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PROPOSED EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE first step rendered necessary by the laws of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, prior to a discussion as to the advisability of an increase in the present accommodation afforded at this Institution, was taken at the last Committee Meeting, when Bro. Raynham W. Stewart formally gave notice of a motion, to be brought forward at the December meeting, to the effect that the House Committee be instructed to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate fifty be erected at present. Considering the action recently taken by the Committee of the sister Institution, where, during the present year sufficient additions have been made to allow of an increase of twenty-five in the number of inmates, it is not surprising that such a project as that indicated in Bro. Stewart's motion should be put forward; and while we hail with gratification any proposal which may tend to lessen the number of those whose fate it is to be sent back from the several elections as unsuccessful, we think the Craft should very carefully consider the subject ere they decide on making a permanent addition to the already large amount annually required for our three Institutions. Our views as to the advisability of continual additions being made to the buildings erected by our Charities are well known; but lest any should misunderstand our opposition, we take this occasion to point out some of the arguments we have urged from time to time in support of our views, and more especially we refer our readers to the articles published in these columns last year, when the proposal to purchase Lyncombe House for the Girls' School was before the Craft. Our main argument then was, and is to-day, that those of the present generation who support the Masonic Institutions have no right to pledge the liberality of their brethren of the future to a greater extent than is already done, unless they provide a means by which in case of need—either from national calamity or other unforeseen cause—a reduction may be effected without loss, either of money or position. This, however, it is impossible to effect if all the available funds are devoted to the extension of buildings which entail considerable expense to maintain, and would prove an enormous tax on our resources if, at any time, it were found impossible to provide sufficient funds to carry on the work for which they were erected; while the thought of the loss of prestige which would follow a compulsory closing of a section of one of our Schools is to our mind sufficient to justify any action tending to prevent such a calamity. As matters stand at this moment £40,000 per year will not do more than enable our Institutions to continue the benefits they at present confer, while any addition, either to the number of beneficiaries, or to the property of either, necessarily entails an increase in the minimum required to be subscribed. It is very well for a brother to propose this or that addition, but let him also point out the means by which the necessary funds are to be raised, not only for this or next year, but for the future generally. Freemasonry undoubtedly is very prosperous at the present time, but how long will such a state of things continue? It would not be the first Institution that has collapsed, nor do we imagine there are people so bold as to say that no reverse could affect the good name, repu-

tation, and standing of our ancient Order. Were it absolutely impossible to attain the desired end, without first increasing the accommodation of the Boys' School, we should be the first to support and advocate the proposal now put forward; but such is not the case. The object could be very much better and more cheaply attained by placing at schools in the neighbourhood of their parents' residences as many lads as the funds at the disposal of the Committee might warrant. This way of dealing with the great number of candidates which at present have to be rejected has the great advantage over the course proposed by Bro. Stewart of entailing no outlay for buildings, nor would it leave the Charity with a white elephant, in the shape of unoccupied premises, were it ever found necessary to reduce the number of those taken charge of by the Institution. Moreover, it is a course which every year is becoming more popular in the Provinces, in not a few of which there are now lads whose schooling is being paid for, either by Provincial Grand Lodge, private Lodges, or one or other of the Committees connected with them. Thus it would be easy to ascertain how the system works, even if it were not decided to try it in connection with the central Institution—which, if the funds would allow of such a step, would certainly be the best course to adopt. Let us count the cost. According to the report the average outlay per boy for the 215 in the Institution during the year 1879 was £43 10s 5½d, or for 50 a total of £2,176 3s 11½d, and this without reckoning anything towards cost of land or buildings, which according to particulars given in the same document amounted at the end of 1870 (!!) to £47,116 6s 4d, on which it is at least fair to reckon five per cent. interest as rent. This would give £2,355 16s 4d, or an average on the above number of pupils of £10 19s 1¾d, to be added to the cost of each lad's maintenance, making a total of £2,724 1s 3d for the fifty lads on which to base our calculations, and this is reckoned on the assumption that the cost of a building for fifty lads would not average more than has the one now occupied by 215. This expenditure then represents the annual charge on the funds rendered necessary by providing accommodation for fifty more inmates, and again we ask, Where is it to come from, next year and hereafter? Once having built the School and furnished it, it would become incumbent on the brethren to provide the funds necessary for its maintenance, and if unfortunately that could not be done, what would be the value of the proposed building?—Nil, unless we desire to dispose of it as old building material. Its close proximity to the existing School would render it an unsaleable property; and, so far as we can see, it would have to remain empty until such time as matters improved sufficiently to again warrant the annual expenditure its occupation would require. On the other hand, supposing the above named sum of £2,176 3s 11½d—being the annual cost of maintaining fifty lads in the School, without reckoning anything in the way of rent—were equally divided among [say] the 54 rejected candidates of the last election. It would give to each the sum of £40 6s to be applied towards the payment of their education and maintenance in their respective families; all would reap immediate benefit, and we are sure there is not one of their number but would rejoice. The amount of good that such an expenditure would afford is incalculable. Were this course to be adopted, there would be no necessity for a long wait until premises were erected, no heavy outlay for building, material, and furniture; and should a day of misfortune arise, it would be very easy

to stop the grants by not filling up the vacancies which from time to time must arise by reason of the pupils reaching the age limit at which they leave the School. We agree with Bro. Stewart that his proposal is good, to a certain extent, but we think the objections we have pointed out far outweigh any advantages which can be urged in favour of more buildings. The trial of outside education and maintenance would at least not cost more than does that inside our own walls, and we think that mode of relieving the wants of our orphans should be attempted before any additions are sanctioned to our already heavy liability.

THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—II.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

IN a previous article I have endeavoured to show that the list of Lodges on the registry of England, shown in the "Dublin Pocket Companion" for 1735—save as regards the Lodge standing 79th in order—*must* have been copied from an English Official List for 1734. Conceding, however, the further possibility of the "Pocket Companion," published in Dublin, having obtained its English Masonic information from the "Pocket Companion" of the same year published in London, an hypothesis almost warranted by the identity of title and similarity of contents, it may be advantageous to examine a little more closely the Lodge lists covering the period over which our inquiry extends. I append a tabular statement, showing the Lodges constituted by the Grand Lodge of England, between April 1730 and August 1735—Nos. 66-133—together with dates of constitution, and of their payments to Grand Lodge in respect of the same.

It will be seen that No. 79, although constituted apparently about the middle of 1731, did not pay the fee of two guineas for its constitution until 21st Nov. 1732, on which latter date, moreover, it was represented in Grand Lodge for the first time.

In my "Four Old Lodges," at p 50, under the description of list No. 11, I have shown a list of Lodges for 1730-32, copied from the earliest Minute Book of Grand Lodge, where it is thus headed:—"List of the Names of the Members of all the Regular Lodges as they were returned in the year 1730." The list stops at No. 104, constituted 14th Sept. 1732. My original impression, that the list in question had been continued from 1730 to 1732, may, of course, be a wrong one, and having regard to the protracted interval which elapsed between the date upon which the No. 79 was added to the roll, and the period of payment for its constitution by the *Lodge at the Castle, Highgate*, it is fairly possible that the veritable Lodge at the "Hoop, Philadelphia," may have been the first or original No. 79? Excluding from present consideration, the obvious puzzle of its non-continuance on the list for 1732,* and on later lists so far as they have come down to us, the following facts are worthy of our attention:—

A deputation was granted to Daniel Coxe on the 5th June 1730, and a copy appears in the earliest Minute Book of Grand Lodge, between the proceedings of 21st April and 28th August of the same year.

Daniel Coxe, described as "Provincial Grand Master of North America," was present in Grand Lodge on 29th January 1731.

In the list of 1730-32, extracted by me from the Minute-Book of Grand Lodge, already referred to,* and amongst the members of No. 8 Lodge, meeting at the "Devil" Tavern, appear the names of Claude Crespigny (Master) and Daniel Coxe.

[According to the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania] a letter was written in 1754 by a Bro. Henry Bell, of Lancaster, to a Bro. T. Cadwallader, in Philadelphia, in which Bro. Bell states:—

"I was one of the originators of the first Masonic Lodge in Philadelphia. Once, in the fall of 1730, we formed a design of obtaining a charter for a regular Lodge, and made application to the Grand Lodge of England for one, but before receiving it we heard that Daniel Coxe, of New Jersey, had been appointed by that Grand Lodge as Provincial Grand Master of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. We therefore made application to him, and our request was granted."

The Engraved Lists for 1731-3 are unfortunately miss-

ing; consequently, it cannot be positively determined whether at any time during this period a Pennsylvania Lodge appeared on our roll. The early editions of Pritchard's "Masonry Dissected" might indeed aid in solving the mystery. The 1st and 7th editions, published in 1730 and 1737 respectively, contain lists of Lodges, accurately copied from the Engraved Series, and doubtless the intermediate editions would supply us with trustworthy reprints for 1731-36.

Although I cannot believe that an American Lodge ever appeared on our English roll during 1731-32, and for the reason I have so often expressed, viz., the improbability, not to say impossibility, of its paying such a flying visit; still it seems very likely that a Lodge existed as No. 79, before that hailing from the "Castle, Highgate."

Amongst the members of No. 79 in the list of 1730-32 appear the names of Thos. Moore Master (Grand Steward 1731), A. Chocke (S.G.W. 1726, Dep. Grand Master 1727), N. Blackerby (S.G.W. 1727, Dep. Grand Master 1728-30, and Grand Treasurer 1730-37), John Bridges, and Claude Crespigny† (Grand Stewards 1732).

Now, it is scarcely possible (except on the supposition that *all* these eminent brethren belonged to other Lodges, or attended Grand Lodge as Grand Officers) that a Lodge so composed could exist for a year and a half without being represented at the Quarterly Communications. Inasmuch, indeed, as Highgate and Hampstead were visited in those days for very much the same purpose as Greenwich and Richmond are now—viz., for feastings and "outings," I incline to the opinion that the Lodge at the "Castle, Highgate," was a "dinner Lodge," established in 1732 by a coterie of distinguished brethren, that it collapsed very shortly afterwards, and that a revival of the Lodge, or more probably a further transfer of the number, occurred in the spring of 1735.

The speculation I have hazarded in my previous article, that the parentage of the first American Lodge which appeared on our English roll *may* have been wrongly indicated in one or more of the official lists, is strengthened by confirmatory evidence.

Bro. Bell's letter of 1754 (*ante*) proves that a charter from the G. Lodge of England, though asked for, was not granted.‡ The deputation granted to Coxe on the 5th June 1730 was to be in force for two years only, consequently his authority had presumably lapsed when the birth of a Boston Lodge (30th July 1733) was announced in this country.

The opinion, on the whole, which seems to me decisive, is, that the Editor of the Dublin "Pocket Companion" copied from the list in the London work bearing the same title, but whether he filled the *vacant* No. 79 by a reference to earlier engraved lists (or otherwise) there is not sufficient evidence to determine.

In pursuing this inquiry, whilst carried to a greater length than I had intended, I find various speculations crowding upon me, which demand further space for their adequate discussion.

Reserving, therefore, my concluding remarks for a third and final article, I claim meanwhile an indulgent consideration of these "fugitive thoughts," which, roughly drafted to serve the purposes of a newspaper article, are designed rather to stimulate further research than to *settle* the extremely difficult point which Bro. Hughan has raised for discussion.

† Also a member of No. 8 (Devil), along with Daniel Coxe.

‡ Assuming that Daniel Coxe granted a charter in 1730, and that the Lodge so constituted got on our roll in 1731 or 1732, *where* did it migrate to in the latter year?

