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

THE first meeting of Stewards in connection with this Festival was held on Tuesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, W.C. There were present—Bros. J. J. Berry, H. A. Dubois, C. Hubbard, George Kenning, Edgar Bowyer, J. B. King, C. A. Cottebrune, W. S. Hunter, T. Hallett, Geo. Cooper, E. Montennis, Louis Hirsch, Samuel Poynter, W. Clarke, S. T. Catterson, B. Isaacs, E. Hopwood, W. H. Farnfield, Samuel H. J. Parkhouse, H. R. Cooper Smith, E. C. Woodward, Frank Green, J. B. Poole, E. F. W. Berger, G. W. Greenhill, Benj. H. Paul, J. Terry Secretary of the Institution, &c. Bro. C. A. Cottebrune was appointed Acting President of the Board, and took the chair on this occasion. The usual preliminary details were discussed, committees appointed, and routine matters settled. The meeting was adjourned until the 23rd inst., at four o'clock. The number of Stewards at the present time is nearly 200, a number very much under the total at the same period of last year; we trust the services of several more will yet be secured, and that in every respect the Festival of 1880 will be as great a success as any of its predecessors. As is already known, the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, will occupy the chair; the following distinguished brethren supporting him as Presidents of the Board of Stewards, viz.:—Lord Kensington, M.P. Senior Grand Warden England, Major-General Somerset, J. G. Calthorpe Junior Grand Warden England, Major Marmaduke Ramsay District Grand Master Punjab, and R. W. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand. Bro. W. H. Farnfield P.M. 907, 1766 Sec. 1804, was appointed Treasurer of the Board, and Bro. James Terry Hon. Secretary.

TOUTING FOR THE HIGH DEGREES.

THE Founders of Blue, or Craft Masonry, acted wisely in introducing the law making it imperative on every candidate for initiation to declare, before he could be admitted into the Lodge, that he sought participation in the mysteries of the Order of his own free will and accord, entirely unbiassed by the improper solicitation of friends. So generally is this law respected that no member of the Craft would for a moment think of openly advertising for initiates, and it is likewise generally understood by those outside the mystic circle that Freemasons are not allowed to ask strangers to join their ranks. Most persons know that they must voluntarily express their desire, if they entertain one, to participate in the benefits of the Order, before they can hope to have it gratified. By this restrictive law the members of the Craft are enabled to confine the benefits of the Order to a class who at least have some desire for the welfare of the Brotherhood at the time of their initiation, however much their interest may dwindle when once they have been admitted to a participation in the secrets of the First Degree; and to this we owe very much of our freedom from disputes. Of course there will always be a number of initiates who express themselves as disappointed by their experience of Freemasonry, and as a consequence do not proceed further than the preliminary step, but not one of these, no matter what may be the nature of his

disappointment, can charge the Brotherhood with being the cause of it; nor can he say that he was induced to join under false pretences. When we remember that the advantages of Freemasonry are mainly of a moral tendency, we cannot too highly approve of our law-givers having made this admission necessary; for were it otherwise, we might expect disappointed novices laying all manner of charges against us, or bringing claims against the brethren for having overstated the benefits of the Craft. It cannot be denied, notwithstanding all our precautions, that there are some who really do join our ranks in the hope that they will reap a financial benefit, or that their business will be advanced by their connection with the Craft; now, if such as these are disappointed, they have only themselves to blame. On the other hand, if Freemasons were allowed to canvass for initiates, it would be different, and we should at all times be open to the charge of having promised more than we performed. To prevent this it was wisely ordained that the first act of a candidate after he had been accepted by the Lodge should be to declare that he offered himself freely, voluntarily, and unsolicited. Once admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft, the restriction is relaxed, and as a consequence, brethren are frequently solicited to become candidates for the higher degrees. We think it very questionable whether this course benefits either the degree it is intended to advance, or the brethren who, against their real inclination, are led to put themselves forward as candidates.

To such an extent is this "touting" carried on in some districts, that a mild protest is frequently necessary in order to check the ardour of the more energetic members. This appears to be the case in Kingston, Jamaica, from whence we have received a small pamphlet, entitled "A Caution to the Younger Members of the Masonic Fraternity, against the so-called High Degrees. By H. J. Bürger." The arguments used by that distinguished Craftsman are very strong, but we cannot entirely agree with all he says, nor do we think such harsh remarks as some he makes can be necessary to secure the end he has in view. He thinks that the definition given of Freemasonry in the ceremonies is so clear as to make it impossible that any one should "mistake the Royal Arch Degree, or the Knights Templar, or the Rose Croix, as constituting any part or portion of our beautiful system," and then proceeds to state that the Royal Arch Degree was formed by the secessionists of 1717, in order that some extra inducement might be offered to secure members for their independent Grand Lodge. We do not think it policy to print here all our Brother has written regarding the work of the Royal Arch: his aim is to prove that it really has no connection with ancient Masonry, and that it is merely the concoction of a few disappointed Craftsmen of 1717. He says that the mere fact of the arrangements of the whole system of Craft Masonry on the *triad* system is sufficient to prove that there could never have been more than the three degrees. "There are," he adds, "three chief Officers, three subordinates, three great Lights, three lesser, three columns, three jewels, three steps, three modes of recognition, three points of entrance, three working tools in each degree, and consequently *only three degrees*. Any one may see that a system evidently built on the TRIAD cannot violate it in so essential a matter as the division of its mysteries into four degrees, as such a proceeding would be anomalous. The Egyptian mysteries were divided into *three degrees and no more*, viz.:—Those of Isis, Serapis, and Osiris; and we know that in the

Christian Church there are only three Orders, viz.:—Deacon, Priest, and Bishop. How, then, could Freemasonry, either as an Ancient or a Christian Institution, be divided into four degrees?"

All this is very true, but as the Royal Arch has existed for many years as a recognised adjunct to Craft Masonry, we see no good that can accrue from a severance at the present time. The matter is entirely in the hands of the existing members, who, for the sake of their own reputation, may be supposed to watch carefully the working of the Degree. We think that Bro. Bürger could have protested as strongly against "touting" without attacking a part of our present system. The Royal Arch has long been, and we suppose will now always remain, a recognised part of English Freemasonry. It has its advantages, and naturally its disadvantages; if its members would display greater discretion in advocating its cause, one of the latter would be removed, and we should not so often hear that candidates did not attend, although their names were put forward on the agenda paper of the day.

PROJECTED EXTENSION OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

ON Saturday last, according to advertisement, a Special General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Girls' School was held, to repass the vote proposed by Bro. Colonel Creaton, that the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds. As we have before pointed out, this course was deemed necessary in consequence "of a question of the construction of the Laws having arisen." We can but again regret the result,—the vote being carried by a majority of those present. We feel assured that the expenditure will in the end prove most disastrous to the Institution, and that were the general body of subscribers able to express an opinion without personal attendance in London, it would be found that this expenditure was opposed to the views of a large majority. We are informed that the question will not be allowed to rest as it is; that, if necessary, legal proceedings will be resorted to in order to endeavour to stop the proposed outlay. This is a step which all must regret, for it is but the beginning of a course which will end in the severance of a section of the supporters of the Institution. It would be far better to ascertain the general feeling than to run the risk of creating a breach, for however strong the Institution may be at the present time, it should be borne in mind it *has a future*. When such strong opinions are expressed, as is the case on this subject, they should secure some consideration.

SPECIAL COURT OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

A SPECIAL General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held at Freemasons' Hall, on the 3rd instant, Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, presiding, for the purpose of passing the resolution recommended by the Building Committee, "That the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of William Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W." The Chairman, after Bro. Hedges had read the advertisement convening the meeting, in which the above motion was set out, stated that the advertisement the brethren had heard fully explained why this second Court had been convened—that there had been a question of the construction of the Laws as to the regularity of the former meeting. The object of the present meeting was to propose the purchase of the house and grounds adjoining the Institution, which he believed every one now was conversant with. The advantages of the purchase would be that the Institution would retain the space by the side of its present spacious premises, and the large house which was to be purchased would accommodate five-and-twenty children as a probationary School, and by the removal of a wall, that ground which he proposed they purchase would become part and parcel of their present premises. He was asked at the last meeting if he had had any professional opinion with regard to the value of the ground and house. He had not at that time, but since he had procured the opinion of a gentleman of very high standing—Mr. Knowles, 17 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, who had written him the following letter:—

"17 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, S.W.,
31st December 1879.

"DEAR COLONEL CREATON,—In reply to your request for my opinion as to whether or not the sum of £6,500 would be a fair and prudent price for the Freemasons' School to pay for the freehold house and grounds called Lyncombe House, adjoining their premises on Wandsworth Common, I do not hesitate to say, after my personal visit to the place yesterday, that I think the School would do wisely to secure it at the above-named price.

"I am not now pretending to estimate with accuracy the market value of the property, but it seems to me that even were £6,500 above this (which I by no means imply that it is or is not), the many advantages which the School would gain with it should decide in favour of the purchase.

"One consideration alone would weigh with me enough to settle the matter, namely, that in other hands the place might grow to be the most serious injury and drawback to the School. Were I one of the authorities, I should be very sorry to take the responsibility of not guarding against such a risk when the opportunity was offered of doing so. If nothing else were done but to obtain possession and consequent control of it, even if part of it were let again by the School as landlord, I should suppose it might be a prudent thing to do as a safe investment for some of the School funds, and an invaluable safeguard to the rest of their property.

"But I imagine that it could be converted at very small cost into additional accommodation for children, which would in no other way be procured so economically, and that this would be the best ultimate destination for it.

"At any rate I should advise you, as Treasurer, to make it perfectly clear that you are free from all responsibility in the future which might and probably would arise if the property were allowed by the School authorities to pass into other hands.

"Yours very truly, (Signed) JAMES KNOWLES."

