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EXTENSION OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE proposition to increase the accommodation provided by the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, so as to allow of the reception of a greater number of lads to a participation in the benefits of that Institution, was, on Saturday, brought before the General Committee of the School, with a result which we hope and believe will prove satisfactory to all concerned. It will be remembered that Bro. Raynham W. Stewart gave notice, at the meeting in November, of his intention to move 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 would accommodate fifty be erected at present. Had this proposal been accepted we are convinced it would have been distasteful to the great majority of the subscribers, who, although content to leave the management of the School in the hands of a small minority, cannot be supposed to coincide with everything done by them. The result, however, proves that an exceptionally strong feeling exists against any addition being made to the present accommodation if an outlay of funds on building operations is necessary. Of the few who attended the meeting on Saturday, a considerable majority went prepared to oppose the proposition of Bro. Stewart, unless the additional accommodation could be provided without the Institution building more premises. It has now virtually been decided to look out for suitable quarters which may be occupied by the Institution at a fixed rental. So far as we are concerned, we thought it our duty strenuously to oppose the proposition as originally put forward, as we consider a further heavy expenditure on bricks and mortar should not on any account be permitted under existing circumstances as regards income, &c., from the fact that by making permanent additions to our buildings, permanent expenses are created;—a result to be avoided, especially at the present time, when many brethren are of opinion that the Masonic Schools are receiving an amount of support which can hardly be relied on as continuous. We trust no diminution in the receipts of those Institutions will ever take place; but it is as well to be prepared for the worst, and so to act in the present as to leave the actions of our brethren of the future untrammelled as far as possible. We therefore hail with gratification the course that has been taken by the Committee of the Boys' School, and look upon it as the first step towards the ultimate adoption of a less expensive maintenance being afforded to some of those orphans who are debarred, through want of accommodation, from being admitted to the full benefits of what we must henceforth call our Upper School. Of course the matter is not yet definitively settled, nor is it advisable it should be decided one way or another until the merits of the case in its several bearings have been carefully inquired into. The accepted motion really stands as before, but with the addition of a proviso allowing the Committee to look for suitable accommodation in some existing building. From the general expression of feeling exhibited on Saturday, we have no doubt the committee, to whom is entrusted the collection of information, will now devote the greater part of their attention to securing offers from holders of eligible buildings already in existence, so as to overcome at once the obstacle which precludes the adoption of more of the lads who have been accepted as fit and proper persons to receive the benefits of the Institution. We are still

of opinion, however, that sufficient instructions have not been given to the House Committee. We believe that a greater amount of good could be done by the establishment of grants to be allowed towards a child's education and maintenance among his or her family, and we regret that at present no chance will be given for a trial of that system. The plan was actually proposed by Bro. Perceval, but on Bro. Binckes pointing out that it was the original mode adopted by the Boys' School, and that it proved detrimental to the interests of the Institution, it appears to have been dropped, a result we can but deplore, as had the House Committee been instructed to inquire into this mode also, some information might have been forthcoming which would have gone far to convince the brethren as to the non-practicability or otherwise of assisting some of the candidates in that way. It is not often we question the reasoning of Bro. Binckes, but we hardly think it is good logic on his part to argue that because a plan did not succeed twenty-five years back it would not do so now, and this is more particularly the case as regards a subject which has made such vast strides during the last few years as has education. Still, we must not be too exacting, but rest thankful with the concession that has been made, and leave to the future the work of establishing "assistance" grants. The amendment ultimately adopted appears to have been based on the remarks made by Bro. W. H. Saunders; but there is one point on which we think he might improve, and as it is not yet too late, we hope the committee will consider our view of the subject, and take the necessary steps to put the General Committee in possession of figures, &c. We allude to that part of Bro. Saunders's remarks wherein he suggested that the Institution should hire a building in the neighbourhood of London. That expression may certainly have been used without any limit being fixed as to the area within which the committee might extend its researches, but we think it would be better if they acted in direct opposition to it. What benefit can there possibly be in having the Junior School near London? Why not establish it at some healthy spot in the country, even if not at the sea-side. It is well known that a few years of childhood spent in the country often have an influence on a person's health which proves beneficial for the whole of his life, and thus we think it would be better to look for premises somewhere away from the smoke and muggy influence of our great metropolis. We should certainly decide in favour of a sea-side establishment, as there can be no question as to the advantage of sea-bathing and a bracing air on the constitution of the young. We have no doubt the brethren of the selected district would take such an interest in the School as would prevent its suffering from being a few miles further from headquarters, and it might perhaps be an additional inducement to them to make further efforts to raise funds for the Institutions. Whatever course may ultimately be decided upon, we feel that no time will be lost by the House Committee in preparing the estimates they are asked for, and all we can hope is, that at no very distant election, the brethren may have such a number of additional vacancies declared as will enable them, if not to take on all the applicants, at least to adopt a considerable majority of them. We are in a position to judge from what was done in the case of Lyncombe House of the probable time that must elapse before a building could be adapted to the requirements of the School, and we may look forward to a speedy solution of the difficulty under which the Committee at present suffer. May the October Election of 1881 prove as welcome to "Our Boys" as did that of the present year to the sister Institution!

THE ANTI-MASONIC DEFEAT.

(FROM THE NEW YORK TIMES.)

UP to the present hour there is good reason for believing that the Anti-Masonic candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency have been defeated. It is true that there are remote districts from which no returns have yet been received, but it is hoping against hope to imagine that the returns from these districts, when they do come in, will make any material alteration in what now appears to be the result of the election. Messrs. Phelps and Pomeroy have been beaten, and the banner of Anti-Masonry has once more gone down. Freemasonry has again triumphed, and the country will have to reconcile itself to this fact.