(The List referred to in the above will be found on the opposite page).

A. AND A. RITE.

Hilda Chapter Rose Croix.—The regular meeting of this Chapter was held at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, on Friday evening. The M.W.S. Bro. T. B. Whytehead presided, and there were present Ill. Bro. C. J. Banister 33 S.G.I.G.; Bros. J. S. Cumberland H.P., S. Middleton as First General, M. Millington as Second General, A. T. B. Turner R., E. J. De Salis, Pearson, Jackson, &c. Bro. J. T. Atkinson, Selby Lodge, was duly perfected. Bro. J. S. Cumberland was unanimously elected M.W.S., and Bro. Whytehead Treasurer. Two Auditors were appointed. The M.W.S. thanked Bro. Banister for his attention in coming over from Bradford for the meeting, and for his assistance in working the ceremonies. A letter was read from Bro. Hanly (4th Dragoons), thanking the Chapter for his election as an honorary member. The Chapter was then closed.

FROM LIST OF LODGES, 1729-39.

No. 1729-39.	Description.	Date of Constitution, English List.	Date of Constitution, Constitutions 1738.	Fee of £2 2s paid for Constitution.
66	Red Lion, Canterbury	April 3, 1730	April 3, 1730	April 21, 1730
67	Castle, St. Giles	1730		
68	Vine, Long Acre	April 28, 1730	April 28, 1730	
69	Bacchus and Grapes, Bloomsbury	May 22, 1730	May 22, 1730	Aug. 28, 1730
70	Lion, Lynn Regis	Oct. 1, 1729	Oct. 1, 1729	
71	Rose, Cheapside	Jan. 26, 1730	June 26, 1730	Jan. 29, 1731
72	E. I. Arms, Bengal	1730		
73	Saracen's Head, Lincoln	Sept. 7, 1730	Sept. 7, 1730	
74	University Lodge, Bear and Harrow*	Dec. 14, 1730		April 21, 1730
75	Rainbow, York-buildings	July 17, 1730	July 17, 1730	
76	Queen's Head, Old Bailey	1730	1730	Dec. 3, 1731
77	Black Lion, Jockey-Fields†	Jan. 11, 1731	Jan. 11, 1731	Dec. 3, 1731
78	Fountain, Bury St. Edmunds	1731	1731	
79	Castle in Highgate‡	1730	1731	Nov. 21, 1732
80	Angel, Macclesfield	1731	1731	
81	Fleece, Bury St. Edmunds	Nov. 1, 1731	Nov. 1, 1731	
82	Three Tuns, Newgate-street	Oct. 21, 1731	Oct. 21, 1731	
83	Three Tuns, Smithfield	Dec. 17, 1731	Dec. 17, 1731	March 2, 1732
84	Castle of Antwerp	Dec. 23, 1731	Nov. 13, 1731	Dec. 3, 1731
85	Fountain, Southwark	Jan. 24, 1732	Jan. 24, 1732	March 2, 1732
86	King's Arms, Southwark	Feb. 2, 1732	Feb. 2, 1732	March 2, 1732
87	New King's Arms, Leigh	Feb. 22, 1732	Feb. 22, 1731	
88	Raven and Bell, Wolverhampton	March 28, 1732	March 28, 1732	June 8, 1732
89	Horse Shoe and Rammer, Drury-lane	April 11, 1732	April 11, 1732	June 8, 1732
90	Hotel de Bussy, Paris	April 3, 1732		
91	Sun, Fleet-street	April 12, 1732	April 12, 1732	June 8, 1732
92	King's Head, Tower-street	May 25, 1732	May 25, 1732	June 8, 1732
93	King and Queen, Rosemary-lane	June 21, 1732	June 21, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
94	Oxford Arms, Ludgate-street	June 29, 1732	June 29, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
95	King's Arms, Spittlefields	July 12, 1732	July 12, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
96	White Horse, Ipswich		1732	Feb. 24, 1735
97	New Inn, Exeter	July 11, 1732	1732	
98	King's Arms, Piccadilly	Aug. 17, 1732	Aug. 17, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
99	Hoop and Griffin, Leadenhall-street	Aug. 18, 1732	Aug. 18, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
100	George and Dragon, Butcher-row	Aug. 19, 1732		Nov. 21, 1732
101	Crown, Upper Moore-fields	Aug. 29, 1732	Aug. 29, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
102	Royal Vineyard, St. James's Park	Sept. 5, 1732	Sept. 5, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
103	Royal Standard, Leicester Fields	Sept. 8, 1732	Sept. 8, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
104	Virgin's Inn, Derby	Sept. 14, 1732	Sept. 14, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
105	Bolton-le-Moors	Nov. 9, 1732	Nov. 9, 1732	Feb. 24, 1735
106	Clothworkers Arms	Nov. 15, 1732	Nov. 15, 1732	Nov. 21, 1732
107	Turk's Head, Soho	Dec. 12, 1732	Dec. 12, 1732	May 29, 1733
108	Seven Stars, Bury St. Edmunds	Dec. 15, 1732	Dec. 15, 1732	
109	Old Mitre, Salisbury	Dec. 27, 1732	Dec. 27, 1732	May 29, 1733
110	Ship Coffee House	Feb. 2, 1733	Feb. 2, 1733	May 29, 1733
111	Theatre Tavern	Feb. 17, 1733	Feb. 17, 1733	May 29, 1733
112	King's Arms, Tower-street	March 3, 1733	March 3, 1733	May 29, 1733
113	Bear, Bath	March 18, 1733	March 18, 1733	May 29, 1733
114	Fountain, Strand	May 23, 1733	March 23, 1733	
115	Daniel's Coffee House			
116	Harrow and Boar			
117	Stewards' Lodge	June 25, 1735		
118	Red Lion, Bury	July 26, 1733	July 26, 1733	Feb. 24, 1735
119	Dog, Stourbridge	Aug. 1, 1733	Aug. 1, 1733	
120	Oate's Coffee House			
121	Crown, Fleet Market	Dec. 27, 1733	Dec. 27, 1733	March 18, 1734
122	Forrest's Coffee House	1733	1734	March 18, 1734
123	Castle, Kingston	1733		March 18, 1734
124	Hamburgh			
125	Swan, Birmingham	1733	1733	March 18, 1734
126	Boston, in New England	July 30, 1733		
127	Valenciennes, in Flanders	1733		
128	Duke of Marlborough	Nov. 5, 1734	Nov. 5, 1734	Feb. 24, 1735
129	Mason's Arms, Plymouth	1734	1734	March 31, 1735
130	Mitre, Mint-street	June 11, 1735	June 11, 1735	June 24, 1735
131	At the Hague	1735		Dec. 11, 1735
132	Fencers, Newcastle	June 24, 1735	1735	
133	The Castle, Aubigny, in France	Aug. 22, 1735		Dec. 11, 1735

* The payment of the fee for a Grand Lodge Warrant seems to have preceded by eight months the actual "constitution" of this Lodge.

† First represented in Grand Lodge, January 29th 1731.

‡ First represented in Grand Lodge, November 21st 1732.

|| This No., originally filled by the "King's Arms, Master Masons' Lodge, in the Strand," and is so described in the lists for 1734 (Engraved Series, and the two "Pocket Companions"), and 1735 (Picart). The Stewards' Lodge is first shown at this No. in 1736, and the fact of a Lodge of 1735 being placed in a vacant No. over the heads of 14 of its seniors affords evidence from which we may infer that a similar "filling" of the No. 79 was possible in 1733-34?

NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE PROVINCIAL CHARITIES' ASSOCIATION.

At the late Annual Communication of this Province, at Scarborough, Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. Eboracum Lodge 1611, Prov. Grand Junior Warden, was elected to the office of Provincial Charity Steward, vice Bro. John Thompson P.M., of Hull, who retires after many years of service.

We have been favoured with a copy of the amended Bye-laws of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester, and are very pleased to see that the brethren of that Lodge provide for regular support to the Charities. The subscription is

very low, and the sums which are annually devoted to the Institutions, in accordance with the Bye-laws, is very satisfactory, when considered in relation to the amount of the payments. We wish the members of some of the London Lodges would adopt a similar rule, and thus render their support to the Institutions regular; a first charge on their receipts, rather than, as is now often the case, leaving it to the chance of there being a surplus. The Bye-law of No. 51 bearing on the subject is as follows:—

"THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.—The Treasurer shall pay an Annual Subscription, on behalf of the Lodge, of Two Guineas, to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Annuity Fund, and the like sum to each of the Masonic Schools."

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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PROPOSED ENLARGEMENT OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The motion of which Bro. Raynham Stewart has given notice is one that demands the serious attention of the Masonic public. It is, of course, a great misfortune that our Charitable Institutions, no matter how rapidly or considerably they may be enlarged, never seem capable of meeting all the approved demands that are made upon their resources. Within a brief space of time the Girls' School, for instance, has had its premises greatly extended, and the number of its pupils increased fifty per cent. Even now there is litigation pending between Bro. S. Barton Wilson and the House Committee of the Boys' School in respect of the professional charges made by the former as architect of certain additional premises. The two sections of the Benevolent Institution have also been increased until at this present moment there are over three hundred annuitants. It must be remembered that all this has happened within a period not exceeding five years. Yet during all this time there has been no appreciable diminution in the number of claims advanced by brethren, or on behalf of the widows and orphans of brethren, to become beneficiaries of our Charities, except, as in the case of the last October election for the Girls' School, when by the purchase of Lyncombe House and the completion of its fittings, it was found possible to elect all the approved candidates but twelve. But it is morally certain this will only secure a momentary diminution in the number of applicants, as indeed was shown in the case of the Boys' School at the time of the extension I have referred to, when an increase of thirty pupils was sanctioned, and that number was taken on additionally, but, if I remember rightly, at two elections instead of all at once. This increase had the passing effect of diminishing the number of candidates, but, as was shown in October, it was only momentary, as the proportion of applicants to vacancies was, at that election, no less than five to one. Thus, then, stands the case at present as regards our Institutions. In the course of the last five years they have been very greatly increased; yet, except momentarily in the Girls' School, the number of applicants, if not greater than ever, is at least as great. Having broadly set these facts before your readers, let me now direct attention to the proposed extension of the Boys' School.

The motion of which Bro. Raynham Stewart has given notice is, in brief, to the effect that, as it was possible at the October election to elect only sixteen out of an approved list of seventy candidates, steps should be taken as speedily as possible to erect new buildings with the view of accommodating ultimately 150 additional boys, but presently one-third of that number. These boys are to be placed in charge of lady teachers, as their services are to be had on lower and therefore more favourable terms. In fact the proposal is tantamount to one for the establishment of a preparatory school, whence, as the boys grow old enough they will be drafted into the present or what will then be the Upper School. I think this is a pretty accurate and, I hope will be considered as it is intended to be, a fair description of Bro. Stewart's scheme. The plan is a bold one, if not exactly the novelty which some may esteem it, and, in the abstract, like a good many other plans similarly regarded, may be set down as a good plan. But good, bad, or indifferent, it is one which must be carefully weighed in all its bearings. Though a separate and distinct proposal, it cannot be considered apart from the general policy by which the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys is regulated. It is indeed a part of that policy, which seems to have commended itself so strongly for some time past to the authorities of both our Schools, and which you, Dear Sir and Brother, have on more than one occasion described as the "policy of extension," as contradistinguished from "the policy of consolidation."