Having thus opened his case he would move, "That the sum of £6,500 be expended in the purchase of Lyncombe House and grounds (freehold), the property of Wm. Evill, Esq., adjoining the grounds of the Institution at St. John's Hill, Battersea Rise, S.W." The motion was seconded by Bro. Griffiths Smith. In answer to Bro. Warner Wheeler, the Chairman said the land proposed to be acquired was a little over three-quarters of an acre, and the house was a very large one. Bro. H. Thompson asked the Chairman whether he had received notice that the meeting was an illegal one, and that the motion could not be put. The Chairman replied that he had not received any notice, but he had been told before he came into the room. Bro. Thompson asked if the Chairman still intended to put it, to which the Chairman replied that he did. Bro. Thompson said then he should advise the brethren not to vote, whereupon the Rev. Adolphus Woodford begged to call him to order. If Bro. Thompson had an amendment to the motion, he could make it; but if not, he had no right to use language which would influence the votes of the brethren. Bro. Thompson submitted that the fact that the meeting was not a legal meeting quite overrode every motion. If the meeting was illegal an amendment could no more be moved than an original motion. Bro. Gover said it was extraordinary to take exceptions to a meeting and not state the grounds of objection. Col. Burdett supported the motion for the purchase, but he wished to ask whether a legal opinion had been taken as to whether the trustees had power to invest their money in this way. The Chairman said he had not, but perhaps Bro. McIntyre would give them his opinion. Bro. Edward Cox said it was not an investment at all; it was a proposed purchase. He rose to oppose the motion. £6,500 was an outrageous price to give, and he should move as an amendment, "That it is not expedient at the present time to make any addition to the grounds and premises of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls." As to the value of the property, Mr. Knowles had given the go-by to the question, and had merely said it would be good to purchase the house, &c., because it would keep other people out. Then, on this account, they should buy up the whole of the ground on that side of the Wandsworth-road which abutted on the ground of the Institution, as that alone would give seclusion to the School. Bro. Cox then stated that Lyncombe House and grounds would not fetch £4,000 if put in the market. The gross annual rental was only £120, and the rateable value £100. It had been said that the proprietor had laid out £700 in decorations, but why did he do that if he intended in twelve months to pull it down, and lay out the ground for building. If the place was wanted only to obtain access from the main road, £6,500 was a large price to pay for that. Persons visiting the School would not object to going by way of the present bridge. If it was proposed to take in 25 more children, he thought the Institution was already burdened with as much as it could bear, and posterity would not thank them for the increased expenditure. If they found out at a future time that they had not sufficient space, they could then increase it. Bro. Freeman seconded the amendment. Bro. Clabon supported the original motion. The price was high, but the value of the premises to the Institution was great. Access to St. John's Hill was already meagre. They would not think of moving their Schools, and therefore they must see if they could not get hold of any property which their means would fairly allow them to get hold of to improve it for the present and the future. Bro. Cox wanted them to wait a couple of years, but then the opportunity of purchasing the property would be gone. As to the means of the Institution, he would be ashamed to suppose the great Society of Freemasons could not raise £6,500. He thought if the property was not purchased now, the brethren would regret it. Bro. W. S. Gover and Bro. Perceval supported the motion, and on the chairman putting the amendment proposed by Bro. Cox, only five hands were held up for it. The original motion was then put and carried, and the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Coughs, Influenza.—The soothing properties of these medicaments render them worthy of trial in all diseases of the respiratory organs. In common colds and influenza, the Pills, taken internally, and the Ointment rubbed over the chest and throat, are exceedingly efficacious. When influenza is epidemic, this treatment is easiest, safest, and surest. Holloway's Pills purify the blood, remove all obstacles to its free circulation through the lungs, relieve the over-gorged air tubes, and render respiration free, without reducing the strength, irritating the nerves, or depressing the spirits, such are the ready means of saving suffering when any one is afflicted with cold, coughs, bronchitis, and other chest complaints, by which so many persons are seriously and permanently afflicted in most countries.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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DEVON EDUCATIONAL FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very much surprised at the amount of steam "AU FAIT" has been able to get up on what appeared to me, when I wrote to you, a very simple matter indeed. I had no idea it would create a controversy, nor had I any thought of saying anything to the disparagement of any existing Institution; my only desire was to show that while the Institutions in London were doing good work, other good work could be done much cheaper at home. The Province of Devon is a very large one, and has a large number of Freemasons; consequently the death rate is in excess of the power of the central Institutions to afford relief to all the unfortunate orphans to whom it may become necessary. As a consequence, it was felt desirable that means should be taken to raise a fund for the purpose of educating and clothing, and, where necessary, giving something to the friends to sustain the children of deceased Freemasons who may require this substantial aid. It was found by experience that it required immense efforts—manipulation of votes for the Boys' to the Girls' School, and *vice versa*, and a union with the neighbouring Province of Cornwall—to secure the election of a boy or girl against the vast number of applicants that came from all parts of England.

Now, by these comparatively small subscriptions, gathered in the Province, you will have seen in my communication of a fortnight since, that four children were elected, who are now under instruction by means raised in the Province. It cannot be supposed for a moment that these children could get elected into the Central Institutions for a very long time to come, if at all. Consequently, there is a great deal of good done by these local subscriptions; and further, the good done by the children being educated in association with the families in which they have been brought up I maintain to be of very great importance, for the family tie is not broken, and the children so educated do not look down upon their brothers or sisters who may not have had the same opportunity of receiving so good an education as they have received themselves. It is also found that the proprietors of schools, entering into the spirit that stimulates the promoters of this scheme, are prepared to receive children—and have offered to do so—at a lesser sum than they receive for their ordinary pupils; and this adds to the power of the Committee to give additional aid where such aid may be wanted. I do not desire to enter into a controversy with "AU FAIT" on what should be a pleasant matter, and not one to excite unkindly feelings. I am quite prepared to admit that the Province of Devon has received more benefit than it has subscribed, but that only makes my case stronger. I am quite satisfied that for the last ten or fifteen years this Province has very largely contributed to the funds of the three great Masonic Institutions, for there has been a spirit of rivalry amongst the Stewards, who have done their very best, by canvassing the Lodges in behalf of those Charities.

Thus we have not left undone what we ought to have done, and we have done other things besides. "AU FAIT" ought to be rather pleased than otherwise to think, while we have done our best for the great Societies, we are also doing something for the lesser.

I wish "AU FAIT" a calmer spirit, and a "Happy New Year," while I beg to subscribe myself, as before,

A P.M. AND P.P.G.J.W. OF DEVON.

UNIFORMITY OF MASONIC RITUAL AND OBSERVANCE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am greatly obliged to Bro. Charles John Perceval for his able advocacy of my cause, and I could wish that I received more of that active sympathy which he evinces, rather than the passive approval of a friendly majority who are willing,—or if not willing, who submit to see my endeavours made the subject of virulent attack by a small, though probably very influential, minority.

I cannot see the necessity for all this controversy now the vote of Grand Lodge has been again secured. I had set myself to work to form the Committee to be nominated by me at next Quarterly Communication, and, finding sufficient to do in that respect, was well inclined to avoid further argument. But those who think differently from me will not have this, and, unless I can silently consent to have my cause and my exertions misrepresented, I must take up the cudgels on my own behalf.

I desire to assure yourself and the brethren generally that I do not seek this controversy. If others will refrain from writing on the subject I will! If there is no evil to be remedied, the Committee which Grand Lodge has decided to appoint for the purpose of preliminary inquiry only, and report thereon, will soon set me down, without all this misrepresentation of what is actual fact. They will soon let the Craft know whether or not my assertions are false or overstrained, my actions to be condemned or encouraged, my endeavours those of a sane and reasonable man or of a perverse fool. I am quite willing to accept this test. Why cannot others submit to

the same reference? The Committee can do no harm to them; and if I am what my opponents represent, it must affect my Masonic credit and justify them in their opposition. Will Bro. Woodford, who desired to negative my motion in Grand Lodge, honour me by acting on that Committee? Will a representative offer to serve for each of the following Associations, namely, "The Board of General Purposes," "The Emulation Lodge of Improvement," and "The Stability Lodge of Instruction?" Will the Provinces take care that they are represented? Will each section of my opponents appoint a representative to advocate the continuance of non-interference if I cannot show sufficient reason for amendment? I shall welcome the names of such on my list now in course of formation, and not hesitate to nominate even my bitterest antagonist. From them I will receive sentence, if it be just; and submit to it—if adverse, with cheerful resignation, for it will be of those best able to form a collective judgment, and not the mere objectiveness of individuals. Once for all I demand (respectfully of course) that Committee which I have been promised, and pending their report I am willing, if not provoked by personal remarks, to give my pen a long rest.

Pray let me close this by an extract from a letter of an esteemed correspondent, which will exemplify "one kind of opposition," so ridiculous as to be unworthy of consideration but for the possibility of its influencing brethren who cannot think for themselves. "One little joke for your amusement! At our meeting on Wednesday last I happened to mention to one of the brethren in the ante-room your effort for 'Uniformity,' when the Tyler of the Lodge (*beadle, town crier and bill poster*) interrupted me with, 'I don't agree with him at all!' Now I will undertake to say that this man has never been in any Lodge but No. — since he was made, and he has been only outside the door of that. I replied quietly that the question was one for Grand Lodge to determine, and that his agreement or disagreement was not of much moment."

Yours fraternally and faithfully,

Clapham, 6th January 1880.

JAMES STEVENS.

CONSECRATION OF A NEW LODGE BY LORD EBRINGTON.

A SPECIAL Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire was held on Tuesday, 6th inst., at the Ebrington Masonic Temple, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. This new building, recently erected for the Brunswick Lodge, was fully described in our columns a few days since. The occasion of the meeting was the constitution and consecration of the Ebrington Lodge, No. 1847, a warrant for which was granted by the M.W.G.M. a short time since. Those who had the pleasure of witnessing the installation of the P.G.M. of Devon, R.W. Bro. Lord Ebrington, in Exeter, in August last, and the admirable manner in which he presided over that large and influential meeting, were prepared to expect that the ceremony would be efficiently performed, but his lordship's solemn and perfect rendering of this his first official duty was an agreeable surprise, even for those who had expected much. The P.G. Lodge having been opened in due form, and the P.G.S. having announced the desire of certain brethren to be constituted into a regular lodge in ancient form, the warrant from the Most Worshipful the Grand Master of England was read. The brethren of the new lodge then signified their assent to the officers named in the warrant (Bros. Richard Lose P.M. P.P.G.P. Master, John Henry Stephens S.W., and Francis Littleton J.W.) The R.W.D.P.G.M. Bro. W. G. Rogers then delivered an oration on the subject, and congratulated the brethren upon the very convenient and handsome building they had erected for their place of meeting. He trusted that the pleasing appearance offered by the building was an emblem of the very satisfactory proceedings that would follow therein, and hoped the strict mode of the business of the Lodge or Lodges hereafter held there would be carried out in conformity with the principles of Freemasonry. At previous P.G.L. meetings it had been customary to deliver a lecture on the antiquity of Freemasonry. He did not want to repeat that course on the present occasion, nor on the wide extent and progress of the Order, from Calcutta to Guatan. He would rather call the attention of the Lodge to the dignity and character of the Order. No one should be admitted but with a due regard to his fitness for Masonry. None but those on whose admission their fidelity and obedience could be relied on. No candidate should be admitted or recommended for admission unless it was felt to be a certainty that he would be an honour to their Lodge and to the Order. The ancient mysteries of Freemasonry had maintained its position from time immemorial in defiance of the power of persecution and the howling fanaticism that had been brought to bear against it. That position was, and would be, much strengthened by a close attention being paid to the extension of its borders. Every care should be taken not to allow a Lodge to become a mere friendly society, or a mere social gathering of the members. He wished, however, to be carefully understood not to denounce in any way the social meetings that followed labour. What he sought to impress was the great necessity of a careful attention to the character and position of candidates, and that they should confer honour on Freemasonry and credit to the Lodge. The P.G.M. having pledged the Master and members of the new Lodge to obey the laws and constitutions of the Grand Lodge, then declared the Ebrington Lodge to be a regular and duly constituted Lodge. The ceremony of consecration was inaugurated by a Masonic ode—W. Bro. James E. Moon P.M. 189 presided as Organist, and Bros. James Rendle, E. Rosevare, and P. B. Clemens leading in the responses. They especially distinguished themselves in the anthem, "Behold how good and joyful a thing it is for brethren to dwell together." The Lodge having been declared duly consecrated, the Provincial Grand Lodge was closed. The D.P.G.M. having opened the Ebrington Lodge in usual form, proceeded to instal the Master of