Now that the battle is over and lost, we can calmly examine the reasons for the defeat of the Anti-Masonic ticket; and it might be remarked that an examination of this kind is always a more satisfactory proceeding after defeat than before it. It is conceded by all that in many districts there have been large Anti-Masonic gains. In Smith-town, Ohio, where the Anti-Masonic vote in 1876 was 1, it is this year 2, a gain precisely of 100 per cent. In Brownsville, Md., 3 men voted on Tuesday for Phelps and Pomeroy, whereas last year only 2 men voted the Anti-Masonic local ticket at the annual election for the Superintendency of Prowling Pigs. Here is another gain of 50 per cent. In Robinsonville, Ill., Phelps and Pomeroy received 1 vote, which is a clear gain of more per cent. than can well be estimated, inasmuch as the Anti-Masonic ticket in 1876 in that town received only the vote of a young man, aged 18, and this vote was afterwards thrown out by the reckless and perjured men who superintended the counting. In Thompson City, Wis., an old lady publicly announced that she would have voted for Phelps and Pomeroy had she been a man, and this declaration may fairly be counted as an Anti-Masonic gain of several per cent. in a town where hitherto no Anti-Mason, of any well-defined sex, has ever been seen. These figures, taken almost at random from the returns from four different States, show an enormous Anti-Masonic gain, and cannot but awaken the utmost uneasiness for the future in the minds of Freemasons. How has it happened that in spite of such tremendous gains the Anti-Masonic candidates have been defeated? As in the case of all defeated candidates, the explanation is, of course, fraud and corruption, though in this especial instance the malign influence of Freemasonry must also be considered. It can be proved that vast sums of money were expended both by the Republicans and the Democrats to procure the defeat of Phelps and Pomeroy. In one town in Ohio, the name of which is for obvious reasons withheld, a prominent Democratic politician is known to have had upwards of twenty-seven cents in his possession during the week before election, and to have boasted that with this money he could buy the support of three small boys, sons of a worthy widow, who were outspoken advocates of the gallant Phelps and the glorious Pomeroy. In another town in Michigan the grossest intimidation was practised by the physician of a lunatic asylum, who locked an Anti-Masonic patient in his cell, and prevented him from going to the polls in a state of nature—emblematic of purity—and voting the Anti-Masonic ticket. Thus, with aid of money and violence, the Republicans and Democrats, in unholy alliance, succeeded in nullifying the will of the people and placed a Masonic Administration in power.

The opposition to Phelps and Pomeroy did not hesitate to descend to the use of the basest means to influence the minds of the people against the Anti-Masonic candidates. Not one word or syllable of abuse was hurled at either of them. This studied refusal to extend to them the courtesies to which every candidate is entitled admits of no excuse. It cannot be pretended that either Mr. Phelps or Mr. Pomeroy deserved this brutal neglect. Nothing would have been easier than to have charged Mr. Phelps with congenital lunacy, complicated with subsequent idiocy. To the shame of the Democratic and Republican editors, it must be said that they persistently refused to make any such charge. The past public life of Mr. Pomeroy, who was at one time elected Senator from Kansas, and at another time was not, afforded every opportunity to his opponents for vigorous and effective campaign charges, but, nevertheless, he was treated with a systematic and silent contempt which must have made the blood of every earnest Anti-Mason approach the boiling point. These men could not have been treated differently had they been quiet, respectable citizens, who had never been convicted of having been candidates for office. The utter refusal of their opponents to aid them by making charges against them was essentially fraudulent and in direct conflict with the spirit of our Institutions. It remains to be seen whether the matter cannot be brought before an Electoral Commission and the votes of those States which have been unfairly secured by Garfield or Hancock thrown out.

This crushing defeat should not, however, discourage the Anti-Masons. Their cause is a noble one. Garfield, Arthur, Hancock and English are all Freemasons, and as such will unquestionably aid one another in the future, as in the past, in every variety of crime! The accursed spirit of Freemasonry must be put down, and the Anti-Masons must never cease to nominate candidates until they finally triumph at the polls, in spite of the desperate and corrupt devices of their opponents.

THE LATE EARL OF MOIRA, AFTERWARDS MARQUIS OF HASTINGS.

WE do not need the Installation meeting of the Moira Lodge to remind us of the exalted virtues of one of the brightest ornaments of our Society; but the publication elsewhere in our columns of the Report of that meeting is a fair justification for laying before our readers a short résumé of the proceedings at the crowning episode in the Masonic career of the distinguished nobleman, after whom

Lodge No. 92 is named—the late Earl of Moira, K.G., Acting Grand Master 1789-1813—on whom was subsequently conferred, in recognition of his important services as Governor General of India, the still higher title of Marquis of Hastings. The episode we refer to was the presentation to his lordship of a magnificent gold collar and jewel set with brilliants, of the estimated value of one thousand guineas, in recognition of his great services as Acting Grand Master during a period extending over upwards of one and twenty years, as a token of the love and respect entertained for him by the whole body of the Craft, and as a memento, at the time of his leaving England in order to assume the post of Governor General of India, of that love and respect. The presentation was made the occasion for a grand Masonic display. The meeting was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 27th January 1813. There were present at the banquet a great number of ladies, among them being the Countess of Loudon and Moira, wife of the noble Earl, together with some five hundred brethren, including, in addition to the noble recipient of the intended honour, Their Royal Highnesses the Dukes of Sussex D.G. Master, York, Clarence, Kent, Cumberland, and Gloucester; the Grand Wardens for the year; the Hon. Washington Shirley, Sir John Eamer, Sir William Rawlins, and Sir Claudius S. Hunter, Past G.S. Wardens; the Earl of Pomfret, Prov. G.M. Northamptonshire; General Sir John Doyle, K.B., Prov. G.M. Guernsey, &c.; R.W. Bro. Waller Rodwell Wright, Prov. G.M. for the Ionian Islands, with the Prov. G.M.'s of Berks, Beds, Herts, Essex, Westmoreland, Anglesea, and Hayti; Lord Kinnaird, D.G.M. Scotland; the Chevalier De Kanzow, Swedish Minister to the United States; Bro. John Bayford P.G.J.W. Grand Treasurer, Bro. W. H. White G.S., Rev. Lucius Coghlan, D.D. Chaplain. The chair was taken by the Duke of Sussex D.G.M., who had the guest of the evening, the Earl of Moira, on his right hand, and the Duke of York on his left. The Duke of Kent's band was present in the gallery, and there were also present to assist in this portion of the proceedings a number of the most eminent vocalists of the day. The first toast that was given on the removal of the cloth was that of the King, which was drunk with three times three, and was followed by the "Prince Regent" M.W.G.M., which was similarly honoured. Then came the toasts of "the Duke of York and the Army" and "the Duke of Clarence and the Navy," each Royal Duke returning thanks for the compliments respectively paid them, while the Duke of Kent replied for the other members of the Royal Family present. The Earl of Moira next rose, and in a few well-chosen words gave the toast of "Health, Happiness, and Many Returns of this Day to His Royal Highness the Duke of Sussex"; the toast taking that particular form as the day chanced to be, by a singular coincidence, the anniversary of the Duke's birth, while Lord Moira's announcement of this fact met with the most enthusiastic applause. His Royal Highness having gracefully returned thanks, and a short interval having elapsed, he again rose for the purpose of submitting the toast of the evening, which was couched in the following terms—"The Earl of Moira, the Friend of his Prince, the Friend of his Country, and the Friend of Mankind." His Royal Highness's speech was worthy of the occasion, and we wish our space permitted of its reproduction in full. But failing the ability to do this, we cannot deny ourselves the pleasure of making one or two extracts. Thus, in presenting to the notice of those assembled the character of the noble lord, the illustrious Duke said:—"I shall allude to him as a statesman and a soldier, for in those two characters I can introduce him into the Society at present, reserving his character of a Mason for the consideration of the Brotherhood when our fair visitors have withdrawn. As a soldier, his military character has been long known; he has distinguished himself more than once by his feats and his gallantry as early as in the American War. I may next call your attention to the recollection of his campaign in Flanders, where he so eminently assisted my Illustrious Brother, the Duke of York, who now sits on my left, and who will bear testimony with what alacrity that noble Lord came forward and assisted him upon that occasion." He then went on to speak of him as a statesman, and then proceeded,—"I will now go from his high station down to the lowest, and I ask you, if his character, in every point of view, does not call forth your admiration? I will challenge any one of the numerous brethren now present, if they do not consider themselves under personal obligations to that noble Earl? Of that universal benevolence of heart which extended its bounty to all around him, I am sure every one who hears me has seen so many instances during the period of twenty-one years, in which he has presided over the interests of the Fraternity, that you must be all penetrated with a high sense of the gratitude which is due to him."

