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**OBSTRUCTIONISTS.**

**WERE** it possible to compile a true and impartial history of the decline of the numerous Institutions which, established in the interests of humanity, have from one cause or another ceased to exist, some strange and varied revelations would have to be recorded. Here an association, to all outward appearance in a most prosperous condition, has suddenly been overtaken, as it were, by a storm, and has emerged either a complete wreck, or so far disabled as to require entire re-organisation. There a society or club, enjoying the respect and approval of the outer world, has, through an apparently insignificant defect, suddenly found itself in a position from which there was no possibility of escape, and, as a result, ruin has followed. In how many instances disasters of this character could be traced to the action of a small minority, aye, of even a single individual, no one can say, but there can be no doubt that many of the most prosperous associations have been brought to an untimely end by the action of one of their number, who, either by making himself obnoxious to the others, or by opposing everything that might be brought forward, has been the means of driving away those who love peace and harmony. It not unfrequently happens that this obnoxious element shields itself under the guise of desiring to benefit others; but the experience of the past should be sufficient to disabuse the majority on this point. The man who really acts for the good of his fellows is he who bows to the decision of the majority, and not only gives way to them in theory, but in thought and action also. It is useless for a man to preach that he has the interests of the whole body of members of a society at heart, and at the same time to act in such a way as to offend one-half of the number, and disgust the majority of the remainder; yet there are some who do so act, and whenever a proposition is brought forward to amend or expunge a rule, which, in the opinion of the bulk of those interested, requires alteration, make it their business to impede the endeavours of the others to the utmost of their power. What to do with these obstructionists is a question that has exercised the minds of all classes, and as it seems impossible to define the limits of actual criticism, we imagine it will ever remain an unsolved problem. It would be no very difficult task to gather particulars which would conclusively prove how often an obnoxious member of a club or society has caused the breaking up of the organisation; indeed, it is well known in club circles that in many instances a dissolution has been forced upon the majority of the members by the action of one man, there being no other means of excluding him or reducing him to reason. In most instances these objectionable members of society take particular care to become acquainted with every device, likely to annoy their fellows, without rendering themselves amenable to the penalties provided by the rules; and, from the frequency with which they quote the bye-laws, and demand the exercise of this or that privilege, it is very evident they do not err from a want of knowledge of their subject. To what, then, can we attribute their continued opposition? In some cases, no doubt, the individual is naturally of a quarrelsome disposition, and, were we inclined to allow that a man is not master of his passions, we should have to say that he could not help thus annoying others; but we imagine there are few who would agree with us were we to do so, or who would allow him, under that pretext, to continue his annoy-

ance. Others there are who, feeling aggrieved with an individual, act in opposition to all, in the hope that, by so doing, they are causing pain to the particular person with whom they are at variance; while others, again, render themselves obnoxious in consequence of claims they have made on their fellows having been disregarded—their demands, as is most frequently the case, being of such a nature as to preclude all possibility of their being allowed by men of independent opinion. But the most dangerous of all is, perhaps, the man who adopts this means as the stepping-stone to notoriety; he stands at nothing, and, in pursuance of his object, spares neither friend nor foe. All he aims at is self-glorification, and if that sometimes comes in a form that most men would shrink from, he appears to glorify himself the more. All he desires is to create a sensation, and his greatest delight appears to be to justify the unscrupulous means he has adopted to attain the end he had in view, and to rejoice over the unhappiness or desolation his conduct has caused.

Have we any such men in Freemasonry? is a question we should like to have answered in the negative, but were we to do so we should not only be misrepresenting the case, but should likewise screen a few members of the Order, who should be shunned and avoided throughout the Craft. Happily, there are not many men to be found who disregard the injunction given to every newly initiated brother to settle all differences of opinion outside the doors of the Lodge; and instances of open revolt are so seldom that when we do unfortunately witness an outbreak, we are the more impressed with the idea that the evil should be rooted out without the least delay. We shall not here detail the various pretexts used by brethren who make themselves obnoxious, or the means they adopt, when things assume the worst phase, to annoy their brethren and disturb the harmony of a Lodge. Doubtless those who have experienced, in their own circle, the evil effects of such un-Masonic behaviour are far too well acquainted with the subject to need any reminders from us, while those with whom nothing has occurred to mar the harmony that should characterise our assemblies are best left unacquainted with any details beyond those their own imagination can supply. Our object now is to point out the means for remedying the evil. With this object in view, a brother would naturally refer us to the Book of Constitutions for advice, and accordingly we have consulted that authority. We there find that a private Lodge has the power to punish, by censure, fine, or exclusion, according to its bye-laws, any brother whose behaviour is of such a nature as to disturb the harmony of the Lodge, provided he shall have been thrice formally admonished by the Master without the desired effect having been attained. The power given to the members of a Lodge by this law would appear to be sufficient to meet the case, were it not for the proviso compelling the Master to thrice formally admonish the offender, a condition, the fulfilment of which the very members it is meant to operate against could contrive to render impossible. The remedy hereby afforded is, however, worthy of trial in any Lodge where there is a brother who renders himself liable to its penalties, and, in the event of its failure, and the repetition of the offence, we have no doubt that a communication to Grand Lodge would speedily have the desired effect. The Master who allows the harmony of his Lodge to be disturbed on more than one occasion by the same member, in the face of an overwhelming majority, and for no apparent reason, is guilty of a crime, not only to the Lodge over which he for the time being presides, but to the Craft at large. All

that is needed in a Lodge, to counteract the ill effects caused by a quarrelsome obstructionist, is a firm determination on the part of the Master to maintain order and a regard for the gavel by enforcing, if necessary, the most stringent penalties allowed by the laws of the Craft.

## THE MASONIC GATHERING AT THE MANSION HOUSE.

WE understand that all the necessary arrangements for the Masonic gathering at the Mansion House are in a fair way of completion. It has been already announced that these were entrusted to a Committee, consisting of Sir A. W. Woods (Garter), Grand Director of Ceremonies, Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes, and Lieut.-Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, Grand Secretary, and we need hardly say that a better selection could not have been made. The number of brethren, including the members of Grand Master's Lodge, No. 1, of which the Lord Mayor is both W.M. and P.M., will be from 250 to 300, but amongst these will be included some of the most distinguished representative Masons in the country. Moreover, the Prince of Wales will be accompanied by both his brothers, the Duke of Connaught P.G.S.W. and Prince Leopold P.P.J.W. and P.G.M. Oxon. It may well be imagined that the number of applications to be present on so interesting an occasion has been very great, amounting, indeed, to several hundreds. We are not surprised at this, though, at first sight, it seems strange that people should ask to be invited, when, as a matter of course, there will be an extension to all present of that hospitality for which Bro. Lord Mayor Truscott has so justly earned a reputation. There have been many grand gatherings of the brethren in past years, and Princes of the reigning house have taken part in them; but we are not aware of any occasion on which the Lord Mayor for the time being, and a distinguished Mason, holding high office in Grand Lodge to boot, has Masonically received and entertained at his official residence a Prince of Wales who was also Grand Master of Masons in England. We trust, as indeed we have every reason to anticipate, that everything will pass off as successfully as grand receptions invariably do in the grand Old City of London.

## MEETING OF THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn P.G.S.B., Senior Vice President as President, James Brett P.G.P., Junior Vice President as Senior Vice President, J. M. Case P.G.D., as Junior Vice President Col. Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd; and among others—Bros. C. A. Cottebrune, G. P. Britten, C. F. Hogard, W. Mann, John Constable, S. Rawson, W. Stephens, H. Massey, and G. Hodges. The brethren confirmed recommendations of grants to the amount of £240. There were thirty-four cases on the new list, thirty of which were granted,—£940. One case was refused, and three other cases were deferred for consideration at next meeting, through informality.

## ROYAL ARCH.

### BEADON CHAPTER, No. 619.

THE quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, on Thursday, 14th Oct., to which place this Chapter has now been removed from the Horns Tavern, Kennington. Comps. J. Wyer M.E.Z., H. Thompson H., and F. Sharratt J. The other Companions present were A. Avory P.Z. Treasurer, W. H. Green P.Z. S.E., Jacobs P.Z., Coste P.Z., Pridmore, Bond, Dawes, Callingham, and the following Visitors:—Comps. Ridley 733, Turner 186, Godfrey 180, and Cook 55. The Chapter having been formally opened, the minutes of the last convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot then took place for Bro. Samuel Wood, of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, and it being unanimous in his favour, he was introduced and most impressively exalted into Royal Arch Masonry, the whole of the Officers being well up to the work of this sublime degree. This being election night, the next business was the election of the Principals and other Officers for the ensuing year, and in each case the votes were unanimous. The elections terminated as follows:—Comps. H. Thompson M.E.Z., Sharratt H., Dodman J., A. Avory Treasurer, Green S.E., Dawes S.N., Pridmore P.S., Basin Janitor. The audit committee having been appointed, the Companions adjourned to the banqueting room, where a bountiful repast was prepared by host Comp. Wood. On the removal of the cloth the usual Royal Arch toasts were given and responded to. Comp. Coste P.Z., in highly complimentary

terms, proposed the health of Comp. Wyer M.E.Z. of the Beadon Chapter, and alluded to the very able manner in which he had discharged the duties of exaltation that evening. The toast was enthusiastically received. The M.E.Z., in responding, thanked the Comps. for the very flattering way in which the toast proposed by Comp. Coste had been received by them, and remarked that both in the Lodge and in the Chapter he had, by gradation, served every office, and had now arrived at the summit of his profession. It should be his study in the future, as well as it was in the past, to deserve their confidence. The M.E.Z. then gave the health of Comps. H. Thompson and F. Sharratt H. and J., and the former as M.E.Z. elect; he had no doubt that they would maintain the reputation of the Beadon Chapter. The toast was well received. Comp. H. Thompson, in acknowledging the honour which had been conferred upon them, said he wished on his own part to thank all for the unanimous way in which they had that night elected him to fill the exalted position of M.E.Z. of the Beadon Chapter. The elevation to that dignity had been more rapid than he expected, for, unlike their present M.E.Z., he could not say that he had passed through all the subordinate offices, and consequently he had not had the same time for making himself acquainted with the duties he should have to perform. He must, therefore, ask, if they should discover any shortcomings on his part, that they would grant him their indulgence. At the same time he could assure them that no effort should be wanting on his part to give them satisfaction, and if he failed it would not be from want of inclination, but ability to do so. The M.E.Z. then gave the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, for which Comps. Jacobs, Coot, Avory and Green severally returned thanks. The next toast was that of the health of their newly-exalted Comp. Wood, the M.E.Z. remarking that this was a toast that was always given with great pleasure, as they required the introduction of new blood to keep up the vitality of the body. Comp. Wood returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him; he was deeply interested in the ceremony through which he had passed, excelling anything he had yet known in Freemasonry. The Visitors was the next toast, for which Comps. Ridley, Turner, Godfrey, and Cook responded, each expressing the gratification he had experienced in visiting the Chapter, not only on account of the hospitality they had received, but for the admirable working they had witnessed in the Chapter. The Janitor's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close.

**St. Aubyn Chapter.**—A convocation was held at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Devonport, on Monday, 18th inst. The ceremony of installation was carried out by E. Companion Baxter, and the Officers installed or appointed were—E. Comps. J. R. W. Quinn Z., J. R. Dugdale H., Thomas Heath J., Thos. Goodall S.E., James Redgate S.N., W. H. Egbert P.S., J. Baxter A.S., W. Stephens J. Those who took part in the ceremony were—E. Companions John Baxter P.Z. P.P.G. 1st Asst. Sojourner, E. Aitken Davies P.Z. P.P.G.R., C. Watson P.Z., E. D. Paine P.Z. 202, J. R. H. Harris J. 230. Agreeable refreshment in the adjacent rooms, where the usual toasts were duly honoured, finished an instructive and happy evening.

**Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.**—The first meeting for the season of this Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 12th October, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's Alley, and was well attended by some eminent Royal Arch Masons. The offices were filled as follow:—Comps. Wyer Z., Massa H., Lander J., Brown Preceptor S.E., Pennefather P.S., Webb S.N., and Walker candidate. The other Companions present were Higgins, Lilley, H. Thompson, Kirke, Gillard, Brand, J. S. Fraser, W. Fraser, J. Constable, Payne, and Edwards. The ceremony of exaltation was gone through, the whole of the work being admirably performed, showing that this Chapter of Improvement still maintains its high reputation. Comp. W. Fraser, of the Hope and Unity Chapter, No. 214, was elected a member. The following were the elected Officers for the next two meetings:—Comps. Lefevre Z., Higgins H., and Lander J. The meetings of this Chapter will now take place continuously until May next.

It having been thought by a great number of the brethren of this Province that some public effort should be made to benefit the Devon Masonic Educational Fund, a meeting was convened in Plymouth last evening by Bro. Gover Hon. Secretary, for that purpose, and to take into consideration the advisability of holding a concert for the benefit of the Fund. Amongst those present were—Bros. Whittley, Baxter, Cawsey, Powell, Mitchell, Moon, V. Bird Treasurer, Miller, Rendle, Marsh, Davies, Westcott, Lord, Jew, Cross, Goodall, Curteis, and a large number of brethren representing the various Lodges. The Rev. Bro. Whittley was unanimously voted to the chair. Bro. Moon remarked that nothing had been done publicly by the brethren of the Province since the visit of the Prince of Wales Grand Master of England, and it was felt that the prestige of a meeting in Masonic clothing, under a dispensation from the R.W. Bro. Viscount Ebrington P.G. Master, would ensure a financial success on behalf of the charity; and further that it would recommend itself to the members. He had also communicated with the P.G. Master, who expressed his fullest and warmest sympathy with the Institution, and would do his utmost to make it a success. Bro. Moon also suggested the formation of various Committees necessary for the carrying out of the object. It was resolved that a concert be held in the Guildhall on the 15th of December, and that the several Committees consist of the following brethren:—Musical Committee—Moon, Rendle, Hele, Binding, and Hearder. Patronage Committee—Bros. Admiral Glasse, Jew, Curteis, Moore, and Colonel Fitzgerald. Executive Committee—Bros. Rev. Whittley, Curteis, Cross, Lord, Hyne, Twose, Westcott, Mitchell, Powell, K. Bond, Cawsey, Goodall, and Whittley jun. It was also the unanimous wish that Bro. Moon's name be added to all the Committees. The meeting was brought to a close by a vote of thanks to the Chairman.—*Western Daily Mercury*, 16th Oct. 1880.