The policy of extension is, doubtless, worthy of high commendation, and so far as it has been adopted of late years I, for one, have seen no objection to its having been followed. It has brought forth good fruit in the shape of the additional service which our glorious Institutions have been enabled to render to the cause of Masonic charity. And if I thought there were sound reasons for its continuance with the same degree of energy as has been latterly exhibited, and with as great success, I should avoid saying anything which was calculated in the slightest degree to prevent its further adoption. But there is a well-known saying as to there being in all things a limit which it is both unwise and inexpedient to overstep; and taking into consideration the great extension which has latterly taken place in the benefits conferred by our Charities, the question very naturally arises, whether it is not incumbent on the Craft to rest a while before they go any further in the same direction, and establish what they have already done on so firm a basis, that no shortcomings in future years will, humanly speaking, be able to affect seriously the solidity of our Institutions. We pride ourselves, and very justly, on the £40,000 which are annually raised on their behalf by the Fraternity; but are any brethren prepared to suggest that twice that amount, or even that amount increased to the extent of one-half only, will be raised with the same facility; or, at all events, that it will be forthcoming year after year, if we stand committed to the provision of so large a sum? I will assume, for the sake of argument, that the Benevolent Institution might steadily increase the amount of the annuities it grants. By comparison with the two Schools, it has a considerable—not by any means an excessively large, yet a considerable—permanent income. The Girls' School, after its

recent expenditure and the fresh obligations it has just incurred, will doubtless hold its hand—for a time at all events. But the Boys' School is very far from being as favourably circumstanced as the other Institutions. It is only this year, and after the grand success of its Festival in July at the Crystal Palace, that it has recovered, in respect of its invested moneys, the position it occupied some fifteen or twenty years ago, when the scheme for erecting new school buildings was set on foot. Its permanent income may be set down at less than £800; its responsibilities amount to over £10,000 a-year. In other words, and speaking roundly, there is £1 of income to meet every £10 of liability. Is extension under such circumstances advisable? I trow not. Let the ratio be one to two, and I have too much faith in the munificence of the Craft to doubt its preparedness to see all claims satisfied.

The main ground, I take it, of Bro. Stewart's argument in favour of the additional school is found in the fact that there were only sixteen vacancies last October to be filled by ballot from an approved list of seventy candidates. Am I to regard this in the light of an invitation to assume that he is so modestly inoculated with the sense of gumption as to suppose that the more the number of pupils is increased, the fewer will be the candidates who present themselves for election? If his proposition is acted upon, it will, in the course of a short time, have the effect of adding something like 70 per cent. to the present strength of the School. Will the result of electing annually some fifty instead of thirty candidates have the effect of diminishing proportionately the number of applicants? I say—and I rest my answer on the experience of the last few years—most emphatically—No. There are—I was on the point of saying more—but at least there are as many—applicants now, when the School is 200 strong, as when there were only some 150 or 160 pupils. The reasonable deduction is, that if an attempt is made, now or at any future time near or remote, to emphasise the enthusiasm of the Craft, and make it as permanent as we hope and believe this particular Institution, and in fact all our Institutions, to be, there will still be the same excess of applicants over vacancies. The Craft will become more common, and there will be a large and ever-increasing rush of initiates, when it is once publicly known how easy it is for a brother to obtain for his children the inestimable benefits of a sound and liberal education.

There are several other points in connection with Bro. Stewart's motion on which I should like to offer my opinion, but I am afraid I have trespassed on your kindness too far. At all events, I feel that I must not ask you to accord me further space in the present instance, but I trust you will find a small corner in some future number for the remaining observations which, in the interest of our Boys' School, I feel it my duty to offer for your consideration, and that of my fellow-Masons.

Believe me,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

EST MODUS IN REBUS.

"FRIENDS, CAN YOU KEEP FROM SMILING?"

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Hubert, editor of *Chaine d'Union* at Paris, copied in his July No., from *La Semaine de Grenoble*, an amusing story, and asked the question at the head of this paper, viz., "Friends, can you keep from smiling?" This I copy from the *Cincinnati Masonic Review*, and submit to you (somewhat abridged) for the entertainment of your readers.

Father Jandel, a Dominican, preached at Lyons about the cross driving away devils. When the Rev. gentleman left the Cathedral he was accosted by one of his hearers, who told the Father that he was a Freemason, that the devil always presides in a Masonic Lodge, and therefore proposed to put the claimed virtue of the cross to the following test:—"We meet," said the Freemason, "every evening in a certain street, at a certain number: the Demon comes himself and presides over our meetings; come this evening and make the sign of the cross upon the assembly, and I shall see at once if what you have said is true." The Father demanded three days for reflection, which the Freemason granted, and then gave his address to the priest.

Father Jandel thereupon consulted Monseigneur Bonald. The Archbishop assembled several theologians, who advised Jandel to accept the challenge. "Go, my son," said Bonald, "and God be with you."

The remaining forty-eight hours Father Jandel passed in prayer and mortification, and at the appointed hour he presented himself to the Freemason in a layman's suit of cloths, but a large cross was concealed under his dress. They soon reached a great hall, furnished luxuriantly, and so brilliantly lighted up that the eyes were dazzled. Little by little the seats in the hall were filled, when all at once the presiding Demon was in the chair. "Behold him," said the Freemason to the Rev. Father. Thereupon the priest took up his cross with both hands, making over the brethren the sign of the cross, when something like a thunderclap extinguished the lights, the chairs fell upside down, and the company fled; and amidst the confusion the Freemason, without knowing how, carried off Father Jandel to a long distance. "The adapt of Satan," then fell upon his knees and cried out, "I believe, pray for me, convert me," &c.

Now, a Freemason may well say, who can help smiling at this monkish superstition? But I think that with equal reason we may ask, who can help smiling at the credulity of a Rev. Lodge Chaplain?

The *Freemason* of 18th September contains an address to the Natalia Lodge, Maritzburgh, by the Rev. G. M. St. M. Ritchie, as follows:—

"Again, Worshipful Master and Brethren (said the Rev. Bro. Ritchie) it is my privilege, as your Chaplain and duly-accredited priest of the Church of Christ, to welcome you to this acknowledg-

ment of the obligations of religion which devolve on you as members of the most ancient Craft the world is cognizant of. Ever since the establishment of the religion of Jesus Christ, at all events ever since religion and Masonry were brought in contact with each other, our Craft has proved her faithful handmaid. The catacombs at Rome would not have proved the welcome refuge that they did to Apostolic converts had not those who designed and built them made known the secrets of the wondrous galleries and modes of ingress and exit to those persecuted brethren. Then it was that the primal Order of Masters Masons, struck with the fulfilment of our own traditions in the doctrines of Christianity, grafted upon their ancient stock those higher degrees to which some of us have the honour to belong. [Query.—Is it an honour to belong to the high degrees, wherein such ridiculous nonsense is taught and believed?] Then it was that the most excellent Order of the Rose Croix, an Order beautiful alike in its allegorical teaching and its impressive ritual; then it was that the Knight Templars banded themselves in holy brotherhood, to rescue from its pagan usurper the Holy City and the Holy Sepulchre within its circuit; then it was that the United Order is said [where is it said?], under St. John's successor in the See of Ephesus, to have established the periodical worship of all the members of the Chapter that could be gathered together.

"But, brethren, I am not led to these remarks with any view of establishing our antiquity, or even of dwelling with pardonable satisfaction upon it. We go back still further in the mist of ages past to trace the foundation of the Craft. Ten centuries before the Christian era, Masonry was a powerful combination of the most artistic, as well as the most skilful and scientific men of all nations, who, with Hiram of Tyre as their architect, and King Solomon as their Grand Master, erected the most marvellous building the world has ever, or ever can, bear upon its bosom. Yes, and thirteen long centuries before even this period, when the Tower of Babel fell into ruins, and the builders thereof ceased, in terrified confusion, to wield either compass or design, or trowel to erect; those who remained with a glimpse of the true religion in their hearts formed themselves into a Society, &c. &c.

"But, it is my most solemn obligation so to blend Christianity with Masonry as to make you realise that, though there are thousands of good Christians outside of our Craft, there can be no perfect Mason among us who is not only a professing Christian, but a faithful Christian also. It is with this end in view, that no Lodge is complete without its Chaplain Make Masonry the Apostle of Christianity," &c.

It seems that the Rev. Orator was reminded that King Solomon was never baptized, so he added the following note:—

"It has been suggested to me that the tendency of the above address is to show that all Masons outside of the Christian Church must necessarily be untrue to the traditions of the Craft. But I had no such intention, believing Masonry to have been established centuries before the Christian era, I am quite prepared to admit it may have a perfect existence apart from Christianity, but it must be understood I was speaking not to Masons at large, but to Lodges of Christian Masons," &c. In other words, the Rev. Brother said what he did not mean, and meant what he did not say, in order to tickle their sectarian prejudices.

The erroneous notions of Rev. Bro. Ritchie about Masonic history and Masonic aims, as displayed in the above address, is mainly due, in the first place, to the legends retained in our Craft ritual, and to the persistence of the Grand Lodge of England in printing annually in her Calendar, the host of pre-1717 Grand Masters, and "Remarkable Occurrences in Masonry." Second, the high degrees have further befogged the poor Rev. Brother's intellect. And third, it must be attributed to the natural credulity peculiar to our clerical brethren, coupled with their zeal for Christianising Masonry. As a rule, our clerical brethren believe in the legends of every degree, and in every word that Dr. Oliver has written in his "Antiquities of Masonry." Of course there are exceptions to this rule, as well as to all other rules. But yet, as a rule, our clerical brethren generally make very foolish Masonic orations, and the above oration by Bro. Ritchie is a fair specimen of clerical Masonic oratory. But the question with me is, whether it may not be possible to devise some method for enlightening our benighted brethren at Maritzburg? I first thought of proposing the establishment of a Masonic missionary or tract society. But knowing that Masonic organisations for that purpose would prove abortive if not sanctioned by the Grand Lodge, and knowing that majorities in Grand Lodges are generally opposed to schemes for Masonic enlightenment, I had to give that project up. But yet something must be done in that direction, I will therefore propose the following scheme:—

Bro. Ritchie, in his address, stated, "Three years, brethren, have passed since, with much diffidence, and some fear of failure, it was proposed to institute this special service. There was then but one Lodge in this city where three are now established, each of which is numerically superior to the one of three years ago." It is evident that the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE is unknown in the Maritzburg region, wherever that may be, for I cannot find "Maritzburg" in any book in my possession. I will therefore respectfully suggest to Bro. Morgan, the publisher of this paper, to ascertain at the Grand Secretary's Office the names of the Officers and Past Officers of the three Maritzburg Lodges, and send to each of them a different number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE in which Masonic historical questions are discussed. A printed slip, containing the names of those to whom the papers are sent, might be inserted in each copy, with a request to circulate it among the brethren at large for perusal. This would be an act of charity in the first place, for I can really see no difference between the charity of teaching the young and of enlightening the old. And, secondly, remember the Biblical adage, "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days," which may without irreverence be applied to commercial success, viz., advertise your wares, and in time you will be rewarded for your outlay. And surely there can be no cheaper way of advertising the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE than by the method above indicated. My sug-

gestion therefore recommends a kind of charity that will truly prove a blessing to receiver as well as to the giver.

To the Rev. Bro. Ritchie send the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 25th September, and call his special attention to the second column of page 214, containing the excellent editorial Review of a French book on the High Degrees. I know indeed that its perusal will no more wean him from his Masonic errors than the rev. editor of *La Semaine de Grenoble* could be weaned from believing in the Father Jandel story. But supposing even that our credulous rev. brother should continue to stick by his errors, it may at least deter him from repeating the folly of publishing similar orations in Masonic papers.