When the applause which greeted these remarks had subsided, the Earl of Moira returned his thanks. After deprecating the too eulogistic terms in which the toast had been proposed, his Lordship went on to ascribe the qualities he had exhibited as "only the emanation of the principles cultivated in this hallowed Institution; the practical effect of those lessons, which Masonry inculcates, not for purposes of mysticism, but in the hope of their influence on the interests of society." With reference to his services he could only claim credit for zeal in the cause of his country. He also expressed his indebtedness to the Prince Regent, who had placed him in the position he had so long occupied in Masonry; it was owing to His Royal Highness's kindness he was receiving so great a compliment that day. His admirable remarks on the connection of Royalty with the Craft cannot but evoke the sympathy of all Craftsmen, who are doubtless as fully sensible of the great benefits resulting from it as Lord Moira was. "Dignifying, indeed," said the noble earl, "it is to the Craft, to see those elevated personages exhibit their fellowship with us. But it is not merely a superficial honour to which your minds should be alive. No, you ought to feel the incalculable benefit which the serious objects of Masonry must derive from this public display of the sentiments of Royalty towards the Brotherhood; this avowal from so many of those immediately connected with the Throne, that they make common cause with your welfare and your affections. Let us carry this thought further. Let us exult

in the advantage which may ensue to every class in Britain, from the circumstance that these elevated individuals could not have been present here had they not previously received all those solemn inculcations with which Masonry endeavours to dispose the heart of each of the initiated to promote the comfort of his fellow. Every one of these Illustrions Persons has had the important lesson whispered into his ear, 'Be Simple, be Benignant, be Man!' And the germ planted in minds like theirs cannot be unfruitful. They comprehend their rich reward. They share with us in the glowing confidence that the beneficence of a superintending Father perpetually shields us. They participate with us in that sure hope of the future, which makes our present existence appear but a speck in the immensity of our immortal heritage. They are assimilated to us in all the generous affections of that charity, which tells us that kindness to all must be the oblation most acceptable to Him, who, in creating all, could have no motive but their happiness. When Royalty cherishes such sentiments, its commixture with social life is a blessing. Need I remark how proud the distinction is for our own beloved country, that the presence of these Illustrions Persons, in meetings of convivial society, so far from being a check upon hilarity, is an encouragement which renders enjoyment more grateful. Yes, the influence of Royalty in Britain is never felt but as the genial zephyr which cheers and invites to expansion every bud it breathes upon; while in other realms, it is the wind from the desert, withering all over which it passes."

Lord Moira resumed his seat amidst the most tremendous enthusiasm, and an ode, especially written by R.W. Bro. Rodwell Wright Prov. G.M. of the Ionian Islands, was sung by Mr. Bellamy, after which the ladies and strangers withdrew, and the Jewel having been carried on a velvet cushion round the room by Bro. T. H. Farquhar P.G.S.W. as Master of the Ceremonies, the Duke of Sussex rose for the purpose of making the presentation. In the course of his speech will be found the following passage:—

"Masonry, as you well know, is one of the most sublime and perfect institutions that ever was formed for the advancement of happiness and general good to mankind, creating, in all its varieties, universal benevolence and brotherly love. It holds out allurements so captivating, as to inspire the Brotherhood with emulation to deeds of glory, such as must command, throughout the world, veneration and applause, and such as must entitle those who perform them to dignity and respect. It teaches us those useful, wise, and instructive doctrines, upon which alone true happiness is founded; and at the same time affords those easy paths by which we attain the rewards of virtue; it teaches us the duties which we owe to our neighbour, never to injure him in any one situation, but to conduct ourselves with justice and impartiality; it bids us not divulge the mystery to the public, but it orders us to be true to our trust, to be above all meanness and dissimulation, and in all our avocations to perform religiously that which we ought to do. As Masons and Brethren, we always stand upon a level by the principles which we are taught; we are all of the same family, high and low, rich and poor, created by the same Almighty Power, and preserved in existence by a consolation and support originating from the same source. Still, however, Masonry teaches us to show respect and honour to each man to whom respect and honour are due, according to the respective characters of each individual; and when individuals deserve well of the whole Fraternity, it displays that additional lustre, that Masons unite heart and hand, to evince conjointly their high estimation of meritorious services. We, therefore, my Lord, behold in you that illustrious character who calls forth the respect and approbation of the whole Fraternity; who, forsaking your own comforts in your native country, and, as it were even your high station in society, deigned to turn your philosophic mind, with all its energies, to promote the welfare and happiness of this particular association, as if sent by the bounty of Providence to guard the best interests of this people. You, who possess that character, commanding respect and confidence, have laboured with effect to impose and to enforce those duties which are necessary to the welfare and success of the Craft. When we behold such a character, we cannot but help feeling how much virtue has been hid in the shade, and, at the same time, how much your high intellect has been exerted for the advancement and prosperity of this society."

When the Duke invested the Earl with the jewel and brought his remarks to a close, Lord Moira, with eloquent brevity, returned thanks, having, before doing so, taken the chair in place of the Duke of Sussex. Other speeches followed, and Grand Lodge was closed by the noble Acting Grand Master, when all the brethren, as had been previously arranged, opt of compliment to his Lordship, retired.