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## ELECTIONEERING MORALITY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is no question but you have done quite right in drawing attention, in your article of last week on the above subject, to what, on the face of it, is a glaring departure from the most elementary principles of ordinary morality, to say nothing of that higher and more complete code by which Masons are presumed to be governed. How any member of the London Masonic Charity Organisation could, in his sober senses, have suggested that, to use a mercantile phrase, its acceptance need not be honoured, and the votes lent to it by the Province of Norths and Hunts need not be repaid, passes all belief. The late Bro. Edward Cox, it must be remembered, was merely the official representative of the Province. In that capacity, he lent its votes to the London Association, which bound itself to repay them at the election which took place last Monday week. There was nothing of a personal character about the transaction, and though, in consequence of his death, such votes as Bro. Cox himself may have possessed became null and void, or be it said rather, died with him, such a misfortune would only have affected any association to which he had promised such personal votes. Yet it could not possibly affect the liability of any one else to repay votes lent by him six months previously. I think I shall be able to make this more apparent by the following illustration. When a man who has a banking account dies, his bankers must decline to honour any of his cheques which may be presented after the day of his decease. If they did not do so, they would become liable to his executors or administrators for the amount of such cheques, and why? Because they are no longer, as in his lifetime, the firm with which he had a banking account, but the custodians or trustees of his money, for which they are accountable to his representatives. But though they must not pay away even the smallest fraction of the moneys he had lodged with them, that would not justify a third party in withholding payment of any sum he might have borrowed from the deceased. The only difference would be that the debt would become payable to the legal representatives of the latter. Perhaps, some will say the parallelism will not hold in this case, because the transaction was of a personal character. Allowing this, merely for the sake of argument, I will put the case thus. A trustee who, in the exercise of the powers vested in him, had lent (say) a Mr. Jones £100, on certain conditions as to repayment, dies. Can it, for one moment, be suggested that Mr. Jones's obligation to refund such £100 in accordance with such conditions ceases on that account? Again, when a man estimates the value of his property, he includes in such valuation all sums that may be due to him, but these do not cease to be a portion of such property at his death. In either case—that of the trustee who lent money to Mr. Jones, or the man who justly reckoned all sums owing to him as a part of his property—the obligation to repay, both legally and morally, remains, though the moneys must be returned to the trust fund or the estate. This, whether we regard the late Bro. Cox as having acted as trustee in the matter of the Boys' votes belonging to Norths and Hunts, or as having lent such votes on his own responsibility, or even the votes he was entitled to use in his individual capacity, is an accurate presentation of the circumstances as they stood at the time of his death. Whether, as was actually the case, the votes lent to the London Charity Organisation belonged to the Province before mentioned or to himself, the obligation to return them at the election just terminated remained, and Bro. Terry, as Bro. Cox's duly accredited representative in the vote-trusteeship of Norths and Hunts, was justly entitled to receive and use them.

I should think the Association, after your exposure of its singular notions of morality, must be heartily ashamed of itself, and I trust the London brethren who are not responsible for its administration, or who have not yet joined it, will be chary of having anything further, or whatever, to do with it—at all events until they are completely satisfied that all such engagements as it contracted with the late Bro. Cox will be honourably and unhesitatingly fulfilled.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

HONORIS CAUSA.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Permit me to supplement the account in your leader of 16th October last, under the above heading, with the further information that the late Bro. Cox was a Past Senior Warden of the Province of Northamptonshire and Huntingdonshire, and also an active member of the Charity Committee organised in this Province for the express object of superintending all matters connected with the various Masonic Charities.

Bro. Cox was not, therefore, a "foreign agent," but one of ourselves, deputed to manipulate the votes of the Province at the time of the different elections, to the best of his judgment. It was with my own knowledge and consent, on behalf of my brethren, that votes were loaned and borrowed from time to time, and I am sure, in the instance you now refer to, had the obligations been the other way, the death of our late lamented Bro. Cox would not have prevented the other members of our Charity Committee fulfilling their moral or legal liability in such a matter.

Bro. Cox's death occurring a short time before the Election, Bro. James Terry kindly undertook the charge of our votes *in loco*—but had any other member of the Committee done so, I consider he would have been equally justified in retaining the repaid votes, as they were the property, not of the individual, but of this Province, and loaned through a member of its elected Charity Committee. No doubt diversity of opinion will arise upon the question; but should the London Masonic Charity Organisation be able to sustain their non-liability, Masonic morals will be rudely shaken, and the superfluous votes will be valid only by the aid of the Civil Law.

Yours fraternally,

BUTLER WILKINS,

Dep. P.G.M. Norths and Hunts.

## THE LONDON MASONIC ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—If your article on the Association is the manner in which you, as a brother, pour oil upon troubled waters, God help the waters. Nobody can condemn more heartily than I do the act of the Association. The whole question lies in a nutshell. In the first place, it should have been seen whether the votes had been lent by the late Bro. E. Cox on his own account, or as the representative of the Northamptonshire and Hunts Association, and Bro. Tisley, as the Secretary of the London Masonic Association, should have asked Bro. Terry to show his authority for demanding the payment of the IOU; but, once having parted with the votes, he, Bro. Tisley, should, if he conscientiously thought he had been wrong in giving them up on insufficient grounds, either have quietly suffered the consequences, or have requested the return on grounds totally different from that miserably lame and discreditable excuse, "that he was unaware of Bro. E. Cox's decease, and that, consequently, the liability was at an end." While not excusing Bro. Tisley from his share of the transaction, it would not be fair to allow Bro. Woodford P.G.C., the chairman of the London Masonic Charity Association, at whose urgent solicitations the unjust demand was made, to escape without having an equal, if not greater, part of the blame to bear.

I am, yours fraternally,

V. P.

[We agree with our correspondent that blame should be attached to the right parties in this matter, and we fully understood that his statement as to the origin of the demand was correct, but, being unable to show conclusively to our readers that such was the case, we refrained from mentioning it. At the same time we would point out that, if Bro. Tisley accepts the rôle of "a mere puppet in the hands of a skilful manipulator," he must be answerable for the consequences. We insert our brother's letter, but we would offer one word of advice in doing so. We would suggest he should prepare a sermon on "personality in Masonic correspondence." His signature, "V. P.," renders him well known to many, by whom he is justly respected; but having shielded himself behind a *nom de plume*, he must not be surprised if in future his influence is less appreciated.—ED. F.C.]

## THE MASONIC CHARITIES OF THE UNITED STATES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cannot but feel highly honoured at finding myself associated with you in the article you lately quoted from the *Keystone*. It seems that "the ignorance abroad, however," respecting the American Masonic Charitable Institutions, "appears to be profound." Leaving you, who are quite competent to defend the views you have expressed, respectfully out of the question for the present, allow me to say that I am not particularly surprised at this. We frequently hear of Masonic parades, processions, and pilgrimages—I must apologise if, unintentionally, I have been alliterative—of their magnificent Masonic Temples, and the splendour generally of their Freemasonry of every degree, but except from such occasional advocacy of American Masonry from a charitable point of view as that of Bro. W. J. Hughan, whose several letters do him infinite credit, and the *Keystone's*, it is only at intervals—which are as widely scattered as the plums in a workhouse pudding—that we ever are vouchsafed information as to the Asylums, &c., which have been established by the Masons of the United States. But even the chivalrous Hughan and the amiable *Keystone* are unable to tell us much more than a few casual inquiries of our own have sufficed to ascertain, namely, that while the Masons of the United States are a numerous and influential body—more numerous, I believe, than in any other country—and while there is much in their pursuit of the Royal Art of which they have every reason to be proud, their Masonic Institutions have not kept pace with their undoubted strength, both numerically and socially. I have not at hand the letter to you from which the *Keystone* has quoted, but allowing, for the sake of argument, that I have been guilty of the mistakes charged against me, the force of my argument, which fully harmonises with the opinions you have expressed, remains untouched. I still hold that the broad fact of there being only four or five Institutions, the oldest of which dates back no further than 1852, as against not

far short of the Grand Lodges, many of which date back from last century, and with over 100,000 members, fully justified your articles of inquiry.

Fraternally yours,  
BRITON.

Ed. F.C. 130.

### LECTURE INSTRUCTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In the period of rest which is now so rapidly drawing to a close, in the order of things that there should have been but few lodges to record. Occasionally you have been enabled to give particulars of the muster of brethren in one of the provinces. Summer banquets and excursions, a few installation meetings, and perhaps the consecration of a new Lodge were all that your readers could expect in the way of news in the interval between the Anniversary Festival of the Boys' School and the Quarterly Courts of the Schools which have been held this month. At all events there has been, with the exceptions I have stated, the usual dearth of intelligence during the last ten or twelve weeks. There is, however, one class of notice, which, if not particularly remarkable for the interest it is calculated to excite, is never entirely absent from your pages. I refer to the doings of at least two or three Lodges of Instruction. Now, I have a very great respect for these Lodges, provided they are really well-conducted, and I think those who frequent them, especially during the summer months, are, in some respects, exemplars which many among us would do well to follow. We cannot expect that a knowledge of our lectures and ceremonies will come to us by intuition. Whatever instruction is conveyed by one brother to another must, of necessity, be so conveyed orally, and I do not think any better method of conveying instruction could well have been devised than the catechetical. But after some considerable experience of these Lodges of Instruction, which experience, be it known, is chiefly personal, though, in a slight measure, derived at second-hand, I can come to no other conclusion than that any brother who attends one in the belief that he will return home edified by what he has witnessed and heard, labours under a most egregious mistake. Mind, I do not assert that he will acquire no knowledge at all. He will see the ceremonies more or less correctly rehearsed, and the sections will be similarly worked, but this correctness is chiefly verbal in its character. If he should have the courage to try and quit the beaten path of opening and closing Lodges in the three degrees, rehearsing ceremonies, and working lectures, and expresses a hope that the Preceptor, or some equally competent (?) brother, will favour the Lodge with something in the way of exposition, his request will excite quite a feeling of consternation among the Officers and regular attendants. In other words, if I or any other brother is desirous of becoming letter-perfect in our sections and ceremonies, I shall be a welcome addition to any Lodge of Instruction, but if I am blessed with a somewhat inquisitive mind, and am anxious to have two or three points reasonably well explained; if I ask for a reconciliation by the Preceptor of what appear to be incongruities, I have good reason to believe that I shall ask in vain. If I am pressed to account for this state of things, I answer at once that, with a few noteworthy exceptions, the brethren who act as Preceptors are utterly incompetent. The knowledge they possess is purely verbal, and almost any one among them might be conveniently and amusingly replaced by a well-trained parrot. They are incapable of imparting even the little knowledge they possess to those who go to them for instruction, while to complete the picture, there are not a few of those who pose before the Masonic public as instructors of Freemasonry who have yet to make acquaintance with the very elements of English grammar, and would be greatly benefited if they submitted themselves to a course of training in pronunciation, to say nothing of elocution. I have been present on occasions when the Queen's English has been most foully murdered, not once, but a hundred times in the course of a single sitting, and the principal offender has been the Preceptor.

Is it not deplorable to think that the majority of our Lodges of Instruction, which might be made so edifying as well as so serviceable, are about as worthless for the purposes for which they have been established as a tin or zinc shilling or sixpence is to purchase a shilling's worth or sixpenny worth of commodities? Is it not discreditable to a Lodge, when it allows a brother, who is even ignorant of his mother tongue, to enact weekly the farce of imparting to others knowledge which, as long as he lives, he will never be able to appreciate or understand. In the study of arts and sciences competent instructors are chosen, but in Masonry any ignoramus who has leisure of evenings at his disposal may play the part of teacher. As a rule, the ignoramus, being a kind of parrot, gets on well enough as long as mere constant repetition of the same words in a given order is expected of him. I must, therefore, do him the justice to say that, in this department of instruction he is at home, and it is only necessary he should understand some portion of what he repeats, and pronounce his words more after the manner which prevails among educated Englishmen, in order to attract numbers to his particular Lodge of Instruction. But beyond this his capacity is conspicuous by its absence, and I verily believe if I rose in my place in his Lodge and, with the permission of the W.M., read a paper for the purpose of proving that Euclid the mathematician was identical with Moses the law-giver, my worthy friend the Preceptor—such, of course, as I have brandished—would be the first on his legs to propose me a vote of thanks and honorary membership of the Lodge as some slight acknowledgment of the valuable contribution to Masonic knowledge he had been privileged to hear from me on that occasion. Joking apart, however, I believe that our Lodges of Instruction need reform, and the first step in that direction will undoubtedly be to appoint fit and proper brethren to fill the office of Preceptor.

With your permission I will return to the subject in a future letter, till when, believe me,

Yours fraternally,  
DISCIPLE.

### THE HOUSE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES OF THE MASONIC SCHOOLS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I see from the advertisement which appears in your issue of the 2nd October of the business to be brought before the General Court of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls that it is contemplated to make an alteration in the term of election of the House and Audit Committees of that Institution, and I am informed that a similar proposal will be before the Quarterly General Court of the Boys' School. Now, Bro. Editor, I hardly know whether you will allow me to express my views, as they are somewhat at variance with those you are accredited to coincide in, but I hope for the benefit of the Charities—I appeal to you in this form, as I think I am sure to touch you by so doing—you will allow me in your columns to put before the brethren my ideas of a scheme of re-organisation which I imagine would redound to the credit of any one who might be successful in carrying it out, and would entitle him to a position of eminence among the brightest luminaries of the Masonic Charity world. I see it is Bro. A. H. Tattershall who proposes the alteration in regard to the Girls' School, and from his proud position as a member of the House Committee of that Institution, I consider it comes as a very happy suggestion on his part. We have all heard of the fable of the fox who proposed that the tails of his race should be cut off as useless, but perhaps the same idea does not apply in this instance; indeed, I should be very sorry to suggest for a moment that Brother Tattershall's position, as a ruler of our School, totters, or anything approaching thereto. It may be thought I am in opposition to Bro. Tattershall; far from it, for, on the contrary, I consider his proposition far too modest, and it is for this reason that I now address you. If I may be allowed I will extract the official notice given regarding the proposition of Bro. Tattershall, which, from your advertisement, is as follows:—

"Alteration of Rule XXXVII.—That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for three years, and that one-third of the members retire annually, but shall be eligible for re-election."

