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## PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

WE are of those who think the best way of treating an angry man is to meet him temperately in argument. Of course the chances are a thousand to one that he will refuse to listen to what you may have to say. Be your propositions never so clearly stated, he will reject them without ceremony. He will tell you, in more or less uncomplimentary language, that he will no longer stand the nonsense to which he has been subjected, and that the best plan for you who propose to advise him is to mind your own business. But the most wilfully-peppery man finds it difficult to keep his temper up to high fever point for any length of time. He gradually tires of running full tilt at everybody, and as the angry feeling gradually becomes less and less intense, so does he become proportionately more and more amenable to reason. And once he has been shown that his recent outburst of ill-temper was hardly, if at all, excusable, he is all eagerness to make honourable amends for his ill judged frenzy. In short, if he is what is commonly called a peppery fellow, his wrath is heavy but of brief continuance; while his return to a proper, juster, and more manageable frame of mind is speedy and sincere. It is far more difficult, however, to deal with folk who deliberately go out of their way to snarl at those who differ with them, who are always imagining vain things of others, and are unable to speak of any of their acts, no matter how trifling they may be, with a tongue of good report. What this class of people say or do is said or done with a cold deliberation. Many of them will even go the length of reckoning beforehand how what of malice they give utterance to will inflict the greatest amount of pain, and yet at the same time be within the limits of outward and visible decency, that mere conventional decency on the observance of which society insists so rigidly. It is still less use attempting to argue with these. They seem to acquiesce in what you say, but, nevertheless, go on pursuing their old malicious practices, unable, no doubt, to see that the longer they continue them, the more impotent is their intentionally-unfriendly criticism.

That such people exist in all classes is beyond all doubt, and we regret to say the Society of Freemasons is not without its due proportion of representatives of the backbiting fraternity. Those of our brethren who have an abiding faith in the virtue of Masonic charity will probably feel not a little scandalized at this statement. If so, we invite them to read carefully a somewhat lengthy communication we received last week from a correspondent signing himself X., and published in our columns. There is no doubt it was temperately written,—had it been otherwise we should have declined to insert it. Moreover, for the allegations it contained, the writer, as he steadily pursued his course, produced the amplest justification. Nor does the letter seem to have been prompted by any spirit of hostility against the journal he criticised; on the contrary, he bore handsome testimony to the exertions of its proprietor to make it as acceptable as possible as a medium for circulating Masonic information. What he did criticise, and we cannot condemn him for so doing, was the bitter scorn with which the editor treats all who are of another way of thinking than himself. Now seeing that it is a rare coincidence for even two people to be of the same mind on most occasions, it cannot seem strange to any one that, amongst a multitude of brethren, there should be great diversities of opinion. At the same time, in Freemasonry it is supposed that when two or more people find themselves differing, and that

without the possibility of ever reconciling their views, they agree to differ respectfully from one another. It is not their custom—in theory, whatever it may be in practice—to taunt each other with ignorance or ill-will, or, even worse, with personal animosity or malevolence. They do not pertinaciously set at naught the Charity which thinketh no evil of its neighbour. But the editor of our Masonic journal, to judge from the passages quoted by our correspondent X., seems determined to be governed by no vulgar laws or usages. He, in his wisdom, may exceed the limits which are imposed on others, and none must dare question his doing so. It is, however, deeply to be regretted he cannot, or will not, see that, by persisting in his course of abusing others, he is doing the journal he edits a very serious amount of injury, which, if attempted too often, may turn out to be irretrievable. But lest our readers should think we are moved to make these remarks by some feeling of personal jealousy, we will take the liberty of giving greater prominence to certain passages which our correspondent reproduced in his letter.

The first testimony of any importance to which "X." drew the attention of our readers was to the effect that the opposition to the re-election of the old House Committee was raised in order "to gratify personal pique," and that those who raised it were "influenced by a desire for a petty revenge for a previous defeat;" that such opposition was "a very Jesuitical proceeding in itself;" and that its advocates "had much better remain in their own proper insignificance." It seems to us that the writer of these remarks has overstepped the bounds of ordinary courtesy and propriety, and, what is still more unfortunate for himself, has utterly ignored the claims of prudence and reason. It is the reverse of courteous and proper for the proposer or supporter of one set of nominees to tell the proposer or supporter of a rival set that his opposition is due to a wish to gratify personal pique, "that his proceeding" is very "Jesuitical," and that he "had better remain" in his own "proper insignificance." But what is far more important is, that these statements are absolutely worthless, except on the principle that to throw mud at people is justifiable, as some of it is sure to stick. We do not suppose any one would care to offer any such justification as this for his statements, and yet there is no other that occurs to us as being in any way reasonable. These statements are merely assertions which are incapable of being proved. How, for instance, is it logically possible to state the motives which prompt a man to pursue this or that line of conduct, unless he first of all explains those motives in writing, or by word or mouth? And even then the motives thus publicly assigned have nothing necessarily personal about their character. Nothing in the world is so easy as to make an assertion, and nothing so difficult as to prove it. In this case the opposition may have been unwise, inexpedient, without sufficient reason, or too wholesale to be deemed worthy of support. Yet once it is admitted that the proposal of new men in place of the old is the "undoubted privilege" of all Life Governors, and on the score both of courtesy and common sense, the proposed substitution of new men for old must be accepted as in accordance with the exercise of that privilege—that and nothing more. It is no business in a matter of this kind for one Mason to be curious as to another Mason's motives—these are, or should be, sacred.

Then, as to the letter signed "B. F.," which the editor was not only ill-advised enough to admit into his columns, but to which he appended, as "X." has pointed out, a kind of approval. It would have been most indecorous to have

allowed this to appear in the form in which it did under any circumstances, even though, as was the case actually, the customary provisos were inserted at the head of the Correspondence Column against the editor being in any way responsible for the opinions it contained; but in addition to allowing it to appear in all its native ugliness of expression, the editor went out of his way to give it a certain amount of approval. "We insert," said he, "this 'strong meat' for 'babes,' as we are not insensible to the threatened evils 'B. F.' speaks of.—Ed." We have preferred imagining that the editor intended these words to convey only a qualified approval. We are unwilling to suppose he endorsed such objectionable expressions as "mendacious calumnies," "debasing animosities of party spirit and personality," and others equally forcible and impolite. For ourselves we do not envy the man the spirit which prompted him to write in so offensive a strain of brother Masons, who, as "X." is careful to indicate, have the right to ask that their opinions shall be treated with respect. We have already suggested that men, because they happen to be Masons, are not on that account likely to hold, in respect of all questions that come before them, the very same opinions. We give all credit for being animated by the one and only desire to do their utmost to promote the welfare of the whole Masonic body. But it is only in the nature of things that some should think they will best attain the desired end by promoting this particular line of policy, and others by promoting that. Hence our strong objection to the use of such expressions as we have quoted, and to such abuse as is intended to be conveyed by the employment of such terms as "cabal," "coterie," "petty clique," and "audacious caucus." We have said already that it may not have been wise, expedient, or reasonable for any one to move that the whole of the old Committee should be supplanted by one entirely new; but it is one thing to reason thus, and another to pick out all the hardest words from the English vocabulary in order to express one's opposition to the proposed nomination. To pursue the one course indicates a readiness to listen to argument; the other involves nothing else than abuse of the most contemptuous kind.

We have been led to make these remarks by no spirit of rivalry. We unhesitatingly express our belief that our contemporary has, in the course of its long career, done good service to the fraternity, and we as unhesitatingly endorse X.'s views as to the great credit due to its proprietor for his services both to Masonic journalism and Masonic literature. But the cares and responsibilities of a large business, with several subordinate branches in the provinces and elsewhere, must of necessity claim his almost undivided attention, and he has a right to expect, nay to insist, that those who assist him editorially should do so in a spirit of loyal and fraternal respect for the acts and opinions of their brethren. They cannot be so ignorant as not to know they must be doing him a great disservice when they make the journal, which is his property, the medium for circulating all kinds of most objectionable personalities. We do not claim to be immaculate. We have doubtless written many things we would rather have left unwritten, but neither on this, nor on any former occasion, have we been actuated by personal hostility in advocating the policy we have considered it our duty to uphold.

We cannot do better, in concluding these remarks, than quote two passages from X.'s letter, as we feel they will receive from our readers the sanction they are entitled to. Said X., in the first instance, "If 'party spirit and personal feeling' are disturbing elements in the Freemasonry of the present generation of Craftsmen, they will be intensified, not removed, by such writing as I have been commenting upon, whether that writing takes the form of editorial animadversions of a personal character, or of 'strong meat' for 'babes' which has received editorial sanction and approval." And again, "If the editor of the journal in question will only disabuse his mind of the idea that every one who differs with him is unprincipled, and that Freemasons are not such bad fellows as he seems to think they are, I am sure he will feel much happier, and the *Freemason* will be better appreciated."

#### NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

WE are glad to hear that the Masonic Charities Association for this Province is now fairly on its legs. There was a meeting of the Association at York on the 20th ult., when a code of regulations was adopted, which will be submitted to the next meeting of Provincial Grand Lodge at Scarborough in October next.

#### UNITED GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND.

THE Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master presided, and there were some 700 or 800 brethren present. On the minutes of last Quarterly Communication in March being put for confirmation, Bro. James Stevens P.M. 720 moved that the portion which non-confirmed the resolution come to at the meeting in December on Bro. Stevens' motion on Uniformity of Ritual be not confirmed. Bro. Stevens explained that he did not expect to carry his resolution, but he did not wish to place himself in antagonism to Grand Lodge. His desire in making the motion was that he might not be inconsistent in bringing forward a motion which he had on the paper for a later period of the evening. Considerable interruption marked the delivery of Bro. Stevens' speech. Bro. Monckton, rising to a point of order, said that by the Book of Constitutions the minutes came up for confirmation only on the question of whether they were correctly recorded, and Bro. Stevens was out of order unless he moved that they were not correct. Bro. Stevens cheerfully accepted the ruling of Bro. Monckton, but referring to the motion of Bro. McKay in March which was carried, insisted on knowing why that motion was not out of order, if his (Bro. Stevens') motion was. The Pro Grand Master ruled Bro. Stevens out of order, and the minutes were then confirmed. The ballot for members of the Board of General Purposes and the Colonial Board then took place, and the scrutineers of votes proceeded to their duties. The Earl of Onslow, Senior Grand Warden, who was not present at the Grand Festival, was then invested with his apron and collar and took his seat as Senior Grand Warden, after which he was saluted. The Pro Grand Master proposed the addition of Bro. Philbrick and Bro. J. A. Rucker to the Committee appointed in March, with reference to the purchase made by the Board of General Purposes. The Committee had not yet been able to sit, the members being engaged on other business. He hoped, however, to report on the subject referred to them at next Grand Lodge. Grand Registrar having seconded the motion, it was put and carried. Bro. G. P. Britten called attention to the system of canvassing for votes for the elections that evening by papers containing names of those sought to be elected being put into the brethren's hands, when they came into the Hall. There were two lists, the house list, and the opposition list, and he wished to know if this was done by the authority of the Pro G. Master, or by any competent authority. Was canvassing in this form held to be a suitable or Masonic proceeding? The Pro Grand Master said that the papers referred to had just been put into his hands for the first time. They had not been issued by his authority, or, as far as he knew, by any constituted authority. It was not an uncommon practice, but he was far from saying it was a regular or satisfactory one. If notice was to be taken of it, he would like the whole matter well considered. If it was desirable to carry it further, brethren who took an interest in these matters might look into the matter seriously, and, if they could see their way clearly to a method of remedying it, the Grand Lodge would listen to them. Before moving the confirmation of the other grants made to distressed brethren and widows by the Lodge of Benevolence, which amounted to £1,300, Bro. Clabon said he would be glad if they were confirmed, but the Lodge of Benevolence was spending more than its income. He hoped that the £50,000 accumulated fund would not be touched in order to make up any deficiency, and he thought the best way of meeting the difficulty would be to increase by a small sum the brethren's quarterages. Bro. Brackstone Baker said he did not wish to see the accumulated fund touched. He thought the grants were too large, and he advocated economy. Bro. G. P. Britten protested against the doctrine that the accumulated fund was a sacred fund that could not be touched. Surely there could be no harm in trenching on it in case of a deficiency. Bro. John Holden thought the sums voted were too large. There ought to be justice as well as generosity. The Report of the Board of General Purposes as given in the *FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE* last week was after some discussion adopted. The Grand Registrar explained the circumstances connected with the following:—

(1.) Appeal by the W. Master, Officers, and other Members of the Joppa Lodge, No. 864, Cape Town, against the decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, Western Division, for declining to entertain a complaint against certain Brethren of the Lodge for conspiring to black ball Candidates.

(2.) Also appeal by Brother Thomas Gardner, the Secretary of the said Lodge, No. 864, complaining of certain expressions used respecting him by the District Grand Secretary, in an Official Communication addressed to him by direction of the District Grand Master.