Little remains to be added. An engraving of the jewel, published in the account from which the foregoing details have been taken, shows it to have been a very magnificent one. The collar, which was three feet in length, was composed of seven rows of fine gold Maltese chain, intersected by five gold parallelograms with brilliant centres. On the reverse of the jewel, within a garter bearing the inscription "Society of Free and Accepted Masons of England and His Royal Highness the Prince Regent M.W. Grand Master," is the following:—

Presented

In Open Grand Lodge,

The 27th day of January A.D. 1813, A.L. 5817,

To BROTHER THE EARL OF MOIRA, K.G., &c., &c., &c.,

As a token of Fraternal, Affectionate, and Respectful Gratitude for his

Zealous, Constant, and Faithful Discharge of the important Trust Reposed in his Lordship

As M. Acting Gd. Master

During a period of upwards of 21 years.

The design and execution of this work of art were entrusted to Bro. J. C. Burkhardt, of Northumberland-street, Past S.W. of

Antiquity Lodge; and the cordial thanks of Grand Lodge were unanimously voted to him, not only for his success, but also because, with a rare liberality, he charged less than £670, the mere cost price of material and labour, while the jewel was valued by experts at £1500.

LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

A HIGHLY successful meeting in connection with the above Institution was held on the 19th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, where the mother Lodge, 1421, is held. The proceedings, although being in connection with the obsequies of the Association, after a useful lifetime of a little over four years, were of a hearty and enjoyable character.

Under the genial presidency of Bro. J. G. Stevens (President), with Bro. H. N. Taylor, W.M. 1421, as Vice-President, the brethren sat down to a well-served supper, Bro. S. Watkins superintending the arrangements for the comfort of the brethren in his usual successful manner. After supper had been satisfactorily disposed of, Bro. Stevens briefly introduced the toasts of "The Queen and the Craft," and "His Royal Highness the Worshipful Grand Master, and all the Grand Officers Past and Present," which were received in the usual hearty manner. Bro. J. J. Berry favoured the brethren with the favourite song, "Welcome ever, welcome friends, we love to see you round," which gave great satisfaction. At its conclusion Bro. Stevens had handed to him a beautiful inscription upon vellum, framed, and a silver salver. He said: By the production of these articles you correctly guess what is to be the nature of my next toast, one which I am sure you will all most heartily join in; it is the health of our esteemed Brother Thomas Stoaate Taylor, Hon. Secretary of this Association. You are all aware how hard Bro. Taylor has worked, for over four years, and what gratifying results have attended his efforts in aiding the sustentation of the Institutions of the Order. Without such Associations as these in working, such assistance could not be afforded them. Many a brother could not put down £10 10s to qualify himself as a Life Governor of one of the three Institutions, but here was an Association which enabled a brother, by the payment of one shilling per week, to become a Life Governor. For the great success which had attended it, and for its successful close, they were mainly indebted to Bro. Taylor. They had paid for 90 Life Governorships, viz., 27 to the Boys, 26 to the Girls, and 37 to the Aged Freemasons, while the balance of the fund will be devoted to three Life Governorships—one for the President, one for the Secretary, and one in the name of the Worshipful Master for the time being of the Langthorne Lodge. After other eulogistic remarks, Bro. Stevens, amid cheers, begged Bro. Taylor to accept the presentation.

The inscription was as follows, and the execution gave general satisfaction to all:—

THE LANGTHORNE MASONIC CHARITABLE ASSOCIATION.

This Testimonial is presented to

Bro. Thomas Stoaate Taylor, P.M. Lodge 1421, and W.M. Lodge 554, Hon. Secretary of the Association.

The Committee and Members desire to express their appreciation of the gentlemanly and courteous manner in which the duties of Secretary have been performed during the past four years; and now, upon its successful termination, they are gratified to acknowledge the fact that, mainly through his zealous exertions, a sum exceeding £960 has been contributed to the Masonic Institutions of the Order, and which doubtless would not have been raised but for the facility afforded by this Association.

Signed on behalf of the Committee and Members,

JNO. G. STEVENS, President,

November 1880.

The silver salver was engraved as follows:—

Presented by the Members of the Langthorne Masonic Charitable Association to Bro. Thomas Stoaate Taylor, P.M. 1421, and W.M. 554, as a mark of respect, and in appreciation of his zealous services as its Honorary Secretary.

November 1880.

Bro. J. S. Taylor, in the course of his reply, said he thanked them for the hearty manner in which his health had been received, and especially the Chairman for the kind expressions he had used towards himself. He did not rise as a mourner, but with gladsome brow to think they had brought the Association to a successful end. Having traced the origin of the Association, which started with about 120 members, of whom 90 were now Life Governors, he could safely say not one-fourth would have been so but for such an Association as this. With regard to himself, he thanked them most cordially and heartily for the marked respect they had paid him that evening; he should ever regard it as a landmark. As a recognition of work done, it would act as an incentive to every brother who would look upon it to continue to work for the poor children and the aged people who cannot help themselves.