Now, by the adoption of the above we should take but one step towards the grand aim of putting all power, as regards the management of our Schools into the hands of the chosen few, but I would urge that we not only take this one step, but at once boldly decide for ever the question. Had it been possible for me to have attended the Quarterly General Court, I should have proposed as an amendment my grand idea, which, in the exuberance of my feelings, I look upon as the sovereign remedy of the age for all evils now existing, or even to find their way into the work of managing our Schools; but fate rules otherwise, and so I am obliged to see another year go by, and no further advance made towards the attainment of everlasting bliss; but, Bro. Editor, I will confide in you the great secret of which I believe at present I am the only possessor, and in the hope that by so doing I may advance the grand cause, I shall feel myself fully repaid for making known to the Masonic world one of the grandest ideas that has ever been promulgated.

As it was my intention, as I have already told you, to move an amendment, I will send you a copy of what I contemplated, which will be the best way of explaining myself.

Bro. Luna P.M. proposes as an amendment to Bro. Tattershall's motion the following:—"That the members of the House and Audit Committees be elected for life, and that power be granted them of nominating in their last will and testament the name of any person they may select to succeed them, in order that the old blood may remain, instead of allowing the influx of new; a course to be greatly deprecated as likely to tend to improvements from time to time."

Having thus relieved my mind, I shall feel better prepared to resume my studies of the third degree, and contemplate on the awful mysteries thereof.

I have the honour to remain,

Yours in brotherhood,

LUNA P.M.

Hanwell, 5th October 1886.

[We must apologise for having held Bro. Luna's letter over so long; pressure on our space has been the cause. We trust this excuse will release us from the pains and penalties our eccentric brother has threatened us with.—  
Ed. F.C.]

We hear that it is probable that full Masonic clothing will be worn by the guests at the Mansion House Masonic Banquet, on the 25th inst., but that a special dispensation from the Grand Master is, under the Constitution, a necessary condition precedent. We are not surprised to hear that the pressure on the Lord Mayor for invitations is out of all proportion to either the space at his Lordship's disposal or his desire to comply. It appears to be generally understood that the invited guests, in addition to the Lord Mayor's own Lodge, No. 1, the brethren of which number some eighty members, comprehend a large number of Grand Officers, though necessarily not the entire body, the Provincial Grand Masters of England, and such Aldermen as are Freemasons, and as many of the Common Council as have "passed the chair." These, with a few personal friends of the Lord Mayor, will, it is expected, fill the Egyptian Hall to overflowing. A Guard of Honour will be furnished by the Honourable Artillery Company. Mr. Sheriff Fowler and Mr. Sheriff Waterlow are both members of the Craft, "hailing" from No. 1 Lodge.—*Citizen.*

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

**St. Peter's Lodge, No. 481.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Monday, 11th October. The Lodge was opened by Bro. J. Duckitt jun. W.M., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. J. Usher I.P.M., Thomas Prentice S.W., Charles B. Ford J.W., John Spearman Treasurer, E. J. Gibbon Secretary, Joseph Cook D.C., Thomas Stafford S.D., D. McDonald J.D., R. Ferry Organist, John McKay I.G., Lowry S.S., Thomas Dinning J.S., G. S. Sims Tyler. The minutes of the last regular meeting having been read and confirmed, Bro. W. R. Pape signified his intention of taking his second degree, when he was entrusted with the test of merit, and retired for preparation. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when Bro. W. R. Pape was re-admitted, and ably passed to the 2nd degree by the W.M., who explained the Tracing-board, and gave the charge, the I.P.M. Bro. Usher giving the ceremony in the S.E. corner, while Bro. Prentice S.W. explained the working tools. Lodge was then closed, when the brethren adjourned for refreshment. The toasts of the Queen and Prince of Wales having been duly proposed and honoured, the W.M. brought forward the Visitors, and coupled the name of Bro. F. H. Corder W.M. 1664 with the toast, who responded in felicitous terms. The health of the W.M. was then proposed by Bro. Jno. Usher, the W.M. acknowledging it in a feeling manner. The W.M. then submitted the health of his Officers, coupling the names of Bros. Prentice S.W. and Thomas Stafford S.D., who both responded in a suitable manner. Bros. G. J. Dean, E. J. Gibbon, Bennett, R. F. W. Siddell, C. B. Ford, Thos. Stafford, and A. Joel contributed to the harmony. Among the Visitors we noticed the following brethren:—Bros. R. G. Salmon W.M. 406, F. H. Corder W.M. 1664, M. H. Dodd W.M. 1119, Jno. Wood W.M. 48, William Cooper W.M. 1342, George J. Dean P.M. 541, G. T. Charlton S.W. 1664, D. G. Anderson J.W. 1664, S. M. Harris J.W. 406, E. Marston Sec. 1676, R. W. Sisson S.S. 406.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—The first meeting of the session 1880-1 was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Wednesday, the 13th inst. Present:—Bros. John Early Danks Prov. Grand Senior Warden Berks and Bucks W.M., W. G. Flanagan I.P.M., W. Ferguson S.W., E. J. Blackwell J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, R. Dowsett S.D., Rev. C. R. Honey J.D., J. H. Hawkes D.C., W. Hickie Organist, R. C. Prickett Steward, T. Newman I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. R. C. Hurley Past Prov. Grand Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks, E. Margrett; Bros. Ravenscroft, Bailey, Rhind, Weatherhead, West, Mace, Collins, Hukins. Visitors—Bros. S. A. Pocock P.M. 414 and Tench 1225. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. William Goff, timber merchant, of Reading, and he was declared to be elected. Bro. Mace, being a candidate to be passed to the second degree, replied to the usual questions, and retired to be prepared. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Mace was passed to the degree of F.C. The lecture and charge in this degree were deferred to a future time, in consequence of the agenda paper being full of business. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the election of a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year took place, resulting in the S.W. Bro. W. Ferguson being chosen to fill that important office; he was accordingly congratulated, and appropriately returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. He then nominated Bros. Blackwell, W. Ridley, Newman, and Hawkes as the Banquet Stewards in November. Bro. J. T. Stransom was again unanimously elected as Treasurer, and congratulated upon his successful management of the finances of the Lodge. Bro. Stransom, in a brief speech, returned thanks, for the eighth time, on his appointment as Treasurer, and expressed the hope that he should be supported by the punctual contributions of the members, so that he might keep the balance on the right side of the book. The Tyler, Bro. Hemmings, was re-elected, and returned thanks. Bro. Hurley P.M. Prov. Grand Supt. of Works Berks and Bucks addressed the Lodge, and stated that he had much pleasure in moving—"That the best thanks of the members of the Grey Friars Lodge be given to Bro. Danks for the able manner in which he has carried on the duties of Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the past year, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him at the next meeting of the Lodge, to be held in November, and that this motion be entered upon the minutes." As one of the founders of the Lodge, he wished to bear testimony to the admirable manner in which the ceremonies had been conducted, which had not been surpassed since the consecration of the Lodge; and he trusted the members would accord a unanimous vote on the present occasion. Bro. Margrett P.M. had much pleasure in seconding Bro. Hurley's motion; he felt that no Master deserved the compliment more than Bro. Danks. The motion was unanimously carried, with acclamation. The W.M., in returning thanks, expressed himself as overcome by the flattering expressions of his predecessors in office, and assured the brethren that though he had worked very hard, still he considered it had been but a labour of love for his mother Lodge; he also said that it required no present of gold or silver to remind him of the kindness of the brethren, and of the courtesy and assistance of his Officers. After the proposing of candidates for initiation and the usual ceremonies and salutations, the Lodge was closed in ancient form. The brethren retired for refreshment to Bro. Bailey's, Ship Hotel, where an agreeable evening was spent.

**Beaconsfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1632.**—On Wednesday, the 13th instant, at the Chequers Hotel, Marsh-street, Walthamstow. Present—Bros. J. Edwards W.M., H. Hallows S.W., J. Mustart J.W., J. A. Reed S.D., G. Clark J.D., T. Upward I.G.; P.M. Bro. T. Franklin; also Bro. Jarman. All formalities having

been complied with, the candidate, Mr. J. J. Edwards, Bro. Inman candidate. Bro. Edwards was asked the usual questions, and entrusted the candidate, who was present in person. The Lodge then resumed to the first, Bro. Edwards replying to the charge, when an expression of sympathy with Bro. Edwards, owing to his temporary absence from illness was moved by Bro. Upward, seconded by Bro. Hallows, and carried unanimously.

**City of London Lodge, No. 991.**—The members of this Lodge met on Monday evening, at the Cathedral Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Alfred Ginger W.M. presided, and there were also present Bros. Charles Bennett S.W., G. A. Cleary J.W., Henry Harbord Sec., Alfred Parker S.D., John Harris J.D., D. Hughes I.G., Ernest T. Hand Organist; P.M.'s Geo. Darcy, J. Lawrence, W. Lewis; Bros. Alfred Prince, G. Chivers, John James, H. Smith, E. Harris, J. B. Turner, F. Ede, W. N. Haylock, Charles S. Pinn, Edwin Yemmer, Henry Mortimer, G. J. Whitell, G. Rabardt, W. Hoddinott, R. K. Stubbs, D. Little, M. Cockhill, G. W. Lachlan, W. C. S. Smith, and W. C. Packham. Visitors—Bros. S. Paine 1585, P. G. Dunk 31, James Paice and James S. Garcia H. S. Millhouse 72, S. Vidin 169, and Geo. Smith 1799. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in the usual form, when the ballot was opened for Mr. Francis Joseph Ford, of 27 Park-place, East Greenwich, proposed by Brother Eade, seconded by Bro. E. Yemmer; for Mr. John Lear Ford, of Westerham, Kent, on the proposition of Bro. E. T. Hand, seconded by Bro. Lawrence; for Mr. Robert Pittam Secretary, of 5 Little Argyll-street, W., proposed by Bro. Pinn, seconded by Bro. Haylock. All were accepted, and initiated by the W.M., who discharged the duties of his office with exemplary skill, and afforded considerable pleasure and edification to the brethren and visitors alike. Amongst the latter were four American brethren, who, as part of their programme whilst in the Metropolis, expressed their intention of visiting some of the most efficient Lodges, and who were warm in their expressions of admiration of the ceremonies they saw here performed by the W.M. and his efficient staff of Officers. Lodge having been advanced, Bros. Prince and Chivers were raised, the ceremonial being conducted in a most impressive manner by the W.M., who delivered the charges with great effect. On the motion of P.M. Salisbury, seconded by P.M. Darcy, it was unanimously resolved that the sum of ten guineas be voted to the widow of a deceased brother. It was also arranged that a ball should take place early in January, under the auspices of the City of London Lodge. This was the first evening on which the W.M. found himself with such a light agenda, but the quality of the work done amply compensated for the lack of ordinary quality. At the conclusion of business the brethren partook of a light supper, when the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed, the health of "our American brethren" being received with special honours. Amidst plenty of music and harmony a very pleasant evening was passed.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Cannoning Town, on Tuesday, October 19th, Bros. Smith W.M., Pavitt S.W., Pateson J.W., Johnson S.D., Forss J.D., Ives I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Cudick acting Preceptor. Present—Bros. Watkins, White, Keable, Hallet and Rowe. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Rowe candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Hallet 781 was elected a member, Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 2nd November. Next week the Fifteen Sections will be worked by the following brethren, to commence at SIX o'clock:—Bros. Cudick P.M. 1121 S.W., Smith S.W. 860 J.W., Musto P.M. 1319 I.P.M. First lecture—Bro. Johnson, Watkins, Loane, Forss, McDonald, Pavitt, Cudick. Second lecture—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Johnson, Andrews, Smith, Worsley. Third lecture—Bros. Musto, Webb, Stephens. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 will preside.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—On Monday, 11th inst., there was a more than usually large number of the members of this Lodge, the occasion being the annual election of Worshipful Master. The present W.M., Bro. C. G. Patel, is unfortunately suffering from an attack which confines him to the house, so that the P.M., Bro. J. S. Cumberland, presided, supported by Bro. T. P. Thigpen and P.M., G. Balmford P.M., J. T. Siller S.W., G. Simpson J.W., M. Wellington S.D., W. York J.D., J. Kay Sec., W. P. Husband Assist. Sec., J. Blenkin I.G., C. Marshall Organist, A. T. B. Turner M.C., G. H. Simpson Assist. M.C., together with many other members, and two visiting brethren of the 5th Royal British Legion, all present in York. The first business was the raising of Bro. B. Boydman to the third degree, after which the balance sheet of the Lodge was passed and signed. The ballot for W.M. was then taken, and resulted in the unanimous choice of Bro. J. T. Siller, the Junior Warden, who thanked the Lodge for this mark of its confidence. A ballot for Treasurer was then taken, and Bro. G. Balmford P.M. was unanimously re-elected. Bro. P. Pearson was also re-elected Tyler. The Lodge Benevolent Fund vote was then taken, and it was decided to vote ten guineas to one of the Churches, and to leave the selection to the Lodge Committee to report to a future meeting. Bro. T. B. Whytehead announced his intention of representing the Lodge at the next Festival of the Masonic Regal School. A subscription list was opened for the purchase of a number of books for the Lodge library, and resulted in a handsome sum. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren partook of supper, after which the usual toasts were drunk, including The Three Grand Masters, The W.M. Elect, The Present Officers, &c., and an agreeable evening was spent.

