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FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Festival of the Benevolent Institution for the year 1880, which had been looked forward to for some time with great anxiety, has passed, and many now be looked back upon with the greatest pride by all concerned; the total of the subscriptions, collected by the 228 Stewards who this year worked for the Institution, being announced by the Secretary on Monday last, after the toast of the evening had been proposed and acknowledged as no less than £12,005 16s 6d with thirteen lists then outstanding. True, this amount is less by £1,870 than that announced under similar circumstances last year, but even allowing for this fact, the result of this year's Festival on behalf of our "Old People" is one of the grandest, if not the greatest success ever known in connection with the Masonic Charitable Institutions. Last year the Committee were singularly fortunate in securing the services of the ruler of one of our largest Provinces as Chairman at the Festival, and he was enabled, with the co-operation of the members of his district, to bring up the largest amount ever contributed by a Province to one or other of our Institutions. This year the ruler of one of the smaller subdivisions undertook the duties of President, and he certainly deserves the thanks of the Craft for the heartiness with which he entered upon the work of his office. With a personal contribution of one hundred guineas he nobly heads a total of £855 from his Province of North and East Yorkshire, a result which we trust is but a specimen of what he and his district intend to do for the Institutions in the future. Other Provinces show well in the totals they have sent up at the hands of their respective Stewards, but of these we shall speak further in a later issue. Suffice it to say here, that the Provinces, represented on this occasion by 101 Stewards, have contributed a total of £4,682 1s and that the 126 London Stewards have collected no less a sum than £7,270 15s 6d, one Steward from the Punjab completing the total with a list of fifty guineas. It will thus be seen that to the London Stewards belongs the credit of having placed this year's Festival in the prominent position it occupies, and all praise is due to them for the grand totals they have collected. This result more particularly shows the need for a Secretary who avails himself of every opportunity of visiting the Lodges, and there urging the members to support the Steward of the Lodge or other brother who may be representing them. Bro. Terry has for weeks past worked day and night among the London Lodges to secure the result on which we must congratulate him, and this notwithstanding the fact that a heavy affliction, in the death of his father, has befallen him. He has not neglected the Provinces, but we think we are correct in saying that this year he has devoted his energies more particularly to London; undoubtedly the result proves the absolute need for personal canvass. At the time of the election of Bro. Hedges, as Secretary for the Girls' School, it was urged by some that this work should not be required of the three Secretaries. We then pointed out that it was absolutely necessary, and we are more and more convinced as, day by day, our experience of the Craft increases, that it is the only way to secure large lists. Left to themselves, we have no doubt but that Lodges will appoint Stewards, but something more is necessary. It is impossible for every Steward to make himself acquainted with all the details of the task he has undertaken, and therefore he is unable to

put the matter as forcibly before the brethren as can a brother whose sole duty it is to work for the Institution more particularly interested, and thus it is we consider that visits from the Secretaries are needful for the welfare of the Institutions. We have already said that the London total so far as was known at the time of announcement was £7,270 15s 6d, which sum was collected by 126 Stewards. It will be seen that the above gives an average of £57 14s to each Steward, an amount considerably in excess of the average of last year, and even this may be considerably increased when the amount of the lists now outstanding are added. The place of honour is secured by Bro. Parkhouse, who, as Steward from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge No. 1642, brings up a list of £400. When we consider that in June last this Lodge sent up 500 guineas for the Boys, at the hands of Bro. Penn, we can but again congratulate the members on the work they do for the Charities. After the very handsome results of the Festivals of the past few years, it may reasonably be asked—What is done with the vast amounts subscribed to this Institution? The sum expended last year in annuities was £10,820, that is to say, at the time of the last election there were 145 brethren each in receipt of £40 per annum, 145 widows each receiving £32 per annum, and nineteen entitled to half their late husband's annuities. The total number of those who had been elected to the benefits of the Institution then was 509 brethren and 278 widows. As a result of this year's grand total notice was given at the Committee meeting of Wednesday to create fifteen additional annuities—ten widows' at £32 per annum each, and five men's at £40 each—so that, supposing this proposition to be carried, as we have no doubt it will be, there will be 150 brethren and 155 widows receiving grants from the Institution, in addition to those widows who are entitled to a moiety of their late husband's annuities. This indeed is a work of which we may feel really proud, and we sincerely hope that at no future time will it be necessary to reduce either the number or the amount of the grants. It was wisely stated at the meeting of Wednesday that it was better to create more annuities than increase the amount of existing ones, and this we fully endorse. The amounts at which the grants are at present fixed is as much as can be expected from a charitable source, and when we consider the number of the annuitants—305 if the additional fifteen as proposed is decided on—it will be seen that a very large sum would be absorbed by even a small addition to each. As at present appearing, there are seventy-nine candidates for the next election, which will take place in May, while the number of declared vacancies is but twenty-six. Taking into account the additional fifteen annuities which we hope will be created before that date, it will be seen that thirty-eight candidates will have to be refused a participation in the benefits of the Charity. There are thirty-one male candidates, for whom there are now thirteen vacancies, and forty-eight female, among whom will be divided a like number of grants. We cannot but be gratified at the splendid work we are able to carry on; still, we must express the hope that some day it will not be necessary to send away any one in need and found worthy.

A military correspondent of the *Yorkshire Gazette* writes:—It may interest some of your readers to know that Freemasonry flourishes in Cabul. A warrant has been granted for the opening of a Lodge to be called the Seaforth Lodge, and Captain J. A. Stewart-Mackenzie, 9th Royal Lancers, has been elected Worshipful Master.

WHAT DO WE DISCOVER IN THE MINES AND QUARRIES?

WHAT do we discover in the Mines and Quarries? This is a question that is worthy of something more than a brief and hasty reply. There are probably two million brethren engaged in the labours of the Craft; surely therefore there must be some reward for the expense, time and labour attendant thereon. Yes, the workmen of the present age are daily and hourly discovering in these quarries and mines more precious stones, more brilliant gems and richer ore than ever the skilled masons and miners under the superintendence of the king of ancient Tyre, and the direction of his friend and coadjutor the martyred Abif brought forth from the gigantic quarries of Jerusalem, or from the dark and intricate mines in the mountains of Palestine.

The Hiramites of to-day are obliged to labour hard and search long for that material and those precious stones that are requisite for the construction of the building of that Holy Temple in which they are engaged. Despite all our efforts a vast amount of rubbish is constantly being washed into our mines and quarries from the cesspools of materialism, rationalism and infidelity, with which our works are surrounded, and are only eliminated by streams from the fountains of truth which are constantly poured in upon them by the labours of the Craftsmen. What then do the brethren of the Mystic Tye discover in these mines and quarries, at which they are so assiduously, so constantly working?

We discover deep down in the figurative quarries and sympolic mines of Freemasonry many precious gems, many priceless jewels, many sparkling stones, many brilliant crystals, many diamonds of the first water; we are engaged in hewing and preparing perfect ashlar for the Temple of the Lord, and these we inlay amidst the silver of friendship and gold, of love with the emerald of faith, the opal of hope, and the ruby of charity, surrounding them with the sapphire of purity, the onyx of brotherly love, and the topaz of fraternal relief, whilst we crown each one of them with a circle of the diamonds of truth. These are the rewards of the faithful delver in the mines, and the honest workman in her quarries.

We have thousands amongst us who, although they have been brought to light are still so enshrouded in darkness that they cannot discover these priceless treasures. They are blind to the varying hues of the opal and brilliant flashes of the diamond; they cannot appreciate the value of the precious metals, or discover aught of beauty or worth in the most dazzling gems. They care not for the sapphire of purity or the gold of love, and never exhibit the ruby of charity or the silver of friendship. The diamond of truth is to them the valueless crystallised carbon.

Now, since there are so many precious treasures in these mines and quarries, since they are so pregnant with wealth and riches, how important is it that we should only admit good workmen, true workmen, and zealous workmen. We want no idlers; we desire not the careless and negligent. Every Mason should be an ardent enthusiast. There is much to learn, and we should teach every neophyte that the Freemasonry of the present day is a living system vitalised from the wellspring of fraternal love and god-like charity. We desire to make our Masonry more practical; too many join us because they view the society as fashionable, or look upon the Association as a convivial club, whereas the fact is the Craft of the nineteenth century has a most holy and honourable mission to perform. We claim to be the *only* fraternity on the earth that teaches in all its symbolism the science of truth; that truth which renders man honourable and woman pure, because it springs from the Godhead Himself, who is truth vitalised and truth deified.

Freemasonry is the emblemification of liberality and purity of thought, and consequently the embodiment of charity in every shape and form. The true student of our mysteries, the laborious delver in our mines, the earnest worker in her quarries, soon discovers that beneath our formal ritualism and mystic symbolism there runs an under-current as pure as crystal, as holy as an inspiration of Deity, and so it is. These ceremonies and this mysticism hide the science of sciences, which teaches man his own puny finiteness, and at the same time exhibits a knowledge of the wondrous power and glory of the Omnipotent Infinite. The mind of the Freemason must expand the

longer he labours in the quarries and delves in the mines, because he hourly discovers more precious truths. More, he learns to view as a brother,—this is really the first lesson; his brother-man becomes precious to him, part of himself. The honour of a brother is as important to him as his own; he learns to view with holy reverence those that are near and dear to a brother, and woman in his eyes and heart assumes a purer, holier form; the nature and character of the Supreme becomes clearer and plainer to his mental vision, because Freemasonry has taught him to accept the Jehovah of the Hebrew, the Allah of the Mahomedan, and the Nazarene of the Christian, as a central being from whom all purity, goodness and kindness ever flow, who is a *Friend and Father of the Children of Earth*. In a word, the Freemason's idea of the Creator is a supreme being elevated above the puny god of a sect, or the heavenly lord of a race, into an Universal God of Infinite Space and Innumerable Worlds; a Creator of Creators, a God of Gods. These are the true treasures, the precious stones, the rich metals that we discover in the Quarries and Mines of Freemasonry.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution assembled on Wednesday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. Lieut.-Colonel Creton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), James Brett, William Stephens, George Bolton, C. G. Dilley, James Kench, Baron de Ferrieres, C. A. Cottebrune, J. M. Case, Nathaniel George Philips, H. S. Somerville Burney, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Smith, Raynham W. Stewart, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, S. Rawson, Thomas Cubitt, William Hilton, William Hale, C. H. Webb, Edgar Bowyer, F. Adlard, Charles F. Hogard, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry announced the death of five male annuitants and two females. He then stated that he had to report that the Festival of the Institution took place on Monday, under the presidency of the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire, on which occasion £12,005 16s 6d was subscribed. Four out of thirteen outstanding lists had since come in, with a total of over £80. He expected that the remainder would make up the amount of Monday's subscriptions to another £200. Votes of thanks were then passed to the Earl of Zetland and the Board of Stewards. Bro. G. R. Green having given his entertainments, "Enoch Arden," and "a Roman among the Romans," to the annuitants of the Institution at Croydon, a vote of thanks to him for doing so was passed unanimously. Some of the brethren having made some useful presents to, and entertained Bro. James Norris, the Warden of the Institution, on his completing his ninetieth year, a letter from Bro. Norris thanking the brethren was read by Bro. Terry. In answer to Bro. Henry Smith, Provincial Grand Secretary for West Yorkshire, the Chairman said that Grand Lodge having purchased some additional property, plans were submitted to the Building Committee for giving increased accommodation for the work of the office of the Secretary of the Institution. He afterwards proposed to add ten women and five men to the number of annuitants, which he thought was but right considering the state of the funds and the large subscriptions of last Monday. This would make 23 widows and 18 men to be elected in May, out of a total list of 79 candidates. This was seconded by Bro. R. W. Stewart Prov. Grand Deacon, and approved by Bro. Henry Smith, who thought it better to increase the number of annuitants than the amount of the annuities. The motion was then carried. The grant of half her late husband's annuity was made to a widow, and the Committee then adjourned.