The first appeal he moved should be dismissed, and the second that not being against a judicial decision of the District Grand Master of South Africa, it could not be entertained. These having been seconded, were carried.

Brother Lieut.-Colonel John Creaton Grand Treasurer, moved:— "That the sum of £70 be given from the Fund of General Purposes; that the money be placed in the hands of the Secretary of the "Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," to supply the Residents of the Institution at Croydon with Coals during the winter season.

The motion was seconded by Bro. Joshua Nunn, and carried.

Brother James Stevens P.M. No. 720, moved.

"That inasmuch as all laws made by this Grand Lodge should be strictly observed and respected, this Grand Lodge is of opinion that the resolution of Grand Lodge to appoint a Committee of Past Masters for enquiry into the merits of the respective systems of working, &c., adopted on the 1st December 1869, and confirmed on the 2nd March 1870, and which thereby and in accordance with the Constitutions of the Fraternity, regulating the government of Grand Lodge (Section 8, page 28), became a law, should be carried into effect."

The motion was seconded by Bro. Driver. The Rev. C. W. Arnold

moved as an amendment, "That Grand Lodge having by a large majority at the last Quarterly Communication expressed its opinion, that it is not expedient that any further steps should be taken in this matter, the revival of the subject is inexpedient, and is not calculated to promote the good of Freemasonry." The amendment was seconded by Bro. Raynham Stewart, and carried almost unanimously. After Grand Lodge was closed, the Scrutineers reported that the following brethren had been duly elected:—

BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

Masters.			No.	Votes.
Charles W. Thompson	-	-	969	321
Herbert Monckton	-	-	503	317
George Pitt-Lewis	-	-	444	309
Richard Notley	-	-	1150	307
Frederick H. McCalmont	-	-	394	302
Edward Cutler	-	-	197	293
Francois Charteris Wemyss	-	-	1615	251
Charles Atkins	-	-	1260	158
All elected.				

Past Masters.			No.	Votes.
Henry C. Lovander	-	-	632	281
John G. Stevens	-	-	554	231
Edward B. Grabham	-	-	19	171
Alfred Meadows, M.D.	-	-	4	169
Frank Green	-	-	1567	150
Henry Bishop	-	-	66	149
William Coppard Beaumont	-	-	26	148
Samuel Poynter	-	-	902	147
Alfred Henry Tattershall	-	-	140	143
Henry A. Dubois	-	-	1777	139
Henry Harben	-	-	92	127
Charles Fredk. Hogard	-	-	205	122
William Henry Perryman	-	-	3	98
Macrae Moir	-	-	66	80
James Stevens	-	-	1216	48
John Matthew Klenck	-	-	1686	39
Albert J. Altman	-	-	1657	37
Henry E. Frances	-	-	857	36

The six highest on the list were elected.

COLONIAL BOARD.

James Brett	-	-	177	330
Brackstone Baker	-	-	21	324
Edward Letchworth	-	-	1579	304
James Henry Matthews	-	-	143	298
Ralph Gooding	-	-	1	291
Samuel Poynter	-	-	902	285
Griffiths Smith	-	-	569	271
Frederick Adlard	-	-	7	206

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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

PARTY SPIRIT IN MASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—X. deserves the thanks of the whole Masonic community for having drawn attention, in so temperate a letter, to the un-Masonic tone adopted by your contemporary. I think he is quite right in drawing a distinction between the proprietor, who I know is a right good fellow, and the editor who seems to think the most important function of his office is to be always whining or snapping and snarling at other people. He rarely stands up and clearly and unmistakably points out to his readers what their duty is, and when he criticises the words and acts of others, he does so either in all humility or in a tone of impertinence. Is it, for instance, possible to imagine anything much more objectionable than his note of last week, in which he asks Bro. Southwood, "Who is this remarkable brother, who ventures to propose twelve distinguished brethren and fill their places with nominees of his own? What can he have done? Who can he be to claim to have a moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate to the enlightened constituency of Life Governors of the Girls' School? We pause for a reply." Well, the answer is—Bro. John Constable, who, for the services he has rendered on sundry occasions to our Institutions, has been made an honorary Vice-Patron of them all. I consider it was most unwise on his part to attempt to oust a whole Committee, and I hold he has been very properly and handsomely beaten for his pains. But it is not obligatory on me to think or say this offensively. Nor do I see how Bro. Constable, in the exercise of his "undoubted privilege" was in any way claiming to have a "moral or Masonic right thus to attempt to dictate" to this particular constituency. I assume of course that it was furthest from the thoughts of Brother Constable, who has laboured hard and successfully for all the Institutions, to do anything that could possibly injure the Girls' School, and if he thought he could better its position by proposing a new Committee, he had the "moral" and "Masonic" right to do so.

Yours fraternally,

"PURRITS."

P.S.—As Freemasonry is a system of morality, may I be allowed to ask the editor of your contemporary, what difference or distinction exists between "Moral" and "Masonic?" P.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The letter of "X." in last week's CHRONICLE referred to a beautiful composition which was inserted under the head of "Original Correspondence" in the *Freemason* of the 22nd ult., signed "B. F." On reading the elegant quotations from that epistle I was tempted to invest threepence in the purchase of the publication in which the original appeared, and now beg to acknowledge my indebtedness to your correspondent for directing attention to a communication which possesses such transcendent literary ability, that already the eager inquiry on every side is,—Who is "B. F."

He appears to be a practical engineer, for he "let off the steam." It is almost too painful to contemplate what might have happened if his safety valve had been out of order, or, had he been unable to "expose his complaints." Possibly an explosion would have followed, or his complaints, for want of exposure, might have assumed some horrible form, when his grand effort might have been for ever lost to the world. Happy thought!—his name will be found in the list of Engineers. No. No trace of a name with those initials to give a clue in answer to the query,—Who is "B. F."

That he is an accomplished linguist is evinced in his choice selection of English and Foreign alliterative substantives by which to designate those who have incurred his righteous indignation, Cabal, Camarilla, Caucus, Clique, or Coterie, or call it by what name you like. It is almost superfluous to criticise what is already so perfect, by suggesting the addition of a few adjectives to give increased force to the author's delightful alliterations, thus:—a confounded, cursed, cringing, cowardly, croaking, crawling, criminal, cabal, &c., &c., would make up a sentence which would, if possible, increase the admiration of the reader, and intensify the desire to know, Who is "B. F."

But if curiosity is excited by the engineering and literary talents displayed by this great unknown, let us not lightly pass over his social virtues. Superior in humility (perhaps a new and enlarged edition of Uriah Heep), morality (possibly a disciple of Wackford Squeers the Yorkshire schoolmaster; he kept the right shop for morals, and hoped he was a little in the pious line too), intellect (prodigious), Masonic zeal (overpowering), kindly sympathies (he must be brimful of them), knowledge of Masonry (probably a walking Encyclopædia), reverence for truth (perhaps, like Toole, he never told a lie), and in love of religion (Chadband and Stiggins must have been heathen by comparison). One virtue—his modesty—he omits to speak of, but that will doubtless be found to be most conspicuous in this paragon of paragons, when we have discovered,—Who is "B. F."

Yours truly and fraternally,

H.

1st June 1880.

BRO. JACOB NORTON.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Whilst admiring the deep erudition of Bro. Norton, and his anxiety to further researches into the true history of Freemasonry, I read, with deep regret in your last week's issue, his article on "Type and Symbol-mongers." I think in that article Bro. Norton has widely transgressed the rule against the introduction of the religious element upon a Masonic platform, and has even gone out of his way to cast stones at Christianity, and to hold up religion to ridicule. I am as well aware as Bro. Norton that men who take strong views on any subject are very apt to find allusions, and mysteries, types and shadows where, to an unbiassed mind, none are seen to exist; but I think this might all have been said with perfect plainness and still without jarring upon the feeling of reverence which so large a proportion of English Masons entertain for the Christian faith. I feel sure Bro. Norton had no intention of giving umbrage, but his zeal has on more than one occasion overrun his discretion and good judgment.

I am, yours fraternally,

T. B. WHYTEHEAD.

The following should be added to our list of Peers who are Freemasons, namely:—

- Marquis Townshend.
- Earl of Durham P.G. Warden.
- Earl of Egmout.
- \*Earl of Galloway, sits as Baron Stewart of Garlies.
- Earl of Mansfield.
- Earl of Wharfedale.
- Lord Carington.
- Lord de Clifford.

\* Initiated in Apollo University, No. 357, Oxford.

The following must be added to our list of Members of Parliament who are Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, namely:—

- Bros. Lord Richard Grosvenor, P.G.W., Member for Flintshire.
- Earl of March, Member for West Sussex.
- Abel Smith, Member for Herts.
- Sir Dudley Couatts Majoribanks, Member for Berwick-on-Tweed.
- W. E. Brymer, Member for Dorchester.
- M. T. Bass, Member for Derby.
- M. J. Guest, Prov. G.M. Dorsetshire, Member for Wareham.
- E. Akers-Douglas, Member for East Kent.

Well fermented Old Wines and Matured Spirits. J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants, (Experts and Valuers,) 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, S.W. Price Lists on application.



## NEW MASONIC HALL AT WAKEFIELD.

WEDNESDAY, 27th ult., was a red letter day amongst the members of the Masonic Craft in Wakefield, and throughout the province of West Yorkshire generally; on that day the foundation stone of the new Masonic temple, in process of erection in Zetland-street, on the site of the old building which has for such a length of time been devoted to similar purposes, was laid with all the ceremonial observances peculiar to the Brotherhood. The old building, as most of our readers will be aware, formed the only remaining portion of the old Rectory, which dated back from a somewhat remote antiquity, being mentioned by Leland as in existence long before he visited Wakefield in his tour of 1538. The building being found to suffer somewhat from the decrepitude and decay incidental to old age, and being moreover unsuited to the growing requirements of the three Masonic Lodges in Wakefield, it was decided, though apparently with some degree of hesitancy, to sacrifice it, and erect upon the site an edifice more commodious, and in point of appearance more in accordance with the times, than the plain and unpretending structure which for a generation or two has sheltered the mystic celebrations of the Craft from the gaze of the vulgar crowd, and has been the headquarters of Masonry in our midst. Although the project of a new Masonic temple has been for a long time under discussion it was not until the summer of last year that a building committee was appointed to take active steps for the purpose of erecting a new Lodge, and the plans and drawings for the new hall, which were prepared by Bro. W. Watson P.M. 154, did not finally receive the sanction of the corporation until March last, the contracts being let in the beginning of the following month. When the old building was being pulled down, the contract or for the stone work discovered in an old ceiling a piece of plaster work bearing a date, which reads either 1348 or 1548, the second figure being indistinct. In case it is the former figure, it might point to the date of the first erection of the Rectory, but if the latter, would probably refer to some restoration, as seeing that Leland has mentioned the building as existing some ten years earlier, it could not possibly be the date of its erection. From the plans and drawings of the architect, it appears that the new building will have a frontage to Zetland-street of 72ft., and, although outwardly there will not be much expenditure in ornamentation or appearance, internally the edifice will be replete with every requirement for the purposes of Masonry. The principal entrance, instruction, waiting-room, and other conveniences will be situated at the west end of the building, while the centre will be occupied by two rooms, each 33ft. by 21ft. and 18ft. high, the upper of which will be used for the various Lodge meetings, and the lower for the purpose of a banquetting room. Ample provision has been made for the care taker of the Lodge, for whom six rooms are set apart in the eastern end of the building. There will be large cellars underneath the Lodge, and, in addition, a communication will be made with the old arched cellars running across the street and into the old Vicarage grounds. The materials will be best red pressed bricks, fronted with Huddersfield stone. The two large rooms will be plastered, and will have coved ceilings. The old oak staircase, which formed a noticeable feature in the former building, will be retained, and incorporated in the proposed building as far as possible, the new portion of the staircase being made to harmonise with it. The whole of the works have been contracted for by local tradesmen, and the cost, exclusive of architect's commission, is expected to reach £1,500, of which amount over £600 has already been promised. At a meeting held on the 14th it was decided to invite Bro. Thomas William Tew, Esq., J.P., of Pontefract, P.M. 910, Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to perform the ceremony of laying the foundation stone, and that gentleman, with his usual kindness, having accepted the invitation, the event took place in due course on Wednesday afternoon last. The weather during the greater part of the forenoon was very gloomy, threatening, and occasionally light showers fell. Luckily, however, the atmosphere cleared up partly about noon, and the brethren were enabled to go through the whole of their outdoor observances without inconvenience. A large number of the members of the three Wakefield Lodges, Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019, assembled to take part in the proceedings, and there was a great influx of visitors from the surrounding Lodges and Chapters.