the Lodge, and this was done fully, and quite in accordance with the known ability of Bro. Rogers. The Officers appointed were Bros. A. Lethbridge I.P.M., J. H. Stevens S.W., F. Littleton J.W., S. Jew P.M. &c. Treas., J. H. Stevens Sec., C. Nicholson S.D., T. Lose J.D., J. Masters I.G., J. Lose Org., R. Lose D.C., and W. Bro. B. S. Johns was elected to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren adjourned to the Farley Hotel, where the banquet was provided by Bro. C. Walters, who, with the hostess, was subsequently thanked for their admirable catering. Lord Ebrington presided, and proposed the Loyal toasts. His lordship's health having been drunk, Lord Ebrington, in reply, heartily thanked the brethren for their reception, and was glad that his first important Masonic ceremony had been in the Three Towns—the Metropolis of the West. In proposing the toast of W. Bro. Lose, and speaking of the pleasure it was to him to assist in founding a Lodge where it was wanted (but only there), he said he felt proud of the Lodge being called "Ebrington." He prayed that he might always be found worthy of Freemasonry, and the Lodge might be always worthy of him. Bro. Lose, in responding, said it had been his endeavour through life to make a friend whenever he could, and always to avoid making an enemy. He felt pride in being the first Master, and would endeavour to show that the brethren who would be introduced into this Lodge would show, not only to the Craft, but to the world at large, that Freemasonry was something more than a name. W. Bro. Isaac Latimer proposed the health of the R.W. Bro. the Earl of Mount Edgcumbe Prov. G.M. of Cornwall, who was prevented from attending by an important pre-engagement, and of Bro. Col. Peard D.P.G.M., who was prevented being present from illness. The usual other toasts were duly honoured, and a very pleasant evening spent. The brethren present at the Lodge were—W. E. Elphinstone Stone P.G.S.W., W. Hine-Haycock 164 P.G.J.W., Rev. C. W. H. Holley 1753 P.G. Chaplain, Hy. George Beachy 1138 P.G.T., George Hirtzel 112 P.G.R., John Brewer 251 P.G. Sec., Alf. Bodley 39 P.G.D.C., Bevy Barber 1254 P.G.A.D.C., Major Swann 847 G. Swd. Bearer, Daniel Box 156 P.G.P., F. Pollard 1284, James Jerman 39, William Pidsley 1254, J. Harris Ignare 1496, Edwin Knight 202 Stewards, Peter Blanchard 444 P.G. Tyler, John Rogers 202 A.P.G. Tyler, J. E. Curteis P.M. 189 P.P.G.S.W., I. Latimer P.M. 189 P.P.G.J.W., Rev. W. Whittle P.M. 156 P.P.G. Chap., Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G. Chap., Samuel Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., T. H. Bayly P.M. 189 P.P.G.T., R. H. Rae P.M. 189 P.P.G.T., L. D. Westcott P.M. 70 P.P.G.S. Wks., S. Loram P.M. 1443 P.P.G.D.C., Alfred Bodley P.M. 39 P.P.G.D.C., E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks., H. Miller P.M. 159 P.P.G.D.C., W. Brodie P.M. P.P.G.S.D., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. M. Hifley P.M. 223 P.P.G.A.D.C., H. Bartlett P.P.G.D.C., Joshua Austin P.P.G.O., H. B. Stark P.M. 106 P.P.G.O., H. Leigh 70, P. B. Clemens P.M. 156 P.P.G.O., A. Wolf P.M. 223 P.P.G.P., John Peter P.M. 557 P.P.G.W. Cornwall, T. W. Fitch P.M. 639 P.G.A.D.C. Bengal, W. Odam W.M. 70, S. Roach P.M. 70, F. B. Westlake S.D. 70, Geo. Sercombe S.S. 70, H. Chapes 70, Mark Embden W.M. 105, J. T. Browning I.P.M. 105, John James P.M. 105, W. Chapple 156, B. S. Johns W.M. 159, Owen Knowles S.W. 159, Jas. Bartlett P.M. 159, Geo. Jackson W.M. 198, Charles G. Stentiford J.W. 159, W. Ollis I.G. 189, Lieut.-Col. Fitz-Gerald S.W. 189, Hy. Horton J.W. 189, E. Coppin S.S. 156, C. R. Bardin S.S. 189, W. C. Howard P.M. 215, J. R. Lord P.M. J.T. 1247, James Rendle P.M. 1247, James H. Keates P.M. 1247, J. A. Christie Org. 1247, J. H. Trounce Sec. 1212, G. R. Barrett S.W. 1255, R. Cawsey I.P.M. 230, J. H. H. Harris W.M. 230, A. Rowe P.M. 230, J. H. Toms P.M. 1091, J. Morris P.M. 53 P.P.G.O., R. C. Uglov S.S. 1247, W. L. Sampson S.D. 282, W. Harris P.M. 1138, E. T. Fulford W.M. 1254, B. W. Pitchen J.W. 230, E. Binding P.M. 202, T. H. May J.D. 1099, T. E. Peek J.W. 1205, H. L. Friend P.M. 1443.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys met on Saturday last, in the Board-room, Freemasons' Hall. There were present—Bros. W. Roebuck (in the chair), W. F. C. Montrie, S. Rosenthal, W. Paas, George J. Row, Henry W. Hunt, J. G. Chancellor, Thomas Cubitt, Donald M. Dewar, William Mann, C. F. Matier, John Constable, W. H. Perryman, Charles Birch, A. Durrant, H. Massey, R. Warner Wheeler, Arthur E. Gladwell, Frederick Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, H. G. Buss, and F. Binckes (the Secretary). Eleven petitions were considered, and the candidates placed on the list for the April election. Outfits of £5 each were granted to three boys who since leaving the School had obtained situations, and the list of candidates for the April election was fixed at 81, if three of the candidates comply with certain requirements. The number to be elected in April was settled at 20.

Our friends in the East End of London are proverbial for their support of the Charities, and generally for their enthusiasm in all affairs connected with the Craft. This naturally takes them from home very frequently, and the question "how to get back" is often a grave consideration. However, the comfort of a private carriage can be secured at a trifling expense. To those who contemplate adopting this method, we advise a visit to Bros. Rochester and Fox, 799 Commercial-road.

We have received a copy of the latest issue of Messrs. Dick Radclyffe and Co.'s Seed Catalogue, and have great pleasure in bearing testimony to the evident care which has been taken in its compilation. This firm has now secured a wide reputation, and we feel assured that any orders with which it may be entrusted will meet immediate attention, while the goods will give satisfaction.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge was held at the Hotel, Bolton, on 5th January, when amongst others present were—Bros. Samuel Crowther Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works W.M., Johnson Mills S.W., R. Pennington J.W., T. Glaister P. Prov. S.G.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D., W. Slater P. Prov. S.G.D., J. D. Porteous P. Prov. G.W. Renfrewshire, James Newton, James Walker, James Brown, R. K. Freeman, John Morris, John Duxbury P.M.'s; Visitors—Bros. John Wild P.M. 146, Thomas Morris P.M. 221, Nath. Nicholson W.M. 1723, Kerfort 1354. The Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. The chair was now taken by Bro. James Newton P.M., the Installing Master. The W.M. elect Bro. Johnson Mills was then presented by Bro. James Walker P.M., and the ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Newton. The following brethren were then invested as Officers for the ensuing year, by Bro. John Morris P.M., viz., Bros. Rooke Pennington S.W., E. N. Garstang J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, W. Slater Treasurer, J. D. Porteous Sec., John Booth S.D., James Robinson J.D., G. P. Brockbank D.C., R. K. Freeman Org., F. W. Pacey I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring W.M., Bro. Samuel Crowther, for his services during the past year. Bro. Crowther announced his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The W.M. (Bro. Mills) also intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. All business being concluded, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room.

INSTALLATION AND FESTIVAL OF THE LODGE OF LIGHTS, No. 148, WARRINGTON.

THE following is extracted from "Memoirs of the Life of Elias Ashmole, drawn by Himself." "October 16th, 1646. I was made a Freemason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Colonel Mainwaring of Karincham, in Cheshire; the names of those who were then at the Lodge, Mr. Richard Penketh Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Richard Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam and Hugh Brewer." We need scarcely add that Elias Ashmole was the author of the well-known "History of the Order of the Garter," and founder of the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford. It is a matter for great regret that the ancient records of this Lodge are lost, and that the history of Freemasonry in Warrington cannot now be connectively traced further back than 8th November 1765. From time immemorial the installation and festival of this old and flourishing Lodge has been held on the last Monday in each year, and no deviation to this rule was made on the last occasion. The Lodge was summoned for three o'clock in the afternoon, and punctually at that hour the W.M. Bro. J. Rymer Young took the chair, and was supported by Bros. Charles E. Hindley S.W. W.M. elect, Alf. H. Young J.W., James Paterson S.D., Thos. Grime J.D., John Armstrong P.M. Treas., John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, J. Shee Pattison Org., Arthur Peake I.G., Thos. Domville Tyler, John Pierpoint P.M., Thomas H. Sutton W.M. 1250, Thomas Tunstall P.M., W. Sharp P.M. P.P.G.J.W., John Harding P.M., Jos. Pickthall P.M., Charles Skinner, W. Burn, C. Ekkert, John Laithwaite, W. Dooley, W. Kinsey, John Dimmellow, A. Crawford, Dr. Walter, S. E. Johnson, Thos. Jones, Thos. Morris, Dr. Mackie, F. E. Rawlinson, Thos. Gartside, F. Curzon, Jas. Bayley, R. W. Francomb, S. Wallhead. Among the Visitors we noticed—Bros. Dr. Duncan P.M. 1354, Dr. Gornall, D. W. Finney P.M. Prov. G.D.C., E. C. Cooper P.M. 484 P.P.G.S.B., Schonstadt P.M. 1502, Robert Brierley P.M. 1250, E. Roberts Flegle, J. Paul Rylands 1354, W. H. Rylands 417, William Simpson 1159, and J. H. Galloway S.W. 1250. The Lodge was opened in form, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. invited Bro. Bowes to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M., assisted by Past Master Tunstall, then presented Bro. Hindley, the W.M. elect, for the benefit of installation. This being attended to, and the W.M. elect having pledged himself to submit and obey, the Lodge was opened in the third degree. All brethren below the degree of W.M. now retired, except the W.M. elect, who was entrusted before retirement. A Board of Installed Masters was now opened in ample form, the W. and S. being presided over by Bros. Armstrong and Finney. The W.M. elect now applied for admission, which being granted, he was installed in duo form, according to ancient custom, and received the congratulations usual in this high degree. As a proof of his desire to maintain the ancient landmarks of the Order, the W.M. then invited the W. brethren to apply the usual "cement." Labour resumed, the Board was closed in the "name and fear" and the brethren in the several degrees re-admitted, and the W.M. proclaimed, greeted and saluted. The W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—Bros. J. Rymer Young I.P.M., Alf. H. Young S.W., James Paterson J.W., Thomas Tunstall P.M. Treas., John Bowes P.M. Secretary, Thomas Grime S.D., Arthur Peake J.D., Charles Skinner I.G., T. M. Pattison Org., Thomas Domville Tyler. The Installing Master addressed each Officer on the nature and importance of his duties, and meaning and teaching of their emblems of office, and concluded the ceremony by delivering the charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren. The W.M. then, on behalf of the Lodge, presented the I.P.M. with a handsome gold Past Master's jewel. Bro. J. Rymer Young, in acknowledging the gift, said:—Let me first thank you, Worshipful Sir, for the very kind words you have deemed fit to utter concerning myself. It is not my present purpose, nor would it be to my interest, perhaps, to ascertain how