A ball in aid of the Masonic Charities was held on Thursday, 29th ult., at the Star Assembly Rooms, Portsmouth, under distinguished patronage. The necessary arrangements had been carried out by Bros. J. W. Stroud, J. D. Hill, A. T. Cave, and W. C. Webb, and the room was tastefully decorated, festoons, flags, evergreens, Chinese lanterns, and coloured lamps being effectively introduced, while Bro. A. L. Emanuel had lent candelabra and plate for the decoration of the hall and the supper tables. Figures in armour, devices in swords and bayonets, and also Masonic mottoes and emblems were likewise used for decorative purposes. Dancing commenced at half-past nine o'clock, and notwithstanding the unfavourable weather the attendance numbered about a hundred. Shortly after midnight supper was served in the billiard room by Host Bowers, whose catering gave unqualified satisfaction. The company did not disperse till nearly five o'clock, when a special steam launch left for Portsea. The ball was a complete success. The Masonic mottoes had been executed by Mr. Cave, ship's decorator, of the High-street, the other decorations having been carried out by a non-commissioned officer and men of the Royal Marine Light Infantry, together with seamen.

The fifth anniversary banquet of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507, will take place on Tuesday, the 2nd March, at the Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 p.m. Bro. C. J. Scales the W.M. of the mother Lodge will occupy the chair, being supported by an efficient Board of Stewards, comprising the Past Masters and Officers of the Metropolitan Lodge and several others. We feel assured our brethren will spend a pleasant evening, and that a good supper will be provided by the proprietor of the Restaurant, Bro. Kent. The price of the tickets is 2s 6d each. We can promise any of our readers a hearty welcome if they can attend.

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE annual Festival of this Institution was held on Monday at the Freemason's Tavern, Great Queen-street, London, under the presidency of the R.W. the Earl of Zetland, Prov. G.M. for North and East Yorkshire, who was supported by Sir W. W. Burrell Prov. G.M. for Sussex; Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer; Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, G.S.; Major-Gen. the Hon. Somerset G. Calthorpe, G.J.W. of the year; Bro. R. H. Giddy, D.G.M. of Griqualand, &c. About 500 brethren were present. A pleasing feature of the gathering was the attendance of several Brethren of the Fitzroy Lodge in their uniform as Members of the Hon. Artillery Company, and later in the evening, when the toast of the Prince of Wales was given from the chair, they, in compliment to H.R.H. who is Colonel of their regiment, gave the special "fire" well known to visitors of their Lodge. The toast of The Queen was given by the Noble President, who, amid the cheers of the assembly, spoke of Her Majesty's deep interest in the Craft and its institutions, as shown by the donations Her Majesty had made to the Charities of the Order. The introduction of the toast of the Grand Master required, the Chairman said, but few words from him. H.R.H. The Prince of Wales was the most popular Grand Master ever known, and the toast usually proposed in his honour was universally received with acclamation in Masonic Lodges. The toast was then given, and coupled with it were the names of the Princess of Wales and the other Members of the Royal Family. To the toast of the Grand Officers, present and past, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell responded, and then followed the toast of the evening—Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons. The Earl of Zetland, in proposing the toast, said that if it were necessary to educate the young, it was also necessary to provide for those who

in the evening of life found themselves in distressed circumstances. The Institution was founded at the suggestion of the late Duke of Sussex, nearly 40 years ago, and the work carried out by it was seen in the fact that last year a sum of £10,820 had been distributed among Decayed Brethren and the Widows of Brethren, the former receiving annuities of £40 a year, the latter of £32; while to some an almshouse was also vouchsafed. The toast was coupled with the name of Bro. Colonel Creaton, who acknowledged it; and then Bro. James Terry, the Secretary, read out the list of subscriptions, showing that the Craft had sent up from the different Lodges in England Stewards whose subscriptions amounted in the whole to £12,005 16s 6d, with thirteen lists outstanding. Of this sum, London, represented by 126 Stewards, had sent £7,270. The Provinces, 101 Stewards, £4,782 11s 0d, and from the Panjab, one Steward £52 10s 0d. Bro. Giddy, the District Grand Master of Griqualand proposed the toast of The President of the Night, and reminded the brethren, amid great applause, of the association of the Earl's name with the Craft, his predecessor in the title having been Grand Master for upwards of a quarter of a century. The Chairman having acknowledged the toast, proceeded to propose Success to the other Masonic Institutions, to which Bro. Hedger replied, announcing that H.R.H. Prince Leopold had fixed the date of the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls as the 16th of April. Bro. Shadwell H. Clerke proposed the Stewards, which having been acknowledged, that of the Ladies was given, and to this Bro. Quarter-Master W. G. Brighten, of the Fitzroy and other Lodges, replied. A very good concert was provided by Bro. Charles E. Tinney, the artistes engaged rendering the songs in a perfect manner, and being fully appreciated by the brethren.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

LONDON

Lodge		
	Bro. E C Woodward .	— — —
1	George Martin .	17 17 0
2	Charles O Tagart .	52 10 0
4	Rev. George W Weldon	
	M.A. .	15 15 0
5	W H Clarke .	31 17 0
8	Frank Green .	26 2 0
10	Hamon le Strange .	35 4 0
11	G J Palmer .	35 14 0
14	Eugene Montennis .	19 19 0
15	Edward P Barlow .	78 0 0
21	Robert Berridge .	39 2 0
23	Edward Nixey .	15 14 6
26	W C Beaumont .	12 11 0
27	J B Poole .	140 3 6
28	T J Thomas .	47 5 0
29	Fras Farnan jun. .	— — —
30	Alfred Lefaux .	35 0 0
33	Edward Strouts .	40 0 0
55	Samuel Pownceby .	50 2 0
65	Charles Daniel .	124 0 0
66	Macrae Moir .	26 5 0
73	Benjamin Isaacs .	64 5 6
87	Thos Janeway .	52 12 0
95	H W Ruff .	31 9 6
101	W George .	43 1 0
141	Edward Hopwood .	40 14 0
Chapter		
142 Comp.	F Statham Hobson .	41 7 0
Lodge		
145	Bro. J H Leggott, V.Pat.	276 5 6
157	C Buckhurst .	26 5 0
162	Jeremiah Lyon .	34 13 0
165	G E Wainwright .	37 5 6
172	H Hoadley .	52 5 0
173	Edward W Allen .	52 10 0
174	C H Webb, V.P. .	121 8 0
Chapter		
174 Comp.	Theophilus Hallett .	210 0 0
177	Chas A Cottebrune .	44 2 0
Lodge		
179	Bro. H A Lovett .	— — —
179	W Hughes .	48 0 0
180	Ernest Farwig .	57 15 0
183	H C Archer .	49 17 6
Chapter		
185 Comp.	James Smith .	13 2 6
Lodge		
186	Bro. W H Hook .	52 10 0
193	W W Collier .	35 0 0
197	Dr Benj H Paul .	22 19 0
198	H C Lambert .	23 2 0
201	Theophilus Dunkley .	20 5 0
206	Samuel Gamman .	52 10 0
211	Alfred Withers .	79 5 6
228	Richard Percy .	86 16 6
235	Edward H Hewett .	10 10 0
235	Thomas C Chown .	15 15 0
256	Joseph Heming .	31 10 0
256	Charles Birch .	— — —
259	Maj-Gen. Hon. Somerset	
	J G Calthorpe .	178 5 0
435	Emil F W Berger .	22 0 0
511	John Avery .	50 0 0

Lodge		
511	Bro. C E Williams .	10 10 0
538	Julius Quitmann .	71 8 0
548	S P Catterson .	75 1 6
Chapter		
554 Comp.	Jno Jas Berry .	105 0 0
Lodge		
569	Bro. William H Bateman .	131 5 0
657	John N Ward .	113 7 0
704	C B Hilliard .	— — —
720	W R Sheadd .	42 0 0
749	Peter Parsons .	23 0 0
754	George Burford .	50 0 0
754	Henry V Clements .	— — —
766	George Newman .	26 5 0
813	Lewis C Haslip .	36 4 6
820	Charles Hubbard .	144 16 0
857	H J Green .	— — —
862	S Godden .	48 0 6
871	Wm Hy Luckraft .	57 15 0
879	Albert Emler .	105 0 0
901	E Salisbury .	25 5 0
902	Samuel Poynter .	43 0 0
907	Richard Jennings .	50 7 0
957	Andrew Middlemass .	53 11 0
1155	Joseph Bates .	65 17 0
1178	Charles Deakin .	59 10 0
1196	R H Blatchford .	27 12 6
1278	A Lazarus .	57 15 0
1288	J W Simmonds .	55 13 0
1298	Geo Hy Hunter .	44 17 0
1348	Edward Jacobs .	50 12 0
1365	Archibald McMillan .	65 17 0
1366	Louis Bamberger .	84 9 6
1381	Wm Mann .	31 10 0
1382	J Delves .	119 6 0
1383	R W H Giddy Dist.	
	G.M. Griqualand .	187 3 0
1397	John H Galton M.D. .	34 8 0
1425	Samuel Sones .	31 10 0
1471	William Bausor .	228 13 6
Chapter		
1471 Comp.	Edgar Bowyer V.P. .	68 5 0
Lodge		
1472	Bro. Alf Jno Manning .	86 5 6
1507	C J Scales .	47 19 0
1539	M S Larham .	10 10 0
1540	E S Stidolph .	— — —
1572	George Briggs .	70 17 6
1586	W Jerrett Miller .	50 8 0
1589	Alfred Tisley .	10 10 0
1599	Wm Hy Marston .	33 4 0
1602	J Osborne .	26 5 0
1607	C J Perceval V.P. .	125 4 0
1608	S Brooks .	127 11 6
1615	Frank Richardson V.P. .	63 0 0
1623	G H Stephens .	115 10 0
1632	G T Thorne .	18 12 6
1642	S Hy Parkhouse .	400 0 0
1642	Edward M Lander .	— — —
1657	Geo Kenning V.Pat. .	69 11 0
1677	Wm J Hunter .	114 0 0
1679	E Francis Storr .	38 0 0
1693	Hy P Isaac .	42 0 0
1704	F E Wotton Collard .	67 4 0
1716	John K Coleman .	38 1 0
1728	Thomas W C Bush .	137 0 6

Lodge		
1744	Bro. J Douglass .	34 10 6
1791	Hy Jas Johnson .	174 5 0
1803	Edwin March .	— — —
1804	Chas A Heimann .	50 1 0
	W H Farnfield .	— — —
1805	W R Marsh .	52 10 0
1818	Louis Hirsch .	52 18 6
1827	H Wildey Wright .	40 0 0

BERKS AND BUCKS

Lodge		
209	Bro. Joseph Andrews .	16 16 0
414	C Stephens .	90 13 6
414	F J Ferguson .	61 0 0
574	Stephen Knight .	27 16 0
591	Sam. K Page .	— — —
948	Andrew McDowall .	18 18 0
		215 3 6

CHESHIRE

321	Bro. James Salmon .	27 1 0
1576	John Dutton .	42 0 0
		69 1 0

CORNWALL

1151	Bro. Controller S G Bake .	63 0 0
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DERBYSHIRE

802	Bro. W. L. Ball .	36 15 0
1324	Fitzhubert Wright .	95 8 0
		132 3 0

DEVONSHIRE

110	Bro. Chas. Godtschalk .	110 5 0
112	Samuel Jones .	81 8 0
		191 13 0

DORSETSHIRE

The Province,	Bro. H. C. Burt .	183 10 0
707	Bro. I M P Montague, J.P.,	
	D.L., Vice Patron .	47 5 0
		230 15 0

ESSEX

Chapter		
214	Comp. George Cooper .	38 15 0
Lodge		
1000	Bro. Rev. R S Wigram .	— — —
1343	James Godwin .	50 18 6
		89 13 6

GLOUCESTERSHIRE

The Province,	Bro. Col. Hy. Basevi .	10 10 0
82	Bro. W Anslow Seale .	24 3 0
82	Baron de Ferrieres,	
	J.P., Vice Patron .	10 10 0
1067	Russell Jas. Kerr .	43 5 0
		88 8 0

HANTS AND ISLE OF WIGHT.