The brethren assembled at the Music Saloon, where at 1.15 p.m. the Lodge was opened in the three degrees by Bro. Jos. Hartley W.M. Lodge Wakefield, 495, assisted by the Officers and brethren of the two other Wakefield Lodges. The W. D.P.G.M. having then formally intimated his desire to be present, a deputation conducted him into the Lodge, together with the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge present. A procession was afterwards formed and the route taken was down Wood-street, through Silver-street, Little Westgate, Kirkgate, and Teall-street, to Zetland-street. On reaching the site of the intended building, the brethren opened out right and left, to allow the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the Prov. Grand Officers to pass to the platform, the brethren then closing in and following. The 100th Psalm having been sung by the choir, which was from St. Giles' Parish Church, Pontefract, and led by Bro. Gledhill, choir-master, Bro. the Rev. Canon Blakeney, D.D., Prov. G. Chaplain, read the 127th Psalm, after which the W. Deputy Prov. Grand Master called upon Bro. Major Freeman Prov. G. Registrar, to read the report, which was as follows:—Worshipful Deputy Provincial Grand Master,—As the Provincial Grand Registrar of the Freemasons of West Yorkshire, I am requested by the Worshipful Masters of the three Wakefield Lodges to offer a few remarks by way of report, explanatory of the movement which has brought about the re-building of a new Masonic Hall in Wakefield. The erection of a Masonic Temple in the heart of Wakefield is an important event in the history of West Yorkshire Freemasonry. The new building will be erected on the site of an ancient edifice which, almost from time immemorial, has been known as the Wakefield Rectory. The first written mention of the old edifice is by rare old Leland in his tour of 1538. Dr.

Sissons, in his "Historical Sketch of Wakefield Parish Church," in 1824, gives an engraving of the Wakefield Rectory; and the late Mr. Banks, in his "Walks about Wakefield," says, "that the Rectory House alluded to by Leland was pulled down except that part of the edifice utilised as 'Freemasons' Hall.'" Before the property came into the possession of the Freemasons, it was for many years tenanted as a Young Ladies' School. At this period Zetland-street had no existence. The Rectory House was pleasantly situated in open ground, which was fenced round by palisades; the usual approach to the house was through "Vicar's Croft," the carriage entrance being out of "Doctor-lane." When the Wakefield Borough Market Company laid out Zetland-street, the larger part of the old Rectory, which was the only building abutting on the then proposed new street, was taken down; the residue of the premises in 1853 was purchased at a cost of £300, and the property was vested in the names of ten Trustees. The "Decem-Viri" were William Statter, George Huds. well Westerman, Dr. Senior, Frederick Lumb, William Wood Glover, John Gill, Rowland Childe, Matthew Bussey Hick, Thomas Senior, and George Wood Bayldon. These "Patres Conscripti" of the Craft were empowered by deed to hold the property for the use of the Masonic Lodge, No. 495 on the roll of the Grand Lodge of England, and to be used for such Masonic purposes as this Lodge might determine. It was necessary, in consequence of the ravages of time, for the Trustees to spend a further sum of £200 in order to put the property into good repair and adapt it for the use of Freemasonry. The brethren soon discovered that the old Rectory House was ill adapted for the purpose of a Lodge, and that as the Craft increased in number, wealth, and influence, a new Temple was indispensable. From time to time plans of a new Lodge were discussed, and eventually, after much consideration, a Building Committee was appointed on the 15th July 1879 for the purpose of taking active steps for erecting a new Lodge. The Committee consisted of Bros. John Gill P.M. Chairman, Joseph Hartley W.M. Vice-Chairman, William Statter P.M., William Wood Glover P.M., Rowland Childe P.M., John Craven P.M., George Hart P.M., H. M. Edwards P.M., Thomas Smith, Charles Roberts, W. B. Alderson P.M. Treas., Henry Oxley S.D. Sec., and subsequently Bros. J. J. Hulbert P.M. 154, and A. Greenside P.M. 1019, were added to the Committee. The plans and working drawings for a new hall were prepared by Bro. William Watson P.M. 154, approved by this Committee, and received the sanction of the Wakefield Corporation on the 22nd March last. The building to be erected will be a substantial edifice, replete internally with every requirement for the purposes of Freemasonry, but owing to the locality it was thought unwise to expend a large sum of money in ornamenting the exterior. The entire cost, exclusive of the architect's commission, will not be less than £1,500. On the 9th of April last, the Committee accepted the tenders of the following contractors, viz.: George Fawcett (bricklayer and mason), W. Pycock and Sons (slaters), Charles Driver (plasterer), Craven and Lloyd (joiners), S. and T. Drake (plumbers, &c.), and Charles Turner (painter). The sanction of Sir Henry Edwards, Bart. D.L., Prov. Grand Master West Yorkshire, having been obtained, to-day the foundation-stone of the new edifice will be laid with ancient Masonic ceremonial, and the brethren of Lodge 495 appeal to the Craft in general to assist them in their undertaking with liberal contributions. Donations amounting to nearly £300 have already been given, and the Lodge 495 has voted £300 towards the erection. The present Trustees are Past Masters Bros. William Statter, John Gill, William Wood Glover, Rowland Childe, and Dr. Senior. In conclusion, I have to express the gratification of the Craft in Wakefield and West Yorkshire, that the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of this Province has accepted the invitation of the three Lodges to be present here to-day. Bro. T. W. Tew, you and your family have been connected with Wakefield and the West Riding, as bankers, for upwards of eighty years, and it is in our own memory that your grandfather was the Deputy Judge of the Honour Court of Pontefract. We therefore give you a cordial and fraternal welcome. In conclusion, the Committee and the Trustees have to express their satisfaction at the hearty manner in which this project of a new Masonic Hall has been taken up by the members of Lodge 495 Wakefield, and by the brethren of the other two Lodges, Unanimity 154 and Sincerity 1019. Bro. Tew said that on behalf of the Prov. G.M., Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, he accepted the report, and with the permission of the Worshipful Masters of the three Lodges present suggested that it should be inscribed on the minutes of the Lodges for future reference. Bro. J. Hartley W.M. 495 then, on behalf of the Craft in Wakefield, asked Bro. Tew to lay the stone, and presented to him for the purpose a silver trowel bearing the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. T. W. Tew 910, J.P., D.Prov. G.M. of West Yorkshire, on the occasion of his laying the foundation stone of the new Masonic Hall at Wakefield, 26th May, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880." Bro. Tew, in accepting the trowel, said it was indeed a compliment they had conferred upon him personally, as well as to the office he had the honour of occupying, in asking him to lay that stone, and he accepted the beautiful memorial of the occasion which they had presented to him as an evidence of their good feeling towards the office he held, and also towards his family, which had been for such a long time resident in Wakefield. The stone was then raised, and the Prov. G.Sec., Bro. H. Smith, read aloud the inscription on the plate to be deposited on it. The inscription was as follows:—This foundation stone was laid by W. Bro. Thomas William Tew 910, J.P., D.P.G.M. of West Yorkshire, on Wednesday, 26th May, A.L. 5880, A.D. 1880, in the presence of the Prov. Grand Officers and brethren of the three Wakefield Lodges, namely, Unanimity 154, Wakefield 495, and Sincerity 1019. Bros. J. Scott W.M. 154, Jos. Hartley W.M. 495, Jesse A. Thornton W.M. 1019, John Gill P.M. 495, P.P.G.D. of Ceremonies, Chairman of Committee, W. B. Alderson P.M. 495 P.P.G.D. Treasurer, H. Oxley S.D. 495 Secretary, W. Watson P.M. 154 Architect. The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. Mason (Leeds), then deposited in the stone a phial, containing a list of Officers and members of the Lodge, plans of building, coins, and copies of the three Wakefield newspapers and the Times. Bro. Gill P.G.S. of Works, having placed the plate in

position, cement was laid upon the face of the stone by Mr. Fawcett, the builder, which the W.D.P.G.M. proceeded to spread with the trowel, which was surrounded with a white handkerchief. The cement having been spread, the stone was lowered with three distinct stops, at each of which the choir sang one verse of the Masonic hymn, "Round the spot." Bro. France P.M. 1019 now presented Bro. Tew with the plumb rule, with which he proceeded to prove the position of the stone by applying it to the four corners. Having done so, he said, I have applied the plumb rule to the four corners of this stone in the usual Masonic manner, and I find they are perfect and upright, and have therefore fixed the stone on its proper basis. Bro. Naylor P.M. 151 then presented the level, which, after applying to the stone, Bro. Tew returned, saying that he used it on the stone as the symbol of uprightness, and found it to be level in all its parts. Bro. Tew then received the square from the hands of Bro. W. Glover P.M. 495. Having proved the position of the stone thereby, he returned it, saying: Brethren, I have now applied the square to this stone, and find it rectangular in all its parts. Bro. J. Scott W.M. 154 next presented the mallet, with which Bro. Tew gave three taps upon the stone, declaring it to be just, perfect, and regular. The cornucopia containing the corn was then handed by Bro. Hartley, and the corn having been cast over the stone, Bro. Tew said: Brethren, I have scattered corn upon this stone as the symbol of abundance and prosperity, and also as a symbol of the resurrection. May those who shall hereafter meet within the walls of this edifice disseminate amongst mankind the genial influence of Masonic wisdom, goodness, and truth. Bro. John Scott next presented the ewer of wine, which Bro. Tew poured over the stone, remarking: I have now poured wine over this stone as a symbol of cheerfulness and joy to all mankind. He next received from the hands of Bro. Thornton the ewer of oil, which he proceeded to pour on the stone as a symbol of peace, concord, and harmony. The stone was then sprinkled with salt, presented by Bro. Hart, Bro. Tew observing: I have sprinkled salt upon this stone as the symbol of wisdom and of learning. Salt is emblematical of consecration, of hospitality, fidelity, eternity, and immortality. Bro. Pearson Prov. G.C. then offered prayer, after which the stone was incensed by the acolyte, Bro. Tew observing that it was emblematical of the charity of their Masonic institutions. Bro. W. Watson, the architect, presented the plans of the building. Bro. Tew: Bro. Architect, you have placed in my hands the plans of the intended building and also the working tools of the Master Mason. I beg to request that without loss of time you proceed to the completion of this building, and that you inform the Provincial Grand Master and his Deputy when it is completed, that we may take such further measures as may be deemed requisite for the devotion of the building to the purposes of Freemasonry. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then ascended the stone and addressed the brethren as follows:—As the construction of an edifice for the purposes of Freemasonry marks an epoch in the annals of the Craft in the West Riding at Wakefield, I will now ask your indulgence to make a few observations on the circumstances which have brought about this demonstration to-day in Zetland-street. As the Deputy Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, it would have been my duty, had Sir H. Edwards been present, to have asked him to lay the foundation stone of this new Masonic Hall at Wakefield. Our Provincial Grand Master most deeply regrets his inability to be present at this interesting ceremonial; which, I feel, must lose some of its prestige and interest in your eyes by reason of the absence of his personal presence. The previous occasion on which he was present at a ceremonial of this kind was when he accepted the invitation of our late Brother J. C. D. Charlesworth, and assisted him to lay the foundation stone of the Clayton Hospital and Dispensary, in 1876. Most deeply do we deplore the death of our late brother, who was a member of the Wakefield Lodge, No. 495, but we feel grateful to Providence, that his valuable life was spared to see the completion and the opening of that benevolent Institution in which he took so lively an interest, and of which he was the president. The Freemasons of the Lodges and Chapters at Wakefield have indeed conferred a compliment upon me, and one which my family greatly appreciate in asking me, in the place of Sir Henry Edwards, to lay the foundation stone of this new Masonic Hall. This work, which we inaugurate to-day will, we believe, tend to promote the advocacy and development of Masonic principles in this town and neighbourhood. Being to-day operative as well as speculative Freemasons, we have laid the chief stone of this new Masonic Temple to Freemasonry at the North-East corner of the building, on which a noble superstructure will be raised, perfect in its parts and honourable to its builders. The three Lodges, Unanimity, Wakefield, and Sincerity, are to be congratulated on the agreement of views which has brought about this unity of action, and for which Freemasonry is ever remarkable, by which they have agreed to work together within the walls of one edifice in peace, love, and concord, thus resulting in the initiation of a new Masonic Hall worthy of the Craft in Wakefield, as well as an architectural ornament of Zetland-street. Could the Freemasons of Lodge Unanimity of 1766 be present here to-day, they would have rejoiced to see this day, and be glad. The noblest memorial we can erect to their memories is this new Masonic Hall, illustrating, as it does, the increase of the Lodges in this town, the growth of Masonic principles, and the commercial prosperity of "Merrie Wakefield," which they all had at heart so much to develop. On the excellency of Freemasonry I need not here dilate. Suffice it to say that its foundation-stone is Benevolence, whilst Charity is its cope-stone. Its three pillars are "Wisdom, Strength, and Purity," symbolical of "Faith, Hope, and Mercy," and that Charity which, like its sister Mercy, blesses him that gives as well as him that receives. Freemasonry is the handmaid of religion, it is the friend of the Church, and in its relations with the State, a staunch supporter of Constitutional principles, whilst within its portals are sedulously cultivated the seven liberal arts and sciences. But the other day the Freemasons laid the foundation-stone of a Freemasonry Institution at Pontefract. On the 16th April, under the presidency of H.R.H. the Provincial Grand