The other toasts given were the President and the Vice-President, responded to by Bro. H. N. Taylor; the Masonic Charities, to which Bros. Binckes and Terry, the Secretaries of the Boys' School and Institution for Aged Freemasons, respectively responded, in their usual forcible manner; the Masonic Press, which was acknowledged by Bro. G. H. Stephens; and the Tyler's toast brought a happy meeting to a close. Mention is due to Bro. J. Chatfield Large, who ably furnished the accompaniment to the songs of Bros. Berry, Dix, Biggs, Stephens. Bro. J. G. Stevens also gave a capital humorous recitation, in his best style. Among those present were Bros. J. G. Stevens President, H. N. Taylor Vice-President, T. S. Taylor Hon. Secretary, G. F. Dix S.W. 1421, Holliday and Briant Past Masters 1076, G. Jones, E. W. Walter S.W. 554, Taplay W.M. 1076, March, Boulton, Allen, Tholander, Austin, M. Hunt, Walker, Guernsey, Harcourt, &c.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of this Institution was held on Saturday last, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. presided. There were also present Bros. Leopold Ruf, Charles Sanders, Charles J. Perceval, William Roebuck, J. G. Chancellor, George Coppin, W. H. Saunders, Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, Richard Tyrrell, D. M. Dewar, S. Rawson, S. Rosenthal, H. Massey, H. Young, Alfred Williams, Thomas Bull, Herbert Dicketts, Arthur E. Gladwell, C. G. Rushworth, Frederick Adlard, W. Paas, Rev. C. W. Spencer-Stanhope G.C., W. W. Perryman, and F. Binckes (Secretary). After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Committee adopted the recommendation of the House Committee to raise the salary of the Foreign Master £10 a year. The Chairman brought forward his motion, of which he gave notice at the November 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 fifty children be erected at present." He stated that his object was, that there should be a Preparatory School for the Junior Candidates. The time had arrived when the benefits of the Institution should be extended. The Institution was benefitted to a large amount by the boys being kept at the School only till fifteen years of age, instead of sixteen as formerly, and that advantage should be given to an extra number of boys. There was no room for erecting more wings on the present premises. The ground on the opposite side was producing but £8 or £9 a year, for grazing purposes, and could be beneficially utilised by having a Preparatory School erected on it, where junior scholars could be educated by ladies till they were nine or ten years of age, when they could be drafted into the Upper School. The motion was seconded by Bro. W. Roebuck, who thought there should be a separate building for the younger boys. Bro. Binckes said the scheme was one which he had long thought of; but since the notice of Bro. Stewart was given, he had received several letters which showed there was a feeling abroad that fresh building operations would be entered into. To this he found there was an objection, as it was thought the fund in hand would be encroached upon. That fund amounted now to £15,000, and he hoped during the next year to raise it to £20,000. He was strongly opposed to one shilling of that being touched for the new scheme, as it had been raised by the exertions of brethren in past years. If the brethren of the present generation wished to have the new building, let them say they would raise the money for it, and relieve the brethren who had already worked so hard for the Institution, by putting their hands again into their pockets for that new scheme. Bro. W. H. Saunders, while admitting the necessity of an extension of the Institution, thought that instead of building a new school they should hire a building in the neighbourhood of London where the new school could be tenants. He thought there would be no difficulty in getting this at £100 a-year. The motion might be so altered as to give the House Committee the power of considering the subject of taking a building already built elsewhere. Bro. Henry Young wished it to be distinctly understood where the funds were to come from for the new building. If an appeal was made to the Craft for funds, the brethren would collect the money to raise those funds, and the parent Institution would be left in the lurch. Bro. Rev. A. F. A. Woodford said there were strong objections among the Craft generally, and particularly among the brethren of West Yorkshire, Lancashire, and Cheshire against more building operations. The present building could not be increased. There was a demand for the benefits of the Institution for more candidates. There was a large number of unsuccessful candidates after last election, and there would be only three vacancies in April. Consequently there would be a great addition to the unsuccessful candidates after that election, and a larger number after the election in October. They must look to the present state of things, and see whether it was not possible to meet the demands made on the Craft. Brother Stewart's motion only went to erecting a new building; but he thought an addition might be made to it, which would embrace the taking of an existing building, such as Brother Saunders had referred to. Brother Binckes, with reference to the observations of Bro. Woodford, as to the number of unsuccessful candidates, said that there would be at least twenty vacancies in April, though there would only be a few in October. He did not think the balance of unsuccessful candidates would be anything like so large as was supposed. Bro. Perceval thought the junior candidates might be educated out of the School at £20 a-year each. Bro. Binckes said that was the original plan in the Boys' School, but it militated against the success of the Institution, and he hoped they would never return to it. After a good deal of discussion, Bro. Raynham W. Stewart adopted the suggestion of Bro. Woodford, to add to his motion the words—"or to obtain similar requisite accommodation elsewhere, by a new building, or an existing building." The motion, as altered, was unanimously agreed to. Nine candidates were placed on the list for election in April, and outfits of £5 each were granted to two former pupils of the Institution. The Committee then adjourned.

Obituary.

BROTHER J. L. RASTRICK.

WE regret to announce the death of Bro. Joseph Linnington Rastrick, which occurred at his residence, Sussex-place, Southsea, on Tuesday night, 30th ult. Bro. Rastrick for several years represented St. Paul's Ward in the Town Council, and was also a member of the defunct Landport and Southsea Commissioners, and of the Board of Guardians, but he has not recently taken any active part in public life. He was a much-respected member of the Masonic craft, being the oldest P.M. of the Royal Sussex Lodge, and P.Z. of the Chapter.—*Portsmouth Times*.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. W. J. MURLIS, SECRETARY 1642.

A COMPLIMENTARY dinner was given on Thursday, 2nd inst., by the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, together with some friends, to Bro. W. J. Murlis, one of the Founders and present Secretary of that Lodge. The day chosen was the twenty-fifth anniversary of Bro. Murlis's marriage, and the opportunity was taken advantage of to present to him a testimonial in recognition of the respect in which he is held, not only by the members of the Lodge, but of all who have dealings with him. The testimonial took the form of a handsome gold keyless chronometer for himself, and a set of ear-rings, brooch, and locket for Mrs. Murlis. The chair was occupied by Bro. Samuel Smout, the W.M. of the Lodge, and the vice-chair by the Rev. C. Darby-Read S.W. Bro. Smout was also supported by Bros. E. M. Lander, G. Penn, S. Parkhouse, W. Stephens, J. H. Pearson, Churchwarden Bailey, Dr. Carpenter, Humfress W.M. Westbourne Lodge, Hallett W.M. elect Westbourne Lodge, S. Smout junior, J. Bartle, W. Woodmason, W. Buckland, J. H. Rutherglen, J. D. Adkins, R. Green, Dr. Pocock, Dr. Rule, Fisher, F. J. Moore, H. Watson, B. Jeffries, &c. &c. After the conclusion of the repast, which was well served at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, by Bro. Linscott, the proprietor thereof, the chairman gave the usual Loyal toasts. Rising to propose the health of Bro. Murlis, he remarked that they might consider that toast the principal one of the evening. They had assembled to celebrate the silver wedding of their honoured and respected Secretary Brother Murlis. Most of those present were in a position to judge for themselves of the very excellent services he had rendered to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge as Founder, Master, and Secretary. He was pleased they were also in a position, through the liberality and kindness of those assembled and a few other friends, to present to Bro. Murlis a testimonial as a token of their appreciation and their gratitude. The inscription on the watch was then read, the chairman remarking that he was sure the sentiments therein expressed was re-echoed in the hearts of all present. He was also delighted to say that they had also a small present for Mrs. Murlis, and he hoped that the articles that night presented to her by the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would serve her as adornments until the day of her golden wedding. The inscription on the watch was as follows:—

Presented to
BROTHER WILLIAM J. MURLIS P.M.,
on the occasion of his
Silver Wedding, by the Members of the
Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642, as a token of their
esteem and regard, and in recognition of his
services as Secretary and Founder.
2nd December 1880.

