the progress and success of Masonry in the Province said:—"When last I occupied this chair, it was for a few brief moments, on the occasion of the assembly of the brethren to render a tribute of respect to the memory of a virtuous brother and excellent Mason, and to pay our last homage to departed worth. No one who looks around this hall can fail to be struck with the portraits of many administrators in the Craft in this Province, and how well you have invoked the painter's skill to adorn your walls with the likenesses of the rulers and governors of our Order. Let us imitate their virtues, and follow in their footsteps, and practise the lofty principles of these builders and founders of our institutions, whose resemblances you have been pleased to perpetuate with such fidelity. Moreover, when I examine the roll of this Lodge, I find the names of a large number of Past Masters, the majority of whom have been thought worthy at various times to hold different offices in this Provincial Grand Lodge. No brother who reads the names of those who form your list of Past Masters, no one who notes the record of their services, can doubt that the Masonic work they have accomplished has been done for this Lodge under the most able guidance, and has been of a thoroughly solid and satisfactory character. The latest illustration of your principles is the generous contribution of nearly £90 to the "Bentley Shaw Memorial Fund Presentation," and £50 to the "Aged Freemasons' and Widows' Annuity Fund;" and further, the Worshipful Master has set a good example by making himself a Steward at the annual Festivals of the Girls' and Boys' Institutions, accompanied by a donation to each of these Masonic Schools. This Lodge of Harmony is, as it were, the centre of a Masonic system. Where we meet to-day we are surrounded by other Lodges of planetary brilliancy. Thus we see with what success Freemasonry has ramified and increased until this part of West Yorkshire is covered with Masonic institutions, after the same pattern as our central institution, the Grand Lodge of England; and the importance which is represented by the brethren and friends I see gathered around me; and by the lists of the Lodges, which testify to the number of novitiates who, under your auspices, are entering Freemasonry and the world of geometric science and of moral culture. Since we met under the Friendly Lodge, I and my Deputy, Brother Tew, attended the Festival on the 12th February of the Aged Freemasons and Widows, in the Freemasons' Hall. We supported our gallant friend and neighbour the Provincial Grand Master of East Lancashire, when the largest sum collected within those walls was announced; and, in consequence, at the meeting of the Committee of this Institution, the following day, it gave my Deputy and our Secretary, who were present, the satisfaction to acquaint me that the number of vacancies for widows was increased from six to sixteen. (Applause.) As the chairman of our charity will shortly inform us, this Province has one widow and two aged men candidates for our sympathies. This augmentation of admission will give our voting power and our efforts a far higher prospect of success for these worthy but unfortunate claimants on our benevolence. Our chairman and vice-chairman have laboured earnestly for us, and will do their best at the elections. We hope their efforts will be rewarded with success. When we last assembled at Barnsley we offered our sympathies to Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen on the death of her daughter her Royal Highness the Princess Alice. To-day it is our duty to express our felicitations towards the same royal lady on her acquisition of a royal daughter-in-law. His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught

who, on the day of his installation of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Master of England, was described by our royal Grand Master as the youngest entered apprentice in the Craft, has been united in marriage to the Princess Louise Marguerite of Prussia. We offer the congratulations of the Craft in this Province, not only to her Majesty, the Patroness of our Order, but also to the newly-wedded royal couple. May this bride and bridegroom realise the heartfelt aspirations of the Craft that there will be a most ample fulfilment of the promise ratified in the ancient chapel of St. George, at Windsor, of a happy and contented married life. (Applause.) Our Poet Laureate has said of his typical English Margaret—

From the westward-winding flood,
From the evening lighted wood,
From all things you have won,
A tearful grace as though you stood
Between the rainbow and the sun.

The new English Margaret has indeed a tearful grace, and on Thursday the 13th March, in St. George's Chapter, this royal lady stood indeed "between the rainbow and the sun." (Applause.) The time has again come round when I must part officially with most of the acting Provincial Grand Lodge Officers, and select others to fill their chairs for the coming year. The demands upon the services of these retiring brethren have been indeed excessive during the year just closing. I thank all the outgoing Officers for their zeal, and the ready performance, of their, at times, difficult duties; and, perhaps, more particularly the Registrar, on whose time, patience, and legal knowledge this province has largely drawn. But in the annual constitutional change of officers comes the most difficult, onerous, and disagreeable of my duties—so many worthy brethren on whom I should like to confer Provincial Grand Lodge recognition, and so few official favours to bestow. I always approach this duty with difficulty, anxiety, and delicacy, viz:—Out of a long list, yearly increasing in number, to select names for the ensuing year of the most energetic, able, and zealous Past Masters. Those brethren, therefore, who shortly will receive from me the appointment of office must, under the difficult circumstances by which I am surrounded, accept even the lowest office it is in my power to offer them as the equivalent of the highest position in the Craft. It is not by placing you in a chair that I can best confer recognition on your Masonic labours. I want you to feel your work in the Craft is far more precious than that which Lodge rank confers. It is because your labours and generosity cause your names to be respected in every Lodge, it is because you give to your Masonic work something which to my mind is far more precious and rare than the mere merit of the apron of Provincial Grand Lodge—intelligence, and the single-hearted devotion of a well-spent Masonic life, I thank you all, and honour these Past Masters because they have helped the Lodges within and the brethren without, and because they have touched the chords which have evoked the impulses of benevolence and charity towards others who could not without assistance help themselves, either within or outside the walls of the Lodge. It is for their mental and administrative endowments I appreciate and recognise and thank them most; for their examples of fortitude, prudence, and justice. The best of endowments and the most enduring reward they can possess is the memory they leave in their Lodges, which impels those who come after them to strenuous efforts and exalted aims. I accept the invitation of the Scarborough Lodge, No. 1214, to meet at Batley in October, the place of the next Provincial Grand Lodge gathering. In consequence of the depression of trade, and other matters which I named at Barnsley, at the last quarterly meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge, I deem it inexpedient this year to hold an intermediate quarterly meeting in July. Bro. Tow, Deputy Provincial Grand Master, also addressed the brethren, joining in expressions of gratitude to the retiring Officers, especially paying a compliment to the zealous, genial, and able manner in which Bro. Malcolm had discharged the duties of Provincial Grand Registrar, an office which had largely trespassed on his time during the past year. In the course of the day the Provincial Grand Master, in the name of the Provincial Grand Lodge, presented Bro. Malcolm with a handsome jewel, as some slight but permanent recognition of his services, and expressed the pleasure he felt in pinning it on his breast. Bro. Malcolm briefly acknowledged the gift, but felt he had done no more than his duty as a Mason.