Master of Oxfordshire, £13,500 was subscribed in Freemasons' Hall towards this year's maintenance of our orphan Masonic girls; on the 8th inst., £785 was awarded from the Fund of Benevolence towards the poor and distressed Freemasons, and on the 20th of this month our Royal Grand Master the Prince of Wales laid the foundation-stones of a new Cathedral at Truro, for a new Bishopric, for which we have to thank the late Government. These we may take as evidence of the growth of Masonic principles in England. I see no limits to the usefulness and the influence of Freemasonry. I believe that it will continue to prosper in this as well as in other countries so long as the brethren realise and adorn those principles which Freemasonry upholds, and those vital truths which Freemasonry proclaims, and that with a consistent unfolding of our teaching, I can see no horizon, humanly speaking, to the progress and perpetuation of our ancient and honourable Fraternity, except that end which time alone must fix to all institutions earthly and transitory. May the Great Architect of the Universe prosper the work we have undertaken; may no accident happen to workmen engaged in construction, under the skilful architect, and may we here all be permitted to rejoice in its completion and dedication to Freemasonry. Under these circumstances, the Provincial Grand Master of this Province has permitted us to assemble round this spot to lay with Masonic ceremonial the foundation-stone of the new Masonic Hall for the advancement and welfare of the brethren who shall enter within its symbolic enclosures, that they may promote the faithful development of the genuine and unchangeable principles of our useful and benevolent Institution. The Worshipful Masters of Wakefield will, I know, make this Lodge a temple symbolic of that immaterial and beatific temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens, and, though this building must one day succumb to time, and like the walls of the old Rectory house, crumble into ruin, yet may it in the interim increase the knowledge of the wonderful works of the Almighty Creator, and the happiness of the brethren who assemble and who are initiated within its walls. Bro. Thornton W.M. 1019 said it fell to his lot to return thanks to Bro. Tew for his kind attendance and services there that day. The old building had justly been described as having passed away, but long would it be remembered by the brethren of Wakefield, and the many visitors who had sat within its walls. He endorsed the remarks Bro. Tew had made with reference to the unity existing amongst the Wakefield Masons, and he rejoiced to know that there was a prospect of having a Masonic Hall. On behalf of the Wakefield Lodges he tendered most respectfully hearty and sincere thanks. Bro. Tew, in responding, said it had been a great pleasure to him to be present, and he would report to the Prov. Grand Master the satisfactory circumstances attending the ceremony, and the trouble the Wakefield brethren had taken in organising it. The choir having sung the hymn, "Hail, Masonry Divine," and the National Anthem, the procession was re-formed, and returned to the Music Saloon, where the Lodge was closed. A luncheon, to which a large number sat down, and which was of a strictly private nature, was held at the Bull Hotel at four for the members of the Craft. Luncheon was provided, at Bro. Tew's expense, in the Royal Hotel for the members of the choir and non-Masonic friends, Bro. Quarterman P.J.W. P.S.W. 910, Secretary to Bro. Tew, presiding.

The annual Meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Berkshire and Buckinghamshire will be held at the Wesleyan School Rooms, Maidenhead, on Monday, the 14th instant. Special Railway arrangements have been made, and return tickets at single fares will be issued from London, Windsor, Reading, Oxford, Newbury, Abingdon, Swindon, Faringdon, Aylesbury, Wycombe, and Marlow Road; and at all Stations on the London, Wokingham, and Reading Railway between Waterloo Bridge and Bracknell.

It appears from a circular we have received that, in the event of a Collector being appointed for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Bro. Charles Henry Webb, who has been a Mason for several years, and has taken an active part in promoting the interests of our Charitable Institutions, will offer himself as a candidate. Bro. Webb was in the employ of Messrs. Cubitt and Co. for many years, but those gentlemen having relinquished the branch in which he was engaged, he is now seeking a new appointment. Bro. Webb considers that his business knowledge and experience are a sufficient qualification for the position he is anxious to obtain.

The ceremony of Installation was most ably rendered by Bro. J. L. Mather P.G.D.C. Herts, on Monday, 31st May, at the Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, which holds its weekly meetings at the Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Square, Islington, N., every Monday evening at 8.30. A large number of brethren assembled, and all thoroughly appreciated the talent of the presiding Officer. This Lodge works ceremonies only, the last Monday in each month is appropriated to that of Installation.

## REVIEWS.

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*St. John's Lodge, No. 221, Bolton.* A Short History and Extracts from the old Minute Books, together with a list of Members, with the date of their respective initiation or joining the Lodge, and other information connected with the Masonic Fraternity. Compiled by Bro. G. P. Brockbank, Treasurer and Senior Past Master, P. Prov. Grand S. Deacon East Lancashire, with a short Introductory Notice by Bro. W. J. Hughan, Past Grand Deacon of England. 1880. Bro. Morris, Printer, Oxford Street, Bolton.

Our first duty is to thank Bro. Brockbank for having forwarded to us some of the advance sheets of this interesting compilation of his. As the oldest Past Master of the Lodge, and one who takes, moreover, a deep interest in all that relates to Freemasonry, it is very natural he should endeavour to reciprocate the good feeling always exhibited towards him by the members of his mother Lodge, and prepare a sketch of its history from archives with which, during his thirteen or fourteen years of office as Secretary, he had become so intimately acquainted. Moreover, a work of this kind is of incalculable value from the assistance it must afford to future historic writers on Freemasonry, and we agree with Bro. Hughan, who has kindly furnished a short introductory sketch, that Bro. Brockbank's example might with advantage be followed by brethren of other Lodges. We are acquainted with several Lodge histories, and were the career of each existing Lodge carefully traced out from its constitution till now by some experienced member, we should at once have authentic material for a true history of the rise and progress of Freemasonry in England and other countries. We will not say Lodge histories alone would provide this material, for the records of Grand Lodge would have of necessity to be consulted, but they would furnish a step in the direction, and do something towards relieving us of the charge too often, and we fear too justly, made against Freemasons, namely, that its history, such as it has been written, is based chiefly on the imagination of the writers, having just a slight substratum of fact to give it an air of respectability. It is true we have been making great strides of late years, and doing our best to disturb the unequal relations formerly existing between fancy and fact; but much yet remains to be done, and a very considerable part of this much embraces the kind of work which Bro. Brockbank has prepared with so much zeal and assiduity. It is an admirable addition to those which have previously appeared, and, as we have said before, we trust this example of successful compilation will prove contagious, and that learned Craftsmen will be smitten with a desire to write their several Lodge histories. We could have wished, for the compiler's sake, that the archives on which he has had to work had been in themselves more acceptable. The founders of the Lodge and their immediate successors may have been shrewd men of business and excellent good fellows, but they do not, to judge from their style of writing, appear to have had the benefit of any serious amount of education. We know that, at the close of last century, when this Lodge, No. 221, first saw the light, the educational standard of the English was not remarkably high; but one naturally associates Freemasonry with well-to-do folk—with men of independent means, and those who have been successful in business or professionally, and that being so, with those who have received an education in advance of the ordinary charity school children of the day. We are not of those who judge of a Mason's worth by the purity of his spelling, the beauty of his handwriting, or the accuracy of his figuring; but we do think it desirable that people occupying decent positions in this country should have some acquaintance with the English language. But the extracts from the older minutes of this St. John's Lodge, No. 221, look very much as though they had been written during the latter intervals of a very heavy symposium, when a man's powers of articulation, like his reason, are dull and inconsequential, and his hand but too accurately reproduces on paper the chaos of ideas which his brain has prompted and his tongue uttered. What, for instance, can be said of "The Worshipful's toast from the chair," on 6th December 1797—"That Masons may flourish like the bea leaf that grows by the River Side that is always green;" or of the following, under date of 20th February 1798—"A Cometa chose by the Worshipful to absent themselves from the Lodge Room to an a jacin Room to decide the matter; the Committee agreeing and finding Bro. O'Neil culpable of an error for Schandlizing the Lodge is find five shillings and is to make an humble submission to the Lodge for the offence." It took us some little time to discover that "Cometa" and "Committee" are different forms of one and the same word, and though from the text of the minute it is not very clear whether Bro. O'Neil or the Lodge he had offended is "find" five shillings, we are willing to give the latter the benefit of the doubt, and suppose it was Bro. O'Neil who was mulcted. On the 18th May 1800, it was resolved that a Royal Arch Chapter should be held, and on that day one was opened, when certain brethren who had previously passed the chair and paid 7s 6d, "were made Exclant and Shaper Exclant Masous, and Likeeves Holy Royal arch Masons." Even in the rules for the government of the Lodge, which one would presume very naturally would be written with an approach to correctness, there is a display of ignorance for which at school the small boy of ten years would be deservedly well flogged. Thus, Rule III. is to the effect that no brother shall be chosen by "Senority" to preside as Master, &c. Rule V. resolves that "aney Br. that shall curse, Sware, or use aney unbecoming Language in Diragation of God's name intendedly, or Aggravate another Br. to disturbe the Harmony of the Lodge whilst engaged in that Most Serious and Solimm"—what is not stated. Rule XI. ordains "that no Modern Mason or aney Subscribing those To Belongs will be admitted in this Lodge while engaged in that "Most Serious and Solimm," &c. In addition, occur such words as "petiton" (petition), "Abel" (able), "soport" (support), &c.; all of which betoken a very low

standard of education, indeed, among the earlier members of this Lodge, especially when we bear in mind they were of a class of people who could afford to spend somewhat freely of their moneys, or they could not well have joined the Society.

So much for the language in which the minutes and Rules are expressed. Let us now turn to the important part of the subject—the Lodge history, as we gather particulars of its rise and progress from Bro. Brockbank's compilation. The Lodge, which originally consisted of but seven members, was founded in April 1797, under a warrant from the Grand Lodge of the "Ancients," full particulars of the ceremony of consecration, as we are wont to call it now-a-days, being furnished from the Lodge of Antiquity (now No. 146), an older "Ancient" Lodge, which, however, had migrated from Leigh, some time between 1776, the date of its Warrant, and January 1786, when it was in full working order at Bolton. Thus, St. John's, No. 221, originally No. 303, enjoys the honour of being the first "Ancient" Lodge founded in this town. To James Abel as Grand Master, and other brethren as his Deputy, Grand Wardens, and Secretary, was deputed the task of constituting the Lodge, and there seems to have been a pretty strong master of brethren from Nos. 235 Wigan, 238 Chorley, 275 Manchester, 292 Stockport, and 196 (now 146) Bolton, to witness the impressive ceremony. The first Master and Wardens, as named in the Warrant, were Bros. O'Neal (or O'Neil, for the name is spelt both ways), W.M., Thomas Keenan, S.W., Daniel Cane J.W., and the first Treasurer and Secretary were Bros. John McAllister Treasurer, and Edward McGlone Secretary. The first Minute Book dates from 9th April 1797, when the preliminary meeting was held, and it was decided amongst other things that every candidate who dines shall pay four shillings towards the expenses of the day, that being the sum chargeable against subscribing members; that the Lodge should be called St. John's; and that the brethren we have just named should be the first W.M. and Wardens respectively. On the 16th another meeting was held, the names of three candidates were submitted, and they subsequently received the first degree of Freemasonry. On the 29th June, in commemoration of St. John, the patron saint of the Lodge, the brethren, with several others belonging to Antiquity No. 196, went in procession to the old church, where a sermon was preached by the Rev. Dr. Dallas—let us hope the sermon was livelier than the name of the rev. preacher might warrant us in supposing. At an early date the harmony of the Lodge would in a certain sense appear to have been disturbed, for at an "Amemergency" meeting on 17th December of the same year, we read that, after a trial which lasted three hours, Bro. John Mulhollan was found guilty of having been "Intoxicated in drink," and fined 6d; of having broken Rule 12, which resolved that any member of the Lodge who should "divulge aney secrets to aney person not belonging to the Lodge, should be fined five shillings," and he was fined accordingly; and of having used bad language to the Worshipful. However, after due admonition, Bro. Mulhollan, "asked Gods pardon and the Lodges," and the matter was amicably settled. The day following the election of Master, Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary for the half year took place at intervals, extending from 4 p.m. to 5.10 p.m., Bro. Brockbank suggesting that the intervals were devoted to libations. On 5th February 1798, Bro. O'Neal, who had been Master the previous six months, was found guilty of "Schandlizing the Lodge," and fined five shillings, and when the culprit had made an ample apology, the Lodge closed in the greatest harmony. On the 12th April, a brother was suspended for twelve calendar months, "then to be dealt with as the Lodge shall think fit," and when the suspension was over, it seems the brother was not allowed to have any certificate so long as he was "due any debt to the Lodge." In the interim, we read of a Bro. Crook, who, in the compiler's opinion, must have been a "perambulating luminary" giving three lectures. On 3rd April, it was agreed the Lodge should shift its quarters from the Hand and Barrow to the Lord Admiral Nelson, and afterwards it was agreed to hold a Holy Royal Arch Chapter, to which end the Lodge was "opened in the 3d degree," and five brothers "past the chair at 6 o'clock, and pd 7/6." "The Chapter was then opened, and those Bros. were "made Exclant & Shaper Exclant Masous & Likeeves Holy Royal Arch Masons." We judge from the spelling that the brethren, and especially the Secretary, must have found this rather "dry" work, as Bro. Brockbank elsewhere suggests once or twice. On 3rd September 1801 a Bro. Morris, it is recorded, was guilty of contumacy, resolutely refusing to obey a summons to attend, as well then as formerly, and neglecting his "dutys" as Acting Secretary. At the end of the year it was resolved to quit the Lord Admiral Nelson, because, as it appears from the 3d Minute Book, the house went "under a bad report." This book closes as regards business on 12th December, but there is inscribed in it one entry of 1st January 1802, to the effect that on that day "a procession took place in which No. 196 joined, which was guarded by the military stationed in the town, and a letter of thanks was addressed by the Secr. of Lodge 196 to the Commanding Officer." To this is appended a footnote by the compiler that "the Cash Book recorded that £2 0s 6d was recd towards the Expenses from different brethren of the 17 Light Dragoons."