Lodge			
35	Bro. Asher Barfield	. .	25 0 0
723	Henry Stone	. .	31 10 0
903	John Wallingford	. .	44 2 0
			100 12 0

HERTFORDSHIRE

Chapter			
403	Comp. David Roberts, V.P.		
Lodge			
449	Bro. James Shilcock	. .	14 18 0
1327	Frederick Drummond		92 7 0
1385	John Brittain	. .	35 12 6
1580	Henry Cox	. .	75 11 0
			218 8 6

JERSEY

Island of, Bro. J T du Jardin	. .	57 15 0
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KENT

Lodge			
20	Bro. H W Moore	. .	7 7 0
77	W Barlow	. .	38 16 0
77	Wm. Hicks	. .	50 2 0
709	Geo. W Greenhill	. .	20 0 0
829	Wm. Moulder	. .	53 0 0
1096	George Thompson	. .	31 10 0
1436	Adam Keeler	. .	35 14 0
1464	J A Farnfield, V.P.		236 9 0

EAST LANCASHIRE

Chapter			
62	Comp. George Higgins	. .	30 0 0
Lodge			
300	Bro. Ald. J W Boulton	. .	10 10 0
992	J J Menkin	. .	15 15 0
1504	Josiah Pollard	. .	56 5 0

WEST LANCASHIRE

	Bro. Robert Wylie	-	-	105	0	0
580	Captain J Balmer	-	-	21	0	0
1325	J W Burgess	-	-	31	10	0
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				157	10	0

MIDDLESEX

Lodge			
708	Bro. Alban G H Gibbs	. .	12 12 0
1293	John Kirke	. .	25 4 0
1309	Clement L Smiles	. .	11 10 0
1326	Copeman Wm. Fox	. .	22 15 0
1415	E Kimber	. .	27 14 0
1597	R L Sindall	. .	26 5 0
1637	John B King	. .	125 6 0
1777	Horace B Marshall,		
	C.C., Vice Patron	. .	105 0 0
1777	H A Dubois	. .	356 6 0

MONMOUTHSHIRE

1429	Bro. Wm. Watkins	. .	46 15 0
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NORTHS. AND HUNTS.

466	Bro. E J Orford	. .	115 10 0
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NORTH WALES AND SALOP.

1477	Bro. John Corbett	. .	10 10 0
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OXFORD.

357	Bro. Reginald Bird M.A.	. .	65 0 0
357	Rev Hy Deane B.D.	. .	40 9 0
357	H R Cooper Smith		106 9 6
	M.A.	. .	20 0 0
478	Fentham Hedges	. .	231 18 6

SUFFOLK.

The Province, Bro. N Tracy	. 100 8 0
114 Wm Clarke .	.
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ROYAL MASONIC PUPILS' ASSISTANCE FUND.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly give me space for one or two remarks on your leader in last Saturday's CHRONICLE?

The resolution of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Warwickshire was passed unanimously, after mature deliberation, many of the brethren present being intimately acquainted with the working of large public schools. It was the undivided opinion of all that the scheme as suggested by Lord Rosslyn was impracticable, and could not possibly be managed in a satisfactory manner without the assistance of the School Committees, they alone understanding the character, temperament, physique, and capabilities of the pupils. There are scholarships attached to all large public schools, which are managed by the governing bodies thereof, and if the Masonic Institutions are really fettered by restrictive laws it would be quite possible for the "Charity Commissioners" to grant permission for the appropriation of certain funds raised specially for certain objects. This would be far preferable to creating the heavy expense of maintaining another Institution, Secretary and staff.

The foregoing arguments weighed heavily with the Warwickshire brethren, and it is unfair to suppose that "EXPENSE" was the sole cause of opposition to the scheme in its present form. The subscriptions sent from this Province to the Charities will exempt its Masons from even the least suspicion of meanness.

It is quite true that Lord Leigh is, and always was, favourable to

scholarships when under the management of existing Committees; he expressed himself so when he last took the chair at the Boys' Anniversary Dinner (the third year of his presidency). In this instance he only disapproves of the *modus operandi*.

A plan has been suggested, but not yet discussed, that a fund for Masonic pupils should be instituted in every Province, and worked by the existing Boards of Benevolence. Many advantages would accrue from this system, as it would enable the pupils in many cases to live with or near their friends, and the idea is well worthy of consideration.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully,

JOHN MACHEN,

D.P.G.M. WARWICKSHIRE.

Lillington, Leamington, 3rd February 1880.

[We take the earliest opportunity of correcting an error our esteemed brother has fallen into with reference to our remarks. We certainly said that it was the question of expense which deterred the Warwickshire brethren from joining in the foundation of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, but we did not intend thereby to cast any slur on the Province. As we understand it, the Warwickshire verdict is, that the Fund will be an expense on the whole English Craft; not that they object to contribute their share to any good cause. We do not for one moment wish it to be thought that we consider the brethren of Warwickshire remiss in the matter of Charity, or that we think they would refuse support to anything in the form of benevolence merely on the ground of its entailing a further display of their liberality.—ED. F. C.]

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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FORTITUDE AND OLD CUMBERLAND, No. 120.

THIS Lodge held its Installation meeting on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street. In the room were displayed the banners of many distinguished P.M.'s. Bros. W. H. Bateman W.M., H. Mower S.W., R. Coombs J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treas., W. A. Snelgrove Secretary, E. E. B. Kidder J.D., Bandenbauch I.G., W. C. Beedell D.C., P.M.'s W. B. Kidder, Dudley Rolls, Sidney Rolls, G. Angold, Lemaitre, Nicols, Lilley, R. W. Stewart P.G.D. After preliminary business a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. H. A. Rolls, which was unanimous in his favour; by the courtesy of the W.M. he was initiated into the Order by Bro. Dudley Rolls P.M., who performed his duty in a careful and perfect manner. The W.M. then resumed the chair, and showed his proficiency by passing Bro. Ludovic Noel. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, Brother Henry Mower S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by Bro. W. B. Kidder P.M., in the presence of thirteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s. Bro. Kidder was warmly congratulated by the brethren for the able manner he performed the ceremony. The newly-installed W.M. was saluted, and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. H. Bateman I.P.M., R. Coombs S.W., E. E. B. Kidder J.W., L. Ruf P.M. Treasurer (re-elected for the fifteenth time), A. Snelgrove P.M. Secretary, Beedell S.D., Bandenbauch J.D., Matthews I.G., Pigache D.C., Marsh Tyler. The W.M., in feeling terms, presented the retiring P.M. with a very elegant jewel, for the able and efficient manner he had discharged his duty, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he is held. Bro. Bateman returned thanks for the valuable gift, and the kind expressions of the W.M. The resignation of a brother was accepted with regret. Bro. Kidder announced the death of a brother belonging to the Lodge, who was respected by them all. Hearty good wishes were then given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, fifty-five in number, sat down to a *récherché* banquet and dessert, that reflected great credit on Bros. C. and A. Painter. Grace having been sung, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was sung. In proposing the toast of the M.W.G.M. His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, the W.M. said the Craft were honoured by having one so beloved presiding. Only a short time since, on the occasion of the investiture of the Grand Secretary, the G.M. came among the brethren, and every loyal heart beat with pleasure at seeing him. "Hark to the rolling drum" was then sung. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers. He would couple with the toast the name of a respected P.M. of the Lodge—Bro. Raynham Stewart, a Past Grand Officer of England. After Bro. Frank Ward had sung "Jack's Yarn," Bro. Stewart P.G.D. rose: He felt proud to wear the purple of Grand Lodge; he hoped the honour given to him would be continued to other members of this distinguished and ancient Lodge. Bro. Bateman I.P.M. then rose: He was pleased to see the present W.M. in the chair he had just vacated. Bro. Mower had worked up to the chair, and had filled every office in the Lodge; he had done his duty, and had gained the approbation of his colleagues. The W.M., on rising, was enthusiastically received. He could hardly say how deeply indebted he was to Bro. Bateman for his kind remarks; for many years he had had an ardent wish to become W.M. of this old and influential Lodge. In saying that he would do all in his power for their welfare, he was not unmindful that he had to follow brethren whose names were known and respected; however, all his energies would be devoted for the welfare of the Lodge, and the comfort of the brethren. The W.M. said it was a rare event to have an initiate at the installation meeting; however, Bro. H. A. Rolls had been favoured, and the ceremony had been performed to the satisfaction of every one by their respected P.M., Bro. Dudley Rolls. He would ask them to drink the toast of the newly-initiated brother. The E.A. song was sung, and then the toast was responded to. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Bateman, who had done his duty in every way to their satisfaction. He hoped the brethren would give the toast the reception it merited. Bro. Faulkner Leigh sang the "Death of Nelson." Bro. Bateman thanked the W.M. for the toast so kindly proposed; he appreciated the kindness of every brother who had assisted him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the P.M.'s; they were brethren of influence, not only in the Lodge, but also in social life, where they were equally respected. "Soft, ye winds," was then sung. Bro. Dudley Rolls said he was pleased to see so numerous a gathering. It was gratifying to see the Lodge so flourishing. The W.M., Bro. H. Mower, was one who would carry out in every respect the duties of the chair. The toast of the Visitors was next on the list. The W.M. saw many distinguished brethren present; it was by visiting Lodges a spirit of brotherly feeling was engendered; he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Dr. Ramsay P.P.J.W. Middlesex responded to the toast: he was pleased to see an old friend in the chair. Several of the P.M.'s were old and valued friends of his, well known in Freemasonry. The working and hospitality of the Lodge was such that could not be excelled. The Installing Master, Bro. Kidder, was next complimented; the W.M. could hardly find words to thank him for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation; there was scarcely a hitch. As a thorough Mason and kind brother he trusted they would give Bro. Kidder's toast the reception it merited. After Bro. Frank Leigh had sung "The anchor's weighed," Bro. W. B. Kidder replied. It was a source of satisfaction to hear that he had done his duty. He was initiated in this Lodge, and whatever he had done, and whatever he might be called upon to do in the future, would be done with a will. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary; he had the honour of having the best of Treasurers and

Secretaries; the former is the father of the Lodge, and he had been re-elected for the fifteenth time. The more the brethren see of Bro. Ruf the more they like him. Bro. A. Snelgrove was his (the W.M.'s) father in Freemasonry; he was initiated, passed, and raised by him. The W.M. hoped that these brethren would have their health and a long life to be among the brethren of the Lodge. By particular desire Bro. Pigache sang a song, and elicited the warmest plaudits. Bro. L. Ruf P.M. and Treasurer responded: it was satisfactory to know they thought he had done his duty, and fully appreciated his efforts, which would be always at the command of the members. Bro. A. Snelgrove followed; he fully endorsed all Bro. Ruf had said. He hoped to be among them for many years. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities. With all the distress in the outer world, the Masonic Charities were well looked after. They had a brother among them high and distinguished in Freemasonry, who represented the Boys' School,—Bro. Binckes. He would ask them to drink the toast, coupled with his name. Bro. Binckes felt it a great compliment to be associated with the toast; he regretted the absence of Bro. Terry. The Festival of the R.M.B.I. would take place on Monday next. Owing to a death in his family, Bro. Terry could not be present that evening, but he (Bro. Binckes) trusted they would sympathise with him in his bereavement. The W.M. had spoken of the distress in commercial circles; he would contrast with this the condition of the Charities; the support to the Charitable Institutions had not fallen off, but those who sought their benefits were increasing in number. We have not the outer world to appeal to; we ask only from members of the Craft. Bro. Binckes urged the members to do all they could for the three Institutions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Officers; their working had given great satisfaction. Bro. Coombs S.W. returned thanks. He was followed by Bros. Kidder, Beedell, Matthews, and Pigache. The Tyler's toast was then given. Bros. L. Ruf and Pigache were indefatigable in their exertions for the comfort of the brethren and Visitors. The music was under the direction of Bro. Ward. Among the Visitors were Bros. F. Binckes P.G.S., W. Searles 127, T. Robinson P.M. 917, Wercheim 12, W. T. Buck 1196, F. Matthews 1766, L. A. Mesrovyz W.M. 1238, E. Storr 167, Stevenson 192, Dr. Ramsay P.P.G.W. Middlesex, Currier 11, Baelz 238, Stevens 1793, W. H. Smith J.W. 108, F. Ward 1341, Kirby, Barnes W.M. 66, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

BALL OF THE PHOENIX LODGE, No. 173.