GRAND MASONIC BALL IN JAPAN.

WE read in the *Japan Gazette* an account of a brilliant *réunion* which took place at Yokohama, under most successful auspices, on the 20th January last. The ball-room was decorated with exquisite taste, each panel of the side walls serving as a frame for a Masonic emblem in evergreen, whilst between them were hung tiny silk banners, which produced a very pretty effect. The room was brilliantly lighted by six large chandeliers, suspended from the high-pitched roof in the form of a double triangle, and by candelabra placed at frequent intervals against the walls. The powerful band of the Leipzig, which had been kindly granted by Captain Paschen, was placed outside one of the windows, and played a capital selection of dance-music with unflagging energy. The company began to arrive soon after half-past eight o'clock, and by the time that the pleasures of the ball were at their height the scene presented was picturesque and animated in the extreme. Nearly eighty ladies were present—a number, we believe, never before equalled on a similar occasion in Yokohama—and the toilettes were of the most brilliant description. The American and German naval officers, both hosts and guests, appeared in uniform, while the usual sables of the civilian brethren were relieved with aprons and collars of divers degrees of splendour. The Masonic costumes were most various, comprising the simple aprons of the Master Masons, the

sashes of the Royal Arch, the swords of the Templars, the "purple" of the District Grand Officers, and the magnificent gold collar of the D. G. Master, who wore an apron adorned with the lotus and pomogranate in heavy gold embroidery. His Excellency Sir Harry S. Parkes and Bro. Stevens the United States *Chargé d'Affaires*, and nearly all the foreign consuls were present; Bro. Stevens, as well as several of the consuls, appeared in the insignia of the Fraternity. At midnight a sumptuous supper was partaken of, and just before the ladies left the room the gentlemen thronged in and filled the space round and outside the doorway while the District Grand Master of the English Constitution (Bro. Dallas) proposed the toast of the evening, "Our Sovereigns, our Presidents, and the Craft." The introductory toast having been duly honoured, he went on somewhat briefly to propose the healths of "Our Guests, both ladies and gentlemen," thanking them for having come in such numbers and for having so heartily contributed to make the Masonic ball a success. Quoting the words of an old Masonic song,

"No mortal can more the ladies adore,
Than a Free and Accepted Mason,"

he said that it did not follow that every "free and accepted" could adequately propose their health. He confessed his own inability, but it weighed on him lightly as with the dazzling galaxy of beauty then present to speak for itself, words from him were unnecessary. With a few words of thanks and good wishes he left the toast in the hands of his brother Masous, but first called for three cheers for the ladies. These were given rapturously and the toast was drunk with enthusiasm. Sir Harry Parkes responded in a most appropriate speech that was frequently interrupted by applause. He complimented and congratulated the Fraternity on the success of the ball, but complained on behalf of the ladies that they would go away with no more knowledge of the secrets and mysteries of the Order than they possessed before. He had always understood that good feeling and hospitality were special characteristics of the Order, and what he had seen this evening only confirmed him in that belief. He thought that so numerous a company with so large a proportion of ladies had never been collected before in Yokohama, and added that he could not better thank the hosts of the evening than by expressing a hope on the part of all the guests that the Fraternity would at some future time repeat their most successful entertainment. After supper, dancing was resumed with great spirit; a little after two o'clock the Tokio guests left to catch their special train, but at three the rooms were still full, and a little before four o'clock there were some twenty couples left to finish the ball with Sir Roger de Coverley. Altogether we may say that a more successful ball has never been seen here, and it made experienced ball-goers almost fancy that they were back in Europe.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

SATURDAY, 5th APRIL.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
198—Percy Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction.)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
149—Peace, Private Rooms, Molfham.
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
1223—Ainhe. st, Kings Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent.
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester.

MONDAY, 7th APRIL.

45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
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.)
701—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
1230—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors.
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath.
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven.
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham.
151—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield.
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth.
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge.
333—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire.
331—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen.
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors.
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields.
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge.
452—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth, Staffordshire.
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead.
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
691—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
837—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury.
850—St. Oswald, Assembly Rooms, Ashbourne, Derbyshire.
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
1015—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire.
1050—Gundulph, Kings' Head Hotel, Rochester.
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster.
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire.
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, York.
1121—St. Oswald, Wynnastay Arms Hotel, Oswestry.
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham.
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds.
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold.
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington.
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales.
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle.
 R. A. 262—Salopian, Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury.
 R. A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds.
 M. M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.
 R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

TUESDAY, 8th APRIL.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, The London, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden.
 R. A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.0.
 93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich.
 117—Wynnstey, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley.
 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.
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon.
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne. (Instr.)
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 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.
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury.
 728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford.
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup.
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak, Leominster.
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport.
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge.
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington.
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks.
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex.
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc.
 1522—Olicana, Crescent Hotel, Ilkley.
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon.
 1597—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle.
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
 1713—T. Abraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool.
 R. A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley.
 R. A. 299—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.
 R. A. 452—Frederick of Unity, Greyhound Hotel, Croydon.
 R. A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 R. A. 753—Bridgewater, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire.
 M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
 R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 9th APRIL.

Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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, Crowdale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
 731—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.)
 1041—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
 1135—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—Burlitt Coutts, Salmon and Bull, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finshury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood.
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Haycock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1553—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. (Instruction.)
 M. M.—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale.
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent.
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hall, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire.
 214—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 225—St. Luke, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich.
 274—Tranquillity, Bear'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.
 357—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley.
 483—Sympathy, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick.
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon.
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop.
 666—Benevolence, Private Room, Prince Town, Dartmoor, Devon.
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton.
 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond.
 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.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1091—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading.
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 1398—Baldwin, The Castle, Dalton-in-Furness.
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk.
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7.0. (Instruction.)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Staffs.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Heblurn-on-Tyne.
 1645—Colno Valley, Lowisham Hotel, Slaithwaite.
 1797—South Down, Music Room, Hurstpierpoint.
 R. A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott.
 R. A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington.
 R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M. M. 145—Constantino, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 10th APRIL.