Next week we shall consider Book II., with the Laws it contains, and further minutes.

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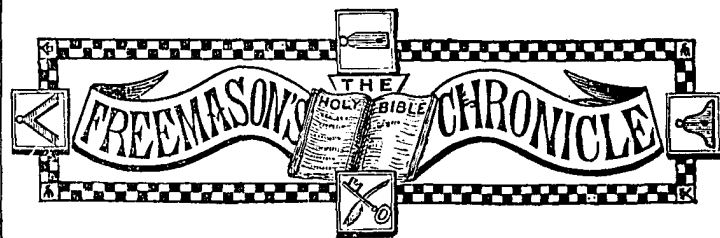
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**23 GREAT QUEEN STREET, W.C.****GRAND MARK LODGE.**

**THE** Half-yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge was held  
 on Tuesday evening, at Freemasons' Tavern. Bro. W. W. B.  
 Beach Past Grand Master presided, Viscount Mandeville occupied the  
 chair of S.G.W., and Bro. J. M. P. Montague that of J.G.W. The  
 attendance of the brethren was more numerous than on any previous  
 occasion. Bro. Beach apologised for the absence of the Earl of  
 Lathom, the Earl of Limerick, and Lord Leigh, owing to other en-  
 gagements. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, the  
 report of the General Board, of which we have already furnished  
 the most salient features, was submitted to the brethren. On the  
 motion of Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, and seconded by Bro. S. Raw-  
 son, Grand Lodge voted £21. to the Royal Masonic Institution for  
 Boys. On the motion of Bro. Portal, seconded by General Brownrigg,  
 a vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Passawer for the gift of an annual  
 scholarship of the value of fifteen guineas at the Notting Hill High  
 School. The Earl of Lathom was then declared installed as Grand  
 Master, and proclaimed and saluted, and the following brethren were  
 appointed to Grand Office:—Bros. Lord Henniker Deputy Grand  
 Master, the Earl of Onslow S.G. Warden, Col. Shadwell H. Clarke  
 J.G. Warden, Baron de Ferrières G.M.O., J. F. Tweedale G.S.O.,  
 T. Dolling Bolton G.J.O., the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall G. Chaplain,  
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 Loveland, G. Rennie Powell, James Smythe, Charles E. Soppet, and  
 W. Watkins Grand Stewards, and Bro. C. T. Speight Grand Tyler.  
 The following brethren were nominated by the Grand Master to  
 serve on the General Board:—Bros. the Rev. G. R. Portal P.G.M.  
 (President), Thomas Meggy, S. Rosenthal, S. C. Dibdin, Robert  
 Berridge, C. F. Matier, and Thomas Cubitt. The following five  
 brethren were elected by Grand Lodge:—Herbert Dicketts, E. C.  
 Mather, W. Roebuck, R. P. Spice, and Alfred Williams. Bro. Binckes  
 read a list of brethren from whom he had received letters of apology  
 for absence, and then announced that the Mark Benevolent Fund  
 Festival would be held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on the 7th  
 July, at which Bro. Col. Burdett would preside. There were already  
 29 brethren as Stewards, and he expected to receive a large amount  
 of pecuniary support. He would be happy to receive any additional  
 names of Stewards. Grand Lodge was then closed, and the brethren  
 adjourned to banquet. Bro. the Rev. G. R. Portal, in responding to  
 the toast of the Past G. Masters, said that if Lord Leigh had been



present, it would have been an agreeable surprise to him to find that, whereas 23 years ago there were only a dozen Mark Lodges under Grand Lodge, there were now 271. He attributed the success of the degree to the love of Masons for new Orders, and to the absence of red tape in the Mark Degree. They did not much care about Chinese exactness and uniformity, but if they found remnants of old traditions in the country that did not exactly square with what was done in London, they were rather glad to find those evidences of antiquity. He also attributed the success of the degree to the great energy of the Provincial brethren, and mentioned as an instance the Rev. W. K. R. Bedford Prov. Grand Master for Stafford and Warwick, without whose aid the Shakespeare Time Immemorial Lodge would not have been brought under the banner of Grand Mark Lodge. He was glad to see that some of the Warrants for new Lodges were for the colonies of New Zealand and Queensland, where there was a boundless field for the working of the degree. Bro. Meggy proposed "The Mark Benevolent Fund," which he believed he was the means of originating. Bro. Binckes responded, and endorsed the views of Bro. Portal in reference to the success of the Mark degree. He added that Mark Masonry had always kept in view the virtue of Charity, and not only inscribed it on their keystone, but had sprinkled with it their lintels and doorposts, so that the destroying angel of ridicule and detraction had passed over their houses, and left a blessing instead of a curse. He reminded the brethren that the Festival of this Fund would take place at the Crystal Palace on the 7th of July, for which there were already twenty-nine Stewards. Shortly after sitting down he again rose and said, that another brother had given in his name as a Steward with the sum of forty guineas. Bro. Meggy then volunteered as a Steward, after which the toast of "The Visitors" was given, and the brethren separated. Bros. Henry Guy, F. H. Cozens, Hubbard, and A. Rowley sang a charming selection of vocal music between the toasts.

#### PROV. G. MARK LODGE OF LEICESTERSHIRE, NORTHAMPTONSHIRE AND DERBYSHIRE.

**T**HE Annual Meeting and General Communication of Mark Master Masons in this important Province was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, on Thursday the 27th ult., under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Mark Master Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., &c. The Fowke Mark Lodge, No. 19, was represented by Bros. S. S. Partridge P.M. D.P.G.M., G. Toller P.M. P.P.G.W., R. A. Barber P.M. P.G.J.W., R. Waite W.M. elect P.G. Treasurer, J. M. McAllister P.M. P.G. Secretary, Rev. C. H. Wood P.P.G. Ch., R. Taylor P.G.M.O., C. E. Stretton P.G.J.O., J. Young P.G.D.C., J. Jessop P.G. Ins. of Works., F. J. Baines P.P.G.R.M., S. A. Marris P.G. Steward, and others. The Knights of Malta Lodge, No. 30, by Dr. R. B. Smith P.G.R.M., and others. The Simon de Montfort by J. T. Thorp P.M. P.P.G.W., H. Meadows, M.B., W.M., Thomas Colman S.D. P.G. Ins. of Works., S. Cleaver Sec. P.P.G.S., Rev. F. H. Richardson J.W. P.P.G. Ch., W. J. Curtis, Dr. Hammond, &c. The Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, by Bros. the Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, M.A., W.M., N. T. Howens S.W., George Ellard M.O., and Henry Hill Sec. The Duke of Connaught Lodge, No. 246, was represented by Bros. W. Wynne Jendwine W.M., Philip Le Gros S.W., the Rev. Augustus A. Bagshawe P.M. Grand Chaplain of England, E. C. Milligan P.M. P.P.G.M.O. Lancashire, W. L. Ball M.O. and J.O., Manton Assistant Secretary. Among the Visitors were G. F. Parkinson J.W. No. 32, and Bro. John Chadwick Prov. Grand Secretary East Lancashire. The Reports received from the various representatives indicated continued progress, and careful attention to the laws and constitutions of Mark Masonry in the Province; and the Officers of the recently constituted Lodges, the Simon de St. Liz and Duke of Connaught, have especially deserved the highest praise for the zeal and assiduity which have characterized their work during their term of office. The principal incident in the business of the meeting was the unanimous re-election of Bro. William Kelly, F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., as Provincial Grand Mark Master. He has discharged the important duties of this distinguished position since the constitution of the Province, twenty-two years ago, and is now the senior Provincial Representative of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. the Rev. Augustus Adam Bagshawe, M.A., B.D., P.M. Grand Chaplain of England having been appointed Deputy Provincial Grand Master, the assembled Mark Masons manifested their esteem and regard for the good man and worthy Mason in a manner which must have afforded him considerable satisfaction. The following brethren were appointed Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Clement Stretton, J.P., P.M. S.W., E. C. Milligan P.M., &c., J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, W. Wynne Jendwine W.M. M.O., Dr. R. B. Smith J.O., Robert Waite W.M. Treasurer, Thomas Worthington S.W. R.M., J. M. McAllister P.M. Secretary, N. T. Hewens S.D., Philip Le Gros S.W. J.D., J. Young J.W. D.C., H. Hill A.D.C., J. Jessop Ins. of Works., Samuel Knight Sword Bearer, Samuel Cleaver Standard Bearer, Brook Sampson, Mus. Bac., Organist, H. Spoor I.G., Dr. Hammond, George Ellard, and W. C. Moore P.G. Stewards. At the banquet which followed Bro. Chadwick, Prov. Grand Secretary Lancashire, ably responded to the Visitors' toast, and Bro. E. C. Milligan P.G.J.W. for the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge.

#### CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

##### "SPES BONA" MARK LODGE, 253 E.C., PORT ELIZABETH.

**T**HE introduction, under the English Constitution, of this beautiful and instructive degree into the Cape Colony took place on Tuesday, 20th April last, at the Masonic Temple, Port Elizabeth,

when the above Lodge was duly constituted. The ceremonies of consecration, dedication and installation were performed in a most able and impressive manner by the Rev. Bro. Dr. G. G. Ross D.C.L. 30 P.M.M.M. As an earnest of the future success of Mark Masonry in the Colony several of the most prominent and zealous Masons in Port Elizabeth have since been advanced to this honourable degree, and it is expected that at no very distant date Mark Lodges under the English Constitution will probably be formed in most of the important towns in the Colony. The following is the list of Officers:—Bros. C. T. W. Monat I.P.M. 711 Craft and P.D.G.S.D. W.M., W. H. Miles R.A. and 18 S.W., S. S. Hunter J.W., C. T. Wheelwright 18 P.M. 863 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. M.O., H. Norris R.A. S.O., S. R. White 18 P.M. 711 Craft and Z. 711 R.A. J.O., A. T. Wirgman D.C.L. 18 R.A. Chap., A. C. Milton Treas., C. F. Dunster-ville 18 R.A. Registrar, G. Dunsterville 18 R.A. Sec., J. Kemsley W.M. 711 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. S.D., J. W. C. Mackay 18 I.P.M. 863 Craft and H. 711 R.A. J.D., F. D. Deare 18 P.M. 711 Craft and P.Z. 711 R.A. D. of C., C. Dickenson W.M. 863 Craft and R.A. Org., C. V. Freeman I.G., G. G. Ross D.C.L. 30 I.P.M. 389 Craft P.Z. and D.G. Chaplain P.M. W.S. 16 P.M.M.M. Steward, W. Myhill Steward, W. L. Hockey 18 R.A. Steward, W. Henderson Tyler.

#### JAMAICA.

**Phoenix Mark Lodge, Port Royal.**—Some time ago this Lodge passed a resolution requesting the Wor. Master to make the necessary application for the establishment, for the first time in this island, of a Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge. The necessary papers and documents having been forwarded to the indefatigable Grand Secretary of Mark Masons for England, by whom every facility was afforded, the application was granted. The W.M. Bro. A. De Cordova Deputy District Grand Master for Jamaica, being at the time in England, the degree was conferred on him, and at a special meeting of the Lodge, held on 22nd April, the degree was conferred on Bros. G. J. De Cordova Master of the Phoenix Lodge, O. Delgado S.W., O. Delgado jun. J.W., and R.W. J. W. Whitebourne Deputy Prov. Grand Master of Mark Masons and W.M. Sussex. Wor. Bro. G. J. De Cordova was installed in the chair of W.M. of the Phoenix, and appointed O. Delgado as S. and O. De Cordova as J.