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 12th October 1880.

Obituary.

THE LATE BROTHER WILLIAM SMALLEY.

IT is with feelings of deep regret that we have this week to record the melancholy fact that another worthy member of the Craft has been taken from us by the unrelenting hand of death, leaving a void not only amongst the body of Freemasons to which he belonged, but in other institutions with which his name has been long and honourably associated, while his memory will ever be loved and revered. Our Brother William Smalley, the esteemed Secretary of the Licensed Victuallers' School, during the whole of a long life carried out in practice a useful, honourable, and benevolent career, and was the foremost promoter of any action which might tend to the advantage and happiness of his fellow creatures. In the homes of the widow and the fatherless children his name was a "household word," and his munificent donations in the cause of charity have built up for him a lasting monument which will never decay, and the name of "Smalley" will be cherished and honoured in those enduring records of his goodness which will never fade, but be preserved gratefully in the heart until time shall be no more. His association with the trade with which he was mainly and most immediately connected began with his birth, and ended only with his death; and with him it may truly be said that he was never weary of well doing, but made it the entire and guiding principle of his life. One or two instances of his munificence need only be cited to show how practically he carried that into effect, for to him it was a real labour of love. In 1863 he made the splendid donation of 1,000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' School, in which he himself received his education, and was instrumental in supplementing that gift with £1,300 more, which he handed over at the same time, as ladies' subscriptions in recognition of the noble example he had set on that occasion. Subsequently to that he presented a further donation of 1,000 guineas to the Licensed Victuallers' Asylum, but in doing this he even eclipsed his former princely gift by supplementing his own with no less a sum than £5,000. These are only a few, however, of the many acts of benevolence which flowed from his generous heart, for in numerous instances he "did good by stealth," and his unostentatious manners and general habits made richer the gifts than ever their money value, and hundreds who now receive a solace in their homes have good reason to bless his name. Our deceased brother was initiated in the Domestic Lodge, No. 177, during the Mastership of Bro. Henry Thompson, in 1864, he being proposed by Bro. James Brett P.G. Purs. and P.M., and seconded by our late Bro. William Carpenter P.M., whose literary fame, as the author of "Carpenter's Letters," and as editor of the *Sunday Times*, the *True Sun*, and other papers, is well known. We have the assurance of Bro. Thompson that no one whom it was his privilege to introduce into Freemasonry during that year ever paid a greater amount of attention to the ceremony of his initiation, was more thoroughly impressed with the importance of the step he had taken, or more earnestly endeavoured to carry out, not only in the Lodge, but in his every day life, those noble principles upon which our Order is founded. In consequence of his numerous duties, and the increasing calls upon his time and attention, he was often unable to be in his place in the Lodge, but it is almost needless to say that the tenets inculcated in his mind at his initiation were never forgotten, and he was a subscribing member to his Lodge up to the hour of his death, which took place on the 5th inst., at the offices of the *Morning Advertiser*, in the seventy-first year of his age. He lost his wife about three years ago, and leaves an only daughter, who appears to inherit all the good qualities which endeared her father to all who had the honour of his acquaintance. His loss is one that will never be forgotten.

BRO. THOMAS RANDS.

It is with very sincere regret that we announce the death, on Saturday last, the 6th instant, after a brief, but very acute, illness of five days, of Bro. Thomas Rands (formerly of Ealing, and of Acton), of the Royal Alfred Lodge, No. 780, at the early age of forty-three. Bro. Rands, by his many kindly and excellent qualities, had endeared himself to a numerous circle of friends. In his family he was greatly beloved; as a brother, he was most genial indeed. Few men were more popular than he was in the Lodge which included him among its members. He was buried at Brompton Cemetery on Wednesday, where, in addition to the members of deceased's family, there were present to pay the last tribute of respect to his memory the following Officers of his Lodge—namely, Bros. Blasby W.M., Costelow S.W., Roc P.M., and Gunner S.D. These, at the fitting moment, reverently dropped their sprigs of acacia on the coffin of our deceased brother. We beg to offer to the family and friends of our late Bro. Rands the expression of our sincere sympathy with them at this moment of their great affliction.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

BUT for the occurrence of Lord Mayor's Day on Tuesday, this Lodge would have met as usual, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street; but the festivities of the day on which the City delights to honour its new Chief Magistrate was of necessity a stumbling block in the way of minor celebrations, and the St. Michael's Lodge met at their accustomed hostelry on the evening of the following day—Wednesday. Bro. W. Radcliffe W.M. occupied the chair, and was warmly supported by Bros. Dr. John Waters S.W., Usher Back J.W., C. Greenwood G.S.B. P.M. and Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, W. E. Young S.D., F. J. Hentsch J.D., T. H. Pierce I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. A. Withers, Jas. Linsdell, D. Drysdale, G. Parsons, and John Laver; Bros. Crapper, Dickson, and Skipp. Visitors—Bros. C. Greenwood jun. J.W. 410, S. P. Carter P.M. (lately) 211, J. B. Stevenson W.M. 1627, W. H. Dempster W.M. 890, J. T. Hiscox P.M. 1420, R. G. Thomas Org. 1602, and J. Pilditch W.M. 1420. Lodge was opened, and as it was a gathering in place of the regular meeting, there was no regular business of the ordinary character, but it became the happy lot of Bro. Radcliffe to present Bros. S. P. Carter and James Linsdell, who had preceded him in the chair of the Lodge, each with a handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of their respective services when holding the office of W. Master. Bro. Greenwood P.M. Treasurer introduced them severally to the Wor. Master, with a few highly eulogistic remarks as to their efficient services, and the presentation having taken place, Bros. Carter and Linsdell severally acknowledged the compliment paid to them. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet worthy of the Albion. When the cloth was removed, the usual toasts of the Queen and the Craft and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. were duly honoured. Bro. Greenwood responded for that of the Grand Officers, present and past, noting incidentally, and amid much applause, that the Grand Master, whom he had had the honour of attending at the solemn ceremony of laying the foundation stones of Truro Cathedral, entered heart and soul into Freemasonry, and lost no opportunity of promoting its welfare to the utmost of his ability. The toast of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Withers I.P.M. in cordial and felicitous terms, and appropriately acknowledged. Other toasts followed, and a most enjoyable evening was passed, enlivened by singing and recitations, to which former, in the character of accompanist, Bro. Thomas greatly and most artistically contributed. Later, the brethren had the great honour of receiving as their guests Bros. Fowler, M.P., and Waterlow, Sheriffs of London and Middlesex, and it is needless to say their presence was most enthusiastically greeted. The toast of their health was proposed by Bro. Greenwood Treasurer, and was suitably and most heartily acknowledged by our Bro. Sheriffs.

EARL OF CHESTER LODGE No. 1565.

THE picturesque village of Lymm was *en fete* on Thursday, 4th November, it being the annual meeting of the Lodge. Brethren arrived from surrounding towns and villages, both by rail and road, and the pretty little Lodge room was well filled. An unusual number of Masters and Past Masters were present, and the whole of the proceedings passed off with *éclat*. Punctually at three o'clock, W.M. Parker opened the Lodge, and the minutes were read and confirmed. The Lodge having been opened in the second degree, the W.M. invited Bro. John Bowes P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Cumberland and Westmoreland, to take the chair as Installing Master. The W.M. elect, Bro. George Richardson, was then presented, and the ceremony was thereby initiated. The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, and P.M.'s placed in the various offices, the ordinary members retired, and the W.M. elect was entrusted. A Board of Installed Masters was then formed, Bro. Richardson re-admitted, and installed in the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom. Being properly "cemented" in his new position, the W.M. invested the I.P.M., and the usual salutations, greetings and proclamations followed. The brethren were then re-admitted, and the ritual was closely followed to the end. The whole of the ceremony, and all the addresses being given by the Installing Master, much to enjoyment of those present. Labour ended, refreshment followed. The W.M. presided, and was well and numerously supported. The viands and wines were of an exceptionally good quality. The toast list was entered upon with spirit, the Chairman fully believing in the truth of the proverb that "Brevity is the soul of wit." The toasts were all well received, and none more enthusiastically than those of the W.M. and the Installing Master. The honours were given most effectively, under the direction of the I.P.M. The music, too, was good, and, from beginning to end, both at labour and refreshment, the same spirit of unity, peace and concord prevailed.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—This popular and prosperous Lodge held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Thursday afternoon. Bro. Dr. V. A. Jagielski W.M. presided, and was well supported by a strong muster of his Officers and the members, together with several Visitors. Lodge having been opened, and the programme of business despatched, the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toast list was gone through most successfully, and, as is invariably the case with this Lodge, the evening's entertainment was greatly enhanced by the brilliant musical efforts, both vocal and instrumental, of several among those present. We must not omit to mention that the Lodge wore the customary ensigns of mourning out of respect to the memory of the late Bro. Past Master Moore, whose death took place on the 25th September last.