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, E.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington.
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
 1553—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Henrietta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
 R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R. A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Bailey.
 991—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 Hotel, 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.
 1457—Bagsbaw, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst-hill.
 1514—Thornhill, Dearn House, Lindley, Huddersfield.
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
 R. A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 R. A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Helidon Bridge.
 R. A. 337—Confidence, Private Rooms, Commercial Inn, Uppermill.
 R. A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 K. T. 53—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dowsbury.

SATURDAY, 12th APRIL.

Quarterly General Court, Girl's School, Freemason's Hall, at 12.
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1607—Loyalty, Alexandra Palace, Muswell Hill.
 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.
 1415—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing.
 1637—Unity, De Burgh Hotel, West Drayton, Middlesex.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held its meeting on Monday, at Bro. Spurgin's, the Sportsman, City-road, presided over by Bro. Hallam sen. W.M., assisted by Bros. Gyer S.W., Sillis J.W., Wing acting Preceptor, Fenner Sec., W. Rowley S.D., J. W. Smith J.D., Willison I.G.; also Bros. Weeden, J. Milington, F. R. Callow, Droscher, Percy, Trewinnard, Gibbs, Edmunds, Hirst, and Spurgeon. Bro. Droscher, having answered the questions satisfactorily, was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed by the W.M. in a very excellent manner, Bro. Droscher acting as candidate. Bro. Droscher proved his efficiency as a F.C., and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, the traditional history being given, Bro. Droscher acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the third section of the lecture,

assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed down to the first degree, when, on the proposition of Bro. Fenner, it was unanimously resolved that the invitation of the Pinsbury Park Lodge of Instruction to this Lodge of Instruction to work the Fifteen Sections on the last Wednesday in April, be accepted. Bro. Gyer was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, after which the brethren separated.

Angel Lodge, No. 51.—The monthly meeting was held on Tuesday evening last, at Colchester. Present—W. Bro. Alfred Welch P.M. as W.M., W. P. Lewis P.M. S.W., John J. C. Turner J.W., T. J. Ralling Sec., G. Mercer S.D., H. H. Costobadie J.D., W. Sowman Steward, J. F. Ralling I.G., S. Munson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. A. E. Church, C. O. G. Becker, W. Rickey, and several visitors and members of the Lodge. The business of the evening was a raising and initiation, both of which were conducted in the acting W.M.'s well-known perfect manner. It was decided that the votes of the Lodge for the Masonic Schools should be given to the friends of Mabel Harrison Tipper. Some five-and-twenty brethren afterwards met around the festive board, and a very happy evening was spent. The health of the absent W.M. (who has recently been called upon business to the Cape of Good Hope) was heartily drunk, with best wishes for his safe and happy return.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. Hallam W.M., Pownceby S.W., Soper J.W., Dickens Sec., White S.D., Sandle J.D., Gower I.G. Past Master Bro. Bingemann Preceptor; Bros. Tate, Brown, Dodson, Cornu, Gilruth, Sanders, Tranter, Snodin, and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gardner being the candidate. The first, fourth, and part of the third sections were worked. The bye laws, as revised, were read and confirmed. Bro. Gardner was elected a member. Bro. T. B. Dodson was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and will work the ceremony of Installation. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony.

Manchester Lodge, No. 179.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 20th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. Bros. D. M. Belfrage W.M., Lovett S.W., Green J.W., W. Hopekirk P.M. Treas., Hughes P.M. Sec., Pugsley S.D., Dettmar J.D., Brown I.G., Osmond D.C., Millward Asst. D.C., Parsons W.S., P.M.'s Kew, Berry, Benet. The Visitors were Bros. Mullord 1288, Rodmell 1248, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Bryant and Baldwin were passed to the second degree in a very impressive manner. The petition of the widow of a brother of the Lodge was accredited to the Grand Lodge of Benevolence. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet provided by Bro. F. Clemow. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bros. Millward and Millard singing the solo verses of the National Anthem. Bro. Rosser sang a very excellent song. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Bros. Mallord, Rodwell and H. M. Levy replied. Bro. Kew P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., whose working had been fully recognised in Freemasonry. No member of the Lodge but would say that they were proud of having such a W.M. He not only knew his duties in the chair, but also presided over the brethren in a genial manner. He hoped they would accord the toast the welcome it merited. The W.M. thanked the brethren for their expressions, and hoped to be among them not only during his year of office, but as a P.M., to rank with them, and to be associated with them for many years. Before resuming the chair, he would ask them to drink the toast of the Past Master, all of whom were deserving their regard. He would couple with the toast the names of two brethren—Bro. Benet, who was Steward for the R.M.I.B., and Bro. W. Hopekirk P.M. and Treasurer, who was a Steward for the R.M.I.G. They were deserving of regard and esteem. Bro. C. Parker here sang "Harry Bluff." Bro. Kew P.M. returned thanks for the toast, and said all required of the P.M.'s would be given. Bro. W. Hopekirk followed, and spoke of the Charities. He hoped the P.M.'s performed their duties to the satisfaction of the brethren, and pointed out what Freemasonry had done for the noble Charities; and he hoped that every brother would be a donor or subscriber. Bro. Benet said this was the second time he had been Steward. The brethren had supported him on a former occasion, and he trusted they would not now desert him. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Officers of the Lodge, whom he might aptly designate as the future Masters. Bro. Parsons S.W. returned thanks, and then the Tyler's toast was given.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction was held on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—Bros. Byott W.M., Braund S.W., Ferris J.W., Percy Precept., Fenner Sec., R. H. Halford Treas., Gibbs S.D., Powell J.D., J. Millington I.G., also Bros. Williams, C. Lorkin, J. Lorkin, Hunt, Mackie, Ross, Parkes, Trewinnard, Garrod, and Peace. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Williams acting as candidate. Bro. Ross having given proofs of his efficiency was entrusted. The Lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, with Bro. Ross as candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in a manner which reflected great credit on the W.M., it being his maiden attempt in this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the second, and Bro. Percy the third, sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of this lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Braund was appointed W.M. for this Saturday. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his services in the chair for the first time in this Lodge, after which the brethren adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday last, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present—Bros. Thos. B. Biddle W.M., Thomas W. C. Bash S.W., D. Moss J.W., Bush Treas., J. K. Pitt Sec., William Woodward S.D., J. E. Fells J.D., J. M. Hunt I.G., and H. Patmore J.W. 228, Andrew, Walker. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Andrews acting as candidate. Bro. Moss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Bush was elected W.M. for next Wednesday, at seven o'clock.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Met at the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on 21st March, when the Officers of the mother Lodge took their respective positions to rehearse for 28th ult. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed and signed. Lodge was opened successively in the three degrees, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of initiation and raising in a very impressive manner, Bro. Botley acting as candidate in each instance. Between the ceremonies there was refreshment. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Friday, 4th April, at half past seven. The Hon. Secretary takes this opportunity of informing the brethren and intending visitors that the Lodge of Instruction will not be held on Good Friday.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday evening last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Lovelock S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Clark S.D., Christian J.D., Carr I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; Bros. Brasted, Collins, Wardell, Richardson, C. Lorkin and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Polak candidate. Bro. Dallas worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Lovelock was elected W.M. for next Tuesday.

Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, No. 1044.—A meeting was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, on Tuesday last. Bro. W. A. Blackmore was the W.M., and there were also present Bros. J. Frost S.W., P. V. Denham J.W., J. J. Holland S.D., H. J. Newens J.D., F. Reed I.G.; and W. A. Morgan, J. G. Carter, C. Digby, J. Sanders and A. A. Denham. Bro. Hunt was a visitor from the Beaconsfield Lodge. The W.M. worked the first degree, Bro. Morgan being the candidate. The W.M.'s chair was then taken by Bro. C. Digby (the W.M. of the Doric Lodge), who went through the ceremony of raising Bro. Hunt, which was done in a perfect manner. Bro. P. V. Denham, pursuant to notice, moved as to the disposal of the funds now in hand. He suggested that a portion should be spent in giving Bro. J. G. Carter some token for the benefit he had conferred on the brethren as Preceptor, and that a banquet, to celebrate the occasion, should be held. Bro. Carter, with becoming modesty, declined to accept a testimonial paid out of the funds, as he thought they should be devoted to the Charities. Bro. W. A. Morgan hinted that the better course would be for the brethren to subscribe, and this was agreed to. Bro. P. V. Denham proposed, Bro. A. A. Denham seconded, and it was carried, "That a banquet be held of the members at a convenient date." It was resolved, upon a motion by Bro. J. J. Holland, seconded by Bro. C. Digby, that the Lodge adjourn from the last Tuesday in April to the first Tuesday in September.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning-town, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Andrews W.M., Pavitt S.W., Worsley J.W., W. J. Smith S.I., Spencer J.D., Thorman I.G.; also Bros. Johnson, Watkins, Vest, Dixon, Sadler, Pullen, Calverley, Dunsmore, Musto P.M. Preceptor, W. Hogg Hon. Sec. The minutes of the last meeting, held at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, 7th February 1878, were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was worked by the W.M., Bro. Johnson acting as candidate. The following brethren were then proposed by Bro. S.W., and seconded by Bro. Musto P.M. Preceptor, carried unanimously:—Bros. Dunsmore 1382, Sadler 860, Spencer 1076, West 933, Smith 860, Watkins 1076. Bro. Wright having notified his resignation as Treasurer of the Lodge, it was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. Worsley, that Bro. Pavitt be elected Treasurer—this was unanimously carried. Bros. Worsley, Smith, and Watkins were then elected as a Committee to revise the bye-laws of this Lodge of Instruction. It was proposed by Bro. Musto, and seconded by Bro. J.W., that Bro. S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week, and this was carried unanimously. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was adjourned until Tuesday next.

Tyndall Lodge, No. 1363.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd April, at the Lodge Room, Chipping Sodbury. Present—Bros. E. Crossman W.M., Wm. Tucker S.W., J. P. Curtis Sec., T. Tinsley S.D., J. Naysmith J.D., Hy. Young D.C., C. Newman I.G., Chas. Hles Tyler, James Payne Curtis I.P.M., and a number of brethren. Visitor—Bros. P.M. Besley 855. Bro. R. N. Hooper was passed to the second degree. Bro. T. G. Seymour was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The following resolution was carried unanimously:—"That each W.M. on taking office shall subscribe to the Tyndall Benevolent Fund the sum of £1 1s; Wardens, 10s 6d each; Secretary and Treasurer, Deacons and Inner Guard, 7s 6d each." Brother Crossman W. Master then presented a Past Master's jewel to the I.P.M. Brother James Payne Curtis, in recognition of his valuable services during his year of office. This was suitably acknowledged. A resolution was passed to invite the neighbouring Lodge, No. 855, to visit the Tyndall at its next regular night of meeting in May. The Lodge was then closed at 9.20.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