THE annual ball of this ancient and flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, 5th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. E. W. Allen and an efficient staff of Stewards,—Bros. J. Blyth S.W., G. Carr, A. Conolly, D. Ferguson, Capt. J. Finch I.P.M., F. Foyley S.D., J. Gardner, G. Guttenbrook I.G., F. Parker, S. S. Phillips P.M., H. W. Davie W.S. Hon. Sec. and Treas. The ball was in every way a success, there being over 200 guests present, Bros. Coote and Tinney's band played excellent music, conducted by Bro. Thaddeus Wells. During the interval a sumptuous supper was provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen. Bro. Capt. Finch I.P.M., in a very eloquent speech proposed the health of the W.M., whom all respected. The fact of his being elected to fill the chair so unanimously was sufficient to show appreciation. They had found he was the right man in the right place. The ball, held annually, had been, and he was sure always would be, a success. Bro. Allen, in reply, thanked Bro. Finch for his kind expressions, and also the company for the enthusiastic manner in which the toast had been received. When he looked around and saw so many happy and smiling faces he felt almost in a higher sphere. He trusted this evening would be remembered by all. He hoped to meet them on many happy occasions like the present. Bro. Davie Hon. Sec., in a very happy speech, returned thanks for the Stewards, and Bro. S. S. Phillips P.M. replied in a very humorous manner for the ladies. Dancing was kept up with great spirit until an early hour.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 928.

THE installation of W.M. took place on Monday, 2nd February, at Petersfield. The Lodge was closed at 4 p.m., and the brethren present were:—Bros. Creedon W.M. and W.M. elect, Pierson S.W., Edgeler Treas. and Sec., Cordery S.D., Burley J.D., Knight Tyler, L. B. Cole P.M., J. Cole P.M., J. Swan, J. Woodhouse, F. Mells J. Wright, C. Oakley, J. Whitefield, T. Gosden, C. Masters, W. Smoker; Visiting Bros. T. Francis P.M. 804, C. H. Liddell W.M. 804, J. Leggett I.P.M. 1428, W. R. Carter 76, F. C. Batchelor 76, C. J. Slade 199, W. Hawkins 319, J. Cecconie 442, G. P. Arnold 342, G. Naylor 1776, W. Marshallsay 1776. The Board of installed Masters was opened by Bro. Edgeler, the installing master, the Wardens' chairs being filled by Bro. Francis and L. B. Cole, Bro. Leggett performing the duty of I.G. The ceremony of installation was most ably carried out by Bro. Edgeler, at the conclusion of which a vote of thanks, proposed by the W.M., and seconded by Bro. L. B. Cole P.M., was accorded. The W.M., previous to investing his Officers, returned thanks to the brethren of the Lodge for the honour conferred upon him by his re-election to the office of Master, and especially thanked Bro. Pierson for the part which he had taken, being S.W. of the Lodge during the past year, and although the brother directly interested, the first to advocate his re-election. The W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follows, delivering the usual address to each:—Bros. J. Cole I.P.M., H. Pierson S.W., W. C. Burley J.W., J. Woodhouse S.D., J. Swan J.D. J. P. Cordery D.C., F. Mells I.G., J. Wright S. Steward, C. Oakley J. Steward, C. Knight Tyler. The brethren afterwards adjourned to the Red Lion Assembly Rooms, where the banquet was served in excellent style by Mr. and Mrs. Pay, after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured.

LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THERE was a large and influential gathering of brethren at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on Thursday, 15th ult., to witness the installation of Bro. Samuel Steele as W.M. of the Lodge of Repose for the ensuing year. The ceremony was most impressively performed by Bro. Thomas Cox P.P.S.G.W. Subsequently, the W.M. appointed his Officers, in the following order:—Bros. Wm. Heathcote P.P.G.D. of C. I.P.M., G. Cay S.W., W. L. Ball J.W., Barn Treasurer, E. Belfield Secretary, Butterfield S.D., W. Tempest J.D., T. Smith D. of C., Glover I.G., Waller and E. Smith Stewards, and Holden Tyler. The attendance of visiting brethren was exceptionally numerous, the following, among many others, being present:—Bros. Frank Campion P.P.S.G.W., Geo. Pipes P.M. 1085, William Knight 731, H. W. Malchan 296 (Sheffield), E. R. Ward I.P.M. P.G.R., W. Willott Popplewell P.G.S., Jas. Worsnop P.M. 1085, B. F. Peacock 1163 and 624, John Parkinson W.M. 1112 (Southampton), Thos. H. Orme 1085, J. E. Russell 1085, Wm. Cooper W.M. 731, Frazer S.W. 731. At a later period the brethren partook of a banquet, sumptuous in character, and having the additional merit of being exceedingly well served. The loyal and Masonic toasts having been duly honoured, the health of the W.M. was enthusiastically drunk, abundant testimony being borne to the assiduity, geniality of manner, and kindness of purpose which had characterised the whole of his Masonic labours. The warmest eulogiums were likewise forthcoming in reference to the untiring industry, the urbanity and intelligence which had marked the conduct of the W.M.'s predecessor in the chair, Bro. Heathcote. The prosperity of the Lodge was touched upon, in terms of gratification, by several of the speakers, one brother humorously suggesting that it ought henceforth to adopt the name of "Progress," having regard to the steady and continuous advancement it was making. The toasts were happily interspersed with unusually good singing, and throughout the proceedings were singularly harmonious and enjoyable.—*Derby Daily Telegraph.*

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet. Bro. Gray the W.M. elect was installed according to ancient custom; the retiring Master Bro. Venables performing the ceremony. The following were appointed Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Euerby S.W., Yolland J.W., Lowthin P.M. Treas., Young P.M. Hon. Sec., Allen S.D., Askew J.D., Purrott I.G., Brittain D.C., Hopkin A.D.C., Schmidt Steward, Goddard Tyler. Previous to the installation of the W.M. Bro. Mattinson was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, Bro. Lowthin taking the chair and working that ceremony. At 5.30 the Lodge was closed. The brethren afterwards partook of an excellent banquet, served in good style by host Bro. Goodwin. We are pleased to see our worthy Bro. Yolland advancing in office. Bro. Yolland fulfilled the duties of S.W. in this Lodge some years back, but his business engagements at that time precluded his taking the post of W.M. We trust nothing will now interfere to prevent his passing the chair of the Lodge.

KILBURN LODGE, No. 1608.

AT a time when the consideration of how to maintain the Masonic Institutions in their present state of efficiency, and the energy and eloquence of their respective Committees and Officers are being exercised to the fullest extent, it is gratifying to note how steadily and with what persistency the members of some of our Lodges exert themselves to assist in this praiseworthy work. This Lodge, consecrated but three years since, has already identified itself as a consistent supporter of the Charities, and though in the order of events it cannot be anticipated that its members will continue their stream of benevolence so bountifully as hitherto they have induced it to flow, we may, judging by the result of what was contributed in this good cause at the meeting it is now our pleasure to record, decidedly predict that any serious falling off in this respect will not evidence itself during the present year. The Lodge meets at the Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn, where accordingly the brethren assembled on Monday, the 26th ult., at 3.30. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Charles Brewer W.M., who was supported by his Officers, Past Masters, and a goodly assemblage of members and visitors. Among the latter we may enumerate Bros. E. King P.M. 857, Brown P.M. 65, Armstrong P.M. 108, Daines P.M. 1306, Collier P.M. 1306, White P.M. 177, Hunt East Surrey, Sams 45, Wilson 1323, Hurdell 1348, Carrington 1314, Winter P.M. 198 P.P.G.O. Herts, Little 511, Pattison 34, A. H. Wilson 1704, S. Crawford 192, Morgan 211, Finch P.M. 173, J. Johnston jun. J.D. 55, Baker S.W. 188, J. Warner P.M. 23, O. H. M. Latrielle J.W. 1262, G. Anderson W.M. 60, J. Kent 177, A. Ginger W.M. 901, Frank Meeking 21, W. Joyce 1158, Puzzie Nine Muses Lodge, Hudson 1158, Slyman S.D. 753, and Eccles. The first business of the day was to read the minutes of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. The ballot was then taken for Bro. Wm. Ward, of the Scientific Lodge No. 840—proposed by Bro. George Everett P.M. Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Kiallmark I.P.M.—as a joining member. This proved favourable, and Bro. Ward took his seat as a member of the Lodge. Bro. John Palmer now took the chair as Installing Master, and Bro. Samuel Brooks the W.M. elect was presented to receive at his hands the benefits of installation. Bro. Palmer is a most careful and impressive expositor of Masonic ritual, and on this occasion he well sustained the reputation he has acquired. In due course the Board of Installed Masters, which had been opened for the purpose, was closed, and those brethren who as yet are not privileged to wear the levels were admitted, and the salutations in the three degrees were effected. The appointment of Officers followed:—Bros. Charles Brewer I.P.M., J. W. Caff S.W., F. Brewer J.W., J. C. Wharton Hon. Chaplain, G. Everett Treas.,

Alfred W. Webster Sec., Fred. J. Baker S.D., H. B. Phillips J.D., J. Parry Cole Org., W. Blackburn I.G., Haswell J. Turner D.C., George Barclay S., Charles Thomas Tyler. Bro. Palmer then delivered, most impressively, the addresses to Master, Wardens and brethren, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of the many distinguished Masons present. The Auditors now presented their report on the Treasurer's balance-sheet, which had been printed and sent to every member of the Lodge. This showed the Lodge to be in an eminently satisfactory financial condition, with a goodly balance in hand; it is therefore almost needless to say the report was unanimously adopted. A ballot was now taken for Mr. Harry East, proposed by Bro. H. B. Phillips, and seconded by Bro. Thomas Hartley. This likewise was unanimous in favour of the candidate, and he being present was initiated into our mysteries by the W.M., who brought to bear upon his duties a knowledge of ceremonial that denoted that he had been a diligent student after Masonic lore. During the evening a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, Bro. Charles Brewer; the W.M., Bro. Brooks, remarking while tendering it, that it might be considered the highest honour it was in the power of the brethren to bestow; at the same time, it was given for great and valued Masonic services rendered. Bro. Brewer thanked the brethren for the gift they had presented him with; it would ever remind him of the happy year he had passed as W.M. of the Kilburn Lodge; moreover, it would likewise bring to his recollection the many pleasing friendships he had made. The next consideration of the brethren was as to what should be done for the Masonic Institutions. Bro. Brooks announced that he had undertaken a Stewardship for the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, whereupon the I.P.M. proposed that a sum of twenty-five guineas be voted from Lodge funds to be placed on his list. This was seconded by Bro. Past Master Palmer, put to the brethren by the S.W., and carried unanimously. One or two other matters having been considered, Lodge was closed. After a short interval the banquet was served, and Bro. H. P. Hartley, the proprietor of the Queen's Arms Hotel, won golden opinions for the way in which he catered. However, we will venture to make a suggestion for future occasions when the business may be as heavy as on this day—that is, that a little more expedition be used over the service. It may be all very well for those brethren who live in the neighbourhood, but many of the members reside a considerable distance away, and it must be something disconcerting to them when the proceedings are protracted to so late an hour. Bro. Brooks makes a capital president, and he pushed on with the toast list with all the energy he could command. Bro. I.P.M. Brewer proposed the toast of the W.M. He was a personal and tried friend; Bro. Brooks had ably performed the duties of Secretary in the Kilburn Lodge for two years, and brought with him every qualification to make a good Master. This compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Brooks, who then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, referring, in high terms, to the ability displayed by the Installing Master Bro. Palmer, and to the services of the other brethren who had acted with him as rulers of the Lodge. Bro. Palmer, in responding, regretted that illness prevented other of the P.M.'s being present. It would ever be his pleasure to place his services at the disposal of the Lodge. In the course of the evening Bro. George Everett referred to what had been done by the brethren of the Kilburn Lodge in aid of the Masonic Institutions. The first year Bro. G. Kiallmark served a Stewardship, for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution; the Lodge voted him 25 guineas, and by the liberality of the members he was enabled to take up a sum of £114. The second year Bro. G. Everett undertook a Stewardship for the Girls' Institution; the Lodge voted him 25 guineas, which he was able to increase to the sum of £176 8s. The third year the Boys' School received the support of the Lodge; 25 guineas was again the amount voted by the brethren, and Bro. P.M. Brewer went to the Festival with the handsome sum of £210: thus making a grand total in three years of over £500 from a Lodge that does not yet register more than forty members. Good work this, which needs no remark from us to commend it. Later in the evening the brethren made a liberal response to Bro. Brooks' appeal, and, as will be seen by reference to the list of amounts contributed at the Festival of Monday last, Bro. Brooks took up a total of £127 11s 6d; again we say, not bad work, considering our esteemed brother only tendered his services to Bro. Terry three weeks before the Festival. Would we had a few more such liberal-minded brethren. The remaining toasts comprised the health of the Initiate, the Visitors, the Charities, and the Officers. Brief but pertinent replies were made, and then the Tyler gave the parting remembrance for our poor and distressed brethren.