far these remarks are appropriate or deserved, since they are so complimentary, but I can say in all sincerity that whatever may have been my measure of success in this direction, it has always been my desire and endeavour to merit your approbation. And now, Brethren, I have to thank you most heartily for the handsome jewel which adorns my not too handsome figure, and I am anxious to tell you, at the same time, how the assistance and forbearance of the members of this Lodge have made my year of office as W.M. both easy and pleasurable. So pleasurable, indeed, that if the same consideration is extended to your present Master (which I doubt not) he will vacate his chair, next Christmas, as I do now, with much reluctance. The jewel itself is very beautiful, and very valuable too; but it pleases me better to regard it as a token by which to know that I still retain the confidence you reposed in me when you elected me to the chair from which I have just retired, and finally, Brethren, it will serve well to remind me, so long as I shall live, of the happy time I spent when occupying the honourable and enviable position of Master of the Ancient Lodge of Lights 148.

The auditors having presented their report, which was most satisfactory, it was ordered to be printed and circulated among the members. A vote of condolence was passed to the widow and family of the late Bro. James Hepherd P.M., after which the hearty good wishes of the Visitors were tendered and gratefully accepted. Among these was a congratulatory telegram from Bro. Thomas W. Ockenden, of Friday-street, London. After some routine business the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to the Lion Hotel.

The banquet was of a *recherché* character, and excellently served in the handsome Assembly Room connected with the Hotel. After the cloths were withdrawn the W.M. briefly introduced the more formal toasts, and this treatment of them was highly appreciated by those present. Bro. Finney acknowledged the toast of the Prov. G.M. Lord Skelmersdale, and in doing so spoke highly of his Lordship's Masonic worth and great anxiety for the success of the Craft in his large Province. Bro. Finney's remarks were well received, not only on account of his personal character, but also in appreciation of the well-merited honour which the Provincial Grand Master had conferred upon him in appointing him Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies. Bro. Bowes proposed the health of the W.M. Bro. Chas. E. Hindley, and said that he had for years noticed his Masonic zeal. Some time ago when he occupied the chair for the second time, he appointed Bro. Hindley I.G., and from that time he had risen by regular gradations to the chair of K.S.; he was sure that in that position he would discharge his duties with credit to himself and advantage to the Lodge. The W.M. responded at some length, and assured the brethren that he very highly appreciated the honour they had conferred upon him—the highest in their power to bestow. He would do his best to merit their approbation, and to enable him to do this, he looked for the counsel and advice of his predecessors in office. Bro. Sharp had a pleasing duty to perform in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master and brethren of No. 1250. That Lodge was an offshoot of the old Lodge, and he believed it exceeded its "mother" in numbers. They wished the "Gilbert Greenall" every success. Bro. Thos. H. Sutton W.M. No. 1250 responded, and in doing so said that they were grateful to their mother Lodge for the good example she set them in every respect. Bro. J. Rymer Young Immediate Past Master in proposing the toast of Installing Master, remarked that Bro. Bowes was by no means a stranger amongst them, he was no puling infant in Masonic matters either; but a regular well seasoned and experienced veteran of "The Square and Compasses," who had performed the beautiful ceremony of installation perhaps some dozens of times, and in such a manner that, though we in 148 have heard him on several occasions, the ceremony in his hands never tires on our ears or our memories. Bro. Young had especial pleasure in proposing this toast (which doubtless would be received as it deserved) feeling much indebted to Bro. Bowes for having relieved him of the duties of Installing Master. Bro. Bowes briefly acknowledged the compliment, assuring the brethren that it always afforded him great gratification to take part in Masonic ceremonies, and never more than in his mother Lodge. Before he sat down he was commanded by the W.M. to propose the toast of the P.M.'s and Officers of No. 148. They were a noble band, and well sustained the reputation of the Lodge. No Lodge could prosper unless the Past Masters and Officers were able and willing to undertake and to do the work. He begged to couple with the toast the name of the Immediate Past Master. Bro. J. Rymer Young said: Up to this evening I have found it somewhat difficult to realise that I am no longer your W.M.; but am, however, at length beginning to recognise the fact, and not only recognise it, but I hope to thoroughly appreciate it, for it is a distinction of no mean Order—well worthy of appreciation—to be permitted to join the noble army of Past Masters of which this Lodge can boast. When I see around me so many "just and upright men" who have filled the office of W.M. with such credit to themselves and advantage to others; and when I remember that some of these have gained the coveted and well-deserved dignity of Prov. Grand Lodge distinction, I feel proud to take even the lowest place among brethren who have worked so well and so hard in the Masonic cause. Brethren,—I thank you very sincerely, on behalf of the Past Masters and Officers of this good old Lodge, for the hearty manner in which you have been pleased to respond to this toast. The Worshipful Master proposed the Visitors, and in so doing said it was always a source of pleasure to see visiting brethren either at labour or refreshment, or both. They were honoured that day by the presence of several distinguished brethren not of their own Lodge, and he bade them welcome. He then coupled the names of the Visitors with the toast. Responses were made by Bros. Gosnall, Cooper, Flegle, J. Paul Rylands, W. H. Rylands, Schonstadt, W. Simpson, and others. Bro. J. Paul Rylands said he had been a Mason for some years, but he was only just now beginning to fathom its beautiful mysteries. It only needed brethren to attend a well worked Lodge, like No. 148, and they would soon begin to realise the beauties of the Craft. Bro. W. Simpson gave some interesting par-

ticulars of religious ceremonies which he had witnessed abroad, and showed how nearly they were allied to the Masonic ritual. Bro. Gornall said he had renewed friendships that night which had for some time been dislocated. Bro. Schonstadt said he had thoroughly enjoyed his visit both in Lodge and at the festive board. He had often heard the ceremony of installation performed, and had worked it himself, but he must confess that the manner in which Bro. Bowes rendered the beautiful ceremony proved his (Bro. Schonstadt's) own weakness. He only wished he had had Bro. Bowes for his Preceptor, and then he might have hoped to discover to the full the deep meaning of much they had heard that day. Bro. Joseph Pickthall proposed "The Musical Brethren." He dilated at some length on the influence for good that music possessed, and then referred in particular to the tasteful performances they had listened to that night. They were greatly indebted to Bros. Barton, Gaskin, Lockhart and Taylor for coming amongst them. He (Bro. Pickthall) was very fond of music, and often had opportunities of listening to that of a high character, but it was a long time since he had such a treat as the musical brethren had afforded them that evening. He concluded by proposing the toast, which was responded to by Bro. Barton. Bro. Finney, in an interesting and instructive speech, proposed "The Charities." He said that the President at the next Boys' School Festival would be their own Prov. Grand Master, and he was greatly in hopes that at least two Stewards would be sent from Warrington to support Lord Skelmersdale. The Tyler's toast brought the proceedings to a close, and it was conceded on all hands that the St. John's Festival of 1879 was one of the most successful the Lodge had experienced for some years.

LODGE OF JOPPA, No. 188.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Monday, the 5th instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, and was numerously attended by distinguished Grand Officers, Visitors, and Brethren. The chair was occupied by Bro. L. Alexander P.M., H. Hymans S.W., R. Baker as J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. H. Myers S.D., Blank J.D., Benjamin I.G.; P.M.'s A. Dodson, M. Alexander, L. Lazarus, H. Berkowitz, L. Alexander, H. M. Levy, O. Roberts, J. Abrahams. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The report of the audit committee was read and adopted. There remained a balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The Committee of the Benevolent Fund also presented their report, showing a balance in hand of £1061 6s 7d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and the brethren proceeded in procession to an adjoining room, which had been specially fitted up. The Wardens' chairs were occupied by Bros. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D. Bro. Henry Hyams S.W. and W.M. elect was then duly installed into the chair by Bro. S. Hickman P.M., who performed the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner, fully justifying the encomiums passed on him at the conclusion of the work. There were 27 W.M.'s and P.M.'s present at this assembly. The brethren having returned to the Lodge, the newly-installed W.M. received the customary salutations. In appropriate terms he then appointed and invested his Officers:—L. Alexander P.M. I.P.M., R. Baker S.W., L. H. Myers J.W., J. S. Lyon Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., Benjamin S.D., Blanks J.D., Baum I.G., J. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., J. Davis A.D.C., Bean and A. Botibol Stewards, P. E. Van Noorden Org., Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. proposed a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, for the able manner the I.M. had performed the ceremony of installation. This was seconded by Bro. M. Alexander, and supplemented by some excellent remarks from Bro. Berkowitz. Several propositions were handed in to the Secretary; the case of a distressed foreign Brother was considered, and the applicant was assisted by the brethren voting him the sum of two guineas. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, who now numbered 94, sat down to a banquet and dessert, for serving which the Albion is so celebrated; Bro. W. G. Jennings superintended. The W.M. very ably presided, and proposed the first Loyal Toasts; the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the Grand Officers, the W.M. said he had the pleasure of the company of one of the most distinguished brethren of the Grand Lodge of England, who had honoured them by his presence. Bro. Martyn was one whom all were pleased to see among them. Wherever good work was to be done, whether in Freemasonry or in Charity, that worthy Brother's name was prominent, and he hoped as this was Bro. Martyn's first visit, it would not be the last; a hearty welcome would always be given him. The next was Bro. Col. Shadwell Clarke P.G.D., and last, but not least, our esteemed P.M. Bro. E. P. Albert the Secretary of the Lodge. He (the W.M.) was sure the members would heartily drink the toast. No better representatives of the Grand Lodge of England could be found. Bro. Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., on rising to respond, was enthusiastically cheered. He said it was at all times very pleasant to have to return thanks for the Grand Officers. The chiefs of the Order were a tower of strength in themselves. All appreciated the excellent Pro Grand Master, while as to Lord Skelmersdale the Deputy Grand Master, what he had done in Lancashire alone entitled him to their regard. Lord Skelmersdale was a thorough good Englishman, and the example of these two was alone sufficient to urge others on to do their duty. Bro. Mason P.G.S.B. followed; he thanked Bro. Albert for his kind invitation; he had often wished to visit the Joppa Lodge—a Lodge that is known in Masonry throughout the world. Bro. Mason also tendered to the W.M. his thanks for the kind reception he had received. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Benevolent Fund, which he said was well looked after by the President Bro. L. Alexander P.M. and the several Vice Presidents. He was sorry to say the Fund was rather below what it had stood at for the last twelve years; he trusted the brethren would continue to support the Fund; he would now ask them to drink the toast, and couple with it the name of the President