PROSPERITY LODGE, No. 65.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 27th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, and was numerously attended by brethren and visitors. The chair was occupied by the W.M., Bro. Brown, and there were also present:—Bros. G. Burgo S.W., E. W. Braine J.W., Goodwin Treasurer, E. E. Ferry Secretary, Sim P.M. S.D., Chick J.D., Roberts I.G., P.M.'s Bros. A. L. Leins, Carruthers, C. Daniel, Davoy, Arnold, Chivers, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Bro. H. Caton was passed to the second degree in a very perfect manner by the W.M. Bro. T. E. Bush 454 D.G.P., of Christchurch, New Zealand, was elected a joining member. The auditors' report was read and adopted. A board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. C. Daniel P.M., who was elected for the second time to fill the chair by the unanimous votes of the brethren, was inducted into that office by the retiring W.M., Bro. Brown, in a very perfect, impressive, and solemn manner, in the presence of twenty W.M.'s and P.M.'s. The customary salutations having been given, the W.M. invested his Officers:—Bros. Ferry S.W., Chicken J.W., Goodwin P.M. Treas., Brown I.P.M. Sec., Roberts S.D., Shadler J.D., Robinson I.G., Liens P.M. D.C., Rich Asst. D.C., Wall W.S., Speight P.M. Tyler. The W.M., in appointing the Officers, made some very pertinent remarks. In investing Bro. Ferry as S.W., he alluded to the able manner in which he had discharged his duties of Secretary—a manner in every respect to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Bro. Brown, Treas., announced his intention to act as Steward at the next anniversary Festival for the Boys' School, and he hoped the brethren would support him. Bro. Goodwin P.M. proposed that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge funds, to be placed on his list, which was carried. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, eighty-two in number, sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, that gave great satisfaction. The W.M. proposed the usual loyal and Masonic toasts in very eloquent terms. Bro. Brown I.P.M. then said it was with great pleasure he had to propose the toast of the Worshipful Master. It could not be enhanced by any words of his. They had seen how he had performed the duties of the chair. On a former occasion, having so ably discharged those duties, the brethren had thought fit to elect him for the second time. He was sure his year of office would be a success second only to the year in which he had previously occupied the chair. Bro. Goodchild very humorously sang the "Spelling Bee." The W.M., in reply, thanked the I.P.M. for the flattering terms in which he had spoken of him, and said he intended to do all he could for their comfort in the ensuing year, the same as he did when he previously occupied the chair. His greatest pleasure would be to hear, on relinquishing that office, that he had left it with the approbation of all the brethren. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors; there were about twenty-five present, several of whom were well known in the Craft. They were honoured that night with their presence. He would call on Bro. Marks G.M. Lodge No. 1, Bro. Butt P.M., and H. W. O. Levy P.M. Bro. Roberts then sang a very capital song. Bros. Marks, Butt, and H. W. O. Levy severally responded, and complimented the W.M. on his genial presidency and hospitality, and the able manner in which the I.P.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. The W.M. proposed the toast of the I.P.M. Bro. Brown. No one could have listened to the ceremony of Installation, rendered so impressively, but must have been pleased. With great pleasure he had to present that worthy Bro. with a P.M. jewel; in the name of the Lodge, he placed it on his breast, hoping he might live long to wear it. In addition to that, he had to present a very elegant gold watch and chain, the unanimous gift of the brethren to his amiable wife; and he was sure she would appreciate it as a present from those by whom her worthy husband was respected. Bro. Clegg sang the next song. Bro. Brown thanked the brethren for the valuable gifts, and fully appreciated their kindness, not only to him, but to his dear wife; he was proud to rank as a P.M. of the Lodge, and nothing would be wanting on his part in that capacity to conduce to the prosperity of the Lodge. It would be a pleasant surprise to his wife. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; he was pleased at seeing around him so many old and tried friends. They being old made them more valued and respected; he could not particularise them, as they were all worthy. Bro. Arnold P.M., in very excellent terms, responded to the toast proposed by Bros. Leins and Brown. The W.M. then proposed the Masonic Charities. They must not forget these. He hoped the Lodge would never let a year pass without sending up a Steward. They had Bro. Brown, who had undertaken the office of Steward; they should support him, and further all the Charities. He coupled with the toast "Success to the Lodge of Instruction," which was held at Bro. Maidwell's, Leadenhall-street. There good Masonic instruction could be obtained. Bro. Maidwell was present; he attended to their comforts, and afforded them instruction; and Bro. Holland was the Secretary, and all he did was for the good of the Lodge of Instruction. Bros. Maidwell and Holland responded to the toast in very excellent terms. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Officers; he hoped the selection he had made met with their approval. The Officers having severally responded, Bro. Martin gave a very capital recitation of the "Battle of Waterloo," after which the Tyler's toast was given; and the brethren separated. Among the Visitors were Bros. D. Moss 1275, Birch 1651, Marfleet P.M. 217, Linsey 1632, Holland P.M. 1321, Marsh P.M. 9, B. Picking P.M. 1327 late 65, T. Maidwell P.M. 27, King 27, Thompson 185, King P.M. 1227, Barker 860, Clegg 1257 Cruikshank 1777, Rickman 890, Martin No. 1, D. Reid 415, Butt 837, H. W. O. Levy P.M. 188.

SCIENTIFIC LODGE, No. 840.

THE installation ceremony was held at the Victoria Hotel, Wolverton, on Monday 17th ult. Bro. A. Culverhouse was duly installed W.M., the ceremony of installation being ably performed by Bro. R. Hales, P.P.J.G.W. The newly-installed W.M. then proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bro. Large S.W., Bro. Fady J.W., Bro. Longstaff S.D., Bro. Wade J.D., Bro. Mackey I.G., Bro. Hamilton Steward, and Bro. Bonser Tyler. The business ended, the members adjourned to the banqueting room, where the arrangements were carried out with much taste, indicating that nothing could be wanting on the part of Bro. Hicks and his staff of assistants to make the banquet a success. The *menu* was excellent, well prepared, and included some very choice and dainty dishes. The catering was simply perfection, and as a consequence was thoroughly appreciated by the large number of brethren present. About 48 sat down to the repast, including the W.M. elect and his Officers, Bro. E. Cox, P. P. G.S.W., Northants and Hunts; Bro. Jacob and Bro. Simmons, Northants and Hunts; Bro. J. McCubbin, P. J. G. W., Berks and Bucks; Bro. R. Hales, P.P.J.G.W., Berks and Bucks; Bro. the Rev. F.W. Harnett, P.P.G.C., Berks and Bucks; Bro. R. King, P.P.G.S.B., Berks and Bucks; Bro. C. Aveline, P.P.G.D.C., Berks and Bucks; Bro. W. H. Robinson, P.P.G.P., Berks and Bucks; Bro. J. Reeve, P.P.G.S.B., Berks and Bucks; Bro. E. Revill, P.G.P., Berks and Bucks; Bro. Elmes, W.M., Watling Street Lodge, Stony Stratford; Bro. J. R. Wilmer, W.M., SS. Peter and Paul's Lodge, Newport Pagnell, &c., &c. The toasts of "The Queen and Craft," "The Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales," "The Earls of Carnarvon and Skelmersdale, and the other Grand Officers," "The Right Worshipful the Provincial Grand Master of Berks and Bucks, Sir Daniel Gooch," and "The Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge," were duly honoured, the latter being coupled with the name of Bro. McCubbin, who suitably acknowledged the compliment.—The Rev. F. W. Harnett said he rose to perform a very pleasing duty—to lay down his work and give it to his neighbour. They had installed Bro. A. Culverhouse in the chair, and from what he and they knew of him, he was quite sure he would wisely perform the duties appertaining to that office. He had great regard for Bro. Culverhouse as a man; for his disposition, and for his constant attention to everything that belonged to the things of this life. He believed him to be a most fitting person to be at the head of a Freemasons' Lodge, and therefore in proposing his health would ask them to wish him prosperity, health, happiness and success.—The toast was well received and heartily responded to.—The W.M., in reply, thanked the immediate P.M., the Rev. F. W. Harnett, for the very kind way in which he had mentioned his name, although he thought too many kind things had been said about him. The remarks, however, would encourage him to further zeal in promoting the business connected with the Lodge. He was glad to have secured their good opinion that evening, and hoped at the end of his year of office he might still merit the same opinion. He knew there was a large amount of work to do, but he felt secure in the knowledge that the elected Officers would render him every assistance in their power, and if occasion required the P.M.'s would willingly help him through his duties; and as "One good turn deserves another," he could not do better than propose his health. This he did most heartily, for he was sure Bro. Harnett had done much to render "The Scientific Lodge" a successful one; and as a small token of respect, esteem, and love in which he was held by the Lodge, he would present him with a Past Master's Jewel.—The Rev. Bro. briefly replied, and alluded to the importance of Masonry in general.—The toast of "The Visitors" was given, and replied to by Bro. J. R. Wilmer, W.M.—The W.M. proposed the health of Bro. R. Hales, and spoke in eulogistic terms of his ability as a Mason, and cordially thanked him for the important assistance he had rendered in the day's proceedings.—Bro. Hales briefly responded. "The Masonic Charities" was given, coupled with the name of Bro. E. Cox, who made a lengthy speech in behalf of those valuable institutions, which had made such important and useful progress during the last few years.—Harmony was then the order of the evening, which was thoroughly enjoyed.—*Croydon's Weekly Standard*.