ANCIENT CARTHAGE CHAPTER, No. 1717.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Chapter was held at the Masonic Hall, Tunis, North Africa, on 5th February. In accordance with the result of the election, held on 25th October last, the outgoing P.Z. E. Comp. Broadley D.D.G.M. Malta installed the following Companions in their respective chairs, viz.:—Thomas Fellowes Reade P.D.D.G.M. Egypt, Agent and Consul General of Her Britannic Majesty in Tunis Z., Perini M.D. W.M. 1717 H., and J. E. L. Barker W.M. 1835 J. Several successful ballots having been taken P.E.Z. Broadley exalted Bros. Captain R. A. Johnstone, Dr. Pace-Williams and M. Le Gallais of No. 1717 and S. Sessing of Lodge Belisaire at Algiers. The First Principal invested with appropriate remarks the following Officers for the year 1880:—Comps. Clement S.E., Pentecost S.N., Souiller P.S., Cassar 1st A.S., Carletto 2nd A.S., Dr. Pace-Williams Registrar, Barsotti D. of C., Captain Johnstone Organist, Le Gallais and Enriquez Stewards and Eymon Janitor. The I.P.Z. was invested as Treasurer. Most Excellent Companion Reade then addressed the brethren, and having thanked them for the honour done him, and alluded in eulogistic terms to his predecessor, said,—You are all aware that this degree of the R.A. is the apex—

the *ne plus ultra* of English Craft Masonry; and I am sure that as English R.A. Masons it behoves all of us to do our utmost to support not only the degree itself, but the general Institution of English Masonry in this country. We cannot better carry out this laudable object than by setting our faces against spurious Masonry, which is nothing more nor less than open rebellion against our own Grand Lodge and its illustrious sister the Grand Lodge of Italy, having its centre at Rome. Although my official duties may interfere with my attendance at every particular meeting, my heart is always with you. The regular Masons of Tunis, and you English Masons especially, may always count on my support and aid. I trust the Officers of the Chapter will be punctual in attendance and zealous in the performance of their duties, each one carefully studying the part allotted to him. I trust that during the present winter many may join this beautiful degree, and that, working with union and harmony during the coming twelvemonths, the Ancient Carthage Chapter will not regret having bestowed upon me the highest honour in its possession. The address of the M.E.Z. was loudly applauded. Bro. Broadley spoke at some length of his stay in England, and visits to various Chapters. The following illustrious R.A. Masons were unanimously elected honorary members of Chapter 1717:—M.E. Comps. R. Bower P.G.H.P. of Iowa, U.S.A., T. B. Whythead Z. 1611, H. C. Levander G.S.E. Middlesex, Rev. Thomas Robinson P.G.H. Kent, and James Lewis Thomas Z. 1328 P.G.S.B. England. It was resolved to send to each of these brethren one of the highly artistic certificates designed by Bro. Whythead, of York, and a special letter of thanks to M.E.C. Comp. Robinson for the very valuable information given to the P.Z., which would greatly improve the working of the Chapter. After the charitable collection, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to the usual installation banquet.

THE HISTORY OF CRAFT MASONRY IN READING.

An Address, delivered by Bro. Chas. Oades W.M. to the Union Lodge 414, on Tuesday, 16th December 1879.

BEFORE commencing my address, I will read extracts of a letter I received from the A.G. Sec. of England: "There were two Lodges at Reading, under the *Athol*, or Antient Constitution, one of which appears to be Lodge of Virtue, to which you allude. 1st, the (*Athol*) Lodge, No. 80, was founded in 1759, to meet at the Ship, Reading, but it appears, from a memo in the Register Book, that the Lodge did not pay the fees for the Warrant, nor make any Return of Members, &c., and, therefore, cannot claim any existence.

2nd, the (*Athol*) Lodge, No. 122, was founded on the 14th October 1763, to meet in the 2nd Division of Marines, but appears to have been transferred to the *Swan*, at Reading, in 1808. It was held at the *Upper Ship*, Reading, in 1809, or thereabouts, and in "*Ahiman Rezon*," edit. 1813, it is stated to be held there. At the Union, 1813, it became No. 147, and then appears by the name of *Virtue*. It ceased working, and the warrant was returned in 1827."

The oldest minute book that I have been able to discover is that of January 1813, the Lodge being No. 122. Bro. J. B. Monck was in office two and a half years; the W.M. was elected annually. As an example of the expeditious way of getting on in the olden time, Bro. J. J. Blandy was initiated October 1814; passed and raised the same evening, November 1814; acted as S.D. in December, as J.W. in January, and as W.M. *pro tem* in April following. The first Officers in 1813 were—J. B. Monck W.M., J. Parker S.W., J. Hornbuckle J.W., Jos. Warry S.D., Thos. Williams J.D., Matthew Boulter Treasurer, Nathan Elliott Secretary. I am unable to discover any further records—a minute book must have been mislaid or lost. On 8th May 1822 is a memo, that two years previously the Lodge seemed well attended. In September, October and December, the Lodge could not be opened, there not being enough members present, but strange to say, at the last recorded meeting, three candidates were proposed; what became of them we know not. There appears to be a vacuum in our history for twelve years; no record can at present be found. The furniture and effects were removed to Coley Park, the residence of J. B. Monck, Esq., M.P., for safe custody, and on the 17th September 1833, the Lodge of Union, No. 597, was opened, with a new Warrant, to meet in a room at the back of the Wheat Rick Inn, on the east side of London Street. The names of the founders were Bros. G. Rackstraw W.M., Baker S.W., Munday J.W., also Bros. Drysdale Smith, Cheeseman, Pocock, Coxhead, Boulter, and Hone. The celebrated Bro. Peter Gilkes was deputed by the P.G.M. to consecrate the Lodge and instal the W.M. On the 8th October 1833 business was suspended, and upwards of fifty ladies were admitted to see the decorations of the Lodge, and kindly condescended to stay an hour and a half in the company of the brethren.

It did not appear a peaceful commencement, for at the Lodge 12th November, two months after its formation, the record states: "In consequence of certain reports being circulated detrimental to the interest of the Lodge, and the same having been traced to Bro. Cheeseman, he was called on to explain and exculpate himself. That brother, who appears to be the landlord of the Wheat Rick, did not bow to the decision of the Lodge, either at that or either of the two following Lodges; therefore, the Lodge was removed to the Upper Ship, 17th December 1833, when they passed a strong vote of censure on Bro. Cheeseman. On the 31st January 1834, Bro. W. Baker was installed as the second W.M. On the 11th May 1835, the Lodge voted one guinea to the Boys' and one guinea to the Girls' School, to be paid when the funds admit of it! In March 1835, it is recorded, "Bro. Cheeseman having apologized for his behaviour, was forgiven, and received back into the Lodge." In the same year the P.G.M. attended the installation, and granted a dispensation to the brethren to attend the funeral of Bro. Charles Smith in Masonic form. A resolution was passed that the Lodge do annually subscribe to both of the

Schools, and also to have weekly meetings of instruction at the Woolpack.

In 1836, they resolved to "discontinue suppers until the Treasurer was in funds." In August, an address was forwarded to H.R.H. the Duke of Sussex G.M., congratulating him on the successful result of an operation which restored his sight.

In January 1837, they moved the Lodge to the Woolpack, in March to the Crown Hotel, and in May to the Masonic Hall, Forbury. In November, the late Bro. Dr. Woodhouse was installed W.M. He was re-elected for 1838, and in April of that year he proposed "that the Lodge dues be increased to two guineas—that the brethren dine together at least six times a year—a contribution of 2s 6d per head to be paid from the Lodge funds." The brethren intended going in procession to the laying of the foundation stone of the Royal Berkshire Hospital, but being refused permission by the P.G.M. to take the candles and the volume of the S.L., they declined going.

In 1840, the Rev. Sir J. W. Hayes joined the Lodge—he is the oldest living member.

In 1841, I find the names of the late Bros. Charles Blandy and John Simonds as initiated.

In October 1842, Bro. Ramsbottom, the P.G.M., held a P.G. Lodge, and went in procession from the Town Hall to the Cemetery, to lay the foundation stone of the Episcopal Chapel.

(To be continued).

A CHINESE BANQUET.—As a substitute for table-napkins, every one was supplied with a considerable number of squares of paper figured over in various devices. The chairs arranged round the table were made with marble backs, not so luxurious perhaps, but more suitable to the climate than the padded lounges in general use elsewhere. Nothing could be more perfect, or served in better style, than the entire banquet. The Bignon of the district, as if aware that he was catering for connoisseurs, seemed to have been anxious to surpass himself in the preparation of the many dishes that crowded the *menu*. For the first course were handed sugared cakes, caviare, fried grasshoppers, dried fruits, and Ning-Poo oysters. Then followed successively, at short intervals, ducks, pigeons' and pewits' eggs poached, swallows' nests with mashed eggs, fricasses of ginseng, stewed sturgeons' gills, whales' sinews with sweet sauce, freshwater tadpoles, fried crabs' spawn, sparrows' gizzards, sheep's eyes stuffed with garlic, radishes in milk flavoured with apricot kernels, matelotes of holothurians, bamboo sprouts in syrup, and sweet salads. The last course consisted of pine-apples from Singapore, earth-nuts, salted almonds, savoury mangoes, the white fleshy fruits of the "long-yen," the pulpy fruits of the "lit-chee," chestnuts, and preserved oranges from Canton. After the dessert rice was served, which the guests raised to their mouths with little chop-sticks, according to the custom of their country. Three hours was spent over the banquet. When it was ended, and at the time when, according to European usage, salvers of rose-water are frequently handed round, the waiting-maids brought napkins steeped in warm water, which all the company rubbed over their faces apparently with great satisfaction. The next stage of the entertainment was an hour's lounge to be occupied in listening to music. A group of players and singers entered, all pretty young girls, neatly and modestly attired. Their performance, however, could scarcely have been more inharmonious; it was hardly better than a series of yells, howls, and screeches, without rhythm and without time. The instruments were a worthy accompaniment to the chorus; wretched violins, of which the strings kept entangling the bows; harsh guitars covered with snakeskins; shrill clarionets, and harmoniums all out of tune, like diminutive portable pianos. The girls had been conducted into the room by a man who acted as leader of the Charivari. Having handed a programme to the host, and received in return a permission to perform what he chose, he made his orchestra strike up "The bouquet of ten flowers," a piece at that time enjoying a vast popularity in the fashionable world. This was followed by other pieces of a similar character, and at the close of the performances the troop, already handsomely paid, were enthusiastically applauded, and allowed to depart and gain fresh laurels from other audiences. After the concert was over the party rose from their seats, and having interchanged a few ceremonious sentences, passed to another table. Here were laid six covered cups, each embossed with a portrait of Bodhidharma, the celebrated Buddhist monk, standing on his legendary wheel. The cups were already full of boiling water, and each member of the party was provided with a pinch of tea, which he put into the cup, without sugar, and at once drank off the infusion. And what tea it was! Europeans would have exclaimed in wonder at its flavour, but these connoisseurs sipped it slowly, with the air of men who duly appreciated its quality. They were all men of the upper class, handsomely attired in "hunchaols," a kind of thin shirt, "maccoals," or short tunics, and "haols," long coats buttoned at the side. On their feet were yellow slippers, and open-work socks, met by silk breeches that were fastened round the waist by tasselled scarves; on their chests they wore a kind of stomacher elaborately embroidered in silk. Elegant fans dangled from their girdles.—JULES VERNE in *Leisure Hour*.