At a meeting held on 5th May, present:—Bros. R.W. J. W. Whitebourne, Wor. G. J. De Cordova, O. Delgado, A. De Cordova, and O. Delgado jun., twenty-five brethren were elected, and fourteen belonging to the Phoenix Mark Lodge at Port Royal being present, were elevated to the degree of Royal Ark Mariner. The Prov. Grand Master did not attend, owing to continued illness. The Lodge was adjourned, and at its next meeting the administration will be formed.

It is expected that other Mark Lodges will follow the example of Phoenix.

**Royal Lodge, 207, Kingston.**—The ordinary meeting was held on 3rd May, presided over by Wor. Bro. J. Thirlwall and other Officers. Being the night for installation, the following Officers were appointed, namely:—Bros. Wor. G. M. Duff W.M., Worshipful J. Thirlwall I.P.M., W. Duff S.W., Wor. B. M. Dias J.W., S. A. Iffa Treasurer, E. J. Andrews Secretary, R. J. McPherson S.D., A. M. Marshall J.D., J. O. Waite I.G., J. McCann and J. Z. Measom Stewards, G. Magnus Tyler. The following Past Masters were also present:—Bros. R.W. A. De Cordova Dep. District Grand Master, Wor. W. P. Dadson Jamaica, W. L. Mudon Sussex, C. H. Davis Royal, W. Andrews Royal, R. Langley Royal, B. M. Dias Glenlyon, Wor. K. J. Spiers Glenlyon, Wor. G. J. Sargeant Royal. After the business was concluded the brethren were invited to a banquet. We hope this year will be a peaceful and successful one for this the oldest Lodge in the Province. The District Grand Master, being still indisposed, was unable to be present. The attendance was not as large as usual. The Wor. G. M. Duff, on behalf of the members, presented the Wor. G. J. Sargeant I.P.M. with a Past Master's jewel, designed after the banner of the Lodge, and having the following inscription on the reverse:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. G. J. Sargeant I.P.M. Royal Lodge No. 207, Prov. No. 1, by the brethren, in recognition of the benefit conferred on the Lodge by his able administration of the office of Master." Of all the Masters who have occupied the chair of this Lodge none has worked more in harmony with the members, or with greater success to the Lodge, than Wor. Bro. Sargeant. He is the only child of the Rev. George Sargeant, Superintendent of the Wesleyan Methodist body in this island.

**Hamblin Lodge, No. 1440, Spanish Town.**—The following were installed as Officers for the present year:—Bros. Wor. W. T. Jamieson P.M. W.M., C. T. Sanquinetti S.W., W. D. Barbes J.W., G. Livy Treasurer, J. F. Rickards Secretary, A. Robertson S.D., C. M. L. Kerr J.D., C. H. Repill I.G., J. Dileom Tyler.

#### THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Whittington Lodge of Instruction, No. 862, at the Corinthian Lodge of Instruction, No. 1382, held at the George Hotel, Glengall-road, Poplar, on Tuesday, the 8th June, 1880, at 6.30 p.m. Bros. J. S. Brown J.W. 862 as W.M., R. P. Tate 862 S.W. S.W., W. H. Marston W.M. 55 J.W., H. G. Gush I.G. 1541 P.M., Wm. Long P.M. 435 Preceptor and Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Brocklehurst, Collinson, Gates, Abell, Larchin, Tate, and Lardner. Second Lecture:—Bros. McIlloch, Marston, Fox, Gush, and Pate. Third Lecture:—Bros. Hallam, Long, and Hyde.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## LODGE OF STABILITY, No. 564, STOURBRIDGE.

ON Tuesday, 25th May, a very interesting meeting was held by the above Lodge, on the occasion of the presentation of a P.P.S.G. Warden's jewel to Bro. W. H. Jones P.M. and Treasurer. At a previous Lodge Bro. Isaiah Foley P.M. P.G.S.B. proposed that a P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel be presented to Bro. Past Master Jones, in recognition of his services as Treasurer of the Lodge for many years past; he felt assured that he had the hearty support of every member of the Lodge towards the object in view, as all were well aware how much they were indebted to their worthy Treasurer for the indefatigable manner in which he had always worked for the benefit of the Lodge. Bro. W. H. Westwood P.M. P.S.G.W. seconded the proposition of Bro. Foley, and heartily concurred in the sentiments he had so ably expressed. A presentation committee was appointed, and the resolution put in due form and carried unanimously. The meeting on Tuesday was held for the purpose of presenting the jewel, when the following Officers were present:—Bros. H. D'Arcy Ellis W.M., Isaiah Foley P.M. P.G.S.B. S.W. *pro tem*, Robert Egar J.W., W. H. Jones P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Treasurer, Robert Broomhall P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Secretary, Joshua Hammond S.D., Edwin Stringer J.D., William Perry I.G., Henry Scott Tyler. Members:—Bros. Joseph Aston P.M. P.P.G.R., Charles Blunsom P.M., Francis Perks D.C., J. P. Bayley, S. A. Brooks, Henry Hughes, Samuel Mobberley, F. Howells. Visitors:—Bros. William Masfield P.M. 252 D.P.G.M. Worcestershire, William Bristow P.M. 252 P.P.S.G.W. P.G. Secretary, Thomas Brettell P.M. 252 P.P.G.R., Joshua Stokes P.M. 252 P.P.S.G.D., George Taylor P.M. 377 P.S.G.D., Thomas Tromans P.M. 573 P.G.O., G. W. Grosvenor P.M. 377 P.P.G.R., John Thompson, W. Bill, Comber, and others. The Lodge being opened in due form, the W.M. Bro. H. D'Arcy Ellis, in a very able and animated speech, expressed the great pleasure it gave him to have the honour of presenting a P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel to P.M. Jones for the untiring zeal and ability with which he had conducted the financial affairs of the Lodge for so many years. Bro. P.M. Jones was not only known in his own Lodge, as a hard working and efficient Mason, but he stood pre-eminent throughout the province as an Officer ever ready to further the cause of Freemasonry in general; he hoped that the great Architect of the Universe would long spare Bro. P.M. Jones to wear that jewel, and continue his valuable services to the Lodge. Bro. P.M. Jones, in thanking the brethren for the handsome recognition they had been pleased to make of his services as Treasurer, assured them that in endeavouring to perform his duties he had been actuated only by the earnest desire to maintain the position and reputation of the Lodge, without hope of fee or reward; but nevertheless he should ever regard this presentation as one of the brightest spots in his life; no words of his could express his feelings at the many kind expressions he had received on all sides on this occasion. Several propositions were afterwards made, and carried, and then the Lodge being duly closed according to ancient custom, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting hall. After dinner, when the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts had been given and duly honoured, Bro. P.M. Broomhall P.P.S.G.D. Secretary (by request of the W.M.) said that he had now very great pleasure in giving the toast of the evening, viz., Bro. P.M. Jones more especially as the committee appointed to carry out the presentation had added thereto an album containing Bro. P.M. Jones's photograph, and a list of the members of the Lodge to accompany the gift, as a perpetual record for Bro. P.M. Jones's family to possess, as showing the high esteem in which he was held by the brethren of the Lodge. He had now very great pleasure in handing the same to Bro. Jones. Bro. Jones, again thanked the committee for this new proof of their kindness and esteem. The usual toasts followed, interspersed with music by Bro. T. Thomas, and songs by Bros. Foley, Stokes, Bristow, Taylor, Grosvenor, and Egar, and recitations by Bro. S. A. Brooks, &c. A very enjoyable evening was spent. The jewel reflected great credit on the manufacturer; it was an eighteen carat gold, hall marked P.P.S.G.W.'s jewel, with diamond in centre, gold and enamelled, and three embossed gold bars. The album was handsomely bound in crimson morocco; and illuminated in superb style in gold and colours. The photograph, large cabinet size, was taken by Mr. White, of Stourbridge, and is a true and expressive likeness of Bro. Jones.

## CRYSTAL PALACE LODGE, No. 742.

THE Annual Meeting of this Lodge was held at the Crystal Palace, Sydenham, on Thursday, 3rd inst. The Lodge was opened under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Henry Speedy, who was well supported by members and visitors. The minutes of the last meeting having been confirmed, the Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Edward Upton was passed. The next business before the Lodge was the installation of the W.M. elect, Bro. Dick Radclyffe, and this ceremony was at once proceeded with, Bro. Charles D. Hume a P.M. of the Lodge undertaking the duty of Installing Master. After the customary salutations, Bro. Radclyffe appointed and invested his Officers for the year, the following being selected:—Blundell S.W., Orme J.W. (in the absence of Bro. Orme Bro. Thompson P.M. was invested in his stead), Foxall P.M. Treasurer, Land P.M. Secretary, Coles S.D., Ayres J.D., Pullen I.G., Meacock D. of C., Seymour Smith Organist, Lassau Steward, Woodstock Tyler. The ceremony connected with the installation was then completed by Bro. Hume, after which the ballot was taken for two gentlemen who were candidates for initiation. In each case the result was unanimous in their favour, and they were introduced and regularly initiated into the secrets of the Order. The name of a gentleman who desired to be admitted to the Lodge was given in, and then the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. We

must not omit to mention that previous to initiating the two gentlemen already referred to, Bro. Radclyffe invested his predecessor with a P.M.'s jewel. In doing so he expressed the delight he experienced in being called upon to perform this ceremony. Bro. Speedy had deserved well at the hands of the members of the Lodge, and he was particularly gratified in presenting the token of their esteem and regard. Bro. Speedy briefly thanked the members for the jewel which he hoped to wear for many years, and which he should never disgrace. The brethren then repaired to the banquet room where a first-rate repast awaited them. At the conclusion thereof, Bro. Radclyffe gave the usual loyal toasts, and then proposed that of the Pro G.M., the Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand and Provincial Grand Officers past and present. With this toast he coupled the name of Bro. J. L. Mather, apologising to Bro. F. Binckes for passing over him, as he intended later in the evening calling upon that brother. Bro. Mather considered himself placed in a somewhat peculiar position, as the W.M. had put him and the Provincial Officers generally on a par with the Grand Officers. However, he responded to the toast with pleasure. Personally, and he believed he might say on behalf of all the other representatives of the toast who were present, he desired to tender thanks for the reception that had been accorded them that night. It had been a great treat to be present. The next toast on the list the W.M. considered a most important one for Masons in general, and their own Lodge in particular, it was that of two of the youngest members of the Fraternity—Bros. F. A. Abraham and H. Poston—the initiates of the evening. They were always pleased to see initiates, especially when they were stamped as of the right sort. If they would only aspire to the Master's chair they would do all that was needed of them as brother Masons, as he considered it impossible for any one to aim at that position without they had Freemasonry at heart. Bro. Abrahams was the first to respond. He had great satisfaction in having been admitted as one of the Craft; it had long been his desire to join Freemasonry, but from various reasons he had not done so until then. He had been greatly impressed with the ceremony he had gone through, and felt greater respect than ever for the noble institution. He thanked the brethren for the kind way in which they had received him, and also for the hearty reception they had accorded to the toast. Bro. Poston also tendered his thanks to the brethren. Bro. Radclyffe then gave the toast of the Charities—the toast he considered the most important in Freemasonry. They all knew Freemasonry was essentially a Charitable Institution. Charity was taught in the first ceremony, and adhered to throughout the work. Although they could hardly call the Institutions founded in London a part of Freemasonry, yet they were so intimately connected with it as to be—as he trusted they always would be—inseparable from it, and therefore it was that they delighted in making special reference to them. The Crystal Palace Lodge was well known for its support to these Institutions; it seldom allowed a year to pass without working for either one of the three, and sometimes sent up more than one brother to represent it at the Festivals of the year. They were endeavouring to make themselves Vice-Presidents of the Boys' School, and in order to render this an accomplished fact as early as possible he would offer himself as a Steward for 1881, if the brethren would promise to do their best to support his list. Bro. Frederick Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys desired first to express his thanks to the Worshipful Master for having proposed this toast at so early an hour instead of leaving it as was usually the case until most of the brethren had retired. The Charities were so well known and supported in the Crystal Palace Lodge that he doubted whether it was possible for him to say anything unknown to the members, or bring forward any arguments which had not been worked upon by the brethren who had from time to time served the office of Steward. He believed that the Craft had never known a more zealous worker in the cause of Charity than their Worshipful Master, Bro. Radclyffe; if he succeeded in the work he had in hand—that of establishing a supplementary Charity fund—he would accomplish one of the proudest projects it could be possible for a man to conceive. He felt sure that he would accomplish it;—if good wishes availed anything he was secure on that point. Bro. Binckes hoped the Steward who would represent the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Boys' School would be well supported; it was only by all uniting and giving all the aid they could that success could be secured. He failed to imagine what would have been his position had he not met so many friends—he could number them from all parts of the country—who had worked with him in carrying out the proudest wish of his heart. It was a great delight to him to mix with the brethren on such occasions as the present. Whatever might be said about Visiting Secretaries, he for one would maintain that one personal visit to a Lodge was worth more than any number of circulars. If on a visit like that he was enabled to enlist the support of one or two, he was well satisfied. He would conclude by asking the initiates of the evening not to gauge their admission into Freemasonry by the pleasures of the night, but to learn that there were other associations intimately connected with the Order. Bro. Speedy proposed the next toast—that of the Worshipful Master, in a few well-chosen words. Bro. Radclyffe, in reply, said he felt very deeply the kind way in which he had been received. Bro. Binckes had alluded to him as a worker in charity; well, he must admit that the furtherance of Masonic charity had been his aim ever since he entered the Craft. Having undertaken the starting of a special fund for the assistance of Masonic pupils, he assured the brethren he should work hard to bring it to a successful issue, which he also desired to do as regarded his position of W.M. of the Crystal Palace Lodge. The toast of the Visitors was next given; Bro. Terry of Lodge No. 3 and Bro. Bill of 202, replying. Bro. Terry returned the heartiest thanks of the guests for the reception that had been accorded them. Every Mason he said who had heard the name of Radclyffe would agree with him that the Crystal Palace Lodge now had a most hard-working and zealous brother at its head. The toast of the Installing and other Past Masters came next, to which Bro. Hume replied. He had hoped when he finished

the installation ceremony that his labours for the evening were finished, but it seemed otherwise, and he was extremely pleased that his efforts were appreciated. To the toast of the Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers of the Lodge, Bros. Foxall, Land, and Blundell replied, after which the toast of the Press was given and coupled with the name of W. W. Morgan jun. That brother having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and his toast concluded the programme of the evening. The tables were most tastefully decorated with flowers, arranged in Masonic devices, under the direction of the W.M. Bro. Dick Radclyffe.