Bro. L. Alexander P.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.M. then read the report of the Benevolent Fund, to which we have already referred. Bro. Alexander, in returning thanks for the President, Vice-Presidents and Committee, said they were all thankful for the hearty response that had been given to the toast. Bro. Alexander then gave a long account of the history of the Benevolent Fund, which he stated was established by the late Bro. Dr. Constatt, in 1849. Year by year the amount in hand had increased, but during the last twelve months they had been called on to disburse large sums. During the last six months they had given £292 2s 6d; in the six months ending June they gave £160; that was a large amount from a single Lodge. The Worshipful Master had made an appeal to them; Bro. P.M. L. Lazarus had, by his exertions, collected the sum of £17 17s. Theirs was essentially a local fund; they never accepted anything from visiting brethren. The Secretary then announced that the W.M. had given £5 5s, the S.W. £2 2s, the J.W. 21s, Bro. E. P. Albert 10s, and several other brethren had likewise subscribed. The J.W. then announced that he had a son five days old; he would give in his name 10s 6d. Bro. James also tendered 21s. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. said he would now take the gavel, and direct their attention to the toast he was about to propose, which they were aware was the health of the W.M. This was to him an esteemed privilege, at the same time he would trouble them with a very short speech. All would cordially agree with him that no worthier brother could have been placed in the chair. Bro. Hymans was a gentleman and a scholar, who would carry out the principles—temperance, fortitude, and justice. Bro. Hymans, in responding, said it was difficult to find words to thank Bro. Alexander and the members for their kindness. What he had done in the past he hoped to excel in the future. Nothing should be wanting on his part to do honour to the Lodge, and when his term of office expired, he trusted he might leave many pleasing recollections of his Mastership. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Visitors, said the Lodge was honoured by many whose names were worthy of notice. He would assure those who were present that the members accorded them a hearty welcome. He would call on Bro. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D. to respond. Bro. Clerke had the pleasure to say he had never witnessed the ceremony of installation performed better: the W.M. must be complimented for presiding in so excellent a manner, for the first time. He had frequently heard of their great Institution—the Benevolent Fund, and he hoped other Lodges would follow their example; at the same time he trusted in future the demands for grants would become small by degrees, and beautifully less. He sincerely thanked the brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the P.M.'s, remarked on the ability they had displayed in carrying out their several duties. He would call on Bro. Hickman, the Installing Master of the day. After a response from Bro. Hickman, the toast of the Wardens was given, coupled with the names of Bros. R. Baker and L. H. Myers. Those brethren severally responded, and then the Treasurer and Secretary were complimented. The merits of the Junior Officers were not overlooked, and then the Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C. asked permission to propose a special toast—To our next merry meeting. He was sure the brethren did not require him to interpolate it with many remarks. He had come all the way from Suffolk to be present, and he hoped all those who partook would be as happy on the next occasion of their meeting. The Tyler's toast was next called for, and this closed the proceedings. The W.M. provided a well-arranged concert, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden, the Organist of the Lodge. We append the programme:—Anthem, "God Save the Queen," solo by Madame Thaddeus Wells; song, "The Death of Nelson," (Braham), Bro. Arthur Thomas; aria, "Quando a te," (Gounod), Madame Thaddeus Wells; (Violoncello Obligato), Herr T. Liebe; solo violin, "The Little Grandmother," Maddle. Cicely Brousil; song, "Thady O'Flinn," (Molloy), Miss Rose Barnby; solo, violoncello, Herr T. Liebe; song, "La Danza," Bro. Arthur Thomas. Among the Visitors were Bros. Colonel Shadwell Clerke P.G.D., Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., T. Cabbitt P.G.P., J. Lazarus P.M. 1017, J. Mason P.G.S.B., Wilson G.P., I. P. Cohen P.M. 205, L. Myers 205, L. J. Solomons W.M. 1017, S. M. Lazarus P.G.D. Wilts, Bassington 205, H. J. Levy 1319, G. Green 15, Pare W.M. 185, Fletcher 180, Jacobs 1732, H. Lewis 907, C. Merion, Anidjah 205, Abrahams 205, D. Posener 185, Green 861, Edwards 861, 1107, Myers 185, Kauffman 1732, Bamberger, Jacobs 1732, Woolf, H. Ashley 1319, E. Swanborough W.M. 1319, L. H. Harris, Senecal P.M. 860, Woolfson, &c.

SINCERITY LODGE, No. 189.

THE bi-annual dinner of this Lodge was held on 2nd instant, at Bro. C. Walter's, Farley Hotel, East Stonehouse. The Lodge is well known throughout the Province for the stand which it has taken for many years to devote the greater portion of its receipts for charity, and no Lodge stands higher than this for the amounts which they have sent to the great Masonic Institutions. Amongst those present were Worshipful Bro. G. Jackson, the Master, who presided; Bros. Col. Fitzgordon S.W., Charles Croyden J.W., A. T. Hendry S.D., J. E. Moon P.M. O., T. H. Bayly P.M. P.P.G.T., T. Robert Rae P.M. P.P.G.S.D. Sec., J. E. Curteis P.M. P.P.G.S.W., J. Dampney P.M. all of 1891; S. Jew P.M. 105 P.P.G.T., J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., J. Browning P.M. 105, R. L. Blight P.M. T. 1209, Thomas G. Owen P.M. P.P.S.G.D., F. Aubrey Thomas P.M. 1247 P.P.G.S.D., W. W. N. St. Aubyn, Dr. Thompson, C. Rodda, John Rogers P.M. Tyler, A. H. Swiss, Charles R. Burdin, George R. Barrett 189 and 1255, George Hawken, R. R. Pengelly 1209, E. Prout. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Queen, remarked that as our gracious Sovereign had ruled so well and so wisely for so many years, it was very evident that we made a mistake in not admitting the ladies to a participation in the ruling other bodies—School Boards for instance. The toast of the W.M.'s

health was very cordially received, it being very generally known that, notwithstanding his heavy professional duties, he had always found time to perform all the duties appertaining to his office in a highly satisfactory manner. In replying, Bro. Jackson adverted to the large increase in the number of Masons, but he thought so many new Lodges were not necessary. There was plenty of room for good men in the existing Lodges. Bro. Curteis, in proposing the Charity toast, referred to the fact that he had had the pleasure of taking from the Lodge and the neighbourhood large sums for the great Charities. He took the opportunity of mentioning that the Lodge had not yet, as a Lodge, subscribed to the local Charity—the Devon Masonic Educational Fund; but seeing the Secretary of the Fund (Bro. Gover) present, he thought he might pledge the Lodge to some substantial subscription soon. The musical arrangements were carried out by Worshipful Bro. J. E. Moon, who sang several songs in his usual admirable manner.

PHENIX LODGE, No. 257.

BROTHER T. R. Williams was, on Saturday, 27th December, installed as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge for the ensuing year, in presence of a numerous and distinguished assembly of the Craft. Bro. Dr. Jacob O'Connor P.M. performed the duties of Installing Master in an efficient manner, and the new W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follows:—Bros. George B. Puttock I.P.M., J. R. Hayman S.W., Storey J.W., Dr. Jacob O'Connor P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Dowse Secretary, Lieut. Noel S.D., E. Hall J.D., Arthur Jolliffe I.G. Amongst the Visitors present were—Bros. M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, W. Edmonds P.M., G. A. Gale P.M., Whitcomb P.M., &c., and the following W.M.'s of neighbouring Lodges:—Bros. Edgar Goble, Fareham; W. D. King, Landport; H. Cawte P.P.G.W. Duke of Connaught, Southsea; V. Brown, Gosport; Grant, Prince of Wales's, Gosport; M. H. Emanuel, United Brothers, Southsea; Willmott P.G.S. Royal Sussex, Portsea; and Liddell, Havant. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided by Bro. George Bond, of the Castle Hotel, Southsea.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THIS Lodge was, on Thursday, the 1st January, honoured with a visit by the Junior Grand Warden of England (M.W. Bro. General the Hon. Somerset Calthorpe), on the occasion of the installation of Bro. Arthur R. Holbrook as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. There was an unusually large attendance of the brethren, including Bros. Arthur Cudlipp P.M., Mayor of Portsmouth, W. D. King W.M. Landport Lodge, H. Cawte P.P.G.W. W.M. Duke of Connaught Lodge, M. E. Frost P.M. P.G. Treasurer, Barfield W.M. Medina Lodge, Cowes; Williams W.M. Phoenix Lodge, Liddell W.M. Havant Lodge, Valentine Brown W.M. Gosport Lodge, Johns W.M. United Service Lodge, Creedon W.M. Lodge of Friendship, Petersfield, Emanuel W.M. United Brothers' Lodge, G. A. Gale P.M., J. B. Goldsmith P.M., J. Tayler P.M., T. Robinson P.M., Edgar Goble, the retiring W.M. of the Lodge, E. S. Main P.M. S. R. Ellis P.M., R. Holbrook P.P.G.D.C., T. King, Dr. Brake R.N., Dr. C. Knott, G. E. Kent jun., W. J. Dale, G. F. Brown, H. J. Dowse, A. H. Bone, Arthur Jolliffe, &c., and the Officers and several members of the Lodge. Letters of apology were received from Bros. Sir F. FitzWygram, Bart., F. Newman P.G.S.W. Hants and Isle of Wight, &c. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. T. Robinson P.M., who received a special vote of thanks for the able manner in which he carried out the duty, and was also highly complimented on his efficiency by the M.W. the Junior Warden of Grand Lodge. The newly installed W.M. appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Bros. Edgar Goble I.P.M., Rev. A. Headley S.W., J. R. Hayman J.W., Rev. — Hervey Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, W. Gilbert Heath Secretary, Ernest Hall S.D., Geo. Ellis J.D., E. Goldsmith I.G., Arthur Nance D.C., J. Gieve and T. J. Hooper Stewards. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet, provided by the Misses White, of the Red Lion Hotel, in their usual excellent style.