An exhibition will shortly open, which at a time when there is so much controversy on the subject of female beauty, promises to be of some interest. The proprietors of the *Graphic* have commissioned most of the leading artists of the day, each to paint a head typifying his conception of beauty. They have taken up the idea with great spirit, and the result is a number of admirably painted heads, and doubtless there will be many discussions and differences of opinion as to which is the most beautiful. The Gallery, which is situated at No. 14 Grafton-street, one door from New Bond-street, will be opened to the public on Monday, the 16th of February; and the entire proceeds will be given to a Charitable Fund for Artists.

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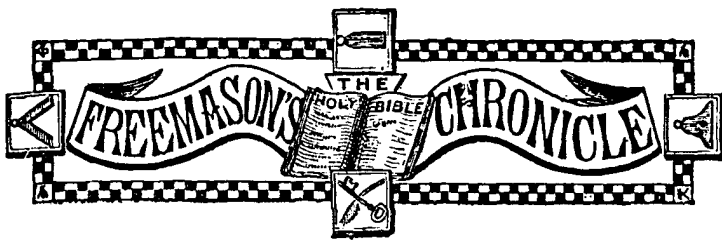
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MASONIC VALEDICTORY BANQUET.

ON Thursday, 29th ult., in pursuance of a resolution carried unanimously at the last Craft meeting of the United Industrials Lodge, No. 31, a complimentary banquet was given to Bro. A. W. Gardner, who is about leaving England for New Zealand. The principal reason for Bro. Gardner taking so important a step is that, under medical advice, he is anxious to remove to a more genial climate. The necessary arrangements having been satisfactorily completed, one of the last and most pleasing incidents to the emigrant took place at the Fleur-de-Lis Hotel, where Bro. Gardner was given God speed by his brother Masons of Lodge 31. The gathering was virtually confined to members of Lodge 31. The chair was occupied by the Right Worshipful the Mayor of Canterbury, W. Bro. John Hemery P.M. 31, P.P.J.G.W. Kent, M.E.Z. 31, Rose Croix 18°, who had on his right the guest of the evening and Bro. Major Knight P.M. 31, and on his left Bro. W. Tice W.M. 31, and Bro. A. J. Beer P.M. 972, P.P.J.G.D. He was supported by Bro. Ward P.M. P.Z. P.P.J.G.W. and P.P.G.H. Wilts, Bro. Higham P.M. P.P.J.G.W., Bro. J. Coppin P.M. P.P.G. Supt., W. Bro. J. R. Hall P.M. P.P. Assist. G. Sec., Bro. J. E. Wiltshier P.M., Bro. J. Plant P.M., the following officers and brethren of the Lodge—Bros. W. Longhurst S.W., T. H. Walkley S.D., Alf. W. Cattelle J.D., D. Collard, F. W. Cross, F. Wachter, W. G. Pidduck, W. D. Young, G. Collard; and A. Wetherelt and Pelling visiting brethren. Bro. F. Finn J.W., Bro. F. Horner I.G., and others were absent through illness and unavoidable causes. A *récherché* banquet was provided, and after formal toasts, the Chairman in well-chosen terms gave the health of Bro. Gardner; it was ever a characteristic of Freemasonry to encourage the practice of the virtues brotherly love, relief, and true friendship. They were now assembled to take farewell and wish God speed to a worthy brother, who had broken up his home and was about to proceed to a far distant land for the sake of his children. In making this great sacrifice he had the consolation of knowing that he was leaving with the good wishes of the brethren of his mother Lodge, and that he had earned the esteem and respect, not only of his brethren, but of the citizens of Canterbury generally. The brethren of his Lodge could not permit so worthy a brother to leave his home and native land without meeting to wish him God speed and every prosperity in his new home. He was well assured that in that far distant land Bro. Gardner would carry out those sacred principles which he had been taught in his mother Lodge in Kent; that he would there continue to be the ornament to the Craft he was at home, and would never forget the ancient city in which he had been initiated into the rites of Freemasonry. It only remained for them now to unite in wishing Bro. Gardner health, success and prosperity in his new home, and that he might be able to return in his old age to enjoy that competency they all trusted he might achieve. Bro. Gardner, in reply, said it was impossible for him to express himself as he was moved by mingled feelings of gratitude, of pleasure, and yet of regret, and he scarcely knew how to return thanks for the kind manner in which he had been received by the brethren. He could but feel honoured and gratified at the attendance that evening of so many brethren to bid him farewell, and at the reception which they had accorded him, and for which he had been wholly unprepared. Yet his feelings were mingled with regret that in leaving he should have to part with so many brothers in Masonry, from whom he had received so much kindness, as well as from the citizens generally. It had fairly astounded him that his departure should have been received with so much generous sympathy and goodwill. People said it was a plucky thing to enter upon such an undertaking as the removal of his family to a distant colony; but he would be accompanied by a most devoted partner, and he thought that with the aid of such a partner, and the blessing of the Great Architect of the Universe upon his undertaking, he had nothing to fear. He had taken a most lively interest in Masonry, and he should hope to do so even more in future years. Had he lived in Canterbury it would have been his ambition to rise through the various degrees in the Craft until he reached the high position which had been attained by several of the brethren present, and he yet hoped that he might be able to send some hearty good greetings as Master of a Lodge beyond the seas. He had no doubt that a new era in Masonry was about to commence in Canterbury, with the erection of the Masonic Temple, and that the outside world would soon see Masonry invested with the honour it deserved. He could say for himself that he found many friends he would probably never have known had he not become a Mason. It was very true that Masonry could not make him a good man, but it certainly was highly calculated to prevent him becoming a bad one. In conclusion, he would wish to one and all health, happiness, and prosperity. He could never forget while he lived the kindness shown him in his old home and his mother Lodge. Though absent, his brethren would not be forgotten. He would ever cherish the recollection of their brotherly love and respect. Bro. Gardner then proposed "The W.M. of 31, Bro. Tice." Bro. Tice having acknowledged the compliment, gave "The Chairman, Bro. Hemery," which was enthusiastically received, and drank with all the honours. Brother Tice remarked that as they well knew Bro. Hemery had attained very high distinction as a Mason, having passed through every office which could be conferred upon him, until he had

reached the high position he now held. Nor was it amongst Masons only that he was so respected and honoured, for he now occupied the highest civic dignity any citizen could fill, and they as members of Lodge 31 were proud to see him Mayor of Canterbury. Bro. Hemery, who on rising to respond was greeted with hearty and continued applause, said if anything could enhance the pleasure he felt in being present to take his part in the farewell they were giving to Bro. Gardner, it would be the meeting so many brethren of No. 31. He saw round him many worthy Masons whom he had known as boys, and whose conduct gave him the greatest encouragement for the future of the Craft. He felt sure they would continue to carry out the principles of the Order with credit. No province in the empire could show more efficient and worthy Masons, and nowhere were the rites of Masonry carried out in a more punctilious manner than in Canterbury. He referred with pride to the establishment of the Royal Arch Chapter in this City, and trusted that many of the brethren present would be admitted into that exalted degree, which was the keystone of Freemasonry. He was proud as Mayor to be amongst his Masonic brethren, and proud to think that a brother of No. 31 should be Mayor of Canterbury. The following toasts were also given—"The Officers of the Lodge," "The Visitors," "The Press," and "The Host;" after which Bro. Wiltshier said he felt sure that Bro. Gardner, although he was going to a distant land, on which his future hopes would depend, would find brother Masons in New Zealand who would be ready to hold out the right hand of fellowship to him. There was a wide-spread interest felt in Masonry in every part of the globe. Only a few months ago his own son had landed in Natal, and was there met by several Masons, who warmly welcomed him to the Colony, and promised to assist him because they knew he was a son of a Mason. He thought they could not allow Bro. Gardner to leave this country without sending hearty greetings to their fellow Masons in New Zealand, who would, he felt sure, give him a warm and brotherly reception. The health of "Our fellow Masons in New Zealand" was then drunk with enthusiasm. Bro. Gardner said it would give him the greatest pleasure to carry those hearty good wishes, and he hoped in a few months to be able to give the same greetings by letter. The Mayor said that he himself was made a Mason in Madras, and he could testify to the brotherly feeling with which he had been received in all parts of the world. Bro. Gardner could not have chosen a better spot than New Zealand for his new home. It had been called the Great Britain of the South, and he held it to be the finest country in the world, for climate, scenery, and fertility. He had himself been there several times, had lived there many weeks at a time, and he was satisfied that no place afforded so many advantages, nor such fine prospects for an emigrant. He could comfort Bro. Gardner by the assurance that he would find in New Zealand as warm-hearted and cordial a body of Masons as could be met with anywhere. The meeting ultimately broke up, the brethren before they dispersed individually giving Bro. Gardner hearty good wishes for his success in his future career.—*Kent Herald*.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys assembled last Saturday at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck (in the chair), William Mann, Rev. Dr. Morris Head Master, Arthur E. Gladwell, Henry W. Hunt, Don. M. Dewar, Frederick Adlard, George J. Palmer, George Crow, H. Massey, W. Maple, H. Young, Thomas Meggy, and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The various minutes having been read—some for confirmation and others for information, the brethren referred the claim of Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson back to the House Committee for their consideration. The petition for placing a boy on the list for election in October was deferred till next meeting, for fuller information. An outfit of £5 was granted to a former pupil of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

ROSE CROIX.

Hilda Chapter, York.—The installation meeting of this Chapter was held at York, on Friday, 6th February. In the unavoidable absence of the M.W.S., the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett 30°, Bro. C. J. Banister 33° presided. Bro. Wm. Hine Hall of the Eboracum Lodge 1611 was accepted and perfected, after which Bro. T. B. Whytehead the M.W.S. elect was duly installed, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. S. Cumberland H.P. and Recorder, Rev. W. C. Lukis 1st Genl., M. Millington 2nd Genl., A. T. B. Turner G.M., T. M. Richay R. The report of the auditors showed the funds of the Chapter to be in a healthy condition.

ORDER OF ST. LAWRENCE THE MARTYR.

A Lodge of this Order, denominated the St. Cyprian of Carthage Lodge, has been opened at Tunis, South Africa, under the authority of the Council of Side Degrees. Bro. Broadley P.G.M.M.M. of the Ancient Ebor Lodge, York, is the first W.M., and Bros. Captain R. A. Johnstone and S. Sessing 1st S.W. and J.W. respectively. Many of the members of the Craft Lodges No. 1717 and 1835 will very probably seek admittance to this curious relic of our operative forefathers.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Somewhere or other disease is ever rife; everywhere its surest opponent, this purifying medicine, is to be found. When symptoms of sickness first set in they may be easily subdued by this grand remedy, which gives great and prompt relief to every oppressed organ or disordered function. These Pills regulate and strengthen digestion more readily, efficiently, and with more certainty than any other combination of drugs, be it ever so scientifically prescribed. Nothing can exceed the ability of Holloway's medicine to secure natural functional action, whereby thousands of life-long maladies have been prevented at very trifling expense and no detriment to the constitution. An acquisition so priceless should be at hand in every household.