## METROPOLITAN LODGE, No. 1507.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 20th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, London. As usual, the assemblage was a large one, the attendance, both of members and visitors, being very great. The Officers present at the preliminary part of the proceedings were as follows:—Bros. C. J. Scales W.M., W. Side S.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732 J.W., Jas. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., Henry Stiles J.D., Henry Lovegrove D. of C., T. Gilbert jun. Steward, Geo. Clark jun. I.G., R. T. Kingham P.M., &c. After the usual preliminary business had been transacted the Lodge was advanced, and Bros. A. Burstow, E. J. Chant and M. J. Rowley were severally raised to the degree of Master Mason. The report of the Audit Committee was then presented and formally received, after which the W.M. elect, Bro. William Side, was presented for the benefit of installation. Bro. James Willing jun. P.M. acted as Installing Master, and proceeded to place Bro. Side in the chair of the Lodge with the customary formalities. He having been saluted, appointed the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. C. J. Scales Immediate Past Master, W. M. Stiles Senior Warden, H. Stiles J.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., J. J. Michael P.M. Sec., H. Lovegrove S.D., G. Clark J.D., T. Gilbert jun. I.G., J. Daly Tyler. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the retiring Master by Bro. Side, who, in asking Bro. Scales to accept the gift, as a memento of his term of office, complimented him on the way in which the Lodge had been carried on during the past year. Bro. Scales suitably acknowledged the gift. The efficiency of the newly-appointed Officers was soon to be put to the test, for four gentlemen (Messrs. H. Y. Carter, Henry George Gent, James William Tubby and William P. Botly) offered themselves for initiation; they were at once introduced, and the ceremony worked to their benefit, the W.M. and his assistants proving themselves *à fait* in their duties. A proposition, standing in the name of Bro. Michael, for the purpose of increasing the annual subscription, was then brought forward. Bro. Michael explained the reasons which had led him to make the proposal, and pointed out the desirability there was for the alteration. Bro. Willing seconded the proposition, which was eventually carried, but not until the pros and cons of the case had been argued with some spirit. Bro. W. B. Clarke especially threw all his energy into the discussion, and that too in a way which few others are capable of—indeed, we doubt if many Lodges can boast such a champion of their rights as can the Metropolitan in the person of Bro. Clarke. The Secretary then read a letter he had received from the daughter of a late member, whose recent death had left his widow and family in great distress; a proposition was made, and unanimously carried, that the sum of ten guineas be voted from the Lodge towards relieving their present needs. The names of two gentlemen as candidates for initiation were then handed in, after which Lodge was closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a first-class repast awaited them. As usual, the Bros. Clemow personally superintended the banquet, and were untiring in their efforts to promote the comfort of the brethren. The following Visitors signed the attendance book, viz., Bros. J. W. Knight 1107 P.P.G.D.C. Kent, T. Walton P.M. 157, B. Kaufmann D.C. 1732, S. J. Newman 1764, Leon Jacobs J.D. 1732, J. G. W. Gwyer 1288, Frank Johnson 1816, A. J. Henochsberg P.M. 1502, Albert Fish W.M. 1366, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, A. Barfield P.M. 35, Frank Herold S.D. 1056, Wm. Hollingsworth W.M. 1185, J. Goodall 1732, Thomas Willcox 975, C. W. Hudson P.M. 315, S. Hollidge Treas. 1602, Alfred Kent 1425, C. F. Rooks, James Irvine 862, F. Silvester 193, E. Storr I.G. 167, Peter Burton I.G. 1828, H. J. Westmore S.W. 217, W. Banbery 217, C. Benwell 834, J. Fish 1475, George Read P.M. 511, Bradshaw Brown Grand Stewards, No. 1, Charles B. Carter Junior Deacon 1662, C. A. Reingpach Grand Orient of France, E. E. Barratt Kidder J.W. 12, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385. At the conclusion of the banquet, grace was said, and then the W.M. proceeded with the usual toasts. The Loyal ones having been honoured, that of the Grand Officers was proposed, Bro. Bradshaw Brown responding. He referred to Grand Lodge as the Masonic Parliament—an Institution cherished by all Englishmen. The I.P.M. had very great pleasure in proposing the health of the W.M. The brethren had, he said, seen that night how capable Bro. Side was to fulfil the duties of the chair. He had acquitted himself most efficiently, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. The toast met a hearty reception, and the W.M. in reply said he felt it impossible to find words to express his thoughts; he was gratified beyond measure at the reception that had been accorded him, and hoped he should prove himself fit for the office he had undertaken. It would be his constant endeavour to advance the interests of the Craft, and of the Metropolitan Lodge in particular. He was proud of being Master of so distinguished a Lodge, and felt the brethren must participate in the gratification he experienced in being connected with a Lodge held in such high reputation as was the Metropolitan. No effort should be wanting on his part to render his term of office a success. He next proposed the health of the Past Masters. The brethren, having just had twelve months' experience of the I.P.M.'s capabilities, were well able to judge for themselves of the qualities he possessed. No brother could have taken a greater interest in promoting the welfare of the Lodge than he had done, and they could look back with pleasure to the evenings they had spent under his presidency; the W.M. referred, in a few well chosen words, to each of the other Past Masters who were present. Bro. Scales heartily thanked the brethren for their good feeling towards him, and for the handsome jewel they had presented him in the Lodge. Bro. Jas. Willing assured the brethren that the same spirit animated him as animated the other Past Masters, who were one and all desirous to do all they could for the benefit of the Lodge. They had witnessed the growth of the Lodge from insignificance to a position among the proudest of any in England, and it was but natural they should feel a pride in seeing the good work continued. Bros. Michael and Kingham each said a few words to a similar purport. The next toast the W.M. characterised as one he was sure the

brethren of the Lodge would be proud to receive—that of the Initiates. Without them no Lodge could go on, and he personally felt it a great honour that he should have been called upon to initiate four on the first occasion of his occupying the chair. Each of the initiates responded, after which the toast of the Visitors was given from the chair. Bro. Read felt sure the Visitors were gratified at the reception they had received from the W.M. and other members of the Lodge. He was delighted at being present at the installation of Bro. Side, who, a few years since, he had had the pleasure of initiating into Freemasonry; he could not but help congratulating the brethren on having elected a brother so capable of fulfilling the duties of the chair. Bros. Barfield, Herold, and Irvine followed, each complimenting the W.M. on the prospects that were before him. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next honoured, Bro. Michael responding; after which that of the Officers was given, and briefly acknowledged by each in turn. The Tyler's toast brought a most successful meeting to a termination.

**Bertie Lodge, No. 1515, Oxford.**—The regular meeting of this young but flourishing Lodge was held on Thursday, the 14th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Oxford. Bro. R. Buckell W.M. presided, and was supported by the following Officers and members, namely, Bros. H. White S.W., C. Head J.W., F. Codd S.D., F. Dolley I.P.M., Charles Galpin P.M., H. Hodgson P.M., J. J. Colcutt Sec., R. Fernsby D.C., R. H. Hodgson Organist, J. Winstedt I.G., John Dover and Thomas Wheeler Stewards, Hortan, H. Piper, J. C. Castle, C. Martin, E. F. Greenwood, J. Richardson, B. Comfort, C. E. Veale, P. J. Davey, Edward Moody, and J. Mills-Parker. Visitors—Bros. Green Persoverance 351, and Bowden P.P.G.P. 340. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, it was advanced to the second degree, and the chair was taken by Bro. E. Moody P.M. and honorary member. Bro. Comfort was examined, entrusted, and retired, and the Lodge having been opened in the third degree, he was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. Moody then expressed his sincere thanks to the W.M. for his courtesy in having allowed him to perform the ceremony, as well as to the brethren for their attention to the work. Lodge having been closed in the third and second, and work resumed in the first, the chair was taken by Bro. Dolley I.P.M., when Bro. Davey having been examined and entrusted, Lodge was re-advanced to the second degree, and he was passed to that of Fellow Craft. Lodge having been resumed to the first, two propositions were submitted by the Wor. Master, and seconded by Bro. C. Galpin, after which Bro. Moody, having obtained the permission of the W.M. to offer a few remarks, earnestly recommended the brethren to attend as frequently as possible the Lodge of Instruction connected with the parent Lodge, which, he said, met every alternate Tuesday at the New Tun, Hall-street. Lodge was then closed, after hearty good wishes from the Visitors. After supper the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, Bros. Hodgson (Tenor, Magdalen College) and Mills-Parker contributing greatly to the harmony of the evening, while Bro. Moody gave a very effective recitation of Othello's Apology. It should be added that Bro. Bowden P.P.G.P. responded for the toast of the Prov. G. Officers, and Bros. Bowden and Green for that of the Visitors. The toast of the W.M.'s health was, as usual, most warmly received.

**St. John's Lodge, Maidenhead, No. 795.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 13th October, at Bro. Deacon's, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead. Bros. P.M. John Pinch 173 W.M., W. Skollard S.W., C. J. Innes S.D., T. B. Linscott J.D., A. L. Jeffries I.G., John Greenfield 1602 D.C., Nowell Tyler. The principal business was the installation of Bro. P.M. Finch, the I.G. of this Lodge, as W.M., and the investiture of the Officers as above. The ceremony of installation was powerfully and impressively performed by Bro. Allen P.M. 173, who attended with a large number of brethren from the Phoenix Lodge, to render to Bro. Finchall the honour they could upon this occasion, and to show the way in which he is admired and loved by the brethren of his mother Lodge. Bro. Allen was subsequently unanimously elected a member of the Lodge. There were present the following P.M.'s of the Lodge, viz., Foulger, Hodges, and Harvey, with many visitors, including Bro. Weaver P.M. 820. Lodge was closed in due form, when the brethren had an opportunity of enjoying the lovely scenery in the neighbourhood, and afterwards met at a banquet, served by Bro. Deacon in his well-known style. The usual toasts were given, and the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Sharpe was proposed by P.M. Foulger, and drunk, in his unavoidable absence, through sickness, for which much regret was expressed by the members of the Lodge, by whom he is universally beloved. Bro. J. Greenfield responded for Bro. P.M. Sharpe, claiming a right to do so as a friend of many years' standing. The brethren returned to town by an early train, in saloon carriages provided by the Great Western Railway Company, who invariably do all in their power to study the comfort of the brethren of this admirably conducted Lodge, to which it is expected there will be a considerable influx of joining members from No. 173 and No. 180, several members of those Lodges having expressed their intention of joining before next May meeting.

**Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548.**—Members of the Craft assembled in considerable number at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 18th inst., to witness the working of the Fifteen Sections by the members. Bro. David Rose P.M. 73, 1475 and 1622, presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. George Andrews P.M. and D.C. 871, Preceptor of the Star Lodge of Instruction, as S.W., Coen 169 as J.W., Hilton J.D. 1475 as S.D., Taylor 1531 as J.D., Gloster S.D. 1326, P.M. 1531, as I.G., Griffin P.M. 933, W.M. 1531, P.Z. 79 and 933, Preceptor and Treasurer of the Lodge, as I.P.M., and Gibson Hon. Sec. The W.M.

commenced the business of the evening punctually at 7 p.m., the Lodge being opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The first section of the Lecture was worked by the I.P.M., the second by the J.W., the third by Bro. Tuck W.S. 834, the fourth by Bro. Hutchins S.W. 147 and 1531, the fifth by the S.W., the sixth by the S.D., and the seventh by the S.W. The Lodge having been resumed to the second degree, the first section of the lecture was rehearsed by the I.G., the second by Bro. Martin I.G. 879, the third by Bro. Waterman P.M. 147, the fourth by the S.W., and the fifth by Bro. Martin. The Lodge was then resumed to the third degree, and the concluding sections were worked—the first by Bro. Markotis J.W. 1275, the second by the S.D., and the third by the Hon. Sec. Bro. Gibson. The Lodge having been closed to the first degree, two visiting brethren, Bros. Harrington P.M. 879 and Gilloch 1275, were elected members. Votes of thanks to the W.M. and to the brethren who had assisted him in working the Sections were then proposed, and unanimously carried. These having been duly acknowledged, the business of the evening was brought to a satisfactory termination.

**Kings Cross Lodge, No. 1732.**—The first meeting since the recess was held, on the 16th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. T. Briggs; H. Stiles S.W., H. Higgins J.W., J. J. Michael P.M. P.G.P. Kent Treas., Saintsbury Sec., L. Solomon S.D., L. Jacobs J.D., B. Kaufmann I.G., C. B. Patland D.C., P.M.'s W. M. Stiles, Knight P.P.G.D.C. Kent, and a numerous attendance of brethren and Visitors. Among the latter were Bros. Vallentine 1017, E. E. B. Kidder J.W. 12, Levenston 27, Silvester 193, H. Connoly 1507, J. Barm 1507, Pierdon 948, Beekham 1624, G. Windsor 917, J. Rohuan 189, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and minutes were confirmed. Bro. J. Tillbrook was passed to the second degree. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. A. R. Amor and J. Bickley, which being unanimously in their favour, they were duly initiated into the Order. Both the ceremonies were perfectly rendered. Bro. J. J. Michael P.M. and Treas. proposed, and Bro. W. M. Stiles P.M. seconded, that in future the fee for visiting brethren attending the installation banquet be raised to 15s. This was carried unanimously. Hearty good wishes were given, and the W.M. expressed his pleasure at seeing the brethren after a lapse of seven months; he further informed the members he had taken to the Boys' Festival the sum of £50, an amount he thought creditable to so young a Lodge. Bro. W. M. Stiles having presented the Lodge with a very elegant album, the W.M. and two Past Masters present placed their portraits therein, and expressed a hope it would be a lasting record of their association with the members. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert.

**Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.**—On Monday, 11th October, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Present:—Bros. Collison W.M., Dehane S.W., Wing J.W. and Treas., Fox Sec., Kidder S.D., Brocklehurst J.D., Gush Preceptor, Appleton I.G. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, Bro. Hancock candidate. Bro. Fox worked the second, and Bro. Gush the third and fourth sections, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Campbell was elected a member. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 1st Nov., at 7 o'clock, by Bros. Gush S.D. 1541 W.M., Tate S.W. 862 S.W., Brown J.W. 862 J.W.

On Monday, 18th October. Bros. Dehane W.M., Wing S.W., Kidder J.W., Wing Treas., Fox Sec., Balls S.D., Loewenstark J.D., Gush Preceptor, Smout, &c. Bro. Johnston answered the questions leading to the third degree. Bro. Fox worked the first section. Bro. Smout was raised to degree of M.M. Bro. Wing worked the second section. The following brethren were elected members—Bros. Johnstone, Smout, and Ward. Lodge was adjourned to Monday next at eight o'clock.

**Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.**—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday, the 11th inst. Bros. J. Robson W.M., Goddard S.W., Macgregor J.W., Brevetor S.D., Seymour-Clarke Secretary, McDonald Acting Preceptor; also Bros. Loring, Gabriel, Bearcock, Lewis, and others. After preliminaries, Bro. Gabriel was questioned, and the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by the Acting Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. The Audit Committee presented their report, which was received and adopted.

On Monday, the 16th inst., present Bros. T. C. Goddard W.M., Partridge S.W., Robson J.W., Brevetor S.D., Seymour-Clarke Sec., W. H. Myers P.M. Preceptor, Past Masters S. L. Green, and Aspinall; Bros. McDonald, Loring, Kimbell, Smith, Gabriel, Bearcock. Lodge being opened, Bro. Kimbell was questioned and entrusted, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was then closed to the first degree, when the Committee appointed to revise the bye-laws presented their report, which was unanimously adopted, after which Bro. W. McDonald was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Seymour-Clarke re-elected Secretary. On Monday next, at 7 p.m., Bro. McDonald will preside as W.M., and work as many sections as time will permit, in accordance with the usual practice in this Lodge on the fourth Mondays.