#### WILLIAM PRESTON CHAPTER, No. 766.

THE regular convocation and installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Thursday, the 27th inst., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Comps. Dr. W. H. Kempster M.E.Z., J. T. Gibson H., Dr. C. Cutmore J., H. Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., Braun P.Z., and a numerous attendance of Companions. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Comp. J. T. Gibson was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. Dr. C. R. Cutmore as H., and Comp. J. T. Hiscox as J. The three ceremonies were perfectly and impressively rendered, and the Installing Principal well deserved the encomiums passed on him by the Companions and Visitors. The M.E.Z. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Comps. H. Garrod P.Z. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.Z. Scribe E., J. T. Pilditch S.N., W. J. Miller P.S., E. B. Broomhall First Assist., J. Sinclair Second Assist., Miller P.Z. S.W., Reinhardt Janitor. Among the Visitors were Comps. Edwin Lott 507, W. Poore H. 186, Newton 766, J. Osborne S.E. 1602, W. F. Lamonby Z. 119 P.G.A.S. Cumberland and Westmoreland, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. A very elegant P.Z.'s jewel was presented to the retiring P.Z. Comp. Dr. Kempster, for the able and efficient manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair during his year of office, and in token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the members of the Chapter. Comp. Dr. Kempster P.Z. gave notice of motion that in future the subscription of country members be fixed at 21s, and the Visitor's fee at 10s. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until October. A very excellent banquet and dessert was provided by Brother E. H. Rand; the newly installed M.E.Z. very genially presided. This is a Banner Chapter, and the banner of the M.E.Z., beautifully emblazoned, was placed at the back of his chair. After grace, "For these and all Thy mercies," the usual toast, The Queen and R.A. Masonry, was given, and the National Anthem sung, the solo verses being rendered by Madame Worrell, Miss Annie Matthews, and Bro. Turle Lee. After the second toast, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was sung, and then Madame Worrell sang "The Venetian Boat Song," by Jules Blumenthal, eliciting hearty and well deserved applause. The M.E.Z., with great pleasure, had then to propose the toast of the new Companion, who had at a former meeting been exalted in the Chapter; on that occasion he (Comp. Gibson) had had no opportunity of proposing his health, but he would do so then, with all the kind feelings of the Chapter. Miss Annie Matthews here sang with great taste, "Rhymes and Roses," and then Comp. Jarman responded to the toast. After a selection from "Traviata," by Bro. Turle Lee, Comp. Dr. Kempster I.P.Z., in a very humorous speech, proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. The duties of First Principal were many and arduous, but Comp. Gibson was one who would successfully carry out every duty required of him. He (Comp. Kempster) would ask them to drink the toast as it deserved. The M.E.Z. said he could hardly find words to express his thanks to Comp. Kempster for his very kind sentiments. As he had remarked, Comp. Kempster had initiated him into Freemasonry, and that but a few years ago, and to him he was indebted for many kindnesses. To the Companions also he felt under deep obligation for their hearty reception of the toast. Before resuming his seat he had to propose the health of Comp. Kempster I.P.Z., who was an ornament to the Chapter; his knowledge of the Ritual, his kindness to the members, had endeared him to them all, and he (the M.E.Z.) hoped that for many years he might be spared to be among them. Madame Worrell and Miss Annie Mathews here sang "I know a bank," and then Comp. Kempster responded to the toast; he had to thank them; their unanimity of feeling augured hopefully for the future prosperity of the Chapter. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Comps. Lamonby, Osborn, E. Lott, and H. M. Levy. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. Comp. Worrell was the first who occupied the chair; Comp. Garrod, whose rendering of the ceremony it was a pleasure to listen to, Comp. Kempster who during his year of office had filled the chair to their satisfaction, and Comp. Braun they all knew; each was worthy the estimation he was held in by the Chapter. Comp. E. M. Lott played "In the Highlands," a selection of Scotch airs arranged by himself. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the H. and J., and then the ever popular "Singing Lesson" was artistically sung by Madame Worrell and Bro. Turle Lee. Comps. Dr. Cutmore and Hiscox severally responded, each expressing the pleasure he felt in having been elected to fill office, and hoping, in due course, they would arrive at the summit of their ambition, viz, the chair of M.E.Z., now so ably filled by Comp. Gibson. The toast of the installing Master, Comp. H. Garrod, who had so well rendered the ceremony of installation, was next brought to the notice of the Comps.; all wished him to be among them for many years. Comp. Dr. Kempster fully endorsed all that had been said by the Z. It was his privilege to act as installing Principal, but he was pleased to see how well and ably Comp. Garrod had fulfilled his task. Comp. Garrod said although it was a great pleasure for him to conduct the ceremony, it would give him infinite gratification to see younger members perform it, and he would do all he could to assist them in so doing. The M.E.Z. then proposed the health of Comp. Newton P.Z., who was away recruiting his health; all hoped he would soon return, greatly benefitted by his trip. The toast of the P.S. and Junior Officers followed, and the Janitor's toast closed a very agreeable and harmonious evening.

#### ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY OF ENGLAND.

**York College.**—On Wednesday, 2nd inst., the members of this College met at Thirsk, by invitation of the W.M. (Bro. W. Colman) and brethren of the Falcon Lodge of Freemasons, and spent a most enjoyable day in the locality, which bristles with objects of archaeological interest, as well as great natural beauties. Arrangements were made for ladies to accompany the party, and accordingly the members of the College from York and Hull, accompanied by several ladies, left York in a saloon carriage, and at Thirsk station were met by the members from Harrogate, Leeds, Bradford, Darlington, &c., and were conveyed in carriages to the Masonic Hall, where they were heartily welcomed by the Worshipful Master, Wardens, and brethren of the Falcon Lodge, No. 1416. After a short interval the party took their seats in open carriages and proceeded along a very picturesque route past Thirsk Park, the seat of Sir William Galloway, through a portion of the Vale of Mowbray to Coxwold, a pretty little village adjoining Newburgh Park, the seat of Sir George Wombwell. Here a halt was made, and the church was inspected, under the courteous guidance of the Vicar, the Rev. G. Scott. The church has a fine perpendicular western octagonal tower and an open parapet and gargoyles, and in the chancel are some remarkably fine monuments of the Bellasyse family, Earls of Fauconberg. At the entrance to the village is Shandy Hall, once the residence of the Rev. Lawrence Sterne. A descriptive paper was read by Frater T. J. Wilkinson, and the party partook of lunch at the Fauconberg Arms, after which Frater T. J. Wilkinson read a second paper on Byland Abbey, an interesting ruin in the neighbourhood. The journey was then resumed, and in a few minutes the carriages were drawn up in front of the ruins of this old Cistercian monastery. A sharp rainfall having taken place, the ground was not in a condition to be traversed, and the party had to content themselves with being driven round the ruins without any minute investigation of their details. The ruins are exceedingly beautiful, and possess many interesting peculiarities. The House was founded in 1177. The west end has the remains of an enormous circular window, and has three doorways, showing specimens of different periods of architecture. Over the central doorway are nine elegant lancet arches, three of which are pierced. The ruins are situated in a secluded and fertile valley, through which meanders a pebbly trout stream, and the shadow of the Hambleton Hills adds to the quiet solemnity of the scene. After a brief pause the drive was resumed, and the base of the Hambleton Range was skirted, passing the "White Horse" (a gigantic representation of a horse cut on the steep side of one of the hills in the chalk), and the villages of Oldstead, Bagby, and Kilburn, commanding a magnificent view of thirty miles' radius, over the vale of Mowbray, arriving once more at Thirsk at three p.m. Here the party were met, and the ladies under the guidance of the Vicar, the Rev. C. E. Camidge P.M. P.P.G. Chaplain, visited the beautiful church, lately restored at a large outlay by Mr. Street. It is a magnificent structure, perhaps the finest perpendicular church in Yorkshire, and is said to have been built of the stone which formed the castle of the Mowbray family in Thirsk. An organ recital was also given by Bro. Walton the Organist. In the meantime the College was opened soon after 3 p.m., at the Masonic Hall by the following members:—R.W. Fra. T. B. Whytehead VIII Chief Adept., W. Fra. J. S. Cumberland VII Celebrant, Rev. W. C. Inkis VII Suffragan, Rev. James Blake V Prov. Secretary General, T. J. Wilkinson VI Primus A., W. Rowley VI Secundus A., E. P. Peterson V Tertius A., T. M. Richey III Quartus A., C. L. Mason V Conductor of Novices, J. Maffey IV as Guardian of the Temple, A. B. Turner II as Torch Bearer, and other Fratres. Successful ballots were taken for nine Aspirants, and Bros. S. Middleton P.M. (Scarborough), A. C. Bamlett P.M. (Thirsk), J. C. Thompson (Hull), T. Thompson P.M. (Hull), J. M. Meek P.M. (Darlington), J. G. Atkinson P.M. (Selby), and I. F. Taylor (York) were admitted to the M.C. The Report of the Byelaws Committee was received and adopted. The W. Suffragan read a learned paper on "Some Modern Errors in the Elucidation of the Ancient Tenets of the Rosicrucian Order," and was awarded the thanks of the College. Votes of thanks were also passed to Fra. T. J. Wilkinson for his admirable arrangements for the day's enjoyment, and also to the W.M. and brethren of the Falcon Lodge for their great kindness and courteous hospitality. The M.C. was then dissolved, and the Fratres rejoined the brethren of the Falcon Lodge and the ladies at the Three Tuns Hotel, where an excellent tea was provided, and at eight o'clock the visitors took their departure by rail for their various destinations. The catering for the day was admirably managed by Bro. Lory, of the Three Tuns Hotel, Thirsk.

#### Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.

A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 2nd inst., at the Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road. Present:—Bros. Steward W.M., Brittain S.W., Hammond J.W., Smith Treasurer, Hand Secretary, Clark S.D., Chitson J.D., How I.G., Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Christian, Wooding, &c. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. The W.M. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Christian worked the first, second, third and fourth sections of the lecture. Bro. Brittain will preside next week.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.**—Dyspepsia, Jaundice.—These complaints are the results of a disordered liver, which secretes bile in quality or quantity incapable of digesting food. Digestion requires a free flow of healthy bile, to ensure which Holloway's Pills and Ointment have long been famous, far eclipsing every other medicine. Unsuitable food, irregularity of living, unhealthy climates, and other causes are constantly throwing the liver into disorder, but that important organ can, under all circumstances, soon be regulated and healthily adjusted by Holloway's Pills and Ointment which act directly upon its vital secretion. The Ointment rubbed on the skin penetrates immediately to the liver, whose blood and nerves it rectifies. One trial is all that is needed; a cure will soon follow.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

## SATURDAY, 5th JUNE.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 R. A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
 R.A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

## MONDAY, 7th JUNE.

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)  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Snaulley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James, Masonic Rooms, Handsworth, Staffordshire.  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 823—Evertson, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)  
 850—St. Oswald, Assembly Room, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1281—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1390—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool.  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells  
 R. C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## TUESDAY, 8th JUNE.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 167—St. John, Holly Bush Tavern, Hampstead  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1014—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1319—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Moorgate Station Restaurant, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1507—Metropolitan, Moorgate Station Restaurant, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1553—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.)  
 R. C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

93—Social, Freemasons' Hall, Norwich  
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc-on-Tyne (Instr.)  
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton  
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury  
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Shoe, Sidcup  
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1414—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks  
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex  
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.  
 R. A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 R. A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
 R. A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 M. M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 R. C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## WEDNESDAY, 9th JUNE.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1278—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, at 8 (In.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R. C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 284—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn. (Instruction.)  
 795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead.  
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 R. A. 77—Hermes, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.  
 R. A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R. A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
 M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
 M. M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
 M. M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 10th JUNE.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction.)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 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)  
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James-street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (In.)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction.)  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston.  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1201—Roid, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1446—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1533—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colerhill.  
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 R.A. 236—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.