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, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 103—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1126—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1324—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1713—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 R. A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing

MONDAY, 16th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, at 8 (Instruction)
 58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 6
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 9 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1415—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road (Inst.)
 K. T.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.
 M. M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimbome.
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
 820—Jury of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New street, Birmingham.
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1190—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8 (Instruction).
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R. A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 17th FEBRUARY.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Inst.)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 654—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1340—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, Moorgate-st., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1559—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.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R. A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction.)
 M. M.—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R. C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon.
 334—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff
 1006—Tregullow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 110 North Hill-street, Liverpool.
 1761—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 228—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)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)
 1248—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
 R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R. C.—Bard of Avon, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square.

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffeld, Yorks
 1046—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—Do Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
 1164—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. Gormans, Cornwall
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1311—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—Do Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1413—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull
 1631—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramshot
 R. A. 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

THURSDAY, 19th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 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)
 169—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)
 819—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.)
 1297—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1426—The Great City, Masons Hall, Masons Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)
 1723—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.)
 M. M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dal-ton, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)

- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingdon
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 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
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
 R. A. 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, Herts

FRIDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7:
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 768—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 834—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1036—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1289—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.)
 M. M. 104—Macdonald, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R. C.—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 616—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket

641—De Loraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R. A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R. A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R. A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, 5.30
 R.C.—White Rose of York, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

SATURDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

199—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7. (Instruction)
 1841—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—Kings Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Albion Lodge, No. 9.—A meeting was held on the 3rd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Present—Bros. James Forbes W.M., W. R. Marsh P.M. S.W., E. D. Willey J.W., James Abbott P.M. Sec., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., Alfred Endean S.D., S. W. Thompson J.D., William Willey P.M. D.C., Russell Elliott I.G., James Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. S. Friend, W. T. Scott, S. Valentine, L. W. Harvey. Visitors—Bros. J. W. Fuller Grand Master's Lodge No. 1, T. G. Pearce Bromley St. Leonards No. 1805. Business—Lodge opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The W.M. passed Bro. Walter Baker, and initiated Mr. T. S. D. Wallace. After routine business, the brethren adjourned to a banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, which was served in Bro. Alfred Best's usual satisfactory style.

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On 27th January, at Bro. Bond's, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings, W.C. Present—Bros. Hallam jun. W.M., Snodin S.W., T. B. Dodson J.W., John Soper Sec., Stroud S.D., Alford J.D., Thisleton I.G., John Bingemann Preceptor. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cronin candidate. The following sections of the first lecture were worked—2nd by Bro. Hallam jun., 3rd and 4th by Bro. Bingemann. Bro. Cronin, of St. Andrew's Lodge 231, was elected a member. Bro. Snodin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Hallam jun., for the efficient manner in which he had performed his duties on this, the first occasion of his taking the chair. All Masonic duties being ended, the Lodge was closed.

On 3rd February there were present—W. Snodin W.M., T. B. Dodson S.W., Acland J.W., T. B. Linscott S.D., H. R. Hallam J.D., Stroud I.G.; Past Masters Bros. John Bingemann Preceptor, and Watts. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Linscott being the candidate. The following sections of the first Lecture were worked—the second by Bro. Hallam, third by Bro. Bingemann, fourth by Bro. Watts. Bro. T. B. Dodson was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Tuesday week, 17th February.

Fidelity Preceptory (K.T.) No. 114.—The installation meeting of this Preceptory was held at the Fidelity Masonic Hall, Leeds, on Tuesday week, when Sir Knt. Walter Rowley was duly installed in the chair by E. Sir Knt. C. Z. Mason, the outgoing Preceptor, assisted by E. Sir Knt. T. B. Whytehead P.E.P. Ancient Ebor, P.S.C. of G. England. Amongst those present we noticed E. Sir Knts. W. H. Porritt, J. Beck, J. Holmes and T. Gibson, and Sir Knts W. Paley, Rev. W. C. Lukis, Brown, &c. The Leeds Sir Knts. afterwards entertained their visitors at an excellent supper.

Lodge La Tolerance, No. 538.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. The Lodge was in mourning on account of the death of the late respected Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. There were present—Bros. T. W. Cooper W.M., E. Child S.W., Humphrey J.W., Kench A.G.P. P.M. Treasurer, J. B. Sly P.M. Secretary, H. Swears S.D., Skinner J.D., P.M.'s Bros. Quitman I.P.M. Wilson and Wood; Bros. Elvin, Schött, Carl Quitman, W. Dixon, Marner, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bro. Dixon was raised to the third degree, and Bro. Marner was passed to the second, to the satisfaction of the brethren, who acknowledged that, being the first time he had occupied the chair, the W.M. showed that their selection had been justified by his excellent working. A proposition was brought before the Lodge and duly carried, that the initiation fee be raised from £8 8s to £10 10s, and the joining fee, for a brother whose name had not been previously registered on the books of the Grand Lodge of England from £5 5s to £8 8s, and for one who had been previously registered from £4 4s to £6 6s. The W.M. said he had melancholy tidings to convey, which he was sure would be heard with regret, not only in this Lodge but in another. One who had held an important office in the Lodge had since their last meeting, he might say suddenly, passed away from their midst. He alluded to Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. As they would recollect, he was with them at their installation meeting. His loss would be felt in this Lodge, and it would create a gap that would take some time to fill. His genial temper, his kind advice, his Masonic knowledge, and the high estimation he was held in by every one, was such that he (the W.M.) felt sure these sentiments would find an echo in

the breast of every brother. He hoped that as many as could be present at the funeral would attend to pay the last tribute to their departed Past Master. Bro. Kench P.G.P. proposed, in eloquent and feeling terms, that a letter of condolence be sent to the sorrowing widow, and that it be inscribed on vellum and sent to her to show the feeling of the brethren of the Lodge. He had known and respected their departed brother ever since he had been a Mason, now fourteen years, and he felt as if he had lost a father. In his connection with the outer world he was the first to hold out a helping hand; he hoped the brethren would show the widow how he was respected and alleviate her great grief in the hour of her trial and bereavement. Bro. Wood P.M. seconded the proposition in an able speech, and several brethren followed, all testifying their great sorrow at the loss they had sustained. The Lodge was then closed, and out of respect to their departed brother the brethren separated.

The funeral of Bro. W. H. Lindus P.M. 538, P.M. Stanhope Lodge (of which he was one of the founders), P.Z. 538 and 1269, took place on Friday, the 6th inst., at Nunhead Cemetery. Among those present from the Lodge La Tolerance were Bro. T. W. Cooper W.M., J. Quitman I.P.M., J. Kench P.G.P. P.M., E. Humphrey S.W., J. Skinner J.W., C. Quitman, G. Schött; and from the Stanhope Lodge Bros. J. C. Ring W.M., R. E. Woodman S.W., H. Wood P.M. Treas., Seymour Smith Org., Canton P.M., Frampton P.M., Garner, Vickery, J. W. Lassam, A. S. Harrison S.W., C. Fugsley W.M. 1586, and numerous others.

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.—A regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 10th inst., for the election of Officers for the ensuing year. In the unavoidable absence of the M.E.Z. Comp. M. S. Larham, the chair of Z. was occupied by Ex-Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. The candidates for exaltation being unable to attend on this occasion, the time at disposal of the Chapter was utilised by discussion of sundry business relating to its affairs. The election for Officers resulted as follows, viz.:—Ex-Comp. Thomas Poore M.E.Z., Ex-Comp. R. N. Field H., Comp. Samuel Poynter J., Ex-Comp. James Stevens P.Z. Scribe E. (twelfth re-election), Comp. Thomas Meggy N., Ex-Comp. Henry Smith P.Z. Tr., Comp. B. R. Bryant P.S. and John Gilbert Jan. Comps. J. W. Watts and J. Walmsley were appointed on Audit Committee. A P.Z.'s jewel was unanimously voted to the retiring M.E.Z. Comp. Larham. After some routine business had been disposed of the Chapter was closed, and the Companions supped together. We are requested to state that the installation of Principals will take place on the 10th May, when the duties of Installing Principal will be undertaken by Ex-Comp. James Stephens P.Z., Founder and Scribe E. of the Chapter.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—Meeting held at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 6th February, at half-past seven p.m. Present—Bros. J. C. Roe (P.M. and Preceptor) W.M., Acworth S.W., Botley J.W., Maton S.D., Franckel J.D., Youens I.G., Gunner Hon. Sec., Bellerby, Wyville, Bocket, &c. Lodge was regularly formed and opened, the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. Bro. Roe then worked the installation ceremony in his well-known impressive manner, and vacated the chair, which was occupied by Bro. Acworth. The initiation ritual was then rehearsed, Bro. Roe kindly acting as candidate. Bro. Gunner gave notice of motion he would bring forward at next meeting, as to a proposed fund towards expenses of the Girls' School in acquiring new premises. Lodge closed and meeting adjourned till 13th inst., at half-past seven p.m.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, 933.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 30th ult., at the Duke's Head, Whitechapel-road, E. Present—Bros. Digby W.M. of the mother Lodge W.M., I. P. Cohen P.M. S.W., Payne J.W., Forss S.D., Clarke J.D., McDonald I.G., Loane, Posener, Ellis, Farness, Tait, West, Norden, Grounds, Friedeberg; also Past Masters Barnes, Webb, W. Musto Hon. Sec., and B. Cundick Preceptor. The evening was devoted (after the necessary formalities had been complied with) to working the installation ceremony, by Bro. I. Digby, who will shortly have to instal his successor in the mother Lodge. The ceremony, including the working of the Board of Installed Masters, being ably rendered, Bro. Digby received the congratulations of the brethren at its conclusion. Bro. Ellis, who had thus been placed in the chair, worked the ceremony of the 3rd degree, Bro. Loane candidate. Bro. I. P. Cohen P.M. was elected to the chair for the next Friday. Arrangements for the audit were made, and a vote of thanks accorded to Bro. Digby. The Lodge was duly closed.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—At the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., Thursday, 5th February. Bros. Clark W.M., Peacock S.W., Hine J.W., Sergeant S.D., Abrahams J.D., Fenner Preceptor, Wallbrecht Sec., Gieseke I.G.; also Bros. Ohle, Andrews, Smith, Leoffler, Bronkhurst, Ward, and Stroud. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Ohle candidate. Bro. Andrews worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Peacock was appointed to preside at the next meeting. A vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Clark for the very able manner he performed his duties as W.M. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

Marquess of Ripon Lodge of Instruction, No. 1489.—Held at the Pembury Tavern, Amburst-road, Hackney, on Monday, 2nd inst. Present—Bros. McDowall W.M., Garrod S.W., Crain J.W., High S.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., C. Lorkin Pre-

ceptor; also Bro. Fetherstone and others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fetherstone candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Fetherstone was elected a member.

On Monday, 9th February, Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., High S.W., Thos. Jones J.W., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Sec.; also Bros. Blunt, Fetherstone and others. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Fetherstone candidate. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and regularly closed. Bro. High was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, officers in rotation. Lodge was closed in due form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel in the chair, supported by his Wardens and a good muster of members. The names of two candidates and a joining member were brought forward. The business of the Lodge was instruction in the second degree, which having been concluded, the brethren adjourned to refreshment, when some conversation took place as to the advisability of forming a Lodge of Instruction.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 29th January. Present—Bros. H. Yonens S.W., G. S. Wright J.W., J. J. Clarke S.D., J. W. Woolmer J.D., J. Wells I.G., H. Stephens, M. W. Wyville, H. Kasner, C. Andrews, W. Seward jun. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. W. M. Wyville candidate. Bros. Millson and Wyville answered the questions leading to the third degree. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. J. Wells candidate. Bro. Andrews P.M. was elected a member. It was unanimously agreed to set apart a night for the rehearsal of the ceremony of installation.

At a meeting on Thursday, 5th February. Present—Bros. H. Yonens W.M., A. J. Burr S.W., J. Green J.W., C. E. Porter S.D., C. Andrews J.D., Bellerby I.G., J. Wells Sec., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, F. Botley, Buckley 700, J. J. Clarke. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. F. Botley candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Clarke having kindly volunteered as a candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. The Lodge resumed to first degree, and on the motion of Bro. Tucker, seconded by Bro. Burr, one guinea was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge in aid of a distressed brother. Bro. A. J. Burr was elected W.M. for Thursday, the 20th February. Lodge was then closed in due form, and the meeting adjourned to Thursday 13th, when the Officers of the mother Lodge will be in their respective places.