EBORACUM LODGE, No. 1611.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, at the Masonic Rooms, Queen's Hotel, York, when the occasion brought together a very pleasant gathering of brethren. The Lodge was opened at 3 p.m. by the W.M. Bro. C. G. Padel Prov. G. Organist, who was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead as I.P.M., J. T. Seller S.W., J. S. Cumberland P.M. Prov. J. G. Warden as J.W., R. W. Hollon P.M. Prov. G. Treasurer, W. H. Porritt P.M. P.P.G.W., W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G. Reg., J. Todd P.M. 236 P.P.G.R., W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236, C. Palliser W.M. 1337, G. Balmford P.M. P.P.G.O. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, W. P. Husband Assist. Secretary, M. Millington S.D., J. R. Jackson as J.D., A. T. B. Turner M.C., O. Marshall Organist, J. Blenkin I.G., J. E. Wilkinson Steward, P. Pearson Tyler, and many other brethren and visitors. Lodge being opened and the minutes read, the W.M. appointed Bros. Whytehead and Cumberland to the Wardens' chairs *pro tem*, and proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree. The W.M. elect (Bro. J. T. Seller) was then presented, and the ceremony of installation was proceeded with. The Lodge was raised to the third degree, and the brethren below the rank of Installed Master having retired, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bro. G. Balmford acting as Inner Guard. The Installation was then completed, and Bro. Seller was duly greeted and congratulated. The Board was then closed, the brethren re-admitted, and the newly-installed W.M. was saluted and greeted in the three degrees successively. He then proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. Geo. Simpson S.W., M. Millington J.W., Rev. J. Blake Chaplain, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, J. Kay Secretary, T. Humphries Assist. Sec., A. T. B. Turner S.D., J. Blenkin J.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. M.C., J. R. Jackson Assist. M.C., O. Marshall Organist, W. J. Girling I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, J. E. Wilkinson and W. B. Dyson Stewards; Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M. was appointed Preceptor. The Installing Master then gave the address from the West. Bro. Whytehead gave the charge to the Wardens, and Bro. Cumberland that to the brethren. The I.P.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, then thanked the brethren for their support during the past year, stating that the condition of his health would not allow him to remain for the banquet, so that he should not have another opportunity that evening of expressing his thanks. Bro. T. B. Whytehead was elected as the representative of the Lodge in the Provincial Charity Association. Bro. Husband presented to the Lodge library a valuable series of books on the Cathedrals of England, also a History of York, for which he received a cordial vote of thanks. Great sympathy was expressed for the S.W. Bro. G. Simpson, who was absent through domestic affliction. A telegram was read from Bro. the Rev. J. Blake, who was detained at home by clerical duties. Congratulatory letters were read from the Prov. G. Master the Earl of Zetland, Bro. T. W. Tew Deputy Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, Bro. W. J. Hughan P.G.D. (Truro), Bro. Peck Prov. G. Secretary, and many other distinguished brethren, after which the Lodge was closed with hearty good wishes. At 7 p.m. the brethren sat down to a capital banquet, well served by their host, Bro. H. Churchill. The W.M. Bro. J. T. Seller presided, and was supported by the Deputy Prov. G. Master and about 45 Past Masters and brethren. The toast of the Grand Lodge was replied to by Bro. J. P. Bell P.G.D., and that of the Prov. G. Lodge by Bro. J. S. Cumberland Provincial J.G. Warden. Bro. Dr. Bell then gave the health of the W.M. of the Eboracum Lodge, and spoke in the highest terms of the working of the Lodge, as well as its splendid career since the time when he had consecrated it in 1876. The toast of the I.P.M. and Past Masters, was responded to by Bro. T. B. Whitehead P.M., who gave prosperity to the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The J.W. proposed the Visitors, which was responded to by Bro. C. S. Lane P.M. 764. Bro. J. S. Cumberland P.M., Provincial Charity Steward, responded to the toast of the Masonic Charities, and Bro. W. H. Gainforth W.M. 236 replied for "The Sister Lodges." Bro. P. Matthews proposed the Ladies, and Bro. W. B. Dyson responded. The speeches were enlivened by a programme of unusually excellent music, including songs, duets, and glees by the Lodge quartette, under the leadership of the Organist, Bro. O. Marshall. The loving-cup of the Lodge was passed round during the banquet, and the brethren separately pledged the W.M. The health and many happy returns of the day of the Deputy Prov. G.M. was drunk in an old wassail cup of silver (temp. Charles II.), the property of Dr. Bell, and which he had brought for the occasion. The toast list was quite a work of art, and was designed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. It bore a fac simile of an ancient square, found at Limerick some years ago, and bearing a Masonic inscription. A photograph of Lord Zetland occupied the front page, and suitable Masonic poetical quotations followed each toast, whilst the margins were adorned with medallion sketches of the four bars, or gateways, of York. Amongst the brethren present, in addition to those already named, were Bros. Whitmore York, B. Brown, B. Stephenson, Stubbs, G. Chapman, C. Blackstone, G. C. Lee, G. D. Goodall, J. Tissiman 236, C. Simmonds 236, J. Church 317, C. Blagbro 302, G. Kirby 236, M. Rooke 236, A. M. White 236, J. Wood 178, J. Redfare 236, R. Palliser 1337, R. Hare 1337, G. Garbutt 236, and A. Hanson 236. The excellent manner in which Bro. Padel performed the ceremonies was the theme of universal commendation.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Monday, at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican. Bros. Powell W.M., Appleton S.W., Pelikan J.W., P.M. Wing Treasurer, Fox Sec., Biddelscombe J.D., Hancock I.G., and several other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Ward answered the questions, and was passed to the degree of F.C. Bro. Fox worked the second section. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Fox worked the first, second, and third sections of the first lecture. Bro. Heale, Lodge 45, was elected a member.

CITY OF LONDON ORCHESTRAL UNION.

THIS Society, which was established as far back as the year 1867, and has in that time won for itself a high reputation, held its first Grand Evening Concert for the present season on Wednesday evening, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. There was a numerous and appreciative audience, and though, in our opinion, the Union has shown itself stronger in former years in the vocal portion of its entertainment, a programme was provided which merited and received the applause of all present. The opening number of the First Part was a Selection from Schubert, arranged by Suppe, and interpreted effectively by the full Orchestra. Madame Clara West followed with Stark's well-known ballad, "Winter Roses;" and then came a scene from Donizetti's "Ugo, Conte de Parigi," with Clarinet Obligato by Mr. Hunter. This was most deservedly applauded. After Mr. Cowell had rendered Mozart's Serenade, "Deh Vieni," in a manner well worthy of his reputation, the Orchestra played Michaelis's March, "The Turkish Patrol," in which are described the approach, passing, and disappearance of a Turkish Military Band. This aroused the enthusiasm of the audience, and though such a result may have been in some measure due to sympathy with Turkey, there can be no question the Orchestra fully merited the applause it received for its faultless execution. Lover's Irish song, "What will you do, Love?" by Madame Clara West; and Haydn's Symphony, "The Farewell," completed the First Part, the latter, like "The Turkish Patrol," being honoured with an *encore*. Part II. included an equally attractive variety, the opening number being extremely well played by the Orchestra. A Selection from "La Traviata," arranged to include Solos for Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, Bassoon, Cornet, Horn, and Euphonion, by Messrs. Toussaint, Shuckard, Hunter, Snell, Pringuer, Johnson, and Jones respectively, was well received, Mr. Jones's skill on the Euphonion being especially noteworthy. Mr. Cowell sang, "I never can forget," and Madame Clara West, "Sweet Nightingale," and "Pepita," the other numbers falling to the share of the Orchestra. The City of London Orchestral Union is to be congratulated on so auspicious an opening, and especially Bro. Seddon, who fulfilled his part of Conductor with his accustomed energy and skill.

We are pleased to learn that our esteemed brother F. Binckes has promised to preside at the Eighteenth Annual Dinner of the United Waiters' Benevolent Association, which takes place on Monday next, at the Holborn Restaurant. As Masons there are very few of us but who at some time or other are indebted to the care and attention bestowed by the waiters at our banquets, and we hope there are very many of our readers who will have it in their power to aid them in the advancement of their Charity Fund, which we understand is established for the purpose of relieving those of their number, with their families, who, from sickness or other cause, are obliged to make appeals to the generosity of others. Up to the present time a sum of £1,600 has been expended by this Association, which at the present time has in hand a sum exceeding £520; so that it may be imagined the objects for which it is established are recognised as worthy of support. We hope, under Bro. Binckes's presidency, a large addition to the funds will be announced, and that it may be many years before so useful an Association may have a strain on its resources. The Secretary, W. Tolhurst, 446 Strand, London, will be pleased to receive and acknowledge any donations.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By the members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056, at the Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., on Friday, the 26th inst., commencing at 6 o'clock in the evening. Bros. Fox J.D. 201 W.M., Gush S.D. 1541 S.W., Tate S.W. 862 J.W., W. W. Snelling 1541 Hon. Sec. First Lecture:—Bros. Abrahams, Daniel, Kearney, Pelikan, Snelling, Tate, and Gush. Second Lecture:—Bros. Denison, Squirrel, Abell, Larchin, and Snodin. Third Lecture:—Bros. Loewenstark, Creak, and Edwin Storr.

Strong Man Lodge, No. 45.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street. Present—Bros. Halle W.M., Cordingley S.W., Humphries J.W., Follett Treasurer, Wing Secretary, Ball S.D., Brown J.D., H. N. Symons D.C., Jones and H. J. Symons Stewards, Defriez I.G., Stead Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Dunn, Defriez, Moss, Vass, G. G. Symons and Dyer; also Bro. Murrow 1262. Lodge opened in due form and minutes were read and confirmed. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Ball S.D., Brown J.D., Nell I.G., H. N. Symons D.C., Jones Senior Steward, H. J. Symons Junior Steward. Bro. King was elected a joining member, Messrs. Lyon and Heale were balloted for and approved, Mr. Heale was initiated, Bros. Coudon and Ayres were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. Lodge was adjourned till the first Thursday in December.

The United Service Lodge lately obtained a Warrant, but have not met as yet. It is doubtful whether it will ever work. In Kingston there are five Lodges under English Constitution, and two Lodges under Scottish Constitution.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE BALL.

THE fourth Ball in connection with the Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1612, took place on Thursday, the 4th inst., at the Town Hall, Kensington, and proved one of the most successful gatherings we remember having witnessed. Dancing was kept up till a late hour, to the strains of first-class music, the band being conducted by Bro. Godfrey. The company was very numerous, and all seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. We learn that financially the Ball has proved a great success, and we can but express a hope that the fifth annual gathering, which will be held in February next, will prove as remunerative, for the benefit of the Girls' School, as this has done for the Benevolent Institution. The Ball would have been held early in the present year, but the Hall was not then available, having been but just completed. The music provided was all of the most inspiring kind, but we cannot omit specially to refer to the "Crutch" polka, composed by Bro. Paul Favart, which was performed for the ninth dance; it is described as "a tune to make e'en crutches dance," and, we think, truly; its strains would be sufficient for this purpose, were it by any means possible.

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WE have great pleasure in announcing that Bro. R. G. Thomas, Acting Manager of the Philharmonic Theatre, who has been for many years connected with the theatrical and musical professions, had a benefit on Thursday, on the termination, by mutual consent, of his agreement with the lessee. The programme was an unusually attractive one, and beyond the regular company, Bro. Thomas was most ably supported by M. Chirgwin, the white-eyed Kaffir, Mr. Arthur Roberts, Herr Stumvoll (zither), Mr. Herbert Campbell, and last, but not least, by his old *confrères*, the Mohawk Minstrels. Mr. Howard Paul, and Mr. Sidney Franks were both incapacitated by indisposition from attending as they wished. The house was well filled, especially in the better parts, by a highly-appreciative audience. Where every item in the programme went so successfully, it seems invidious to select any one for especial mention, but the popular burlesque by Frank Hall, entitled "O Jupiter!" in which the Misses Kingsley, Davis, and Pattie Heywood play the leading rôles, was received most favourably, the applause being both hearty and frequent. We must congratulate Bro. Thomas on the evening's success, and express a hope that his next appearance in public will prove equally gratifying to himself and his numerous circle of friends.