## FRIDAY, 11th JUNE.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (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)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 64—Fortitude, Queen's Hotel, Manchester.  
 458—Ave and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 602—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate.  
 1087—Beaudeart, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard, Beds.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R. A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

## SATURDAY, 12th JUNE.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1607—Loyalty.  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester  
 1445—Campbell, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court  
 1541—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**Joppa Chapter, No. 188.**—The regular Convocation was held on Monday, the 31st instant, at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, City. Comps. P. Dickinson M.E.Z., L. Lazarus H. W. H. Gulliford J., N. Baum S.E., E. P. Albert P.Z. as Treasurer, Baderus S.N., H. P. Isaac P.S.; P.Z.'s S. M. Lazarus, H. M. Levy, J. Lazarus, W. Littaur, M. J. Emanuel; Companions Dewsnap, Benjamin, J. Pasta, Hawkins, W. G. Jennings, Haines, Brall, Silver, Mann, Hobinstock, Bockbinder. After preliminaries Comps. Rev. S. H. Harris and Alfred Henochsberg J. Friendship 241, Liverpool, were elected joining members. The election for Principals and Officers then took place. Comp. L. Lazarus was unanimously elected Z., W. H. Gulliford H., H. P. Isaac J., J. Lazarus Treasurer, N. Baum S.E., Baderus S.N., I. P. Cohen P.S., Hawkins 1st Assistant, J. Davis 2nd Assistant, Smith Janitor. Comp. H. M. Levy P.Z. proposed, and Comp. W. Littaur seconded, that a sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter, to form a nucleus for presenting the M.E.Z. with a testimonial for the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair. Hearty good wishes were given, and the Chapter was closed until November. The Companions sat down to a sumptuous banquet provided by Comp. W. G. Jennings, and superintended by Comp. M. Silver. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and R.A. toasts. Comp. W. Littaur P.Z., in proposing the health of the M.E.Z., said he had great pleasure in proposing this toast; at the same time it was with regret, because this would be the last time Comp. Dickinson would occupy the chair. He (Comp. Littaur) hoped at their next meeting Comp. Dickinson would be amongst the P.Z.'s. Every office he had served admirably, and had fulfilled all their expectations. The M.E.Z. thanked Comp. Littaur for his kind expressions, and also the Companions for their enthusiastic reception. He would always have the honour and reputation of the Chapter at heart. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the M.E.Z. elect; all knew how well he had discharged his duties in the various offices he had filled; their future Z. was one able to conduct the duties of the chair. This compliment having been acknowledged, the Z. proposed the toast of the Visitors, and Comp. J. T. Gibson M.E.Z. 766 returned thanks. The toast of the P.Z.'s was next given, and Comp. S. M. Lazarus responded. The Z., in proposing the Junior Officers, referred to the able assistance rendered by Comp. N. Baum S.E. to the Chapter. Comp. Dickinson also complimented the S.N. In speaking of the qualifications of the P.S., whose working is a credit to any Chapter, he congratulated him on being elected to the office of J. Comps. Baum, Baderus, and H. P. Isaac severally responded. The Janitor's toast was then given, and the Companions separated. Among the Visitors were Comps. J. T. Gibson Z. 766, B. Lyon 753, G. H. Hunter 1471, F. Eckstein 1196.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—At Bro. Paritt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 1st June. Bros. Smith W.M., Rawe S.W., Watson J.W., Myers S.D., Keable J.D., Day I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Musto Preceptor; also Bros. Andrews, White, Sadler, &c. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Worsley candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Rawe was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Musto brought forward the question of the summer outing; after much discussion it was resolved to adjourn till Tuesday next, when a committee will be formed to make arrangements. We hope the brethren will assemble, so as to discuss the resolutions that will have to be considered.

**Marquis of Ripon Lodge of Instruction.**—On Monday, 24th May, at the Pembury Tavern, Amhurst Road, Hackney. Present:—Bros. McMillan W.M., McDowall S.W., Jones J.W., Fieldwick S.D., Morling J.D., Martin I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, C. Lorkin Preceptor; also Bros. Wallington, Finch, Blackburn, and Wyatt Visitor. After preliminaries, Bro. Wyatt was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Finch was presented to the W.M. to receive from his hands the benefit of installation. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Finch was regularly installed into the chair of K.S. in a very able manner by Bro. McMillan. Bro. Morling was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. McDowall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

**The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426.**—A meeting of this Lodge was held at Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C., on Thursday, 27th May. Lodge was opened in due form, and the ceremony of installation was rehearsed in a very perfect manner by Bro. Saul P.M. and Preceptor, in the absence of Bro. Poore, who was unavoidably absent through an important engagement. There was a good gathering of the members, and the following visiting brethren were unanimously elected members:—J. King 1623, C. Everest 1361, J. D. Arnold 1586, E. Mitchell W.M. 720, C. J. Bivand 720, F. Stofford 1586, Elliot 1681.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—Held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 27th May. Bros. G. Coop W.M., Bellerby S.W., W. Seward J.W., J. Wells S.D., E. J. Acworth J.D., M. W. Wyville I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. Andrews P.M., J. R. Fernie, H. Stephens, E. C. Porter, E. T. Brown, C. Mitchell, A. Jones, F. Millson, J. J. Clarke. The 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. Mitchell candidate. The ceremony of passing was next rehearsed, Bro. E. T. Brown candidate. The Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Bellerby was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

**Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, Twickenham.**—A meeting was held on Saturday, the 22nd inst., at the Albany Hotel,

Twickenham. Present:—Bros. Henry Lovegrove W.M., Geo. Clarke S.W., W. H. Barber Sec., C. C. Cruikshanks S.D., T. J. Perks J.D., W. Heelis D.C., W. T. Dunkley I.G., T. G. W. Wood W.S., Harrison Acting Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. A. Dubois P.J.G.W. (Prov. G. Scribe E. Arch) I.P.M., M. S. Larham P.M. 1216, 1539. Bros. Holliday, Elliott, Johnston, Johnson, St. Leger. Visitors—Bros. Chas. Wellard S.W. 1319, Wunst P.M. 753, W. R. Phillips P.M. 975, Fox 857. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for two joining members, Bros. A. G. White and F. H. Parker, and also for a candidate for initiation, Mr. G. H. Green, who was introduced and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Freemasonry. The W.M. was then informed that the R.W. Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Col. F. Bardett, was in the ante-room, and directions were given for the proper reception of the distinguished visitor, who was accorded a hearty welcome, and duly saluted in ancient form. The W.M. then proceeded to pass Bros. Johnson and St. Leger to the second degree, and afterwards raised Bro. Elliott. The proceedings, which lasted nearly three hours, were then brought to a close, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment. Twenty-three members and visitors having discussed the good things provided by Bro. Bayliss, the usual toasts were duly honoured. The W.M., in proposing the health of the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, expressed the pleasure felt by himself and all the members of the Lodge at his kindness in attending on that occasion. The R.W. P.G.M. thanked the brethren for their hearty welcome, and expressed his satisfaction at the careful and impressive way in which the W.M. had performed his duties, and the efficient working of the Officers. Bro. H. A. Dubois I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., who in responding urged upon the brethren the duty of supporting the Charities, and announced that he would represent the Lodge at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Bro. J. A. Elliott, a member of the Lodge, who had that evening taken the third degree, handed to the W.M. an original acrostic on the name of the Lodge:—

Royal in name and second unto none,  
Our Lodge unites us all beneath the sun.  
Ye Brothers of the Light, the mystic tie,  
Around us cast the rays of Charity,  
Love, Honour, Concord, and Fraternity.  
Here in stately Twickenham we dwell,  
And work the Ritual of our Order well.  
None seeketh entrance to our social band  
On whom bright honour hath not laid her hand.  
Virtue's our guiding star, and e'er shall be,  
Endowing each true Mason with liberty,  
Rendering to him thus the birthright of the free.  
Lovegrove, our Master, reigns in ample state  
O'er all of us, and merits our esteem;  
Deeds, not words, upon his footsteps wait,  
Giving to Masonry its brightest gleam—  
Earnestness and Charity, those lights supreme.

The Tyler's toast brought a pleasant evening to an end. Those brethren who had the good fortune to be present will remember as a red-letter day the visit of the Prov. Grand Master, who is so highly esteemed in Middlesex, and, indeed, throughout the Masonic world.

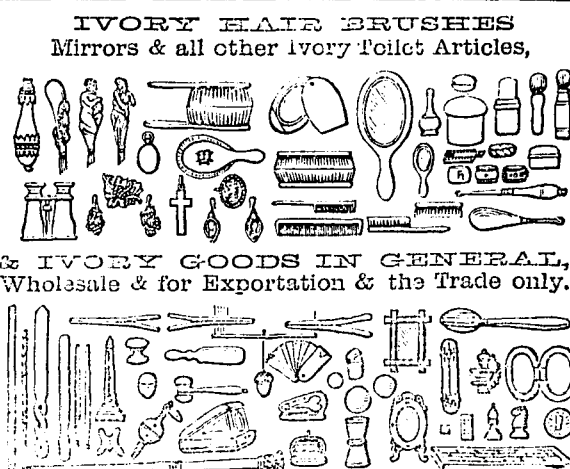
**St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 26th May, at Commercial Hotel, Bolton, at six p.m. Bros. James Heywood W.M., W. Blain S.W., W. Court J.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. as Sec., Robt. Latham S.D., John Barrett J.D., R. B. Tong Steward, Alexander Cosgrave as I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. J. H. Greenhalgh, Thos. Morris, Thos. Entwistle P. Prov. G.S.W., James Richardson; Visitors—Bros. T. H. Hooper P. Prov. G. Treas., Parkinson S.W. 44, and M. Blenkley. The minutes having been confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Arden was examined as to his proficiency as an E.A. Bro. Entwistle passed Bro. Arden to the degree of F.C., and explained the working tools, after which a portion of the Ancient Charges was read. Lodge closed at 7.30, and the brethren adjourned to refreshment.

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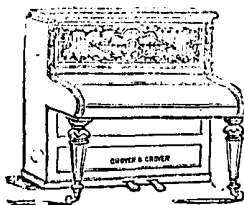
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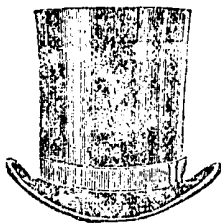
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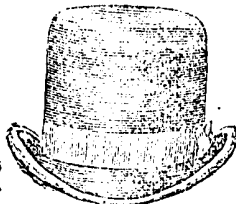
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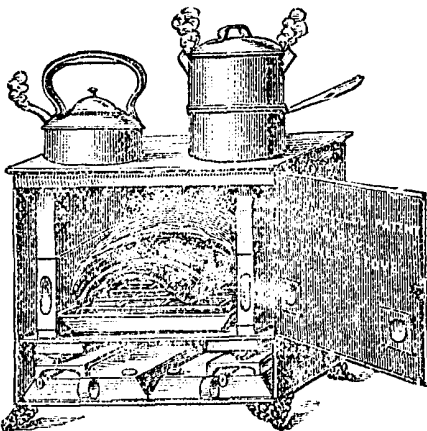
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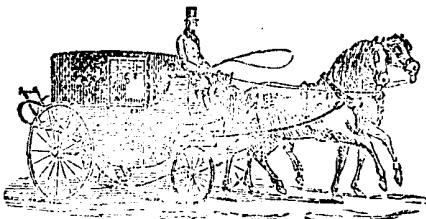
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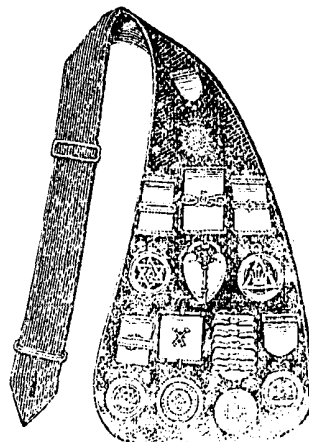
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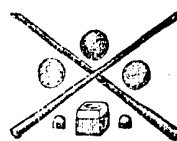
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