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**Union of Malta Lodge, No. 263, Valetta, Malta.**—A very successful meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Malta, on the 14th October. The Lodge was duly opened by the W.M., Bro. W. Read P.G.S.W. and P.M. 107, at 6.30 p.m. Present—R.W. Bro. Broadley P.G.M. (honorary member), W. Bro. Lient. Coffey P.G. Secretary as I.P.M., Bros. Glenday S.W., Yeoman J.W., Stanley M.O., Giles as S.O., England J.O., Woodthorpe Treas., Senior Sec., May S.D., Sauty J.D., Shillinglaw I.G., and Beck Tyler. There was a very satisfactory attendance, both of members and Visitors. After a successful ballot, the following Master Masons were advanced to the Mark degree by the W.M., viz., Bros. Pearso 349, Timmins 1306, Walker 914, and Walsh 407. Bros. Flower and Jones, of the Leinster Mark Lodge, 387 I.C., were elected joining members. On the conclusion of the ceremony, the P.G.M. commended the working of the Officers, and expressed his satisfaction at the result of Bro. Read's exertions in the chair of A. The W.M.M. thanked the P.G.M. for his visit, and expressed his hopes that they had this day inaugurated a successful winter session. Bro. Shillinglaw I.G. then presented to the Lodge a most beautiful set of working tools, gavels, squares, &c., and a vote of thanks was ordered, by acclamation, to be inserted on the minutes, and a similar honour was afterwards accorded to Bro. May for his offering of a pedestal for the S.W.'s wicket. The W.M. appointed Bro. England to fill the vacant chair of S.O., Bro. Roe P.M. Craft Lodge 1604 to that of J.O. The Lodge was then closed, after the usual charitable collection. After a short adjournment, the Noah's Ark Mariners Lodge was opened by Bro. Read W.C.N., with the assistance of Bros. Yeoman and May J. and S., and the other Officers. Bros. Woodthorpe, Santucci, Santi, Timmins, and Pearse, were exalted in the Ark degree, the R.W. P.G.C. (at the request of the W.C.N.) imparting the signs. The Lodge was closed at 10 p.m., and the brethren adjourned to a frugal repast, under the genial presidency of W. Bro. Read.

The annual ball in connection with the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, will be held at the Town Hall, High-street, Kensington, on Thursday, 4th November next, under the patronage of the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Lathom Deputy G.M., the Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor of London (Sir Francis W. Truscott) J.G.W., the Hon. Edwin Cecil Curzon, J.P., &c. The whole of the proceeds will be devoted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, and we sincerely hope that a great success will be the result of the efforts being made to benefit that noble Institution. Bro. E. M. Lander, the W.M. of the Lodge, heads the list of Stewards, which comprises the names of upwards of fifty brethren, most of them well known in connection with this popular Lodge. The String Band of the Royal Horse Guards, conducted by Bro. Charles Godfrey, has been engaged, and everything has been done to render the assembly an enjoyable one. All now required is, that a good company should assemble; we have, however, little doubt as to the result. The price of a double ticket is fixed at 16s, which price includes refreshments.

We regret to say that, owing to the very heavy pressure on our space this week, we are unavoidably compelled to hold over several items of interest, and not a few Lodge reports, among the latter being those of the New Concord Lodge, No. 813, the Crusaders, No. 1676, and Tranquillity, No. 185.

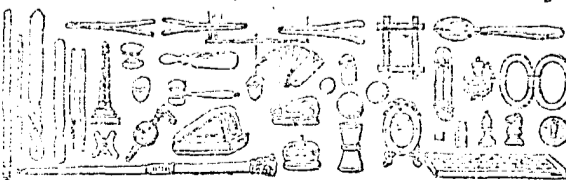
Bro. Seymour Smith's annual benefit concert took place on Saturday, 16th inst., at the City of London College, on which occasion the friends of our esteemed brother assembled in force to show their appreciation of his talent. The songs were of a first-rate character, and the programme was well sustained throughout. We hope that Bro. Smith may live for many years to come, and that, as time goes round, we may have the pleasure of assisting at many other such meetings as that given on Saturday,—a well deserved compliment to a truly genial man and brother.

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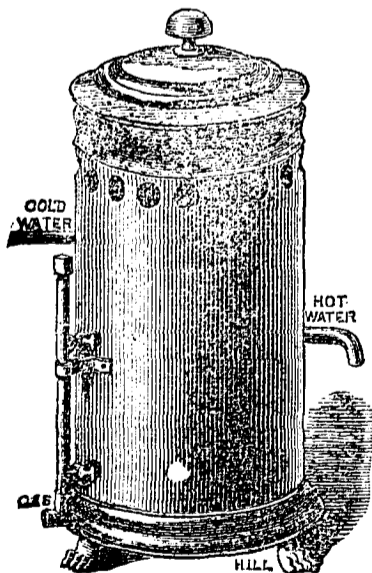
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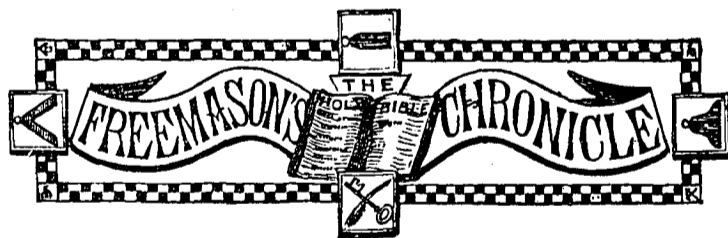
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**TUESDAY, 12th inst.,** was a red-letter day with the Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Durham, and was likewise a day full of interest to the inhabitants of the cathedral city which gives its name to the Province. The occasion was the holding of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Durham in the Castle Hall, and the installation of the Most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., as the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of the Ancient Order of Free and Accepted Masons of the Province of Durham. The ceremonial of installing a P.G.M. is one quite novel to all but the veteran Masons within the province, seeing that it is now nearly thirty-three years since Bro. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., was installed into office at a Provincial Lodge held in the large drawing-room of the School of Arts, Durham. In fact, the rarity of such an imposing and interesting event to the brethren of the Craft may be readily conceived when it is mentioned that for nearly one hundred years only five Provincial Grand Masters have been installed. Bro. John Fawcett, the recently resigned P.G.M., was placed upon the throne on the 6th November 1847, nearly thirty-three years ago. From his first assumption of office, the late Provincial Grand Master proved the wisdom of the selection of the then Grand Master of England, by the intimate know-

ledge he displayed in the working and constitution of the Brotherhood, and by the deep interest he displayed in the welfare and progress of each Lodge in the province. By his visits, advice, and admonitions. Bro. John Fawcett won alike the affection and confidence of all the brethren under his sway, while his Masonic knowledge and experience caused his services to be sought for in provinces far and near. The letter announcing that, owing to failing health and the infirmities of advancing years, Bro. Fawcett was compelled to resign his high office, was issued on the 22nd of March this year, and it is no exaggeration to say that throughout the entire province—and even beyond it—there was only one feeling, that of sorrow. The feeling of the brethren soon evidenced itself, for immediately committees were formed in the several Lodges, for the purpose of promoting some means of expressing to Bro. Fawcett the high esteem in which he was held, and the regret felt at severing official connection with their distinguished brother. In the letter issued by Bro. Fawcett was contained intimation that the most Noble the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., had been appointed by the Grand Master of England to succeed him as Provincial Grand Master. The news that the noble Lord-lieutenant of the county had been appointed to the high office was generally received with feelings of satisfaction by the brethren, and from the first interest was manifested in the ceremony of the 12th. But when it became known that the ceremony of installation was to be performed by so distinguished and honoured a Mason as the Right Hon. the Earl of Lathom, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England, the anxiety of the brethren to be present was universally manifested. Applications were received by the acting Provincial Grand Secretary (Bro. W. H. Crookes), Sunderland, not only from the whole of Durham, but likewise from every part of England, and even Wales. So great was the "rush" for invitations from the brethren that it was found necessary to restrict the number of admissions to only a very limited few. At first it was resolved to hold the Lodge—which by the way was held under the banner of the Marquess of Granby Lodge (124)—in the Town Hall, but the cry for tickets was so great that the place of meeting was eventually removed to the Castle Hall, kindly granted by the Warden (Dean Lake) and the Senate of the University. Even by that arrangement only those Masons ranking as members of the Provincial Grand Lodge and four other members of Lodges, along with the distinguished visitors from a distance, could be accommodated. During the morning the influx of brethren into the ancient and picturesque city was greater than ever previously experienced by the citizens. The arrangements for the great gathering were admirably devised and carried out by Bro. W. H. Crookes, acting Provincial Grand Secretary, and Bro. R. Hudson, acting Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, who were ably assisted by Bro. George Greenwell P.A.D. of C., Bro. W. Donkin, and Bro. W. C. Blackett, of the Granby Lodge. Large numbers of people assembled on the Palace Green to witness the arrival of the brethren, and at three o'clock, the time announced for the procession to start from the Castle Hall to the Cathedral, the open space to be traversed was lined on either side by a closely packed crowd, including many visitors from a distance. Fortunately the weather had changed into bright sunshine, and this circumstance greatly enhanced the effect of the procession. To the outside public this was really the feature of the day; and those who saw it were well repaid for any trouble they might have taken to be present. It was a brilliant sight, and the aprons, chains, and jewels of office of the brethren were seen to great advantage in the bright sunlight. The brethren, to the number of about a thousand, assembled in the Tapestry Corridor of the Castle, where they robed and prepared themselves for attendance at the Provincial Grand Lodge. The brethren having taken their places under their respective banners, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master of England—the Earl of Lathom—accompanied by the Past and acting Provincial Grand Officers, entered the fine old banquetting hall, in grand procession, and the Lodge was then opened in due form, the following brethren being the Officers that officiated:—Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., D.P.G.M., Whitburn; Christopher Fawcett acting P.S.G.W., Chester-le-Street; Rev. G. R. Balman P.J.G.W., Shincliffe Vicarage; Rev. J. M. Shepherd P.G. Chaplain, Staindrop; Rev. J. Cundill P.G.T., Durham; W. Meek P.G.R., Darlington; W. H. Crookes P.G.S., Sunderland; M. Corbett P.G.S.D., Gateshead; C. S. Lane P.G.J.D., West Hartlepool; W. Lear P.G.S. of W., Darlington; Robert Hudson P.D.G. of C., Sunderland; G. Greenwell P.A.D. of C., Durham; J. Marchant P.G.S.B., Gateshead; H. E. O. Muller P.G.O., Darlington; W. Donkin G.J.D., Durham; and John Thompson P.G. Tyler, Sunderland. The scene in the large baronial hall of the Castle of Durham during the ceremony was exceedingly effective, the blue and purple collars of the brethren harmonising with the banners and adornments of the splendid apartment in which they were assembled. The Provincial Grand Lodge having been opened in due form, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master was saluted with Masonic honours by the whole of the brethren. The Earl of Lathom then stated the object of the meeting, and spoke of the excellent choice that had been made in their noble brother, who would, he was sure, perform his duties faithfully and with satisfaction to the brethren. The arrival of the Provincial Grand Master designate was announced by a flourish of trumpets, and a deputation of Worshipful Masters of Lodges retired to introduce him. These were Bros. Thomas Bell Marquess of Granby Lodge 124, Durham, Henry Tonkinson Palatine Lodge 97, Sunderland, Josh. H. Morton St. Hilda's Lodge 240, South Shields, Thomas Brayshaw Tees Lodge 509, Stockton, Markham Spofforth St. Helen's Lodge 531, Hartlepool, H. W. Emerson Fawcett Lodge 661, Seaham, and John Wood Lodge of Industry 48, Gateshead, introduced the R.W. P.G.M. designate, and the patent was then read. The patent describes the R.W. P.G.M. as follows:—The Most Hon. George Henry Robert Charles Vane Tempest, Marquess of Londonderry, Earl of Londonderry, Viscount Castlereagh, Baron Londonderry in Ireland, Earl Vane, Viscount Seaham, and Baron Stewart in the United Kingdom, Great Britain and Ireland, Knight of the Most Illustrious Order of St. Patrick, and Lord Lieutenant of the County of Durham. The patent is dated 10th March 1880, A.L. 5880. It is signed—Albert