The set for Mrs. Murlis was enclosed in a leather case, which bore the following inscription:—

Presented to
MRS. MURLIS, by the Members
of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, No. 1642,
on her Silver Wedding Day.
2nd December 1880.

These gifts were supplemented by Bro. W. Stephens, who presented, in the name of himself and wife, a handsome cruet, as a small token of their personal regard for Bro. and Mrs. Murlis, who, Bro. Stephens said, had been known to him through the whole course of their married life. Bro. Murlis on rising to respond, was heartily received. He would not say, as was usual, that he was almost choked, for, on the contrary, his tongue was now let loose, and he most heartily thanked his friends for the hearty way in which they had celebrated his silver wedding day. Twenty-five years since he had little idea that he should see around him so many dear friends. He was then a stranger in London, now he had friends far and near. Fortunately for him he could look back on his married life as a most happy one, and that night he felt in the position of being able to claim the fitch of bacon, aye, and twenty-four other fitches for the years that had passed since his marriage. He had to thank them most heartily for the handsome gift they had been good enough to present to him, and also for the kindness they had evinced towards his wife. He had thought it would have been best for the whole of the laurels to have been worn by his better half, but the brethren had decided to make them both recipients of their bounty. Bro. Murlis felt his wife would prize the gift more than anything ever presented to her, as being the gift of the members of the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. To Bro. Stephens he had to say a few words of especial thanks, as it was to him virtually that he owed the whole of his Masonic laurels, he (Bro. Stephens) having introduced him into Freemasonry. Bro. G. Penn gave the health of the visitors of the evening, which was responded to by Messrs. Bayley, Walker, Watson, and Hallett. Bro. E. M. Lander then proposed the health of Bro. Samuel Smout, the Chairman of the evening. Those who know Bro. Smout in his official position as W.M. of the Lodge loved and respected him, and he (Bro. Lander) felt that no one could be found more fitted to fill the chair on such an occasion as that they had met to celebrate. Bro. Smout thanked the brethren and visitors; in the course of his remarks he rectified one omission he had made. The present was not only the year of Bro. and Mrs. Murlis's silver wedding, but was likewise the jubilee of their birth-days. The proceedings were enlivened with some excellent songs, and everything was done that could add to the enjoyment of the company.

Messrs. A. and F. Pears, the well-known soap manufacturers, have offered the Government to print gratis the whole of the forms required in taking the forthcoming Census returns, with permission to have the advertisement of "Pears's Soap" on the back. About eight million forms will be required.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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THE MOIRA LODGE, No. 92.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday evening, at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. Harold Carter, who was supported by Bros. G. C. Andrew S.W. and W.M. elect, E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, Josiah Houle P.M. Secretary, Atkins P.M., R. F. Gould G.S.D. P.M., and other Officers and members, together with the following visitors, among whom it will be seen were several distinguished brethren:—Bros. A. E. J. McIntyre G.R., Rev. J. H. Smith P.P.G. Chaplain Leicestershire and Rutland, John H. Scott G.J.D., Frank Richardson G.S.D., Magnus Ohren G.A.D.C., C. Greenwood G.S.B., Thomas Fenn P.G.D., R. Grey P.G.D., Lieut.-Colonel H. Somerville Barney G.J.D., T. W. Kingsmill D.G.S.W. Ratland, G. P. Hague 570, H. Dumbleton Apollo University, E. L. Horne 227, G. Wallis 916, H. Weston P.M. 231, W. E. Horne 1826, John Smith, J. H. C. Coles P.M. 916, J. E. Casell 46, J. Holah Grand Master's, R. M. Gardener United Service, R. Pidcock P.M. 916, B. Coulson Robins 186, C. Kerr W.M. 1067, J. F. Norbury S.W. 1523, W. Elgood late Royal Oak, C. T. Dent Westminster and Keystone, E. R. Atkins 1820, G. Webster P.M. 569, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After Lodge was opened, and the minutes had been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Bro. Andrew as W.M. was proceeded with, the officiating Master being Bro. Josiah Houle P.M., who undertook the duty last year, and was equally successful in its performance on this occasion. The W.M. then invested his Officers for the year, among them being Bros. H. F. Auldjo S.W., T. L. Wilkinson J.W., E. Horne P.M. Treasurer, J. Houle P.M. Secretary, W. Bohm S.D., A. Dent J.D., T. C. Speight Tyler. Past Masters' jewels were presented to Bros. G. J. Atkins and Edgar Horne, that to the former being given in commemoration of his having entered on the fifty-third year of his membership of the Lodge, while the latter received his in recognition of his very valuable services during the last nine years in the capacity of Treasurer. The presentation was suitably acknowledged by each brother in turn. An address of congratulation was afterwards presented to Bro. R. F. Gould, on his appointment as Grand Senior Deacon, and Bro. Gould having warmly expressed his thanks for the compliment, the other business was despatched and Lodge closed. The brethren then adjourned to a banquet, which proved to be a great credit to the proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond. After dinner, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In the case of the Queen and the Craft, the Worshipful Master mentioned incidentally that to Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore, who was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry in the Moira Lodge as far back as the year 1813, was indirectly due the birth of Her Majesty in England. The worthy baronet was travelling on the Continent towards the close of the year 1818, when he chanced to meet their Royal Highnesses the late Duke and Duchess of Kent, and he urged on the Duke how desirable it was the heir or heiress that might be born to him should first see the light on British soil. In proposing the health of the Prince of Wales, Bro. Andrew spoke of the high appreciation in which His Royal Highness was held, and also referred to the congratulatory resolution to the Princess of Wales, passed in Grand Lodge on the 1st instant, in honour of her thirty-sixth birthday, when the brethren there assembled wished Her Royal Highness many happy returns of the day. In speaking of the Grand Officers, the Worshipful Master referred to the pleasure as well as efficiency with which they fulfilled their duties, and the great popularity they enjoyed in consequence. With the toast was associated the name of Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., Grand Registrar, who, in replying, expressed his thanks for the honour done both to him and his colleagues, and congratulated the Lodge on one of its members, Bro. Gould, having had conferred on him this year the great honour of a Grand Senior Deaconship. He spoke in terms of eulogy of the brilliant services to Freemasonry of one of the brightest lights of the Moira Lodge—the late Bro. Potter, and expressed a belief that it would win additional lustre under the able sway of its present Master. He fully complimented the Installing Master (Bro. Houle) on the efficient and impressive manner in which he had carried out his task. Then followed the toast of the evening, which is invariably given on these occasions, "The Pious Memory of the Earl of Moira"—afterwards Marquis of Hastings. In proposing this the Worshipful Master briefly touched upon the leading incidents in the career of that distinguished nobleman, as a soldier, a statesman, and a Freemason; and expressed his indebtedness to Bro. Gould for having kindly furnished him with the materials for so doing. The toast was drunk in solemn silence. The duty of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master devolved on Bro. Carter, who made several happy allusions to the nationality of the different Worshipful Masters who had guided the destinies of the Lodge. After a suitable reply from Bro. Andrews, who trusted he should be able to fulfil the anticipations of Bro. McIntyre, and that during his term of office he should have many duties to perform, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Past Masters—Bros. Carter, Atkins—who, however, had been under the necessity of leaving early—Webster, Houle, Horne, Harben, and Gould. Brother Carter acknowledged this, after which the toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Scott G.D., Dep. Prov. Grand Master Sussex. The other toasts were given in order, and the brethren then rose. An admirable musical programme was provided, under the direction of Bro. Lawler, who was assisted by Miss Annie Sinclair, Bro. Schartau, and Mr. Sidney Tower, Bro. Schartau presiding at the pianoforte.