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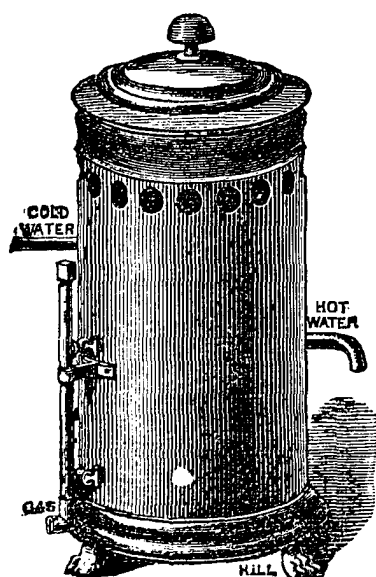
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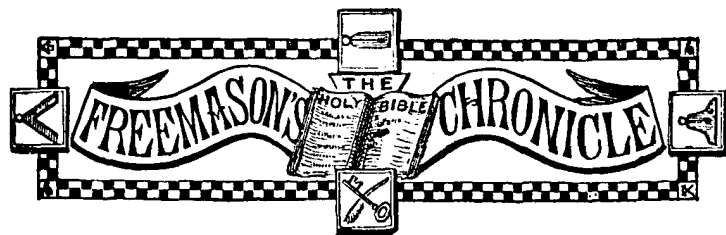
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COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE usual monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held last Saturday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. William Roebuck in the chair, A. J. Duff-Filer, G. Bolton, Donald M. Dewar, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, C. H. Webb, Raynham W. Stewart, F. Adlard, J. G. Chancellor, W. F. C. Moutrie, W. H. Perryman, W. H. Saunders, Leopold Rnf, George Cooper, Thomas Meggy, and Frederick Binckes Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, and the minutes of the Quarterly Court in October, and of the House Committee read for information, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice of the following motion for the December meeting:—"That it be an instruction to the House Committee to obtain plans and estimates for the erection of a school-house, with convenient offices, on the vacant space of ground in front of the present building, for the purpose of ultimately accommodating 150 children, but that only so much as will accommodate 50 children be erected at the present." He said the reason he should bring forward this motion at next meeting was, the great demand by candidates for admission to the School. Sixteen boys were elected in October, but about 60 were left out in the cold. The Committee would have before them, in a few minutes, another four or five, and still more might come before the list for next April was closed. It was quite clear then that the Institution should do something more for the Craft, which had supported it so liberally. The Institution had reduced the age for keeping the boys at the School—from 16 to 15—and some of the money saving effected by that alteration should be appropriated to the advantage of other children. His scheme was that a building should be erected, capable of accommodating 150 junior boys, but that at present only so much should be built as would accommodate 50. The School might be a preparatory school, separate from the old building, and the children taught by ladies, till 8, 9 or 10 years of age, when they would be drafted into the other School. The employment of ladies would not be so expensive as that of masters, and he thought this scheme would be approved by the Craft. Several brethren expressed their concurrence with Bro. Stewart's views, and the notice of motion for the December meeting was given in. The minutes of the Audit Committee were read for information, and Bro. F. Binckes informed the Committee that the £5,000 authorised to be invested in consols had been invested, the accounts of which he produced. Bro. Binckes also informed the Committee that the special committee appointed to enquire into the allegations with respect to the circumstances of the case of Arthur Collingwood (which have already appeared in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE), met that day, at two o'clock, and after a long sitting and due enquiry, adjourned for a month, for the production of further documents. Petitions for four candidates were afterwards examined, and three boys were placed on the list for the election in April 1881. One case was adjourned till January, for better reading. Outfits to the amount of £5 each were granted to five boys, who had obtained situations since leaving the School, and £100 was ordered to be transferred to the Sustentation Fund from the General Fund. The authorisation of the Chairman to sign cheques for accounts, &c., terminated the business of the day.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution held its monthly meeting in the Board Room, Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday afternoon. There were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer, Vice-Patron and Trustee, (in the chair), Raynham W. Stewart, James Brett, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, C. G. Dilley, Frederick Adlard, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, S. Rawson, J. Newton, John Henry Leggott, Thomas Cubitt, E. J. Barron, W. Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles John Perceval, A. H. Tattershall, W. F. C. Moutrie, Charles Atkins, and James Terry Secretary. Bro. Terry announced that Bro. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Provincial Grand Master for West Yorkshire, would preside at the next Annual Festival of the Institution, to be held on the 23rd of February 1881; also that there were at present 150 Stewards for that Festival, which was fifty in excess of the number of Stewards this time in 1879 for the Festival of the present year. Bro. Terry announced the death of one male and two female annuitants. He had received the papers of the transfer of £300 stock by Grand Chapter to the credit of this Institution. On the 5th ultimo Dr. Adams, of Croydon, presented eighteen fruit trees for the garden of the Institution. On the 2nd inst. Messrs. Hall, of Croydon, sent in 62 sacks of coals. £2,000 was required to be transferred from deposit to current account, in order that annuities and bills might be paid. The Committee ordered this transfer, and also the investment of £1,000. The Chairman was authorised to sign cheques for annuities, salaries, and bills. Nine petitions were placed on the list for the election next May. Bro. Terry having informed the brethren that he would be happy to receive the names of any other brethren as Stewards for the next Festival, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

A DISSERTATION ON FREEMASONRY.

Delivered at the Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017, by
Bro. Dr. Mordaunt Sigismund.

WORTHY MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN,—Many of you will, I fear, consider it somewhat presumptuous on the part of a novice—a novice in the truest sense, being scarcely three months in the Craft—to undertake the arduous task of addressing old and experienced members on a subject with which they are undoubtedly thoroughly versed. I am, however, under the impression that our art—nay, our religion, for such I consider the beautiful tenets of our Fraternity, for are we not taught to glorify and worship the Deity in the purest and simplest manner?—demands our most arduous endeavours to inculcate in the disciple of this our religion not only a desire to dive deeply into the hidden mysteries of our art, but to glean knowledge wherever and whenever it is to be found, and to impart the same—no matter of how mediocre a nature—to others! The basis on which our Order is founded—is it not sublime? The foundation upon which our edifice stands—is it not firm as a rock? Can there be anything grander than the principles inculcated upon every one of us upon first seeing the light of Freemasonry? At our very birth are we not impressed with the fact that we are all equal in the sight of our Creator? When we stride onwards, are not the divine and glorious principles upon which our Order rests—*Truth, Brotherly Love and Relief*—indelibly impressed on us? The first needs no comment. The second is the very essence of our whole fabric. The last—what is there more sublime, aye, more acceptable to the Great Architect of the Universe, than that one man should hold out the hand of friendship, the fraternal grip, the supporting arm, to a brother in distress; to a brother requiring aid? And yet, in this short Masonic career of mine I have met with men—and I must beg you to note that I now refer to men of intellect and of high social standing—who have said to me, Sigismund, I assure you that although I have been twelve years in the Craft, I doubt whether I could enter a Lodge on the merits of an examination, so little do I know, so little do I remember; time did not permit my attending Lodge, and, to tell you the truth, I take but little interest in it. Another has said to me, The time you spend on Masonry is entirely thrown away; it is not from beginning to end; the whole thing is *effete*. To the former I answered, You resemble a capital lying dormant, bringing no interest to its owner, and doing not the slightest good to any one else. To the latter I said, The Craft would have been richer without such an acquisition as you. I ask you, therefore, ought we not to foster in our young members a love for research, and in every way promote that desire to acquire, as well as to impart knowledge? Even amongst us here are there not many who are tolerably good Masons for the short time they spend in the Lodge, but much better Masons, far more assiduous, in the degree which usually follows? I mean the *knife and fork* degree. I now come to the subject of my dissertation. During a recent ramble on the Continent, a strong desire arose within me to see something of our brethren at Breslau. I learned that a Lodge would meet on a certain day, when the ceremony of initiation would be gone through. I presented myself, and was admitted.

(Here followed a description of the working, which, for obvious reasons we omit.)

Might we not emulate our Continental brethren in many things. Some of you will perhaps say, to emulate them would be an error—nay, a weakness. Granted—but do you not know the beautiful words of Horace: "*Vellem in amicitia sic erraremus et isti Errori nomen virtus posuisset honestum.*" I would that we erred in a similar way where our friends are concerned, and that virtue would give to this kind of weakness some honourable name; but I will not, my brethren, reverse the picture. It is with a sad, sad heart that I approach a very painful subject. At the Lodge I visited at Breslau I asked, are all denominations received here as members? Oh, yes, was the response, this is *confessionalhaus*—all confessions are received here, except Jews. Even in this country, my brethren, the horizon is not always bright and clear; clouds, although slight and insignificant ones—but nevertheless clouds—are occasionally to be met with. Well do I remember, at the banquet given upon the occasion of my initiation into the Craft, the brother who sat by my side—an Officer of the Grand Lodge—alluding to a few remarks of mine in reply to the toast of the Brother Initiate, said, I thank and congratulate you, my brother, upon the excellent speech you have made; I am sure that you are a good Christian, otherwise you could not have made so good a speech. My brother, of course, meant to pay me an *undeserved* compliment. Notwithstanding these shadows, have we not every reason to be grateful that we are in a country where intolerance is unknown, where a man—no matter what his religious belief may be—if he acts and conducts himself as a man, is treated as such? I feel convinced that my brethren, be they Jew or Gentile, will unite with me in tendering our most heartfelt thanks to the Great Architect of the Universe for having cast our lot on these shores. May the Most High continue to keep the Craft under hisegis; may He imbue us with those glorious principles our Order teaches us, and may He guide and lead us in all our undertakings—that we may praise and worship Him! *Glory to the Most High!*

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EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, on which occasion Bro. Samuel Smout was installed as Worshipful Master for the coming year. Among those present on this occasion to support the W.M., Bro. E. M. Lander, were Bros. S. J. Parkhouse P.M., E. C. Woodward P.M., Samuel Smout S.W., Rev. E. Darby Reade J.W., George Penn P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., S. Smout jun. S.D., F. Frye J.D., Bartle I.G., W. W. Buckland and J. Woodmason Stewards, R. Schofield P.M. Tyler, and a large assembly of members and visitors. The Lodge having been regularly opened, the ceremony of the second degree was worked on behalf of Bros. C. B. Broad, F. J. Broad, and G. W. Wilkinson, and the Lodge being resumed in the first degree, Mr. P. H. Hardcastle was formally introduced, and received at the hands of the W.M. the benefit of initiation. The next business on the agenda was the installation of the W.M. elect, and this was proceeded with, Bro. S. J. Parkhouse officiating as Installing Master. The ceremony was perfectly carried out, and at its conclusion, the W.M. having been saluted, the Officers for the year were appointed and invested, as follows:—Bros. Rev. C. Darby Reade S.W., S. Smout jun. J.W., George Penn P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Sec., Frye S.D., Bartle J.D., Woodmason I.G., Parkhouse P.M. D.C., Wood Steward, Delevante Organist, Schofield Tyler. There being no other business to transact, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge. Before he did so, Bro. Secretary reported that he had received apologies for non-attendance from Bros. Erasmus Wilson, Shadwell H. Clerke, and others, and then proceeded to recount various items of news, having reference to members of the Lodge. A vote of condolence was passed to the Senior Warden, who has lately suffered a great loss by the death of his son-in-law, who was amongst those killed by the terrible landslide in India. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to the banquet hall, where a splendid repast was provided by Bro. Linscott, which was done ample justice to by those present. At its conclusion, and after grace, the W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. With that of the Grand Officers was coupled the name of Bro. Kench, who, in acknowledging the compliment paid to the rulers of the Craft, said he was in hopes that it would have fallen to a more worthy brother to respond to this toast. It was at all times a pleasure to him to have the opportunity of visiting Lodges of Freemasons, and this was especially the case as regarded the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, which he complimented for the ability displayed by its respective officers, but more particularly the Installing Master. Bro. Lander now assumed the gavel, and in hearty terms proposed the health of the W.M. He had great pleasure in proposing the health, long life, and prosperity of Bro. Smout, their W.M. He could fairly say that if the G.A.O.T.U. would bless him with health and strength, he would fulfil the duties of the chair second to none. They all looked upon his efforts for the welfare of the Lodge with gratification, and one and all wished him health to carry out the duties he was so well fitted to fulfil. The W.M. in reply tendered his thanks for the most hearty manner in which he had been received, and also for the proud position he occupied in the Lodge. He hoped to be spared to carry out the duties of his office, for the benefit of the Craft at large and of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge in particular. Wishing that during his term of office there would be several initiates, and that generally the Lodge would prosper, he concluded, by again thanking the brethren for their kindness, and for the hearty manner in which up to the present time he had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of Bro. E. M. Lander, the I.P.M. He was, they would all admit, a most energetic brother; they had had ample opportunities during the past twelve months of proving his capabilities, and it could not be said that they had found him wanting. He was a man who was ever ready to lend a helping hand to any brother who might call on him for assistance. It was with very great pleasure that he (the W.M.) placed the P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the members, on the breast of the I.P.M., and in doing so hoped he, Bro. Lander, would live for many years to be among them to wear it. He also presented to his predecessor an illuminated vote of thanks, which also had been voted by the members of the Lodge. Brother Lander, thanked the Worshipful Master for the kind sentiments he had expressed. He looked back upon his term of office as having passed most successfully. He had to thank his Past Masters for the great assistance they had rendered him; he attributed much of his success to the aid they had afforded him. It was a well-known maxim that actions spoke louder than words, and when he that night had placed on his breast the handsome jewel voted by the members, he felt that his efforts had proved successful. He hoped he should live long to wear it, and that it would ever be considered by his family as a token of respect from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, and would be handed down as an heirloom. The next toast—that of the Initiate—the W.M. termed the toast of the evening; they were at all times pleased to welcome to the Lodge such brethren as the one they had that night initiated. Bro. Hardcastle responded, with mixed feelings of diffidence and pleasure; he did not hesitate to say that he was a domesticated man, that his greatest pleasure was at home, but he hoped and felt that next to that Freemasonry would occupy his attention. The toast of the Visitors was now given, with it being coupled the name of Bro. Levander. This Brother expressed, on behalf of the numerous guests of the evening, his heartiest thanks for the reception that had been accorded the Visitors. He also explained the pleasure they must have felt at witnessing the working of the ceremonies which had been performed that night. He had seen many installations, had been present at numerous consecrations, and had watched the progress of many Lodges, but he thought none had so much progressed as had the Earl of Carnarvon. As regarded the Charities, he felt he was justified in saying that this Lodge had contributed some hundreds of pounds towards the support of the Masonic Institutions. The next toast was that of the Past Masters, to which Bros. Lander, Murlis, Penn, and Parkhouse responded. This was followed by that of the Treasurer and Secretary, which Bros. Penn