FOWEY LODGE, No. 977.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Fowey, on Monday, that being the usual day for the monthly meeting. Amongst the Visitors present were Worshipful Bros. J. Rundle W.M. and J. Stephens P.M. 1151, Bros. Colonel Bake S.W., V. C. Pearce J.W. 1151, and Bros. Bassett W.M. elect and Whetters J.W. St. Matthews. The usual Lodge work having been transacted at two meetings in December, the only work to be done on this occasion was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. C. Slade, the late S.W. A board of P.M.'s having been formed, consisting of Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffrey P.P.G.C., W. Tonkin P.P.G.S.W., F. B. Williams P.G.S.B., A. P. Davis W.M., W. N. Abbott P.G.S. 1874, J. Stevens P.G.S. 1878, N. H. Lamb, J. Rundle W.M. 1151. Bro. W. Tonkin, acting as I.M., proceeded to instal Bro. Slade as Worshipful Master for the year. At the close of the installation, the W.M. invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. A. P. Davis I.P.M., A. Luke S.W., T. Walton J.W., Rev. R. Harper Chaplain, H. W. Durant Treas., W. Tonkin P.P.G.S. of W. Sec., C. K. Stevens D.C., T. Richards S.D., G. Varco J.D., W. Phillips I.G., M. Terrill, and J. W. Davies Stewards, T. Beale Tyler. Bro. Rev. Dr. Treffrey P.P.G.C., in touching terms, thanked the brethren for their kind letter of condolence and sympathy sent to him on the fatal accident which deprived him of his grandson, heir presumptive to the Treffrey estates, &c. He called on them to

carry out the Masonic principle of relief by assisting a brother in distress from a heavy misfortune, by granting a sum of £5, which was unanimously carried. At 4 p.m. a large party of the brethren and visitors adjourned to Bro. T. Richards' Commercial Hotel, to the banquet, during which the usual Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to in appropriate terms by Bros. Rev. Dr. Treffry, P. B. Williams, W. Tonkin, Rev. R. Harper, J. Rundle, Col. Bake, A. Luke, and others.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1637.

THE regular meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 7th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields. Bros. J. Hancock W.M., J. B. Docker S.W., J. Crosland J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., L. Beck P.M. Treasurer, Forscutt J.D., Duret I.G., J. Berrow Organist, Livermore D.C., Green A.D.C., and Bros. Philpott, Cathew, Lloyd, Smith, Valeriani, Green, Booth, Mole, Wallace, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Bocket, Carthew, Smith, Wells, and Booth were passed to the second degree by the W.M., very perfectly. Bros. Lloyd and Mole were, by the courtesy of the W.M., raised to the third degree by Bro. W. C. Parsons P.M. and Secretary, in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Great credit is due to the Officers for their able assistance. Bro. L. Beck P.M. and Treasurer had the privilege of initiating Mr. Walter Adams, who previously had been ballotted for. Two propositions for initiation were handed in to the Secretary, and two for joining. After hearty good wishes had been given, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. W. Gosden. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured. Bro. L. Beck proposed the toast of the W.M., who, he was sure, would have all their good wishes. He wished him a happy New Year, and a successful one in his office. The W.M. having replied to the toast, proposed that of the newly initiated brethren. He was proud to see them, and to drink the toast as it merited; they were gentlemen who he was sure would be a credit to the Order. Bros. Adams, Carthew, and Bocket severally returned thanks for the toast. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 returning thanks. The W.M. complimented the Treasurer and Secretary. No better Officers could have been selected in any Lodge. Their talents were recognised throughout the Craft. The former Brother is a P.M. and Secretary of an influential Lodge, the St. James's Union, and his ability is there fully recognised. Bro. Beck was their first W.M., and as a Grand Officer of Middlesex he is entitled to their respect. Bro. Louis Beck responded. It was the first opportunity he had had of returning thanks as Treasurer; he was gratified at the confidence the brethren reposed in him; his services were always at their disposal. Bro. Parsons said he felt flattered by the remarks of the W.M. He should always be found at his post, and hoped that he might give satisfaction to the W.M., or any succeeding Master who would appoint him. His services were always at the command of the Lodge. The W.M., in proposing the toast of the Wardens, said no better Wardens could be found than Bros. Docker and Crosland, whose working they had seen; they were also among the founders of the Lodge. The W.M. hoped to see them occupy the chair in due course. Bro. Docker said if he were spared to occupy the chair, in the course of events, no one would try to do more for the interests of the Lodge than he. The Tyler's toast concluded the list. Several songs, humorous and sentimental, were given, while Bro. Berrow the Organist gave some excellent accompaniments and operatic selections. Visitors—Bros. Festa 834, R. Phillips 1021, W. Denford 1150, S. A. Cooper 1657, Gibbons 156, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

SINCERITY LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, on Monday evening, when Bro. Josiah Austin P.M. P.G.D. England, P.P.G.M.O., was installed as W. Master by W. Bro. Rev. T. Lemon, M.A., P.P.G.C., assisted by Bros. R. H. Rae P.M. P.P.G.T., T. S. Bayly P.M. P.P.G.J.W., and E. A. Davies P.M. P.P.G.J.D. The Officers appointed were—Bros. Rev. T. Lemon P.M., Geo. Jackson S.W., C. Croyden P.P.G.S.B. J.W., Rev. T. Lemon Chaplain, H. Orton M.O., G. R. Barrett S.O., E. Prout J.O., T. H. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Secretary, J. E. Curteis P.G.D. England P.P.G.J.W. Registrar, W. Hallis S.D., J. Harris Square I.G., J. Rogers P.M. P.G.T. Tyler. A meeting of the A. and H. F. of the Sincerity Lodge of Royal Ark Mariners was held immediately afterwards, when W. Bro. Josiah Austin was installed as W.C. Noah, by his predecessor Rev. E. T. Lemon M.A., I.P.C.N., and the other Officers appointed were—C. Croyden S.W. Japhet, H. Horton J.W. Shem, T. H. Bayly Treasurer, R. H. Rae Scribe, Lieutenant-Colonel Fitzgerald S.D., J. R. Barrett J.D., E. A. Davies I.G., E. Prout D.C., W. Hallis D., J. Rogers W.

NEW FINSBURY PARK LODGE BALL.

THE Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, will take place on Wednesday next, at the Athenaeum, Camden-road, N. Dancing will commence at nine o'clock. From the arrangements which have been made to ensure the enjoyment of the party, we feel assured a pleasant evening will be spent by all who may attend.

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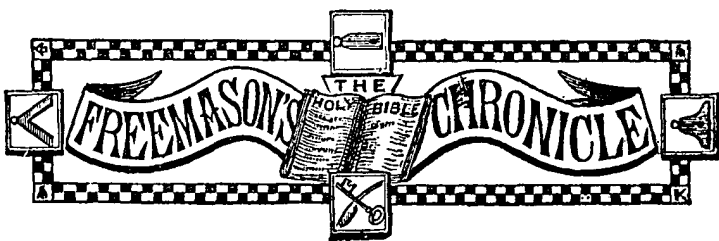
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The brethren assembled at two o'clock, when the provincial and other officers formed in procession and conducted the Grand Master into the hall. The Lodge having been duly formed, the ceremony of dedication was proceeded with, during which the Prov. Grand Master addressed the brethren, saying it was gratifying to know that the old hall had become too small, as it showed the Order in the town was increasing to a great extent. Before he asked their assistance in dedicating that hall he proposed to make a few introductory remarks in reference to the Order. Having done this, tracing Masonry back and dealing with it in a most interesting manner, he went on to speak of the glorious and superb edifices erected in the middle ages, and many of which exist to the present day, as evidences of the skill in architectural construction possessed by their forefathers in those days. Alluding to Masonic Lodges, the Prov. Grand Master spoke of the time of Queen Elizabeth. When she ascended the throne she heard there was a body of men called Freemasons, who carried on certain mysteries, and she ordered a Royal Commission to inquire into the merits of the Order, and after the result of the inquiry had been furnished to her she ordered Freemasonry should be no more interfered with, and since then they had never suffered persecution, but had been rather encouraged by those highest in rank, or, at all events, not opposed by them. He then pointed out that Masonry had existed while mighty empires had crumbled away, and alluded to the unmistakable causes of its unsullied existence. From generation to generation there had been many eminent men who had stood forth and made it their particular object to disseminate the lessons of Masonry. Others there had been less zealous in their day, but who, nevertheless, would stand out in such eminence as to be revered and respected, as having done their best to extend the principles of the Order. So long as they possessed such men as those they need never entertain any doubt that the Order would flourish, or the principles of it be lost. In whatever part of the world brothers meet the bond of union between them was very powerful. The mystic signs had been known to arrest the sway of the sword in war. But there was something pure in the ties which bind brethren together. In the hall he was about to dedicate he trusted the pure principles of Masonry would be carried out. Might they be carried out unsullied within those walls, and might every one who entered that hall be impressed with a desire to do something in his day and generation to promote and encourage the principles of the Order of which he was a brother. The hall was then dedicated to Masonry, some solemn music being rendered during the ceremony, the solos being impressively sung by Bros. P.M. Phillips and Poole. This being concluded, Bro. Weston addressed the Pro Grand Master, saying at the early part of the present year they embarked in the undertaking of erecting that edifice for the purposes of Masonry, and they had met that day to celebrate its completion. They were encouraged by his (the Prov. Grand Master's) presence at its commencement, when he kindly assisted in laying the corner stone of the building, and at that time it was briefly explained that from the rapid increase of Freemasonry in the town, the hall in which they had so many years assembled was inadequate for carrying on the work. They would have been pleased that if by a moderate and judicious expenditure they could have enlarged and modernised it, but the tenure of the property would not justify them in adopting that course, and it was with considerable regret they left a place endeared to them by many pleasant and happy reminiscences. It was there a majority of those by whom he was surrounded had become Masons, and many pleasurable and profitable hours had been spent within its portals. There many friendships had been formed, which would terminate only when with them time itself would be no

more. At the time to which he had alluded he (the Prov. Grand Master) expressed a wish that they should raise a superstructure creditable to the Craft and suitable to their requirements. In that they hoped they had succeeded, and he had the pleasure of expressing the entire satisfaction of the shareholders with the manner in which both the architect and the builder had performed their respective duties. They had not attempted to raise a gorgeous palace, but contented themselves with building a solemn temple in which the great principles of their Order might be acquired and practised. The Prov. Grand Master briefly expressed his pleasure at the success of the undertaking, and the ceremony was concluded.

The brethren afterwards sat down to a *récherché* banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnall, in the Victoria Rooms. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master presided, supported by his Officers. The banquet being concluded,

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Queen and Craft," referring to the active interest taken in Freemasonry by H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Grand Master. He was present when the Prince was installed, and the interest he had then professed never languished. He coupled with it the names of the Prov. Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master.

Bro. Hickman Deputy Prov. Grand Master replied, in conclusion asking them to respond as heartily as they had done to the last toast, to one who was most dear to the hearts of all present. They all knew how ready the Prov. Grand Master was to fulfil his duties in Freemasonry, and he had much pleasure in proposing his health, wishing him every health and happiness.

The Prov. Grand Master, in acknowledgment, thanked the brethren for their enthusiasm, and expressed the pleasure it gave him to be present on that occasion. It was very creditable to the Masons of Southampton that they had raised a building adequate to the carrying on of their various ceremonies. In other countries they see the noblest and largest buildings used for the purpose of carrying on Freemasonry, and it was gratifying to see in England that they were following the example in carrying out the beautiful ceremonies of Freemasonry in buildings well fitted for the purpose. From his knowledge of the Freemasons of Southampton, he knew that Masonry would be carried out in their new hall in a pure and efficient manner. Were it not so he was sure no one present would regard with the same satisfaction as he now did the opening of the building he had been proud to dedicate that day. In Lodge he alluded to the events of former Freemasons, and he would now rather say a few words with regard to the future. With regard to what had already taken place, he asked them to let it be an encouragement to them in time to come, and to be animated by the example of their forefathers which had been so set, so that future Masons might be able to look back and follow the example of what was taking place at the present day, in the same way as they were enabled to do now. To all those who had been engaged in the work of that day he wished health and prosperity, and expressed a desire that Freemasonry might flourish in the town, in the county, and in the country, pure and unsullied.