CORINTHIAN LODGE, No. 1382.

THE installation of the W.M. Bro. J. Delves, took place at the George Hotel, Millwall Dock, on Wednesday, the 16th March. Bro. Spelt was raised to the sublime degree of a M.M., after which the installing of W.M. was proceeded with. Bro. B. Carter, of Stratford, performed the ceremony, and did so in such an efficient manner that it called forth the unanimous eulogiums of the P.M.'s and brethren. The Officers appointed were as follows:—Bros. Hodges S.W., W. Millington J.W., Shabloo P.M. Chaplain, Carnelly P.M. Treas., Smith P.M. Sec., E. Deacon S.D., Whalley J.D., Stapleton I.G., Bennett P.M. D.C., Leserell W.S., Millett Organist, W. Shyes P.M. Tyler. The banquet was placed upon the table by Bro. host Clark in a manner that reflected the highest credit on his catering. The toasts were given in rapid succession, in consequence of the lateness of the hour. The replies were concise and pointed. After a very happy and harmonious meeting, the Tyler's toast closed this auspicious meeting. Bro. M. Sherwin Organist 1076, 1172 and others, presided at the harmonium during the ceremony, and accompanied on the pianoforte during the convivial proceedings of the evening.

CALLENDER LODGE, No. 1052.

THE regular monthly meeting was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 18th ult. Present —Bros. W. Slade W.M., Samuel Davies I.P.M., Arthur Hines S.W., Samuel Warburton J.W., C. M. Booth Secretary, R. E. Johnson P.M.

Treasurer, Thos. Fallows S.D., Wm. Duncan J.D., Geo. Pescott I.G., Jas. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Daniel Edwards, Daniel Langridge, and Bros. A. W. Youings, A. R. Ontram, T. J. Palford, S. Wrigley, R. White, R. Walker, &c. Visitors—W. D. Waddell 163, T. R. Stephens 152, J. L. Aspland W.M. 633, H. H. Warburton P.M. 163, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c. The Lodge was opened with solemn prayer, and the minutes of last regular meeting read and confirmed. The Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and finally worked up to the third, when the sublime degree of M.M. was conferred on Bro. T. J. Palford. The Lodge resumed business in the first, and the W.M. announced that the portrait of the late R.W. Bro. Callender had at last been safely returned to the possession of the Lodge. The ballot was then taken for the election of W.M. for the next year, and resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. Arthur Hines S.W. For this striking mark of appreciation Bro. Hines briefly returned thanks. The election of Treasurer followed, and resulted in the selection for the sixth time of Bro. R. E. Johnson P.M. Bro. Jas. Sly was also re-elected Tyler. Bro. Johnson appropriately thanked the brethren for the renewal of their confidence in him. The W.M. then received the hearty good wishes of the visitors, and by his kind invitation all the brethren adjourned to supper, where all enjoyed the good things provided. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. After Bro. Walker had kindly obliged with a song, the W.M. rose to propose the health of the newly raised brother. He congratulated him on his attaining the rank of Master Mason, trusted he would learn more, and recommended him to go forward and become a useful Officer in his Lodge. When the older members fell into the sere and yellow leaf, it was pleasing to see the younger ones, who had received the benefit of light from their hands, come forward and carry on the good work. It was always cheering to brethren who had worked hard in their Lodge to witness this in their declining years. The toast was drunk with Masonic honours. Bro. Edwards P.M. kindly favoured with a song. Bro. Palford returned his sincere thanks for the privilege he had enjoyed. The more he learned of Freemasonry, the more he appreciated it. He hoped to improve the knowledge he now possessed by a regular attendance at his Lodge. The W.M. proposed the health of the Visitors, which he did in a right fraternal spirit. It was a great feature in life to see brothers bound together by indissoluble bonds of union. Visiting gave many advantages; it gave all an opportunity of improvement. There was always something to be learned, and the presence of visitors gave a zest to the Officers of a Lodge. He hoped the brethren who had that evening favoured them with a visit would again drop in; at all times the Callender Lodge would receive them cordially. Bro. Wrigley gave an illustration of ventriloquism, which was much enjoyed, and Bro. Warburton added to the harmony of the evening with a capital song. Brother Waddell returned thanks on behalf of the Visitors for the genial manner in which their health was proposed and accepted. He was very pleased to be present to witness the unanimous election of his friend and brother the Senior Warden to the office of W.M. for the next year. He was sure it was an election which would prove advantageous to the Lodge, as Bro. Hines was well fitted to fill the chair. Bro. Stephens also responded, and was followed by Bro. Aspland, who expressed himself as being very pleased to see his friend the W.M. do the work so well that evening, and was gratified with the cordial feeling of the brethren towards visitors. The W.M. rose with pleasure to propose the health of the W.M. elect. The chair he was about to vacate had been filled by many worthy brethren, and he was sure that Bro. Hines would still further honour it. His induction into the position of ruler of the Lodge would be hailed with pleasure. He felt the members would render him every assistance, and pay due obedience to his orders. He might also rely on the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters. Bro. Slade took this opportunity of thanking them for the cordial support given him during his year of office. He then asked the brethren to join in drinking to the very good health of the W.M. elect. Bro. Davis gave the next song. Bro. Hines replied for the kindness shown; he thanked the brethren from the depth of his heart for the honour conferred upon him. He would study the best interests of the Lodge, and hoped the year would be prosperous and happy; more he could not say. He felt a great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M., who had done so much for the benefit of the Lodge during the year. Every one knew his good qualities, and it was needless to say more than ask them to honour the toast,—which was done. Bro. Edwards gave the next song. The W.M. returned thanks for the honour done the last toast. His year of office was fast expiring. If he had discharged his duties to their satisfaction it was well. He had ever sought to do his best for the Lodge. He could congratulate them on the happy termination of all pending matters, and trusted the Lodge would go on prospering for the future. He hoped always to be in his place, and trusted the brethren would give that attention to the Lodge which was so essential to its compact working. Bro. Davies obliged with the next song, after which he assumed the gavel to propose the health of the Treasurer. He always felt it a pleasure to do honour to a good Mason, and in Bro. Johnson they had a Past Master who had done his duty so thoroughly that the brethren could never repay him. He was an example to them all. He need say no more, but ask them to welcome the toast with due honours. Bro. Wrigley obliged with a song, after which Bro. Johnson replied. He had for many years been identified with the Lodge, and was now its oldest Past Master. He looked back on the history of the Lodge, and stood alone as a contemporary with its illustrious founder. He recommended all to attend to their Lodge duties. Every brother had a duty to discharge. He thanked them for their often-expressed marks of appreciation. It was always a pleasure to be in Lodge. He hoped the Lodge would be prosperous and happy. The Officers had done their utmost to extend the best interests of the Lodge, and he for one would make it as prosperous, and the brethren as happy as possible for the next year. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a conclusion.