and Murlis briefly acknowledged. The toast of the Charities was proposed from the chair, coupled with the names of Bro. Lander (who will act as Steward on behalf of this Lodge at the next Festival of the Girls' School), and Bro. Mason (Collector for the R.M.B.I.). Bro. Lander advocated the cause for which he is working most heartily, announcing that his list was started at the Summer Festival in July last, on which occasion the sum of £75 was promised him, and he hoped that a like sum would be added to his list during the evening. Bro. Mason followed. He felt very loth to say a word to stop the flow of charity, or to stay the friendly opposition which was then in progress among the brethren, who were vying with each other as to who should give their names first in support of the Girls' School. If any one looked down the list of members of the Lodge, they would find nearly every one figuring as a Life Governor of one or other of the Institutions, a fact which in itself proved the great interest the members took in the Charities. The toast of the Officers was next given and duly acknowledged, after which the Tyler was summoned, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors who signed the book were Bros. E. K. Kendall J.W. 10 1635, W. Handover P.M., A. Upperton 913, H. Dehane S.W. 1543, C. Thompson S.W. 1769, E. Arrowsmith S.D. 733, S. J. Bumpress 733, C. Davey P.M. 30, F. Chandler 1656, J. Mason P.M. 1567 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., E. Monson jun. 1194, W. Side W.M. 1507, E. Howard W.M. 181, James Kench G.P., J. McLaren 1805, J. Gillingham 1238, Lewis Bryett W.M. 1828, J. W. Cuff S.W. 1608, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, G. Read P.M. 511, C. J. Biorn 733, W. W. Morgan jun. 1385, R. F. Whur 901, R. H. Jackson 733, H. Wilkinson 733, S. Elborn P.M. 511, H. C. Levander 142 Prov. G. Sec. Middx., F. A. Kelly 1524, G. W. Dixon P.M. 1871 P.P.G.D.C. Berks and Bucks, G. Draper P.M. 1305, Geo. Davis W.M. 167, &c., &c.

CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE annual Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on Friday, the 22nd ult., at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth. Lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M. Bro. Dr. Colles, when the following Officers and brethren were present:—Bros. H. B. Southwell I.P.M., E. J. Chitney P.M. 1551 1621, J. Stokes P.M. 252 1621 P.P.G.S.W., Worcestershire P.P.G.R. N. Wales and Shropshire, T. Pratt S.W. (W.M. elect), W. Simms J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, Thomas Whitefoot jun. Secretary, A. S. Trevor S.D., E. M. Southwell J.D., John Sewell Organist, A. Pitt and J. H. Cooksey Stewards, E. Cooper I.G., T. Tyler Tyler; T. Whitefoot, C. G. De Lessert, J. S. Vince, J. J. Harris, T. F. Nock, W. L. Southwell, W. Westcott. Visitors—Bros. T. Troman P.M. 252 P.G.O. Worcester, W. Smith P.M. 252, W. Waring P.M. 252, W. E. Walker W.M. 252, G. Morris 252, G. W. Naylor W.M. 560, W. Waldron S.D. 573, J. Dorrell 1163. Minutes of last regular meeting, and Lodge of Emergency held subsequently, were read and confirmed. The W.M. elect was then presented to the Installing Master (Bro. Joseph Stokes) to receive the benefit of installation, and a board of Installed Masters having been formed, Bro. Thomas Pratt was duly inducted into the chair as fifth Master of the Castle Lodge. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers:—Bros. W. Simms S.W., E. M. Southwell J.W., Hubert Smith Treas., T. Whitefoot jun. Sec., E. Cooper S.D., A. Pitt J.D., P.M. H. B. Southwell D.C., J. Sewell Org., J. H. Cooksey, T. F. Nock, and J. Dowell Stewards, W. L. Southwell I.G., T. Tyler Tyler. The Installing Master then gave the addresses, thus completing the ceremony, which he had rendered throughout in the most impressive manner. The newly-installed W.M. next rose to present the retiring W.M. with a Past Master's jewel, assuring him that the able manner in which he had discharged the duties of the chair during his year of office, had been duly appreciated by the brethren. Bro. Dr. A. Colles thanked the brethren in suitable terms for this earnest of their good feeling towards him. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren from their respective Lodges, and a proposal for initiation having been made, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet. Full justice having been done to the very excellent catering of Bro. Vince, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In replying to the toast of their health, several of the visiting brethren expressed the pleasure they had experienced in witnessing such excellent working as had been shown that evening by the Officers of this young Lodge. During the evening Bro. Troman played several pianoforte solos in an exceptionally brilliant manner. Bro. John Sewell Organist, and Bro. H. B. Southwell also contributed in a marked degree to the evening's amusement by their well-chosen duets for violin and pianoforte. Bros. De Lessert, Dorrell, Whitefoot, Westcott, and other brethren sang some excellent songs, and at an early hour the Tyler's toast brought to a close an extremely pleasant meeting.

BIRTHDAY OF H.B.H. THE GRAND MASTER.

TUESDAY, the 39th birthday of the Prince of Wales, was celebrated at Windsor with customary Royal honours. In the morning, and at intervals throughout the day, the bells of St. George's Chapel and St. John's Church rang merrily, while salutes were fired from the artillery in the Long Walk, and Fort Belvedere, Virginia Waters. The Royal Standard was hoisted above the Guildhall, and many of the houses were decorated with flags and banners. In the evening, the newly elected Mayor—Mr. George Tuck—and Corporation gave a grand banquet at Evans's White Hart Hotel, Mr. Richardson-Gardner, the member for the borough, being amongst the guests invited to the entertainment. In the afternoon, at Sandringham, the workmen on the Royal estate had a substantial dinner, in which roast beef and plum-pudding bore a prominent place. The Prince and Princess of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and the rest of the guests attended the dinner, and the health of her Majesty was drunk with great enthusiasm, as also was that of their Royal Highnesses, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

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, 13th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1126—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1637—Unity, Abercorn Hotel, Great Stanmore

MONDAY, 15th NOVEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
 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, Mifford 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.)
 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Plimsoll Arms, St. Thomas Road, at 8 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge.
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 16th NOVEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1366—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three C owns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1558—Dr. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 633—Doric, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C.—Oxford and Cambridge, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden Square
 117—Wynnstar, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchant, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30 (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 516—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 624—Abby, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 779—Ferre's and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston

- 1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesca, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1276—Warren, Stanley Arms Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire.
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Boote, 116 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 110 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheam
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

WEDNESDAY, 17th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Anniversary Festival, at 6.30
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 863—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, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1673—Langton, London Masonic Club, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate, (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 428—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Worthington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Denmark Hotel, Lloyd-street, Greenheys, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenæum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 491—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 1060—Marnion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
- THURSDAY, 18th NOVEMBER.**
- House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne

313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 316—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
 350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 456—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Seacombe Hotel, Seacombe, Cheshire
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1327—King Harold, Britannia Hotel, Waltham New Town
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 19th NOVEMBER.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 6. Annual Banquet
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
 460—Sub-erland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton, at 4 (INSTALLATION)
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 M.M. 123—Callender, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 R.C.—Talbot, Freemason's Hall, Sheffield
 K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 20th NOVEMBER.

109—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1329—Spainx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—This Lodge held its annual supper on Tuesday evening at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street. A goodly company assembled, among whom were Bros. Ferry, Moss, Hollands (Secretary), Daniel, Roberts, Leins, Kearney, Haynes, Maidwell, Brown, Brown jun., Butler, Fisher, W. W. Morgan, Caton, Chicken, Rich, Walker, Simmonds, Shadler, Clements, Ellis, Watkinson, and Soutar. The opening of the Lodge was merely of a formal character, and when the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a repast which reflected the greatest credit on Host Maidwell, who had evidently spared no effort to make his guests of the Prosperity as jovial as possible. When ample justice had been done to the viands, the cloth was removed and the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with fervour. Others followed in due course, the order that is commonly observed being departed from on this occasion in order to make room for that of the "Masonic Press." With this was associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, who was greatly complimented on the tone and character of his journal, and especially on sundry articles which have recently appeared in its columns in denunciation of the unfortunately too common practice of what is known as "Trading on Masonry." The toast was warmly acknowledged by Bro. Morgan, who thanked Bro. Ferry for the terms in which he proposed, and the brethren for the kindly manner in which they had received it. The health of the W.M. was drunk in a bumper, and Bro. Ferry was at a loss for suitable terms in which to express his acknowledgments. The rest of the programme, which was interspersed with recitations and songs, by Bro. Morgan and others present, having been brought to a happy completion, the brethren rose and separated. We may mention that in connection with this Lodge has been recently established a Life Governorship Association, which already numbers seventy-five brethren, who

among them have taken a hundred and three shares. Bro. Ferry is President, Bro. Daniels Vice-President, Bro. Brown Secretary. The Association meets on the fourth Tuesday in every month, in connection with the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction. Be it added, in conclusion, that on the occasion we have just described, the chair was filled by Bro. Ferry as President, Bro. Moss making a very efficient Vice-President, and Bro. Daniel being equally successful as Past Master. The services of Bro. Hollands as Secretary were highly appreciated.