Lodge of Harmony, No. 309.—At the usual meeting on Thursday evening, 2nd inst., the Rev. A. A. Headley, Provincial Grand Chaplain for Hants and the Isle of Wight, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year.

HORNSEY LODGE, No. 890.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on Friday, 3rd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street. A number of the members of the Lodge were present, and it was but natural to expect that the placing in the chair of King Solomon, for the second time, he having already filled the office in a Surrey Lodge, of so well-known and hard-working a member of the Craft as Bro. S. J. Turquand P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, should cause an influx of visitors to the Lodge—almost equal in number to the members; they made conjointly a very large assembly. Admirably was the impressive ceremony performed by the outgoing W.M. Bro. Kempster, M.D., eliciting the warm applause of the hearers. Bro. Turquand appointed and invested, in a formula that explicitly detailed their several privileges and duties, his Officers, as follow:—Bros. T. G. Smith S.W., Walters J.W., Churchward, M.D., S.D., Bolton J.D., French I.G., Crawley D.C., Willis W.S., Hickman A.W.S. Bro. Kempster, M.D., was presented with a handsome jewel, on his retirement from the chair. At the banquet, provided by the proprietor of the Freemasons' Tavern in his best manner, the usual toasts were given and acknowledged. If more warmth was expressed in the reception of some where all were cordially received, those of the W.M. and the Masonic Charities might be mentioned. "The Visitors" met with fitting replies from Bros. Greenwood G.S.B. P.G.S. Surrey, Greenwood jun. P.G.R. Surrey, H. E. Travers P.P.G.D. Surrey, Tew, and others. The W.M. intimated it was his intention to be Steward to the Boys' in June next. Bros. Binckes and Terry, in replying for the Masonic Charities, told the oft-repeated tale how worthy those Charities were of support, and told it with the charm of novelty, and with an eloquence that will not fail, we think, to be remembered by the brethren when they are called upon by the W.M. for support in the duty he has undertaken. Much delight was given during the evening by some excellent singing by Miss Berrie Stephens, R.A.M., Messrs. Lovett King, and H. Prenton, with recitations by Bro. J. A. Keable. Miss Berrie Stephens rendered Millard's charming song "Waiting" exquisitely, and was warmly applauded and enthusiastically encored. Bro. Turquand is to be congratulated that his first essay in the chair of a London Lodge was a decided success.

ST. MARGARET'S LODGE, No. 1454, LOWESTOFT.

THE Anniversary of St. John was held at the Masonic Hall, Lowestoft, on Monday, the 6th instant, on which occasion Bro. William Sayer, who had been elected W.M. of the Lodge at the previous meeting, was duly installed in office, the Installing Master being Bro. Major P. Allez P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W., who was assisted by Bro. W. Woolner Garnham P.M. P. Prov. G.S.W. Secretary. There was a numerous gathering of the brethren from various Lodges in the Provinces of Suffolk and Norfolk, among whom were Bros. Youell P.M. Prov. G.S.W., F. A. Mann P.M. G.O., Clark P.M. Prov. P.G.P., and Crane Prov. G.J.W. The Officers and members mustered in strong force. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing Bro. Sayer in the chair of K.S. was most ably carried out by the officiating Master and his coadjutors. After the customary salutations Bro. Sayer appointed among others the following brethren as his Officers for the year, namely, Bros. J. C. Barnes S.W., Esthaugh J.W., Garnham P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Secretary, Elwes S.D., Todd J.D., &c. After hearty good wishes had been expressed, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent banquet at the Suffolk Hotel, which reflected much credit on Messrs. Hayward and Pullen, the caterers. The tables were tastefully set out with epergnes and flowers, and the room was tastefully decorated with Masonic emblems and devices. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, that of the W.M. being received with acclamation. The brethren separated after a most agreeable evening.

Brecknock Lodge, No. 651.—A meeting was held on Friday, 3rd December, at Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Brecon. Present Bros. Frank Grundy W.M., J. A. Whittle S.W., T. H. Price Treasurer, John Morgan S.D., H. O. A. Maybery Secretary, E. H. Teale Assist. Secretary, Rhys Davies J.D., A. Orlopp Steward, E. T. Edwards ditto, James Jones Tyler; Thomas Butcher, Richard Webb, and H. C. Rich sen., Past Masters. The business comprised the election of a W.M., Treasurer, and Tyler for the ensuing twelve months. The choice of the brethren fell on Bro. J. A. Whittle S.W. for the former office, while Bro. Price was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. James Jones re-appointed Tyler. The W.M. elect thanked the members for the honour they had conferred upon him. A distressed brother was then relieved, and Lodge was closed.

Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.—The usual meeting took place at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, on Monday, the 6th inst., when Bro. George Davis W.M. 167 presided as W.M., and was supported by Bros. Hemming 1287 as S.W., Side W.M. 1507 as J.W., W. M. Stiles P.M. 1732 S.W. 1507 as acting Preceptor, E. Storr Secretary, and a numerous gathering of members. When the Lodge had been opened the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the work of the Fifteen Sections was at once taken in hand, the labours being thus distributed—First Lecture—Bros. A. Hubbard, W. M. Stiles, E. Storr, W. Side, J. C. Smith, Hemming, Gush. Second Lecture—T. Cull, H. De Hane, Hemming, R. Larchin, E. A. Dutton. Third Lecture—E. F. Pierdon, F. W. Sillis, Edwin Storr. The work was well and expeditiously carried out, and, in recognition of his services in the chair, a cordial vote of thanks, coupled with the further compliment of honorary membership of the Lodge, was unanimously passed to Bro. Davis, who, as cordially and in feeling terms, acknowledged the honour paid him. A similar compliment was paid to Bro. Hemming S.W. The Lodge is to be congratulated on having so efficient a Secretary as Bro. Edwin Storr, who labours most assiduously; and

likewise in having secured so worthy a successor to the late Preceptor Bro. Thos. Adams as Bro. Stiles. The Metropolitan may also congratulate itself on the general efficiency of its members, as well as in the ability of its principal executive officers. With such guidance and support it may look forward to a long career of prosperity. Bros. W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, and T. Cull W.M. 1446, were elected members of the Lodge.