The Prov. Grand Treasurer (Bro. Frost) proposed "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," who was known, he believed, to every person in the room. He was most courteous in his manner to every one with whom he was brought into contact, and was at all times willing to give any information Masons were ready to receive.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master suitably responded, saying he felt great pleasure in fulfilling the duties of his office. He had a chief whom it was an honour to serve, and who was ever ready to listen to anything he had to refer to him. He felt sure every brother who first saw the light of Masonry in the old Hall would regret it could no longer be used for Masonic purposes. It was inadequate, and could not be suitably enlarged, and now they had a new Hall he hoped they would all rally round those who had expended their money, and endeavour to secure a fair return. He concluded by proposing "The health of the Prov. Grand Officers," to which the Junior Prov. Grand Warden (Bro. Parsons, Basingstoke) replied, congratulating the Masons of Southampton upon acquiring adequate premises in which to hold their meetings.

The Prov. Grand Secretary (Bro. Le Feuvre) proposed "The W.M.'s of the Lodges in the Provinces," expressing the great pleasure it afforded him, as in the discharge of his duties he was brought in contact with them perhaps more than other Mason in the Province. The prosperous state of Freemasonry in this Province was in a great measure due to the Grand Master. The Lodges were increasing very rapidly; during the last five or six years they had increased from 27 to 34. He regretted very much the absence that evening of Bro. P.M. Booth, one of the Masonic brothers in Southampton, through ill health, and he trusted he would soon be well enough to be amongst them again.

Bros. Nash (Winchester) and Jellicoe W.M. (Gloucester) suitably responded.

The Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Directors of the Southampton Masonic Hall Company." He congratulated them upon the success of their undertaking, and trusted that the financial return would also be as satisfactory.

The Deputy Prov. Grand Master (Chairman of the Directors), in reply to the toast, observed that the principal spirit which actuated the Directors in their undertaking was to provide proper accommodation for the observances of their Order. They might congratulate themselves upon the success they had attained. He took very little credit to himself, as he had been so ably supported by his brother Directors. Some of them had devoted a large portion of their time to the superintendence of the work, and assisting the architect and builder in every way that lay in their power. They did not wish for large profits, only a fair return for their money, and he believed in that they would be successful.

Bro. Weston P.M. P.P.G.R. also responded.

Other Masonic and complimentary toasts were given, after which the brethren separated.—*Portsmouth Times*.

DR. BARNARDO'S ANNUAL FESTIVAL.

ON Wednesday evening, between thirteen and fourteen hundred houseless children were invited by the well known friend of the poor—Dr. Barnardo, to a substantial tea at the Mission Room adjoining the Edinburgh Castle, Rhodeswell-road, Bardett-road. Similar efforts, in the shape of suppers or free teas are made from time to time to carry out the main object of Dr. Barnardo's institutions, which is stated to be to rescue and train street children for useful lives. The various establishments comprised in this undertaking are:—Home for Working and Destitute Lads, Stepney-causeway; Village Homes for Girls, Ilford; Temporary Receiving House for Neglected Girls; Temporary Receiving Houses for Street Boys; Training House for Little Boys, Jersey. There are also Industrial Brigades in connection with the institutions as follows:—The City Messenger Brigade, the Wood Chopping Brigade, the Union Jack Shoe Black Brigade. In all these establishments there are now between 800 and 900 homeless, destitute, or neglected children being fed, educated and trained for useful lives. A home is contemplated in which lads from 17 to 20 years of age, taken from the lodging houses, may be tested by means of some industrial pursuit for a few months, and then drafted on to situations or places of employment which the director of the homes shall obtain for them. No boy or girl, however deformed or diseased, is refused admission, provided only they be really destitute. With a view to testing such extreme cases, and also dealing successfully with diseases which may arise in the institutions, a special infirmary for sick children, containing 30 beds, has been erected in Stepney-causeway. After tea, Dr. Barnardo put some questions to the boys with the view of selecting some for admission into the homes, it being intended also to assist in removing all the girls from their present objectionable surroundings. Before asking the questions, however, he explained that his object was to help them if he could, as he had found out that there were a large number of boys and girls who had not had a really good chance of leading an honest life. He could take some boys into the homes, recommend others to various institutions, send some on board ships, and obtain employment for others. He then asked how many lads had fathers or mothers living in lodging houses, and a comparatively small number of hands were held up; but to the query as to how many boys were selling things in the streets, the response showed that the majority of those present were thus engaged. The question, "How many lads have not got a 'doss' (bed) for the night?" caused an almost general show of hands. Those boys who wanted help were then asked to stand up, and between 80 and 100 availed themselves of this offer, and were then passed into an adjoining room, in order that inquiries might be made with a view to their admission into a home. Dr. Barnardo also invited any lads who had not liked to stand up—one of the boys having informed him that two of his "pals," although wishing to go into a home, had not had the courage to come forward—to see him at the institution at Stepney. He advised them all to get work away from the streets. The proceedings were brought to a conclusion by singing and prayer, and each child was presented with two oranges and a new sixpenny-piece, the coins being the gift of a donor who preferred to remain anonymous. Amongst the friends of the movement present were the Rev. W. Tyler, Mr. J. G. Sheppard, Mr. R. C. Morgan, Dr. Heywood Smith, and several members of the committee. The band from the home at Stepney performed several selections during the evening.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE IN 1879.

YEAR by year the work of the National Lifeboat Institution becomes more and more extensive, and testifies to its great importance. The list of services rendered on the coasts of the United Kingdom by its Lifeboats to shipwrecked crews details succinctly the success and unabated bravery and perseverance of the Lifeboat men. A total of 637 lives have been rescued by the Society's Lifeboats during the year, in addition to 21 vessels saved from destruction. In the same period the Lifeboat Institution granted rewards for saving 218 lives by fishing and other boats, making a total of 855 lives saved last year, mainly through its instrumentality. Altogether, since its formation the Society has contributed to the saving of 26,906 shipwrecked persons. It should also be mentioned that during the past two years the Institution has not lost a single life from its 269 Lifeboats. The Committee of the Lifeboat Institution, in view of the foregoing facts, appeal with renewed confidence to the British public for support and sympathy.

The first Ball of the Lodge of Industry, No. 186, was held on Thursday, the 8th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Any surplus that may arise is to be given to the Masonic Charities, to be placed on the list of the W.M., who is a Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. There were nearly 200 guests present, and every one thoroughly enjoyed the meeting, thanks to the W.M., the Past Masters, and an efficient body of Stewards. An early supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, under the superintendence of Bro. Dawkins, which gave every satisfaction. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. W. Maan P.M. and Treasurer, in an excellent speech. The toast was enthusiastically received. The W.M., in responding, said this was the first Ball in conjunction with their Lodge; he was pleased to see so many present, and hoped that the gathering would be an annual one. Bro. Cattle proposed the health of the Stewards, who by their exertions had contributed to the success of the evening. Bro. Johnson J.W. replied. Bro. H. M. Levy responded for the Visitors; while Bro. Dyer did a like service for the Ladies. Bro. Dan Godfrey's Band discoursed sweet music till an early hour.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 10th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
194—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
126—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
162—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

MONDAY, 12th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
54—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
140—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
146—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)

40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
547—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1366—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
R. A. 143—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R. A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R. A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
R. C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
R. C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 13th JANUARY.

46—Old Union, Westminster Palace Hotel, Westminster
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
111—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
193—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
923—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersen Park, at 8 (Instruction)
1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 10 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
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
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
194—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 9 (Inst.)
1495—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, New Public Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 14th JANUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.
Annual Ball of the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, Athenaeum, Camden-rd.
9—Albion, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
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)
223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Counts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8 (Instruction)
1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-street, Wapping
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, New Market Hotel, King-street, West Smithfield
R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R. A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
201—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
241—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
660—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire, at 7.30. (Inst.)
851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevns Hotel, Worthing.
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
973—St. Augustine, Canterbury (Instruction)
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
1031—Flotcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill St., Toxteth Park, Liverpool
1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull, at 7. (Instruction.)
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales.
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
M. M. 102—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.
R. A. 21—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 15th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
160—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
211—St. Michael, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate Street, at 8 (Inst.)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Counts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park.
1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1428—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
R. A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)

42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
58—Howard, High-street, Arundel
93—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
R. A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
R. A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

FRIDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
607—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
786—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
844—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1442—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
317—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
730—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Inst.)
993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham, at 7

R. A. 531—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 K. T.—De Furnival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 K. T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 17th JANUARY.

193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—Kings Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8

NOTICE OF MEETINGS.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 30th December 1879, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present:—Bros. Panter W.M., Snodin S.W., Pownceby J.W., John Soper Secretary, Hallam S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., Dickens I.G., Past Master T. B. Dodson Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Pitman offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed. The first and third sections of the Lecture were worked by Bro. Hallam. Bro. Pitman, of Lodge 1706, was admitted a member. Lodge closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, 6th January 1880, at 7 p.m.

On Tuesday, the 6th instant. Present—Bros. Walter Snodin W.M., Hallam S.W., F. B. Linscott J.W., Dickens S.D., Abell J.D., Panter I.G.; Past Masters Bros. T. B. Dodson and Gilruth. Business—The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Stroud offered himself as a candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed by the W.M. The following sections were then worked:—second by Bro. Hallam, third by Bro. Abell, fourth by Bro. Hallam jun. Bro. Hallam jun. was elected a member of the Lodge. Bro. Hallam was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to Tuesday, 13th January, at 7 p.m.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on the 30th ult. Present—Bros. Roberts W.M., Caton S.W., King J.W., Daniel S.D., Moss Preceptor, Hollands Sec., Couture, Jones, &c. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Couture candidate. Bro. Roberts vacated the chair in favour of Bro. J. King, who duly passed Bro. Couture to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Caton was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. It was proposed that £1 be expended on Bro. Daniel's tickets for a ballot for Life Governorships for the Old Men and Women. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Roberts, it being the first time he had occupied the chair of W.M. in this Lodge of Instruction.

On the 6th January, Bros. Caton W.M., Ferry S.W., King J.W., Daniel S.D., Schnidler J.D., T. Wooding I.G., Hollands Secretary, Moss Preceptor; Bros. Lay and Couture. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lay candidate. Bro. Caton vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lay, who worked the second degree, Bro. Couture candidate. The Lodge was closed in the second degree. The second section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. Moss, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Ferry was elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to Bro. Caton, it being the first time he occupied the chair at this Lodge of Instruction.