Lodge of Israel, No. 205.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 26th October, at the Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, City. Present—Bros. L. Norden W.M., H. J. Phillips S.W., J. Da Silva J.W., A. N. Cohen P.M. Treasurer, C. F. Hogard P.M. Secretary, A. Abrahams J.D., J. Gartley I.G., E. J. Ward W.S., D. M. Davis 1017 acting as Org.; P.M.'s W. Littaur, M. I. Emanuel, S. W. Harris, H. M. Harris, I. P. Cohen and A. Bassington; Bros. Loowe, T. Houghton, Richmond, A. Cohen, Boas, E. H. Norden, &c. Visitors—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S., Thomas Fenn P.G.S.D., Edgar Bowyer P.G.S.W. Herts, Charles Hunt P.M. 194, Joseph Hammond S.D. 564, G. Chivers 901, John Syer S.D. 1017, D. M. Davis 1017. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. A ballot took place for the admission of Messrs. A. L. Gartley (son of the I.G.) and R. J. Paton, which proved unanimous in their favour; they were initiated in due form, and in a manner that reflected the highest credit on the W.M. Having dispensed charity to some deserving cases, the Lodge was closed, when the brethren sat down to a banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. A. Cohen, at which the W.M. presided. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke responded for the Grand Officers, and Bro. Thomas Fenn P.G.S.D. for the Visitors. Bro. P.M. A. M. Cohen responded to the toast of the Benevolent Fund of the Lodge of Israel, and recommended brethren to establish Benevolent Funds in their Lodges. The Tyler's toast brought a very enjoyable evening to a close. Some excellent singing was given by Bros. G. Chivers, H. J. Phillips S.W., J. Da Silva J.W. and E. H. Norden.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on 5th November, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Brecon. Present:—Thomas Butcher pro W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treas., E. H. Teale Assist. Sec., John Morgan S.D., Rhys Davies J.D., E. T. Edwards and A. Orlopp Stewards, Jas. Jones Tyler; Past Master Bro. Richard Webb. The ceremonial business of the evening was the raising of Bros. S. Lewis and Morgan Powell Williams.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 2nd November. Bros. C. Lorkin W.M., Webb P.M. S.W., F. Brasted J.W., Polak S.D., Hand J.D., Clark I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Wallington Preceptor, and C. Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Dallas, Brand, Allen, Finch, Catlin, Macklin, Wardell, Dignam, Christian, Moss, Giller, Williams, Lardner, Quay, Carr, Fieldwick, Glass, and others. Visitors:—Bros. Wright 1524, Leoffleur 1524, Danby 1056, Quigly 222, Muuro 1524, Garbett 1178, Mann 1017. After formally opening the Lodge, and reading and confirming the minutes of the last meeting, the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following brethren: First Lecture—Bros. R. Dallas, C. Smyth, Wardell, Clark, M. Christian, Fieldwick, Webb. Second Lecture—Bros. Polak, Moss, F. Brasted, Lardner, and Allen. Third Lecture—Bros. F. Carr, J. Lorkin, and W. Wallington. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Carr was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bros. R. Olley 1524, Edwards 1287, and Floyd 452, were elected members. After the labour of the evening, Bro. P.M. Wallington, the Preceptor, on behalf of the brethren, presented the W.M., Bro. C. Lorkin, with a small silver jewel, bearing on it an inscription, eulogistic of his merits as a worker of the Fifteen Sections. We may mention that Bro. Lorkin may be considered one of those to whom "DISCIPLE'S" caustic remarks are not applicable. He neither murdered the Queen's English, nor misplaced his H.'s. The working, in which he was ably assisted by the brethren, was conducted in a quiet but dignified manner. Our brother is not an old Freemason, but is a constant attendant at this and other Lodges of Instruction, and the present occasion was the second time of his presiding at the working of the sections here. Hence the occasion was considered specially appropriate for the presentation of this mark of the esteem and good feeling in which he is held by the brethren.

On Tuesday, 9th instant, Bros. Carr W.M., Christian S.W., Wardell J.W., Clark S.D., Hand J.D. Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Sec., Smyth Treas.; also Bros. Dignam, Dallas, Edwards, and Brasted. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Edwards candidate. The same brother then answered the questions leading to the third degree, was entrusted, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. The Lodge was closed in the third degree. Bro. Christian worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Christian was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

[The remarks made by our correspondent "DISCIPLE," seem to have been the theme of general conversation in several of our Lodges of Instruction. We trust in all cases they will be accepted in the spirit in which the writer assures us he penned them, viz.: with a view to advance the best interests of Freemasonry.—ED. F.C.]

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Stevenson's, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, on Monday last. Present:—Bros. W. H. Myers Preceptor, J. Robson W.M., Goddard S.W., Kimbell J.W.; also Bros. McDonald,

Loring, Brevetor, Seymour-Clarke Sec., and others. Lodge was opened, and Bro. McDonald having been questioned and entrusted, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by the W.M. The first, second and third sections of the lecture were then worked by Bro. McDonald, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Goddard having been elected W.M. for Monday next (at 8 p.m. sharp), the Lodge was closed in due form. An early and full attendance is requested for Monday, when the third ceremony will be rehearsed.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 9th inst., at the Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate-street. Present:—Bros. Blonkhorn W.M., Sanders S.W., Holness J.W., Sparrow Sec., Hunter S.D., Cuthbertson J.D., H. T. Thompson I.G., and several others. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fountain candidate. Bro. Sparrow gave the lecture on the first tracing board. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and closed to the first. Bro. Taylor S.W. of The Great City Lodge was elected a member. Bro. Saunders was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Surrey Masonic Hall Lodge, No. 1539.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road. Present:—Bros. Albert Martin W.M., E. Seale S.W., J. W. Allen J.W., M. S. Larlham Treas., F. J. Tims Sec., W. Holland S.D., W. G. Cannon J.D., G. Taylor I.G., J. Parkinson Tyler. Past Masters Bros. T. L. Green, E. Clark; Bros. Wells, Oliver, Pratt, Richardson, Waterman, Harrison, Hugall, Maclean, and J. J. Allan. Visitors—Bros. C. Smith P.M. 1441, Earney J.D. 511, Stevens P.M. 1425, Ohren J.D. 452, Whiddington 1827, Holt P.M. 253, Bull 1624, Sloman 1624, Watts P.M. 507, Masson 627, Walker 1558, Batty P.M. 22, Maddick 171, Knight-Smith I.P.M. 1441, Coe P.M. 1339. The business comprised the installation of S.W. E. Searle as W.M., by Bro. P.M. Larlham, by whom the charges were ably and impressively delivered from the various pedestals. The W.M. having invested P.M. Larlham as Treasurer, duly appointed his Officers, and invested them with the jewels of their office, as follow: Bros. J. W. Allen S.W., Holland J.W., Tims Secretary, Taylor S.D., Cannon J.D., Wells I.G., Hugall S., Parkinson Tyler.

Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—On the 7th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square, Bro. N. Vallentine occupied the chair, Burgess S.W., B. Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Silvester S.D., Birrell J.D., L. Jacobs I.G., Hemming Preceptor. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremonies of the 1st and 2nd degrees very perfectly and impressively. The 1st, 4th, and 7th sections of the 1st lecture were worked. Bro. Burgess was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Vallentine for his able working. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned to the following week, at seven o'clock.

Old England Lodge, No. 1790.—The usual monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 4th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Crescent-road, Thornton Heath, Croydon. Bro. W. Foulsham I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. Northumberland officiated as W.M., in the absence of Bro. Buckworth; Bros. Sheadd P.M. as S.W., Daniel P.M. as J.D.; there were also present Bros. Pascall J.W., Whittaker S.D., W. P. Robinson Secretary, Sergeant I.G., Bavin Tyler, and Bros. Baber, Gates, White, Rawson, J. M. Gillingham, T. Young, and T. Astington. Lodge having been opened, the minutes of the last meeting were confirmed. These contained a proposition, which was duly carried at the previous meeting, that the night of Lodge meetings be changed from the first Thursday in the month to the second Monday. Messrs. Robert John Smith and F. T. Redpath having been ballotted for and elected unanimously, were presented for initiation, the ceremony being impressively performed by the W.M. Bro. T. Astington also answered the interrogations previous to passing, and the Lodge having been advanced, he was re-introduced, and passed to the second degree. Bros. Gates and Sherefold were then questioned in the usual form, and, on being entrusted, retired. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree, and on the re-admission of the brethren named they were raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. Later on one gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a brother as a joining member. The W.M. expressed his gratification at the progress the Old England Lodge was making. Although only in its second year, it had received a goodly number of members, and notwithstanding the expenses which had necessarily been incurred in founding the Lodge, and in providing the necessary regalia and furniture, he was proud to say that the members were in the happy position of being nearly free from debt. This was due to the forbearance and self-denial of the members, who had abstained from the creature comforts which might otherwise have been participated in. Although he had the permission of the W.M. to invite them to a humble spread, to inaugurate their alteration of the night of meeting, at the next Lodge he must ask them to continue to practise a little more self-denial, in order that they might complete the furnishing of their Lodge, and make it worthy of a visit from any member of the Order. Old England Lodge was a creation of his own, aided by six brethren. It had been fairly launched on the troublous sea of Masonic life, and the founders were grateful, not only for the success which had attended their Lodge, but also for the kind forbearance and zealous co-operation of the members. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Bro. Alfred Hayes, of 4 Royal Exchange-buildings, has taken the premises, No. 26 Old Bond-street, lately in the occupation of Mr. Lonsdale. Bro. Tate, for many years with Mr. John Mitchell, has been entrusted with the management of the above branch.

SCOTLAND.

Cryptic Masonry.—At a meeting of Delegates from the several Councils of Royal and Select Masters in Scotland, held in Freemasons' Hall, George-street, Edinburgh, on Thursday, the 4th instant, the following Illustrious Companions were unanimously elected the first Office Bearers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters for Scotland:—Captain Charles Hunter 32 (Past Prov. Grand Master Aberdeenshire East) M.P. Grand Master, John Crombie 30 (Past Grand Senior Warden Aberdeen City) R.P. Deputy Grand Master, James Dalrymple Duncan 30 (P.S.G.M. Glasgow) R.P. Grand Principal Conductor of Work, George Dickson, M.D., 31 R.P. Grand Treasurer, Robert S. Brown 30 R.P. Grand Recorder, the Rev. W. W. Tulloch, B.D., R.P. Grand Chaplain, James Todd Stewart 30 (Past Grand Senior Warden Glasgow) R.P. Grand Captain of the Guard, Edward Savage 31 (P.D.G.M. Aberdeen City) R.P. Grand Lecturer, Francis Law 30 (Grand Jeweller Grand Lodge of Scotland) R.P. Grand Marshal, James Webster 30 R.P. Grand Marshal, James Melville R.P. Grand Steward, William Edwards 30 R.P. Grand Steward, Alex. Robertson Grand Sentinel.

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SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 6th Oct., at Du Toits Pan, Diamond Fields. Present:—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., A. Yockmonitz Treas., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., D. Van Ulsen D.M., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, R. C. N. Laing I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; Bros. R. C. Partridge, J. Creewel, C. J. Allen. Visitor—Bro. Charles La Reine, Union Lodge. Lodge opened in first degree, when Bro. Sec. read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. A letter was read from the Secretary of the Richard Giddy Lodge, appointing the W.M. of Peace and Harmony Lodge an honorary member of their Lodge, during his year of office. After some accounts had been read and passed for payment, an application was handed in from Mr. Alfred Cohen to become a Freemason; an application was also read from Bro. Elia Marks to become a joining member. The W.M. stated that he had received a communication from Bro. C. J. Barnes, apologising for his unavoidable absence. Bro. Creewel next answered the questions satisfactorily, and retired. The Lodge was advanced to the 2nd degree, when the candidate was re-admitted, and passed in a most efficient manner by the W.M. Bro. Creewel, after thanking the W.M. for the honour he had conferred upon him, retired. The Lodge was raised to the M.M. degree, and Bro. R. C. Partridge was affiliated. After a collection had been made for the poor the Lodge was reduced and closed, when the brethren departed in "peace and harmony."

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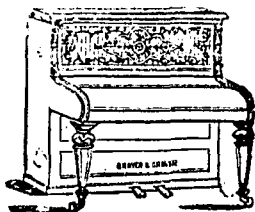
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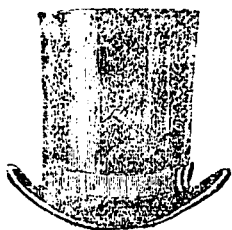
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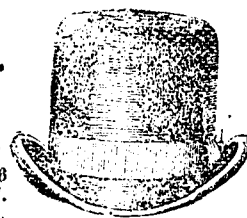


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