Edward G.M., Skelmersdale [Lathom] D.G.M., Shadwell H. Clerke G.S. The noble Marquis was led up to the pedestal in front of the Dep. Grand Master, and having signified his ability conscientiously to undertake the duties of the office, was invested by the R.W. D.G.M. with the insignia of office and duly installed on the throne. The installation of the R.W. P.G.M. having been duly proclaimed by the acting P.G.D. of C., he was saluted in the usual manner. The R.W. D.P.G.M. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart., having been proclaimed and saluted, the R.W. P.G.M. proceeded to the appointment of his Grand Officers for the ensuing year, and announced, amidst applause, that the Immediate Past Provincial Officers would continue in office for another year. The following is a list of the Past Grand Officers:—Sir Hedworth Williamson, Bart. P.D.G.M., Sir H. Pottinger, Bart. P.S.G.W. 375 Chester-le-Street, Rev. G. R. Bulman P.J.G.W. 1334 Shincliffe, Rev. G. M. Shepherd P.G. Chaplain 1650 Staindrop, W. Meek P.G.R. 1379 Darlington, W. H. Crookes P.G.S. Sunderland, M. Corbett P.S.G.D. 48 Gateshead, C. S. Lane P.J.G.D. 764 West Hartlepool, W. Lear P.G.S. of W. 111 Darlington, Robert Hudson P.G.D. of C. 1389 Sunderland, C. Greenwell P.A.D. of C. 124 Durham, J. Marchant P.G.S.B. 424 Gateshead, H. E. O. Muller P.G.O. 1379 Darlington, W. Donkin P.G.P. 1834 Durham, John Thompson P.G. Tyler Sunderland. Bro. Rev. John Cundill was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and after the Grand Officers had received the usual salute, the R.W. Prov. Grand Master said when His Royal Highness the Grand Master appointed him for the office, he felt he was labouring under two difficulties—first, that he had not the experience which was wanted to fulfil so important an office; and secondly, that there were others who might have filled the place far better than himself. He also felt that he was appointed as the successor of one who for so many years had so ably and satisfactorily fulfilled the duties of the Provincial Grand Master of the Province. Not only had he (the retiring Provincial Grand Master) conferred great benefits upon that Province, and great benefits upon the Craft, but he (the P.G.M.) thought there was no member of the Craft in the United Kingdom who could say he had not been a thorough and most efficient Mason. But, contending as he did with those difficulties, it would be his endeavour, during the interval between this and their next meeting, to fit himself so as to perform accurately the duties of the important office which had been confided to him, and for that reason he had on this occasion determined to make no change in the usual programme which was laid down by his worthy predecessor, and therefore, when he was designated Provincial Grand Master of this Province, he wished that it should be so arranged that he should be assisted by those who were more equal by experience to the duties of the Craft than he could be. It had been suggested, and perhaps fairly, that owing to the sad calamity and disaster which had befallen himself and his family, the calamity which had commanded, he was sure, the deepest sympathy all over the country, for which they were most grateful, that under the circumstances it would be better to postpone that meeting; but although he had not been since that fearful accident and disaster to any social pleasure or meeting, still he thought as far as this matter was concerned, it was more a matter of duty to the Province than to himself—hence he had not postponed this meeting. He hoped they would believe him when he said he hoped, by their kind and active co-operation, by the help of the Provincial Grand Officers and others, notwithstanding any shortcomings which might happen to be his lot during the year of his endeavour to learn his duties, that the welfare and prosperity of the Craft in the county of Durham would not deteriorate in his hands. The ordinary business of the Lodge was then proceeded with. The Charities Committee reported that they had voted several sums to the Masonic Charities, amounting to £157 10s. On the motion of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, seconded by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundhill, the following motion was carried with enthusiasm:—"That this Provincial Grand Lodge begs officially to express to R.W. Bro. John Fawcett Past Prov. Grand Master of Durham, its sincere thanks for his long and valuable services rendered through so many years, and its wishes that he may yet be spared to see many years of happiness." At three o'clock p.m. a procession was formed to the Cathedral, in the following order:—Two Stewards, members of Rose of Raby Lodge, No. 1650, Perseverance 1643, Fraternity 1418, Fenwick 1389, Marquess of Ripon 1379, Norman 1334, Earl of Durham 1274, Barnard 1230, Wear Valley 1121, St. Bede's 1119, Williamson 949, Philanthropy 940, Harbour of Refuge 764, Fawcett 661, St. Helens 531, Tees 509, Borough 424, Lambton 375, St. Hilda 240, Marquess of Granby 124, Restoration 111, Palatine 97, Phoenix 94, St. John's 80, Industry 48. Visiting Brethren from other Provinces: Prov. Grand Tyler, Prov. G. Pursnivant and Past P.G. Pursnivants, Prov. G. Organist and Past P.G. Organists, Past Prov. G. Sword Bearers, Past Prov. G. Director of Ceremonies, Prov. G. Superintendent of Works and P.P.G.S. of Works, Past Prov. Grand Deacons, Prov. Grand Secretary, Prov. Grand Registrar and Past P.G. Registrars, Prov. Grand Treasurer, Prov. G. Chaplain and Past P.G. Chaplains, Prov. G. J. Warden and Past P.G. J. Wardens, Prov. G. S. Warden and Prov. G. J. Deacon, Past Prov. G. S. Wardens, Six Prov. G. Stewards, the Right W. Prov. Deputy Grand Master, Officers of Grand Lodge Past and Present, the Right W. Prov. Grand Master and Prov. G. S. Deacon, Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, the Most W. Deputy Grand Master of England, Past Prov. G. Sword Bearer. The brethren were enabled to reach their appointed places in the Cathedral without crush and annoyance. The chancel was occupied by the more distinguished of the brethren; the transepts and other portions of the sacred edifice being thrown open to the general public, of whom there was a great number present. The effectiveness of the sight when all were seated, and when the grand organ, under the manipulation of Dr. Armes, pealed forth in majestic tones the opening service was only equalled, but not surpassed, by the ceremony witnessed at the installation of the Lord Bishop of the Diocese, and the re-opening of the Cathedral after restoration a few years ago. The first lesson was read by the Rev. Mr. Robertson, and the second lesson by the Very Rev. the Dean of Durham. The sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. Canon Cundill P.G. Treasurer, who took his text from Ecclesiastes v. 4—"Pay

that thou hast owed." He would not deal so much with the antiquity of the Order, although there was much to interest and instruct, but rather call their serious and devout attention to the duties they were bound to practise in their lives and character by the very force of their Masonic vow under which they had deliberately pledged themselves. In briefly referring to the antiquity of Masonry he could not agree with those who traced it back to Adam and Eve, much less with one writer, who had attributed its origin to pre-Adamite times. Their institutions had a rightful claim to a remote date in the annals of the world. It was found to exist among the distant Chinese, wild Arabs, and American savages, who were prepared to show kindness when they saw wandering English brethren. This implied a common and remote origin. In ancient times Masonry was both operative and speculative, and it had had a large share in promoting the general civilisation of the world, fostering science and art, in increasing and purifying social comforts, and refining the taste, and, above all, adorning the temples of the Most High God. Though they did not claim to be a religious society in the common acceptation of the term, they were indeed religious in the spirit of their duties. The whole of their teachings and practices were founded on the volume of the sacred law, the revealed word of God. They were exhorted to regulate their lives and actions by its divine precepts; their duty to God, to themselves, and to others was drawn from it. All these duties were veiled in allegory and symbols, and admirably adapted to the truths they embodied. If all these things were so excellent and so good, why keep them secret and not open to the world? The answer was that they were not kept secret, it was only their ceremony and ritual that they kept secret. He denied the assertion that the Order had a tendency to irreligion and irreverence, and held that honour and reverence of God were the beginning, middle, and end of their system. As Christianity was not yet—as it would be—like their Craft, spread over the whole earth, he thought Masonry might in some way prepare the way for Christianity. The anthem was by Boyes—"O, where shall wisdom be found." The benediction was given by Dean Lake, and a collection was made for the local charities. During the re-forming of the procession and exit of the brethren the Hallelujah Chorus was played with telling effect. The procession returned in reverse order to the Castle Hall, where Provincial Grand Lodge was closed in due form. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the Town Hall, where a banquet, supplied by Mr. J. Phillips of the Queen's Head Hotel, Newcastle, was partaken of. The R.W. P.G.M. presided, and he was supported by the Earl of Lathom, Sir Hedworth Williamson, Sir George Elliot, and a number of other distinguished brethren. After dinner, the Prov. Grand Master gave the first toast "The Queen." The Prov. Grand Master next proposed "The W.M. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales." The Provincial Grand Master then proposed "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon." The noble Chairman next gave "The Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom." He proposed this toast with very great pleasure, inasmuch as he was much indebted to the noble Lord and his brother for having installed him to the office he held on this occasion. They had known each other in early youth, and they were bound together now as Masons." He was sure, as Masons, they would find the Earl of Lathom a true, honest, and straightforward gentleman. The Earl of Lathom R.W. D.G.M., upon rising to reply, was received with loud and prolonged cheering. He thanked them most heartily for the reception which they had accorded him. The pleasure, however, was all on his side. It was true he had come there, as a matter of duty, to install a very old friend as Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Durham of the Officers whom he felt sure would not relax their attention. The importance of having good Officers in a Lodge he illustrated by reference to a ship's captain and his crew. He again spoke of the assistance he hoped to derive from Bro. Foulkes and others, and congratulated the brethren on the occupation of their new Lodge room. Bro. Coxhead S.W. in responding begged to thank them; also the W.M. for appointing him to the highest office, next to his own, in the Lodge; he was desirous of seeing emulation so carried on, that even their I.P.M. might, if possible, be eclipsed; and he felt sure Bro. Foulkes would not be at all sorry were that achieved by some one. Bro. Hackforth J.D. said the Officers were actuated by one common desire that of doing their duties well; the Caradoc Lodge had succeeded so far, and he had no fear as to its continued prosperity. Bro. Burdett I.G. referred to that day as being one of double interest to him; his offices and the Caradoc Lodge rooms had been opened on the same day, in one and the same building; and he trusted that success might follow. He hoped that he should do his duty in office until he reached the position now occupied by Bro. McEwen. Bro. Bayliss gave the Tyler's toast, which was duly honoured; and the proceedings terminated with "Auld Lang Syne," sung in the usual manner amongst Masons. The following members very kindly enlivened the proceedings with excellent singing; Bros. Wrigley, Smith, Strain, Hackforth, Robert Hughes, Pratt; and C. Foulkes gave a recitation. Bro. Wrigley in his usual kind and genial manner, presided at the piano during the evening.

A new Royal Arch Chapter, attached to the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1572, was consecrated at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, on Saturday, the 16th inst. The ceremony was performed by Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, who was assisted by Bro. H. G. Bass Assistant Grand Secretary, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford Past Grand Chaplain, and Bro. James Terry Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies Herts. Bros. Walter Solomon Whitaker, Nelson Reed, and Thomas Stacey Hellier were installed as the three Principals of the Chapter, and, after the Officers had been appointed, a grand banquet was given to celebrate the birth of the new Chapter. The same evening, at the Cannon-street Hotel, Bros. J. Lambert, C. F. Hogard, and W. Beattie were installed in the three Principals' chairs of the St. Thomas's Chapter, No. 142.

We hear that Bro. W. H. W. Casely is a candidate for the Chaplaincy of St. Luke's Workhouse. We trust that so worthy a brother will be successful. He is the P.G.C. for Herts, and Chaplain of the Crusaders Lodge, No. 1677.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

### SATURDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

- 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
- 1361—Earl of Zetland, Nags Head, Mare-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1541—Alexandra Palace
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
- R.A. 1044—Mid-Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
- 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
- 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court

### MONDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
- 58—London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, at 8
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
- 518—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.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
- 1625—Trodegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-st., at 8 (In.)
- 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
- 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
- R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
- 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
- 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
- 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
- 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
- 1419—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
- 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
- R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford

### TUESDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
- 92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 20—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
- 554—Yarborough, Queen's Hotel, Stepney (Instruction)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
- 880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
- 1106—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at Six (Instruction)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1416—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
- 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 1553—D. Co. Inaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
- 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
- 1744—Royal Savoy, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 6.30. (Instruction)
- 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
- 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
- 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
- 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
- 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
- 1359—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
- 1566—Ellington, Bell Hotel, Maidenhead
- 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
- R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
- R.A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

### WEDNESDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
- 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
- 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. at 7.30 (Instruction)
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1278—Burdett Coutts, Falmor and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1248—Finsbury Park, A Wyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
- 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
- 1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
- R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
- 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
- 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
- 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
- 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
- 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
- 996—Soudes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
- 1030—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
- 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
- 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)

de, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 reways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 ne, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 n, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 on, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 dra, Masonic Hall, Horsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 orge, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
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 e Tabley, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.  
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 oberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

#### THURSDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

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 ty, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
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 ian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 erity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 ian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 chael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 ury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 rest City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 t Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
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 ince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
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 ation, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 it Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex  
 ers, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 itan, Green Man Hotel, Bazup  
 hn, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 hire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 gton, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 ll, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 x, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 ny, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 ward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 r, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 y, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 ry, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
 be, Town Hall, High Wycombe  
 tion, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 iddlesse, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 ir, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 ured Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 pthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
 rseverance, Masonic Hall, South-parade, Huddersfield  
 ' Burghi, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.  
 le, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 lton, St. Elmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 carborough Hall, Scarborough, Caledonian-road, Batley  
 . Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

#### FRIDAY, 29th OCTOBER.

odge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 n Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 gh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 rne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 olitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 ve, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 ry Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 a, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 arvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 hagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 , Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 uir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 e of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 gdale, Guildhall, Doncaster

#### SATURDAY, 30th OCTOBER.

Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 ' Zealand, Nags Head, Marc-street, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 on, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 s, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 e of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 cliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 ability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield

### INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

#### CARADOC LODGE, 1674.

day, 4th inst., the Caradoc Lodge, No. 1674, of the  
 nt, Free and Accepted Masons, celebrated their Festival  
 in the Masonic Hall, Sussex-street. Hitherto the Lodge  
 ve been held in the Town Hall; but owing to certain in-  
 s existing there, the brethren arranged to have a suite of  
 ally fitted up for them, in Bank Buildings, at the corner  
 et. The new rooms occupy the whole length of the upper  
 ssex-street, and consist of two ante-rooms leading to the  
 . The building having only just been erected, the deco-  
 rot yet complete, still the present state of the Hall, and  
 the pleasing appearance of the Lodge room, with its  
 rniture, seemed to give great satisfaction to all present,  
 ud in their praises of the advantages gained by removal.  
 r three o'clock the Lodge was opened in due form by Bro.  
 ces W.M. Amongst those present were—Bros. J. Salmon  
 Vales and Cheshire, Mathews P.G.S.B. Cheshire, Taverner  
 rbyshire, Cameron P.G.S. W.M. 384, Smith P.G.S. W.M.  
 s P.G.S. W.M., Roebuck P.M. 387, Davies W.M. 725,  
 1336, Jarvis I.P.M. 384, Davies S.W. 1336, Licyd S.W.  
 W. 721, Foulkes J.D. 606, W. Davies (Coroner) 721, Rev.  
 es, Lewis, J. Lean, Clewes, Pratt, R. Hughes, Jones, &c.  
 siness was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing

year. Bro. McEwen had been chosen unanimously out of the list of  
 qualified members. The ceremony of installation was impressively  
 performed by Bro. Foulkes, who was complimented by the members  
 for the efficient manner he had performed this important ceremony.  
 The newly-installed W.M. then thanked the brethren for the honour  
 conferred upon him, and proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—  
 Bros. W. H. Foulkes I.P.M., T. Coxhead S.W., E. W. Keatinge J.W.,  
 W. L. Nicholas Chap., W. T. Girdlestone Treas., J. B. Linnell Sec.,  
 W. Hackforth S.D., H. A. Steer J.D., E. Groncutt D.C., F. Wrigley  
 P.G.O. Organist, G. D. Burdett I.G., H. B. Lawrence S., J. Bayliss  
 Tyler. On behalf of the brethren of the Lodge the W.M. presented  
 Bro. Foulkes with a handsome P.M. jewel, accompanying it with a few  
 remarks on the merits of Bro. Foulkes, and the estimation in which  
 he was held by the brethren. Bro. Foulkes said this was quite un-  
 expected, he had not been apprized of their intention. He was, under  
 the circumstances, unable to give full expression to his feelings in the  
 way he could wish; and must content himself with thanking the  
 brethren for their kindness. The tables were laid in the largest room  
 within this spacious hotel; and they were handsomely set out. Bro.  
 McEwen W.M. presided, supported on his right by the Provincial  
 Grand Officers, and on the left by the I.P.M., P.M., Chaplain, &c.  
 The Wardens sat at the head of their respective tables, in the usual  
 manner, reflecting great praise upon Mrs. Handcock, the successful  
 and experienced manageress of the Westminster. The W.M., who was  
 received with applause, referred to the strict loyalty of all Masons to  
 the reigning Sovereign of the day; and spoke of the great personal  
 claims of the Lady who now wears the crown; he proposed long life,  
 happiness, and prosperity to the Queen. This toast and several others  
 were drunk with musical honours. The W.M. next proposed "H.R.H.  
 the Prince of Wales, Most Worshipful Grand Master; the Princess of  
 Wales, and the rest of the Royal Family." In the course of his re-  
 marks, he referred to the Prince of Wales as the head of English  
 Freemasonry, and spoke of the way H.R.H. was said to discharge his  
 onerous duties, and to the great interest he evinced in the success of  
 Masonry. He also made allusion to the recent visit of the Prince to  
 Llandudno Junction, and to the manner he discharged the duty  
 undertaken by him; the admiration with which he was looked upon,  
 and the warmth of H.R.H.'s reception. The W. Master next  
 proposed "The Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master,  
 and the Past and Present Officers of the Grand Lodge." In the  
 course of his observations he said that he was necessarily un-  
 acquainted with the duties performed in Grand Lodge; he could well  
 suppose, from what he himself was expected to do in their Lodge,  
 that the duties of the higher offices were somewhat arduous. Bro.  
 Coxhead S.W. had great pleasure in giving the next toast on the list—  
 "Sir Watkin Williams Wynn R.W. P.G.M., the Deputy P.G.M., and  
 the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, past and present." They  
 had already duly honoured the toast of the Ruler of the Order, the  
 Prince of Wales, and he would now ask them, in the same manner, to  
 receive the name of their Provincial Ruler—"The Prince in Wales."  
 He referred in very feeling terms to the distressing sorrow which  
 had overtaken Sir Watkin in the untimely death of his heir apparent.  
 He thought it a remarkable coincidence that two high in office, the  
 Sen. P.G.M. of England (Sir Watkin,) and the Jun. P.G.M. Durham  
 (the Marquess of Londonderry) should both be connected with Wales;  
 that they should be brother officers in the army, and subsequently in  
 the Yeomanry—and further that the accident on the Thames, and the  
 one at the Seaham Harbour Pit, occurring almost together, should  
 have rendered this an unhappy time to both of these kind-hearted  
 Masons: He hoped that, although he had expressed a wish to retire,  
 Sir Watkin's place would not be vacated during his life—as that, as  
 he lived in their hearts, he was sure Sir Watkin would never die in  
 their hearts. He was glad to see three Grand Officers present, and  
 he would couple their names with this toast. Bro. Cameron, in re-  
 sponding, alluded to the position of the Caradoc Lodge, and gave it as  
 his opinion that it was one of the best in the Province. Bro. Smith  
 P.G.S. W.M. (Mayor of Wrexham) remarked that the Grand Officers  
 paid as many visits as possible to the various Lodges in the Province,  
 and he felt much pleasure in being at the Caradoc Lodge that day.  
 It was not the first visit he had paid them; and each succeeding one  
 raised the Caradoc in his estimation; than which he thought no Lodge  
 had achieved greater progress. He complimented the members on  
 the choice of their Worshipful Master, past and present. Bro.  
 Morris Past Grand Secretary followed in eulogising the Lodge,  
 its efficient management and general progress. He spoke, as  
 a Grand Officer, of the ardent interest Sir Watkin took in  
 the Lodges of his Province, and proved his statement by facts  
 not known to many of those present. He also referred to the presence  
 at the banquet of three out of six Grand Stewards, as a good omen.  
 Bro. Wrigley, who has recently been appointed P.G.Org., expressed his  
 desire to do everything to the best of his ability—whatever was worth  
 doing at all, was worth doing well; and as he had kept this in view  
 from his first appointment, so he would continue to do so in his new  
 office. Bro. Salmon P.M., in responding, as one of the Grand Officers,  
 congratulated the brethren on the number of Provincial Officers pre-  
 sent; and pointed out the duty of loyalty to the Order in the ready  
 acceptance of any office to which the P.G.M. appointed them; giving  
 his reasons why this should be the invariable rule. He then proposed  
 what might be considered the toast of the evening, viz., "The W.M."  
 In the course of his observations he complimented Bro. McEwen on  
 his proficiency; and referred to the I.P.M. (Bro. Foulkes) as having  
 discharged the duties of his office in the past year in an admirable  
 manner; both officers being brethren whose mantle it was hoped might  
 fall on their successors. He also referred to the closing of the Lodge  
 that afternoon by their W.M. as something seldom done so well;  
 which circumstance angred favourably for the Caradoc Lodge in the  
 coming year. The W.M. said he naturally felt much gratified in be-  
 ing selected for the post which he then occupied. Bro. Salmon's  
 cloak had fallen to Bro. Foulkes, and he only hoped that the cloak of  
 Bro. Foulkes had fallen upon him. Having referred to the talents of  
 Bro. Salmon, which were sufficient for anything, he said that he  
 would endeavour to discharge the duties of the chair according to the

best abilities which the G.A.O.T.U. had given him. The principles of Masonry were that the members should always try to do good to their fellow men, and relieve some part of the distress which is in the world. He spoke feelingly of the affliction of a brother who (had his health permitted) should have been then occupying his position, and concluded by thanking them all very sincerely for electing him; and he trusted, when his year of office should expire, that his conduct in the chair would be found such as to justify his election, and be a credit to the Lodge. He then proposed the "Installing Master," of whose working they all had seen part that day, but of which he had seen all. Bro. Foulkes was a credit to any Masonic Lodge, though it were of twenty years' standing, and he was much pleased to be allowed to succeed him in the chair. Bro. Foulkes I.P.M., who was warmly cheered, acknowledged the heartiness of his reception by the brethren. He assured them that he had always done only what he ought to have done, and that it was to him a labour of love to be engaged in the work. He said that he was completely surprised to find the brethren presenting him with a jewel; as he had been kept in ignorance of their intention; but that he felt very thankful to them for their handsome present. He then impressed upon the Officers the importance of zealously attending to their duties, and of endeavouring to surpass one another. In that Lodge they had a great advantage, their old friend, Bro. Salmon—their first W.M., had put them in the right way. Bro. Salmon, he thought, would admit that he had found them apt pupils; and he could only wish that part of Bro. Salmon's spirit had fallen upon him. In their ritual there were some beautiful points, to which he alluded. He did not wish to boast of what the Caradoc Lodge had done, but simply hoped they would go on prospering. Bro. Coxhead S.W. then proposed "The Masonic Charities," observing that was not the first time he had the privilege of doing so. He gave a concise account of the Charities, and the great good the Boy's and Girl's Institutions were doing to the offspring of Masons. He felt proud of the part the Caradoc Lodge had taken in supporting these Charities; he had himself served as Steward; and he was much pleased to meet another Steward (Bro. Foulkes) in London this year, from their Lodge. He concluded by warmly advocating the claims of the Masonic Charities, and referring to the meetings in the Alexandra and the Crystal Palaces; also appealing to the brethren to put into practice the noble principles of the Order. Bro. Salmon P.M. responded, and spoke of the progress made by the Charities. In 1868 only six or eight thousand pounds were sent to London by the Provincial Lodges; now they approached £13,000 annually. He also detailed the way in which the local charity of their province worked so well; and made a suggestion as to how the brethren might, with but little effort, render efficient support to this charity; and he pointed out the unsatisfactory manner in which the elections were conducted in former years, and the great change for the better which had now been brought about. He made a strong appeal on behalf of the Charities, and was loudly applauded. Bros. Smith and Cameron each in a few words responded to the toast. The W.M. in a brief speech proposed "The Visiting Brethren." Bro. Taverner said he had been much pleased with what he had seen in Lodge that day. The I.P.M. was a credit to the Lodge, and from what he could judge their newly installed W.M. would be such another. Bro. Owen was pleased to have received an invitation to be present, and to have enjoyed their social gathering so much. After dwelling upon the privileges of Masons, he called upon all to make use of them, and to leave the world better than they had found it. Bro. Foulkes (Carnarvon) in a spirited speech wished to instil into the minds of the brethren a fitting appreciation of the excellencies of Masonic principles, and alluded at some length to the history and the growth of certain Lodges in this province, and thanked the members for their invitation. Bro. Morris P.G.S. referred to the premises the Lodge now occupied, as ample proof of the progress they had made in one direction, and to the working of the I.M.P. as a proof of advancement in an equally important sense. The W.M. in proposing "the Officers of the Caradoc Lodge" dwelt on the importance of efficiency, and alluded to certain ham. His duty took him to different parts of England, but he could assure them that in all the course of his tours through England he had never yet seen any ceremony so completely and so perfectly performed as it had been that day. Not only that, but with the associations of that town, that glorious Cathedral, and that splendid hall in which they had met, it was all but impossible for any Masonic ceremony to be otherwise than perfectly carried out. His Lordship then referred in complimentary terms to the reports of the various Lodges in the Province which had that day been given. Other toasts followed, and a very pleasant and harmonious evening was spent. Amongst the brethren present we noticed the following:—Bros. H. C. Trevanion P.P.G.S.W., Lord Ernest Vane Tempest, J. Milburn P.D.G.J.W. Egypt, H. B. Wright P.P.G. Reg., Earl of Durham, Sir Geo. Elliot Prov. G.M. South Wales, Canon Tristram P.P.G.S.W., Frederick Binckes Secretary Masonic Boys' School, A. Harkness P.P.G.S.D., C. Rowlandson P.P.G.J.W., S. Gourley P.P.G.S.W., W. E. Franklin P.P.G.S.D., R. S. Armstrong P.P.S. of W. Northumberland, H. Hotham P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, J. Trotter P.P.G.J.W., T. Robinson P.P.G.S.W., A. Robertson P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, T. Jobling P.P.J.D., G. Robinson P.P.G.C. Northumberland, A. Duncombe Shafto P.P.G.C., L. M. Cockcroft D.P.G.M. Northumberland, J. Challoner P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, G. A. Allan P.P.G.J.D., J. Hopper P.P.G.S.W., J. G. Robson P.P.G.S.B., J. Marchant P.G.S.B., C. Besant P.P.G.J.D. Dorset, G. Stillman P.P.G.D., C. Hodgson P.P.S.D., W. Hawdon W.M. 80, Wm. Siddell P.P.J.G.D., W. Lear P.G.S. of W., C. J. Banister P.G.S.B. England and P.P.G.S.D. Durham, G. W. Wilson P.P.G.J.W., J. S. Pearson P.P.G.P., M. Corbett P.P.S.D., W. Knowles P.P.G.J.D., J. Laidler P.P.G.J.D., A. Farmer P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. York, T. B. Whytehead P.P.G.D.C. N. and E. York, J. S. Cumberland P.M. 1661, C. S. Lane P.G.J.D., G. Lord P.P.G.S.B., E. J. Beieterfield P.P.G.J.D. Northumberland, J. Ayre P.P.G.S.B., J. Potts W.M. 94 and P.P.G.J.D., J. Graham P.P.G. Reg., T. E. Lord P.G.C. Northumberland, H. Lawrence P.G.J.W., W. Coxon P.G.S.B., J. Dodda P.P.G.S.W., J. Monks P.P.G.S.W., J. Roddam P.P.G.P., B. Boulton P.P.G.D., J. W. Cameron

P.P.G.S.B., W. Forster P.P.S. of W., W. A. Malcolm P.P.G.P., W. S. Hughes P.G.J.W. Northumberland, R. Carr P.G.J.D. Northumberland, F. Tovey P.P.G.O., W. Donkin P.G.P., F. Parr P.G.S., F. P. Jones P.G. Reg., J. Bailey P.P.G.W., J. M. Meek P.G. Reg., H. Jackson P.P.G.S.D., J. Young P.P.G.S.B., J. H. Bennett P.P.J.G.W. N. and E. York, J. Tillman P.P.G.S. of W., F. W. Brewster P.P.G.C., J. S. Denham P.P.J.W., J. Harens P.P.G.D. Northumberland, J. G. Tulloch P.P.G.S.W. Northumberland, W. J. Ward P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland, W. Bell P.G.A.D.C. Northumberland, R. Eynan P.G.S.W. Northumberland, J. Bell P.P.G.S.B., G. M. Watson P.P.G. Reg., W. M. Watson P.P.J.D., J. Morrell P.P.G.S.D., W. Nelson P.P.G.S.W., J. Hunter P.P.G.J.W., T. Elwen P.P.G.P., J. Groves P.P.G.J.W., J. P. Depledge P.G.S.W., T. Jones P.P.G.R., J. Cundill P.G.S.W., G. R. Bulman P.G.C., M. Douglas P.P.G.J.D., R. Richardson W.M. 541, W. Gardner W.M. 1230, J. Hall W.M. 1418, W. W. Potter W.M. 685, G. Bernard W.M. 1389, R. W. Thompson W.M. 1121, J. W. Moses W.M. 940, J. Mitchell W.M. 1643, T. Brayshaw W.M. 509, J. Duckitt W.M. 481, W. Hardie W.M. 991, T. Bell W.M. 124, J. Wood W.M. 48, J. Mackay W.M. 424, J. Mitchell W.M. 1643, M. Spofforth W.M. 531, H. W. Emerson W.M. 661, A. Mustart W.M. 431, J. H. Morton W.M. 240, A. T. Monro W.M. 949.