DE GREY AND RIPON LODGE, No. 1161.

A MEETING of this well-worked Lodge was held at the Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, on Wednesday the 19th ult. Present:—Bros. W. T. Norton I.P.M. as W.M., W. Sturm S.W., J. Burgess J.W., T. J. Cowan Sec., R. Dottie S.D., John Hayes Treas., A. Radford J.D., A. Radford as I.G., Geo. Burrows Tyler, and Past Masters Julius Arenberg, W. H. Anderton, S. P. Bidder, and Bros. Newman, H. C. Smith, J. G. Walker, Wm. Hall, R. L. Corlett, &c. Visitors:—W. D. Waddell 163, D. A. Davis S.W. 625, W. R. Sowter J.W. 815, S. R. Brown S.W. 1083, H. L. Rocca S.W. 815, W. Parker W.M. 993, W. Renshaw, W. Fell, and J. F. Anderson 815, R. Darwin 667, W. Ashworth 210, E. Ashworth 993, H. Lister W.M. 1011, J. Dickson P.M. 1011, W. Jones W.M. 993, J. Smith 1458, Wm. Schofield 815, S. M. Davies FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, &c., &c. After partaking of a substantial tea, the brethren repaired to the Lodge room—which is a fine, spacious, and well-furnished apartment. The W.M. opened the Lodge with due observance of the usual customs. The minutes of the last regular meeting were ratified, and then the ballot was taken for Mr. R. C. Hulme, which proved unanimous, and that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of Ancient Freemasonry. Bro. J.D. gave the charge very ably. The Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, and Bro. J. Arenberg passed Bro. Wm. Hall to take his seat among Fellow Crafts. Bro. Norton again ascended the east, and conferred the second degree on Bro. H. C. Clifford Smith. The working of all the Officers of this Lodge is admirable, and the De Grey and Ripon is one of those vigorous Lodges which it does a brother's heart good to visit. There is nothing musty or languid belonging to 1161. The large number of visitors present at its meetings, and the pleasure they all evince at attending indicates that the brethren of Manchester do appreciate a healthy Lodge. If some Lodges cease to be instructive and energetic—which really means entertaining—then brethren will go where they can be edified and gratified. This is also applicable in Royal Arch Masonry—Freemasonry lives, and is a reality. This is an age of action, of great competition. Let those who are sluggish and now rusting in the Craft bestir themselves. The business of the evening being ended, Bro. Norton received the hearty good wishes of the visiting brethren, and the Lodge was closed with solemn prayer. By request of the I.P.M. the brethren adjourned to the festive board, where the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly but appropriately put from the chair, and cordially received by the brethren. After Bro. Dickson had played an overture on the piano, Bro. Norton proposed the health of the newly initiated brother, and in doing so said he was proud to welcome him into our ancient and honourable Order. He intimated that its precepts tended to make every Mason a good and worthy man. He invited the brethren to drink to the toast with full honours, which was heartily complied with. Bro. Lister gave a song, accompanied by Bro. Dickson on the piano. Bro. Hulme returned thanks for the kind manner in which his name had been received, and for the great honour conferred on him in admitting him a member of the Order. He desired to attain fuller knowledge of the Craft. Bro. Bidder had control of the gavel to propose the toast of the visitors. The members of the De Grey and Ripon Lodge anticipated this toast on all occasions with great pleasure. They delighted to honour the brethren who favoured them with their presence. In most Lodges in every Province the toast of the visitors was a happy one to propose, and a cheerful one to receive. We give the heartiest possible welcome to visitors, and we hail them as our brothers, come they from abroad or from home. The Lodge felt peculiarly happy that night in having so many visiting brethren. The De Grey and Ripon always looked upon each attendant with a mark of esteem and appreciation. He was glad to see the Province so truly represented there that night. The presence of P.G. Officers put the W.M. and Officers on their metal, as they all knew their work would be criticised. This was a great advantage. He knew any errors or shortcomings would be pointed out with a fraternal feeling. We ought to live to learn; in the Craft they could always learn if they would. He was glad to see so many brethren who were known for the deep interest they take in the Craft, and without exception they rejoiced to see all. If the number had been double, the welcome would be equal, if not more hearty. They were favoured with a visit from Bro. Davies, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE. They were greatly indebted to the Masonic Press, and the labours of the brethren employed in that laudable pursuit for the information they impart. They do more to promulgate the principles of the Order than most brethren think. He trusted every brother would carry away with him pleasant reminiscences of his visit to the De Grey and Ripon Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, whose arrival was warmly greeted, next presided at the piano, and gave one of his humorous selections, which kept the company in roars of laughter. Bros. Rocca, Waddell, Parker, Brown, Lister, Smith, Darwin, Jones, and Davies replied to the toast of the visitors, by this it was evident that many brothers wished to bestow the meed of praise which was certainly well deserved, as regards the administration and working of the Lodge, as well as for the genuine reception extended to all the visitors. Bro. Davies especially had reason to be grateful for the appreciative manner in which the Masonic Press had been mentioned by Bro. Bidder. Bro. Rocca, by courtesy of the W.M., had the honour to propose the health of the Officers of the Lodge. He was sure the toast would be received with acclamation. He deeply regretted to say the W.M. was sick and confined to his house. He was sure the sympathy of all reached him there. He spoke most feelingly on this subject, as the winter had been productive of sickness and bereavement in many of the homes of the brethren. They would all unite with him in the hope that the Worshipful Master would soon be restored to health, and be able to resume his duties in the Lodge. He knew it was what they all would endorse when he said that the Officers of this Lodge knew and did their duty, from P.M.'s to those who filled minor posts. Good Officers were the backbone of a Lodge. He did not know how Lodges got on without able Officers. The talent the