Beaconsfield Lodge, No. 1662.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Chequers, Walthamstow, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant. The Lodge was opened shortly after six o'clock by the W.M. Bro. T. Franklin, assisted by Bro. F. Hallows S.W., T. Upward J.W., C. B. Carter J.D., Geo. Clark I.G., James Pinder P.M. and Sec., W. Groome P.M.; also Bros. Casey, Rubery, Stockwell, Wyborn, W. G. Hallows, &c. After the confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Henry Ferguson Inman, son of the esteemed host, and proving unanimous in his favour, he was regularly initiated into the Order, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by the W.M. Bro. Patterson P.G. Org. Herts was elected an hon. member, in recognition of his valuable services to the Lodge, and the W.M. requested him to perform the duties of Organist until next Installation meeting. The Lodge was then closed and adjourned to October next. In consequence of the lamented death of Bro. George Brown, the Lodge was in mourning, and expressions of deep regret for his decease were uttered by the members.

Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on 27th January, at Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden, Bro. John Douglass the W.M. presiding. The agenda paper was an exceedingly heavy one, as may be imagined from the fact that notwithstanding the amount of work that was got through, several candidates had to be disappointed. We believe a Lodge of Emergency will be called before the next regular meeting, in order that those desiring initiation in this Lodge may receive it. After the usual preliminaries, and the Lodge being opened in the second degree, Bros. G. Eshelby, G. C. R. Perugia, W. Bryant and J. G. Ellis were passed. The next business was the working of the third degree, for which there were six candidates, viz.—Bros. C. Horton, J. T. Woods, J. N. Hare, T. H. Ellis, J. Gray and J. Hone, all of whom were in due course raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was then resumed to the first, and it being announced that Messrs. George Bryant, William Ponton, Henry Howard, A. Verdin, and Henry Richard Burton sought admission, they were regularly received, and in due course admitted to the privileges of participation in Masonic light. Bro. Willing, the Treasurer of the Lodge, then announced that their W.M. had undertaken the office of Steward for the Festival of the Benevolent Institution; he accordingly proposed that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. This was seconded by Bro. W. M. Stiles the Secretary, and carried unanimously. Bro. Douglass thanked the members, and then closed his Lodge. The brethren now proceeded to the banquet room, where the good things provided by Bro. Michell were done full justice too. Bro. Willing proposed the health of the W.M., again referring to his Stewardship, and expressing a hope that the members of 1744 would support his endeavours. Bro. Douglass considered it a great pleasure to fill the hair of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He hoped the Lodge would be well

represented at his hands at the coming Festival of the R.M.B.I. He next proposed the health of the Visitors, which he considered the toast of the evening. He did not think a Lodge could have a greater honour conferred on it than to have Visitors attend its meetings. Bro. Ferguson in reply felt that he had had honour thrust upon him that evening. First he had been called upon to fulfil the office of P.M. in the Lodge, which he considered a great honour. Now he was called upon to respond for the Visitors. The Master had performed his duty in such a way as must leave the brethren assured that the power of the Lodge would never be lessened while he occupied the chair. The W.M. next proposed the health of Bro. Willing the P.M. He considered that a great part of the prosperity of the Lodge was due to Bro. Willing, whom he justly termed a genial companion and a very excellent Past Master. With this toast the W.M. also coupled that of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Willing and Stiles. He paid a well merited compliment to the latter brother for the part he had taken and still took in the carrying on of the Lodge. Each responded. It was then announced that the list of the W.M. for the Benevolent Institution, which in the course of the evening had been passed round the table, showed subscriptions from the members amounting to £36. The health of the initiates was now given from the chair. The W.M. hoped they would look forward to the taking of the other degrees with as much pleasure as he thought they must have done to that of their initiation. Bro. Ponton was extremely proud of the reception that had been accorded him. He had for some time wished to become a Freemason, and he was most happy to have done so now in the Royal Savoy Lodge. Bro. Bryant was also pleased at having become a member of the Ancient Fraternity. Bro. Verdin likewise expressed his thanks for the reception that had been accorded him, as also did his fellow initiate. The toasts of the Officers, the Lay Members, and the Press, concluded the proceedings of the evening, the Tyler's toast bringing all to a finish. Among the brethren present in addition to those named were T. J. Hyland S.D., W. Cook J.D., A. Holt and J. W. Smith D. of C., G. H. Deller I.G., F. W. Sillis Organist, &c.; the following were the Visitors:—W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, H. Stiles J.W. 1732, B. Kauffmann D.C. 1732, W. F. Abraham 1178, J. Knight Stwd. 1677, W. O. Piper 1064, H. J. Ashley 1319, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, J. Peace 890, &c.

Saint Leonard Lodge, No. 1766.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Shoreditch, on Wednesday, 4th February. Bro. G. T. Barr presided, being assisted by Bros. L. Stean I.P.M., C. F. Barham S.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson Chaplain, C. Stevens Treas., J. Cox Hon. Sec., J. A. Jones S.D., A. A. Clement J.D., J. Funston I.G., E. Walker D.C., F. Matthews S., G. C. Young Organist, and C. T. Speight Tyler. Bro. E. Benjamin J.W. being indisposed, Bro. W. Snellgrove occupied one of the chairs. There was a fair attendance of members of the Lodge, and several visiting brethren. The Lodge having been opened with solemn prayer, and the usual routine business transacted, Bro. J. G. Moore was passed to the F.C. degree, the ceremony being admirably worked. Bro. Charles Deacon, Temple Lodge, No. 171, was unanimously elected a joining member of the Saint Leonard Lodge. During the evening a Founder's jewel was presented to Bro. E. Walker, in recognition of services rendered to the Lodge. After the transaction of some further business, the Lodge was closed according to ancient custom.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 10th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Smyth W.M., Carr S.W., Wardell J.W., Forss S.D., Brasted J.D., Christian I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., P.M. Wallington Prec., also Bros. Williams, Polak, Baker, Dallas, G. Buderus J.W. 1298 (Visitor), C. Lorkin. Bro. Buderus was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Buderus was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of P.M. Wallington, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation. Bro. Williams being installed, he invested his Officers. The Lodge was closed in the third and second degrees. Bro. Christian worked the third section of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

The brethren and friends of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, will hold their first Annual Ball on Thursday, 19th February, at the Holborn Town Hall, Grays-inn-road. Tickets may be obtained of Bro. Dickens, 16 Norfolk-street, Strand.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, Tuesday, 10th February. Bros. Smith W.M., Worsley S.W., Fyffe J.W., Rawe S.D., Johnson J.D., H. D. Cope I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Pavitt, Keable, Sadler, Barker, Spencer, White, Dunsmore, Dixon, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Keable having answered the necessary questions, the ceremony of passing was excellently worked by the W.M. Bro. Rawe assisted the W.M. to work the first section of the lecture, Bro. Johnson the second; the W.M. assisted Bro. Worsley to work the fourth. The Lodge closed to the first, when Bro. Worsley was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week, on which occasion the third ceremony will be rehearsed. On Tuesday next the brethren who will work the Sections on the following week are to be nominated. We will furnish names in our next. We are pleased that Bro. Worsley has resumed active duty in this Lodge of Instruction, of which he is a sturdy supporter. Our esteemed brother has lately experienced a heavy domestic affliction, and we are sure all members of the Craft who know him will rejoice that he feels now capable of attending to his Masonic work. We trust a full attendance of the brethren will testify their appreciation by supporting him on Tuesday next.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The weekly meeting of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 3rd February, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's Alley, Cornhill. The following were the Officers:—Comps. Brown Z., H. Thompson H., Catterson J., Lilley P.S.; Pennefather N.; the other Companions present were Walker, Payne, Lardner, Edmonds, Gilland, Lovegrove, High, &c. The ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comp. Payne being the candidate. The convocation was adjourned until Tuesday evening, 10th February, at half-past six o'clock.

Consecration of the Newton Masonic Hall, Auckland.—The ceremony of consecrating the handsome new Lodge-room erected for Eden Lodge, No. 1530, E.C., took place on 3rd December, and was carried out in a most impressive manner. The ceremony was very largely attended, and amongst the visitors present we noticed, besides the Grand Lodge Officers and Past Masters and Masters engaged in the ceremony, Bros. R. B. Morrow P.M. 641, Cawnpore, East India, Burns P.M. 421 I.C., T. Hewson R.W.M. 418 S.C., Thomas Hallamore P.M. Ara I.C., J. H. Hatswell W.M. 689 E.C., W. H. Skinner P.M. 1338 E.C., A. Brock P.M. 421 I.C., and a number of other dignitaries of the Order. The arrangements for the consecration were of the best order, and the display of plate quite striking.

A MASONIC RELIC.—A dispatch to the *Hamilton Times* from sit Toronto correspondent says:—"Last night at Coates' auction rooms the Masonic diploma of Souther Jonnie (Burns' friend in 'Tam O'Shanter') was sold to Mr. J. Ross Robertson, of the *Evening Telegram*, for 178 dols. In the corner of the diploma is fastened a lock of Highland Mary's hair. The certificate bears the seal of St. James' Lodge, Ayr, Scotland, 6th October 1790. It is looked on as the oldest Masonic relic in existence."

The 17th ball of the St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, was held on Tuesday, the 3rd inst. at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the Presidency of the W.W. Bro. W. Stollard, and a body of Stewards, consisting of Bros. G. A. B. Fletcher V.P., G. S. Wade Treas., F. Thompson Sec., W. C. Parsons P.M., J. Wood, W. H. Baker, A. E. Sarti, E. Joseph, A. W. Staden, &c. During the interval a sumptuous supper was provided by Bro. A. Best. The W.M. proposed the toasts of the Queen, Vice-Presidents, Committee, Stewards, and the Ladies; these having been ably responded to, dancing was resumed. Bros. Coote and Tinney provided the band, Bro. E. S. Jones conducting. Bro. Johnson was, as usual, a very efficient M.C., and the company thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at a meeting of the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, to be held at the Lodge House, the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday next, the 16th inst. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m. under the presidency of Bro. J. G. Milbourn, who will be assisted on this occasion by several eminent members of the Craft.

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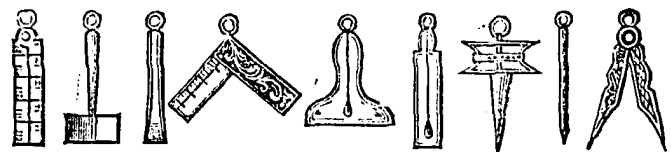
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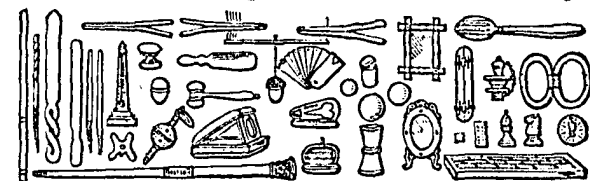
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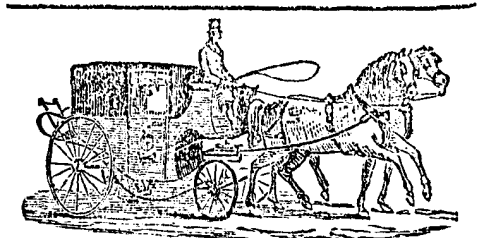
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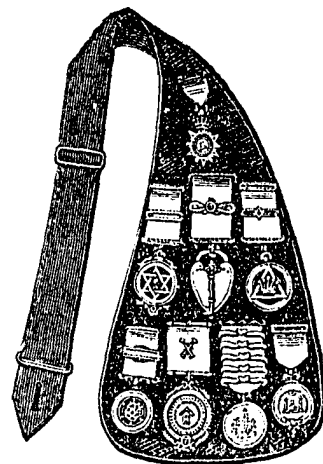
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