St. John's Lodge, No. 137, Blairgowrie.—This Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John in the Victoria Hotel, on Friday, the 26th ult., Bro. J. Playfair R.W.M. presiding. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, the R.W.M. proposed "St. John's Lodge No. 137," which was enthusiastically given. Other toasts followed. Songs were given by a number of the brethren. There were upwards of thirty present, including a deputation from the Conpar Angus Lodge. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Railway Tavern, Fenchurch-street. Present:—Bros. A. Valentine W.M., W. James S.W., W. Sayer J.W., J. K. Pitt Secretary, Thomas B. Biddle S.D., P. Tobias J.D., G. L. Walker Preceptor, E. James Smith I.G., C. Harris. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Smith as candidate. The first section was worked by the W.M., assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Tobias candidate. This Lodge has recovered its normal position, and we think its future is hopeful. A vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for his able conduct in the chair. Bro. Walter James was elected to fill the position of W.M. at next meeting.

Wentworth Lodge, No. 737.—A meeting was held on Monday, 5th January, at the Lodge room, Herriott's-lane, Wellingborough. Present:—Bros. J. H. Harte W.M., N. T. Hewens S.W., John Slinn J.W., L. C. Knight Sec., W. Renshaw S.D., W. Jackson J.D., John Wallis Steward, Caleb Matthews I.G., W. Matthews Tyler; Bro. Aris P.M. Visitors—Bros. Butler Wilkins Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Green P.M. 360, Stanton P.M. 360, Hanger 455, Atkins S.W. 1764, Standley W.M. elect 455, Haynes 455. The Lodge

was opened in due form, and Bro. James was passed by the W.M. from the first to the second degree. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. N. T. Hewens received the benefit of installation from the hands of Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M., who performed the ceremony in his usual impressive and dignified manner. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, and after receiving the customary salutations, the Master proceeded to invest his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. Slinn S.W., L. C. Knight J.W., Caleb Matthews Secretary, Renshaw and Jackson Deacons and Oldham, Inner Guard. After closing the Lodge, the brethren adjourned to the Hind Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. John Wallis, and a very enjoyable evening was spent under the presidency of the esteemed W.M.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction.—Held at the Coach and Horses, Tottenham, Thursday, 8th January 1880. Present—Bros. Oxley W.M., Lewis S.W., Everdell J.W., Poore S.D., Tegg J.D., Japes J.D., Thompson Preceptor, Garrod Sec.; also Bros. Driscoll, Taverner, Bryant, Mattocks, &c. The usual formalities in opening the Lodge having been observed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Bryant acting as candidate here, as he had done in the previous ceremony. On the resumption of the Lodge, the sum of five guineas was voted out of the funds for the R.M.I. for Boys, to be placed on Bro. Thompson's List for the forthcoming Festival. A most distressing case of destitution was brought before the Lodge by Bro. Driscoll, being that of a Brother with a family of six children, who had through misfortune been reduced from a comparative state of affluence to abject poverty. The Lodge voted one guinea for his temporary relief, which was supplemented by a further sum of 30s in the form of a subscription by the brethren present. Bro. Lewis was elected W.M. for next Lodge meeting (Thursday, 15th January) when Bro. Driscoll P.M. will rehearse the ceremony of Installation.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 6th inst. Present—E. Williams W.M., Polak S.W., Christian J.W., Hand S.D., Clerk J.D., Greenwood I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Dallas, Perrin, Fleck, Darnell, Carr, Allen, &c. After formal opening, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Darnell candidate. The Lodge was called off, and on resuming its Masonic duties, was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Polak was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held at the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., on Thursday, 8th January. Bros. Hine W.M., Patrick S.W., Serjeant J.W., Clark S.D., Gieseke J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Secretary; also Bros. Defriez, Andrews, Thorn, Key, Trewinnard, and Stroud. The usual formalities were duly observed. Bro. Andrews answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Andrews candidate. Bro. Fenner worked the third and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the fourth section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Thorn, of the Royal Savoy Lodge No. 1744, was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Patrick was appointed to preside at next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on 31st December 1879, at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal-green-road. Present—Bros. Wooding W.M., Clarke S.W., Hind J.W., Abrahams S.D., Lazarus J.D., Quay I.G., Past Master Bro. Hogg Preceptor; Bros. Christian, Hammond, Stewart, Smith Sturtevant and Ward. Business—Questions leading from first to second degree were answered by Bro. Stewart, and the ceremony of passing was worked, Bro. Hammond candidate. Lodge resumed to first degree, and first and second sections were worked by Bro. Christian, assisted by the brethren. It was proposed and carried that Bro. Ward, No. 205 become a member. Lodge was then closed in due form.

On the 7th inst. the chair was occupied by Bro. Hand. There were present—Bros. Clarke S.W., Abrahams J.W., Smith Treas., Chitson Sec., Lazarus S.D., Christian J.D., Toye I.G., W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Ward, Stephens, Jones, Hammond, Stewart, Collins, Wooding, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and usual preliminaries observed. The ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Ward candidate. The first four sections of the lecture were worked by the following brethren:—1st, Bros. Wooding; 2nd, Christian; 3rd, Stephens; 4th, Christian. Bro. Clarke was elected W.M. for the meeting next Wednesday. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Hand, this being the first time he had worked a ceremony here. Arrangements were also made for holding an installation meeting, notice of which will appear in due course. Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned, having spent a very enjoyable evening. Bro. Hogg Preceptor is to be congratulated upon the proficiency of the members of this Lodge.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday,

29th December. Present—Bros. Grist W.M., High S.W., Blunt J.W., McDowall S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor. The Lodge was opened to the second degree. Bro. Martin answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Martin was raised, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree.

On Monday, 5th January, Bros. Allen W.M., Finch S.W., R. Olley J.W., Garrod S.D., Darnell J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Preceptor; Jones, High, Goodman, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Jones candidate. The W.M. worked the 2nd and 3rd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros Allen W.M. 933, Finch S.W. 1365, Daniel J.D. 1649, were elected member. A cordial vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of the chair, for the first time. Nothing further offering, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, Bro. W. Hogg P.M. Preceptor. Present—Bros. C. Kendall W.M., T. Wooding S.W., J. Pringle J.W., G. Kendall S.D., C. Veal J.D., J. P. T. Couture I.G., J. Allison Hon. Sec., also Bros. Hubbert, G. H. Stephens, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hubbert candidate. Bro. Pringle worked the first three sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Wooding was elected to the chair for Monday next, when we hope to see a good muster.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1692.—Held at Bro. Wood's, the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road, on Tuesday, 6th instant. Present—Bros. Weston W.M., Fuld S.W., Fenner J.W., Percy Preceptor, W. Williams S.D., Hirst J.D., W. Rowley I.G.; also Bros. Wood, Fox, Weeden, and others. The usual ceremonies were observed, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. W. Fox acting as candidate. The ceremony was performed in a very careful manner by the W.M. We trust soon to see him make such progress as will enable him to fulfil the duties of the chair with honour to himself and credit to his mother Lodge; he is now the S.W. Bro. Fox worked the first, Bro. Percy the second, and Bro. Fenner the third sections of the lecture. Bro. Fuld was elected W.M. for next Tuesday, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A meeting of this Chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, New Year's Day. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. J. R. Stacey, E. Comp. J. Willing I.P.Z. and Treasurer occupied the chair. There were also present—E. Comps. W. J. Ferguson H., W. M. Stiles J., C. Hudson S.E., Edmonds as S.N., H. Stiles P.S., Sillis as 1st Asst. Sojourner, F. Johnson as second ditto; also Comps. Deller, Van Camp. Visitor—Comp. Ward, of Truth Chapter No. 22, County Antrim, Ireland. The minutes being read and confirmed, apologies were received from the M.E.Z. Comp. Stacey, Donglass, Holt, and two of the intending Exaltees. Bro. Field was impressively exalted to the supreme degree of the R.A., and several names having been announced for balloting at ensuing meeting, the Convocation was closed in due form with solemn prayer. The Companions afterwards partook of supper, and a very pleasant evening was spent. W. Bro. J. Scales, W.M. of the Parent Lodge, was to have been exalted, but weighty reasons prevented his being present at this meeting, to his regret.

Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction.—The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Instruction was held on Tuesday evening, 6th January, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present:—Comps. Lee Z., Cattermole H., High J., Pennefather N., Lardner P.S.; also Comps. Sayer, Thompson, Letty, Brasted and Walker. Comp. Brown, the able Preceptor, acted as S.E. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comp. Walker being the candidate. The Chapter was closed, and adjourned till Tuesday evening, 13th January, at half-past six o'clock.

The Installation Meeting of the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, was held on the 1st instant, when Bro. F. S. Rothschild was installed as W.M. for the year. Our report stands over until next week.

BALL OF THE CARNARVON AND MIZPAH LODGES.

THE Stewards entrusted to settle the preliminaries in connection with the Fourth Annual Ball of the above Lodges, Nos. 1572 and 1671, announce that they have made arrangements for the Ball to be held at Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Friday, the 27th of February next. They will be pleased to welcome members of other Lodges, as also gentlemen who are not Masons. In order that proper provision may be made, the Stewards desire that application for tickets be made on or before the 15th proximo. The address of Bro. Nelson Reed, the Hon. Secretary, is St. Helen's Lodge, Lee, S.E. We are assured he will be pleased to answer any enquiries addressed to him. The enjoyment at the Balls given by these Lodges on previous occasions leaves no doubt but that this gathering will be a success.

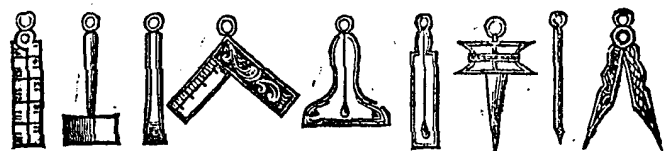
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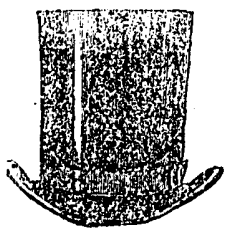
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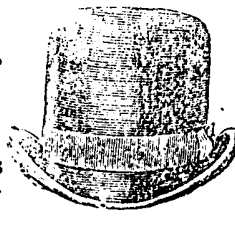
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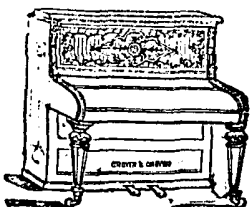
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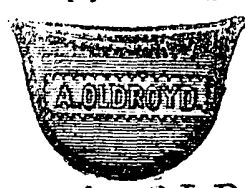
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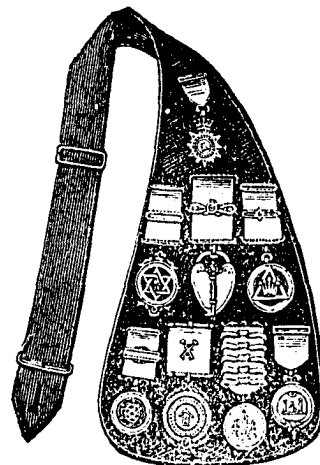
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