present Officers of the Lodge exhibited, indicated that the members would have good and able Masters for years to come. He wished the Lodge every prosperity. Bro. Greenwood again favoured the brethren with a selection, but in consequence of the lateness of the hour, and the knowledge that time and trains will wait for no man, we had to forego the pleasure of sitting it out, and are debarred the gratification of recording the replies to the last toast.

Vitruvian Lodge of Instruction, No. 27.—A meeting was held 27th March at the White Hart, College-street, Lambeth. Present—Bros. Brown W.M., Cox S.W., Watterton J.W., Isaac Treas., Bond Sec., Timothy S.D., Ball J.D., Field I.G., Stuart, Chalkley, Whiting. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brown candidate. First, second, and third sections worked, the S.W. was elected W.M. for following meeting. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on the last Thursday in April, Bro. Stuart W.M.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road. At the usual meeting of this Lodge, on the 21st ult., Bro. J. Taylor occupied the chair; Bros. West S.W., Forss J.W., Job S.D., Webb J.D., McDonald I.G.. There were present also Bros. Goldstein, Richmond, Friedeberg, Stephens, and Past Masters Barnes, Cundick Preceptor, and Wm. Musto Hon. Sec. Lodge was duly opened and advanced; the ceremony of raising was worked, Bro. Richmond candidate. Lodge was closed to the second degree, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, ably assisted by the brethren. Bro. West was elected W.M. for the ensuing Friday evening, and Lodge was closed.

Friars Lodge, No. 1349.—The regular meeting was held at the Cheshire Cheese, Crutched-friars, E.C., on 19th March. Lodge was opened by W.M. Bro. T. Foxall, assisted by Bros. J. Calverley I.P.M., J. Shepherd S.W., H. R. Hallam J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treas., W. Hogg P.M. Sec., R. Dorell S.D., H. L. Godolphin I.G., E. B. Barr W.S., I. Allison, I. Revel, J. Wright P.G.P., G. Spencer, I. Quincey, S. G. Sharpe, Sadd, T. H. Williams, &c. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Friedeberg having answered the usual questions for passing, was entrusted, after which the W.M. passed him to the second degree in a very finished manner. The Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the W.M. for the next year, the result proving unanimously in favour of the S.W. Bro. I. Shepherd, who returned thanks for this mark of esteem. Bro. W. Musto P.M. was then unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and the Tyler, Bro. Steedman, was also re-elected. An Audit Committee was appointed, consisting of Bros. Sadd, Revel, and Spencer. The gentleman whose name was down to be initiated not being present, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren partook of refreshment, provided by Bro. J. Wright, the worthy host. Upon the removal of the cloth, the W.M. introduced the toast of Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft, which was heartily received. In proposing the M.W.G.M., the W.M. reviewed the prosperity of the Craft during the government of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, giving the M.W.G.M. great credit for the care he bestowed in granting new Lodge Warrants, and for his interest in the Craft generally. The next toast, the Pro G.M., D.G.M., and other G.L. Officers, was heartily received, and coupled with the name of Bro. J. Wright P.G.P., who briefly returned thanks. The Visitors was proposed next, the W.M. giving a hearty welcome, and expressing the pleasure the Lodge derived from having visitors. Bro. P. Rose Innes 1261, having replied, Bro. W. Musto P.M., rose to propose the health of the W.M. In doing so, he expressed his appreciation of the excellent working W.M., and ascribed to him the credit of having imparted much Masonic knowledge, for which he (Bro. Musto) was very grateful. He hoped the W.M. was pleased with his pupil. The W.M. having replied, the toast of the Past Masters was given and responded to by Bros. Musto and Hogg Sec., in suitable terms. The Masonic Press was next given, to which Bro. G. H. Stephens responded. The evening's proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations. The Tyler's toast brought a very cheerful meeting to a close.

The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.—Held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 27th March. Bros. Poore P.M. W.M., Blackie S.W., Goodman J.W., Rush I.G., and several other brethren, members of the Lodge. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. This being the night for rehearsal of the Ceremony of Installation, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Blackie was presented as acting W.M. elect. The ceremony was given by Bro. Poore in his usually perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge was afterwards closed down, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. W. Bertram acting as candidate. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Poore for acting as Installing Master, in place of Bro. Saul, who was prevented by illness from being present.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—A meeting was held on Monday last, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury. Present—Bros. Blamiers W.M., Jeffreys S.W., Miskin J.W., E. Beer, Treas., W. Carter Sec., Coates S.D., Lagden J.D., E. Beer D.C., Vantier Steward, Carter I.G., Howarth, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Coates candidate. The Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of the degree rehearsed, Bro. Vantier being the candidate. The Lodge was lowered, and closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer.

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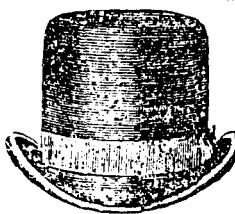
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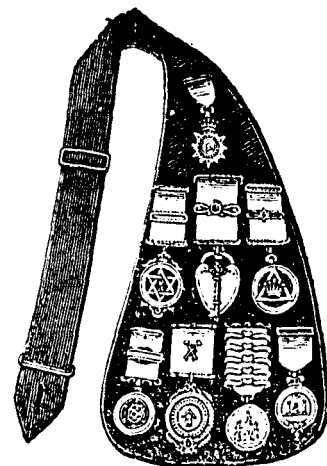
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