#### KINGSLAND LODGE, No. 1693.

WHEN the founders of this Lodge applied for, and obtained the Warrant from Grand Lodge to hold the same, they were doubly pleased on learning that our esteemed Bro. James Terry was to be the Consecrating Officer. On that memorable occasion Bro. Terry remarked that the Founders would ever bear in mind that by a strict adherence to the true principles of Freemasonry and the Constitutions of the Order, they could never fail to uphold the dignity of the Kingsland Lodge, and the high prestige of Freemasonry. The brethren constituting this Lodge have acted as near as human consistency will allow in accordance with Bro. Terry's advice, and they have been cautious in proposing only gentlemen who, since their initiation, have proved themselves worthy of the same. Thus, it would naturally follow that on Tuesday, the 5th instant being the anniversary of Installation, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, there was a distinguished company of honorary members, including Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts, Edgar Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts. The meeting was called for 4.30, and the W.M. Bro. H. P. Isaac sounded the gavel about five p.m., being supported by Bros. C. K. Killick jun. P.M., Hawkins S.W., A. W. Fenner J.W., J. Crosbie Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, H. Hall S.D., N. L. Western I.G., J. Thompson D.C., H. J. Opperman A.D.C., J. W. Roberts W.S., Steedman Tyler, and a good muster of the members. The Visitors were:—Bros. H. G. Buss Asst. G.Sec., C. Daniel P.M. 65, T. Cusworth P.M. 813, C. Hubbard P.M. 820, W. Vincent W.M. 1624, A. Delin 1048, J. Frome 879, D. Wilkins 1576, B. Neale 179, F. Diggins 534, and R. Pye 193. We regret to say that Bro. A. Trewinnard, the I.P.M., was absent through ill health, but we hope to see him at the meeting in November. Lodge was opened in due form, and with solemn prayer. The Secretary read the minutes of last meeting, which were duly confirmed. Bro. Western then read the Auditor's report, and remarked upon the excellent manner in which the accounts had been kept by Bro. Killick sen., and also the accuracy of the same, which tended in a great measure to lessen the labours of the Auditors. The same was unanimously adopted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts presented Bro. Hawkins, the W.M. elect, who was obligated in due form. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, when Bro. E. Bowyer P.P.G.S.W. Herts, took the S.W. chair, while Bro. J. L. Mather occupied that of J.W. A Board of Installed Masters was duly opened, and the ceremony proceeded with, in a very impressive manner. On the re-admission of the brethren, the new W.M. was proclaimed and saluted in the usual Masonic manner. The W.M. then invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. P. Isaac I.P.M., A. W. Fenner W.M. 1227 S.W., H. Hall J.W., C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Sec., Crosbie S.D., Western J.D., Thompson I.G., H. J. Opperman D.C., J. W. Roberts A.D.C., and Steedman Tyler. The ceremony was completed by the Installing Master Bro. H. P. Isaac giving the addresses in a very earnest manner, which met with applause from all present. A vote of thanks was awarded the Hon. Secretary, Bro. C. K. Killick sen. P.M. for the excellent manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year. A hearty vote of thanks was also ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. H. P. Isaac, the Installing Master, for the excellent manner he had performed that ceremony. All Masonic business being ended, hearty good wishes were tendered the W.M. by all present, and the Lodge was closed in regular form and adjourned. The brethren sat down to a banquet. The cloth being cleared, the usual Loyal toasts were proposed and duly responded to. With that of the Grand Officers was included the name of Bro. Buss, the Asst. G.S., who replied in an excellent speech, eulogistic of the Officers of the Lodge, from the W.M. down to the A.D.C. Bro. Isaac I.P.M. then took possession of the gavel; he was proud to be in a position that enabled him to propose the health of the W.M. of the Kingsland Lodge, whom he congratulated on his attaining that high position, as also on the many duties he had to perform in other societies, conducive to the alleviation of human suffering, and he assured the brethren that while they had such a Master to preside over them, the Lodge would not suffer; in conclusion, he trusted Bro. Hawkins would be more successful, during his year of office, than he (Bro. Isaac) had been. In replying the Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Isaac for the flattering terms in which he had proposed his health, as also the brethren for the cordial manner they had received the toast; he would try and discharge the duties of his high position in such a manner as to deserve their approbation; he assured them he would support the Lodge, as also the Charities, to the utmost of his power, and hoped that during his year of office he would be enabled to keep

his Officers fully employed in their various posts. The I.P.M.'s toast was proposed by the W.M. in a speech that did full justice to the recipient; he enlarged upon that brother's Masonic knowledge; his working was so perfect that it needed no eulogy, as the brethren present could testify by the manner the ceremony of installation had been performed that evening. He now had the pleasure of presenting him, in the name of the Lodge, with a P.M.'s jewel, at the same time expressing the earnest wish of the brethren that he might live for many years to wear it. The W.M. concluded by giving Bro. Isaac his hearty good wishes, in which all the brethren joined. Bro. Isaac observed that he felt as if he could say, 'Thank you, and sit down, but he could not do so without saying a few words; he had striven to do his utmost to further the interests of the Kingsland Lodge, and would continue so to do. He thanked the brethren very kindly for the jewel they had presented him that evening; also he thanked the W.M. for his kindly remarks and good wishes in presenting the same. The Visitors' toast was proposed, in a short but effective speech, by the W.M., and was duly honoured by the brethren; it was responded to by Bro. Daniel P.M., who complimented the W.M. on his elevation; it gave him great pleasure, as he had the honour of initiating Bro. Hawkins into Freemasonry, and so might fairly claim him as one of his children. Bro. Casworth P.M. also made a few remarks respecting the W.M. and his Officers. The remaining Visitors added a few words, endorsing the opinions expressed by those brethren who had previously spoken. The Charities was next on the list, and this toast included the name of Bro. James Terry, the indefatigable Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry replied. Having assisted in the foundation of the Lodge, by consecrating it, he considered himself as its parent, and was glad to find the Lodge had done its duty by contributing to the Charities in the manner it had; he hoped it would support them in the future as in the past. In referring to the Charities, he said a great deal of good was done by all, and gave particulars of what each was doing. Bro. Terry made a few remarks relative to candidates for admission to the Charities. In conclusion he thanked the W.M. and brethren for the kind welcome they had accorded him, and wished the Lodge all prosperity. Bro. Terry's speech was listened to with the utmost attention by the brethren, who were greatly interested in the various statements made by him. We trust the interest thus awakened will in time bear fruit. The Past Masters' toast was proposed and duly honoured; it was responded to by Bros. Killick sen. and jun. For the toast of the Officers Bro. Fenner responded; he felt sure they would do their best to assist the W.M., by performing their duties in such a manner as to merit the approbation of the brethren. The Tyler's toast brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Bros. C. Daniel P.M., Opperman, and Seelig favoured the brethren with some excellent singing during the evening; while Bro. Casworth P.M. gave a humorous recitation called "The Showman."

**Albion Lodge, No. 9.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 5th October, at Freemasons' Hall. Present:—Bros. James Forbes W.M., William Willey P.M. S.W., E. D. Willey J.W., Thomas Moring P.M. Treas., James A. Abbott P.M. Sec., Alfred Eudean S.D., S. U. Thompson J.D., Edmund Coste Steward, Russell Elliott I.G., J. Rawles Tyler; Past Masters Bros. L. W. Harvey, W. R. Marsh, S. Vallentine, W. T. Scott. After preliminaries Mr. Alfred Price was initiated into the Order.

**Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, Bolton.**—The first meeting of this Lodge after the summer vacation was held on Monday, the 4th inst., at the Swan Hotel, Bolton. Present:—Bros. Johnson Mills W.M., Rooke Pennington S.W., E. M. Garstang J.W., Rev. J. H. Gibbon Chaplain, G. P. Brockbank P.M. P.P.S.G.D. Dir. of Cer., R. K. Freeman P.M. Orgt., F. W. Pacey I.G., J. Roiley Tyler; Past Masters Bros. James Newton P.S.G.D., James Walker, James Brown, John Morris, and Walter Pennington. Visitors—Bros. John Harwood P.M. 348, G. A. Mort W.M. 1354 Leigh, W. C. Freeman S.D. 1354, Joseph Kerfoot Orgt. 1354. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock in the afternoon, the business being to raise Bros. Poyntz, Harcastle, and Lomax to the third degree, after which a candidate was proposed for initiation, and the Lodge was closed at six o'clock. The brethren adjourned to banquet.

**Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 1st October, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Brecon. Present:—Bros. Frank Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treas., E. H. Teale Assist.-Sec., Jno. Morgan S.D., A. Orlopp Steward, E. T. Edwards Steward, Jas. Jones Tyler; Past Masters Bros. H. C. Rich, Thos. Butcher. The business comprised the passing of Bros. Morgan, Powell, and Williams.

**Lord Warden Lodge, No. 1096.**—A meeting was held in the Lodge Room, Park-street, Deal, on Friday, the 5th inst. Present—Bros. H. R. Botting W.M., W. Carterfield S.W., F. R. England J.W., T. J. Usher P.M. P.P.G.R. Secretary, E. Kirby P.M. Treas., G. G. Thomson S.D., G. Brand J.D., W. J. A. Norris I.G., Hy. Chambers, E. Rea, H. Webb, H. E. S. Drew, H. Loughlin, and S. Holgate Tyler. The Lodge was opened. Minutes of last regular meeting were read and unanimously confirmed. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and regularly closed. A gentleman was proposed for initiation at the next meeting. The brethren spent a most pleasant hour together, the W.M. proposing the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bros. Band, Rea, and the W.M. kindly entertained the brethren with songs, &c.

**Ranelagh Lodge of Instruction, No. 830.**—This Lodge of Instruction held its first meeting for the season at the Six Bells, Hammersmith, on Friday, the 8th inst., Bro. Charles Garston being W.M., and Bros. Cordingley and H. Garston occupying the offices of S.W. and J.W. There was a good attendance of members. The Visitors were Bros. J. T. Hale and Lorensi, of the Ranelagh Lodge

No. 831. Bro. Gorston rehearsed the first and second ceremonies in the most perfect manner, Bros. Alias and Hall acting as candidates. The mother Lodge having removed to the Criterion, it mainly depends on the brethren of Hammersmith and its vicinity to support this Lodge, which for twenty years has held its own as the centre point of instruction for the West End of London. We strongly exhort the brethren of the neighbourhood to attend as often as possible. Bro. Read P.M. of 511, &c., is the Preceptor.

**Enfield Lodge, No. 1237.**—A meeting was held on Monday, 11th October, at the George Inn, Market-place, Enfield. Present:—Bros. Oscar Oxley W.M., W. H. Thompson P.M. acting S.W., E. Poore (S.D.) acting J.W., in absence of Bro. Peach, A. Bryant J.D., A. G. Fidler I.G., Very Tyler. Visitor—Bro. J. Greenfield J.D. 1602. Lodge was opened in due form and minutes read. A ballot having been taken for Mr. C. J. Watts, which proved unanimous, that gentleman was duly initiated by the W.M. into the mysteries of the Craft, in a very able manner. Two candidates were proposed for election, and the Lodge closed in due form. The brethren then adjourned to a plain but ample and enjoyable supper, after which the usual toasts were given. Bro. Watts, in responding to the toast of the evening, expressed his delight at having come out of darkness into light, and a hope that he would prove a good and sincere member of the Craft. Bro. J. Greenfield, as a Visitor, mentioned that having known Bro. Watts for many years, it had given him great pleasure to come some distance to witness his initiation, and that he was satisfied the initiate would prove a good working brother. The brethren then separated in time to reach town and their respective residences in the neighbourhood at a reasonable hour.

**St. Marylebone Lodge, No. 1308.**—The regular meeting was held on the 13th inst., at the Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood, under the presidency of Bro. C. A. Smith W.M., J. J. Pope P.M. S.W., B. Phillips J.W., W. Botting Treas., E. White P.M. Sec., Tubbs S.D., H. Hill I.G., Halliday D.C., Daly Tyler; P.M.'s J. J. Pope, J. L. Baker, G. Draper, T. Foxall P.G.P., Tyler, Ashwell, and a numerous attendance of brethren. Visitors—E. J. Ackworth I.G. 133, S. Drewell 177, Garner W.M. 795, J. W. Graham 975, Wrigglesworth P.M. 975, J. Emmanuel 15, Drew 733, New 173, Davey 173, Savas. T. L. Konyonmtzoglous (Constantinople), Dr. Croft 8, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Finch W.M. 795, A. Burdon 11, Foxley 173, Blyth 173, Linscott J.W. 55. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Mr. T. Headon was balloted for, and duly initiated into the Order by the W.M. Bro. T. W. Keeton, Cosmopolitan Lodge, No. 1409 (South Africa), was elected a joining member. Bros. Foxall P.G.P. and W. B. Botting Treas. were appointed Trustees to the Benevolent Fund attached to the Lodge. The sum now in hand amounts to £259 10s; which amount has been invested in consols. Lodge was then closed until December, and the brethren, 47 in number, sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Lord, that gave great satisfaction. Fall honour was done to the Loyal and Masonic toasts, and a capital musical entertainment was furnished by Bro. Stedman, who was supported by Bros. Egbert Roberts, Fountain Meen, and several of Bro. Stedman's talented choir boys.

**Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.**—On Tuesday, 12th October, at the Moorgate Tavern. Present:—Bros. Sanders W.M., Shipley S.W., Hall J.W., Medwin S.D., J. L. Mather Preceptor, Kern I.G., and other brethren. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Gabb candidate, and that of passing, Bro. Thompson candidate. The balance-sheet for the past year was presented and adopted. Bro. J. L. Mather was re-elected Preceptor, Bro. D. P. Holness Treasurer, and Bro. C. G. Sparrow Secretary, for the ensuing year. A vote of thanks to the Officers for their services was recorded on the minutes.

On Tuesday, 19th October. Bros. Hall W.M., Medwin S.W., Kern J.W., C. G. Sparrow Sec., Hepburn S.D., Pitt J.D., J. L. Mather Preceptor, Cotton I.G., and many other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Holness candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of installation was ably rehearsed by Bro. G. H. Hunter, W.M. of Royal Standard Lodge, No. 1298, Bro. Groner acting as W.M. elect. The annual supper was fixed for the third Tuesday in November. Bro. Medwin was duly elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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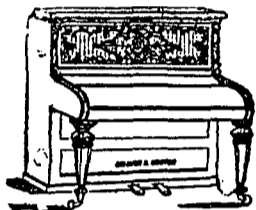
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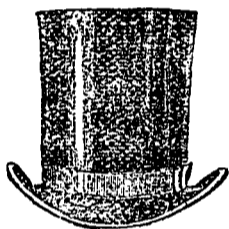
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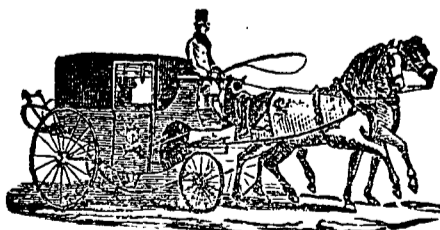
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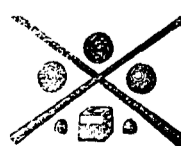
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