ZETLAND, No. 1071.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 8th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Saltash, and there was a large attendance of members and visitors. Three gentlemen were initiated, the W.M. Bro. Richard Pearce ably performing the ceremony. Afterwards, in a Board of Installed Masters—amongst whom were Wor. Bros. Rev. H. A. Noel P.M. 433 Prov. Grand Chaplain Scotland, R. Pearce W.M., W. Foxwell P.M. Treasurer, Joseph Rawlings P.M. Secretary; Bros. W. R. L. Clarke P.M., S. Goodman P.M., J. T. Brooking P.M., E. Aitken Davies P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Richard Cawsey I.P.M. and S. 230, J. H. Rogers P.M. 13 Woolwich, J. H. R. Harris W.M. 230, C. Watson P.M. 954, L. J. Webber W.M. 1550, F. Littlejohn P.M. 159, J.W. 1847, and Edward Trood W.M. 789—the W.M. elect, Bro. James Pearce, brother of the retiring W.M., was admirably installed by Bro. Joseph Rawlings, and after the ceremony, the following Officers were appointed and invested:—Wor. Bros. R. Pearce I.P.M., E. Herring S.W., E. C. Vosper J.W., W. Foxwell Treasurer, J. Rawlings Secretary, W. H. L. Clarke Chaplain, T. D. Deeble S.D., G. Burns J.D., E. R. Doney I.G., W. King D.C., J. Bowden S.S., J. Dillon J.S., J. C. Kinsman T. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to banquet, at Bro. Carpenter's Hotel.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—At the meeting of this Lodge, on Tuesday, the 8th inst., Bro. Edwin Tout was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. L. D. Westcott was elected Treasurer and Representative on the Committee of Petitions, and Bros. J. B. Gover, L. D. Westcott, W. Adam, E. A. Lean, and E. Tout the Committee of the Associated Lodges. The installation is appointed to take place on Wednesday, the 29th instant, and the banquet will be provided at Bro. Watts's, Globe Hotel.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, held at Bro. Fysh's Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 4th inst. Present Bros. A. Mulford W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., G. Ferrar J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, W. Williams S.D., Gilham J.D., Thompson I.G.; also Bros. Brasted, Trewinnard, McMillan, Moss, Valentine, J. Lorkin, Fysh, E. Woodman, Weeden, Mendelsohn, Richardson, Defriez, Selig, Wolf, Giller, Bird, Langley, A. Reason, T. Reason, Pelikan, &c. Lodge was opened in usual form; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed in a very excellent manner by the W.M. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was called off and on; Bro. Bird answered the questions in a satisfactory manner, and was duly entrusted. This brother, who belongs to the Elliot Lodge, No. 1567, was duly elected a member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. A. Ferrar was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.—At the regular meeting, at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, on the 8th inst, the chair was occupied by Bro. E. W. Walter (S.W. of the Mother Lodge), who was supported by the following brethren:—Bros. Loane S.W., Forss J.W., Taylor Deacon, Springfield I.G., Andrews P.M. kindly acting as Preceptor, Howes, March, Harvey, Anderson, Ellingford, Poulter, and Stephens. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and, on being resumed in the first, the ceremony of installation was capitally rendered, Bro. March candidate. The first three sections were worked by Bro. Andrews and the brethren, Bro. J. Taylor rendering valuable assistance as Preceptor. Bro. Poulter, who was recently initiated in the Mother Lodge, was unanimously elected a member.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—A meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 8th instant, at Bro. Huxley's, Lamb Tavern, opposite the Bethnal-green Junction. Bros. Dr. Defriez W.M., Sturtevant S.W., Brittain J.W., Hand Secretary, Stewart S.D., Chitson J.D., Ward I.G., Hogg Preceptor. Visitors—Bros. Webb, McDonald, Christian, Clark, Dardonne, Abraham, Goldstein, Mason, Quigly, Hammond, Quay, S. Clark, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. worked the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Abrahams acting as candidate. Bro. McDonald worked the first, second, third, and fourth sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Dardonne 1184, Phillips S.W. 205, Goldstein 878, S. Clarke W.S. 1445, were elected members. Bro. Sturtevant was appointed W.M. for next week. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes to the W.M. Dr. Defriez for taking the chair on this the opening night. Also a vote of thanks was recorded on minutes to Bro. Ward for removing and repainting the pedestals, &c., free of expense to the Lodge. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in due form.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile-end, E. The regular meeting of this Lodge on the 30th ult. was of a most successful character. Bro. W. Musto P.M. 1349 having been invited to work the Fifteen Sections, a large and influential number of brethren mustered round him and made the occasion quite a gala night in the Lodge history. Nearly 70 brethren assisted in the proceedings, and we are informed that the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, 1445, which also meets on Monday evenings, called off from labour to rally round their friend

and Brother Musto, the members arriving *en bloc* to the number of 14, headed by their Preceptor Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. Bro. Musto was not supported as to numbers only, there being a score of Installed Masters, and the brethren present represented the officers—whether as Preceptor, Treasurer, or Secretary—to the same number of Lodges of Instruction. The W.M. had the benefit of the assistance of Bro. T. J. Barnes P.M. in his wonted position on Fifteen Section Nights of S.W.; Bro. G. H. Stephens filled the J.W.'s chair, and Bro. W. Hogg the Preceptor acted as I.P.M. Lodge was opened in due form, and the Sections were worked as follows:—First Lecture—Bros. Clements, Loane, Kendall, Wooding, Durell, Yetton, Cundick. Second Lecture—Bros. Robinson, Myers, Moss, Pringle, Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Stewart, Job, Taylor. Each one was listened to in perfect silence although the room was crowded. The following brethren were admitted members—Bros. Clarke 1415, Irvin 1306, Abrahamson 1033, Truman-Bardonleau Shingfield 554, Eschwege 1349, J. Shepherd P.M. 349, Gregory 781, Gregory 511, Fenn 171, H. R. Hallam W.M. 1349, McGregor, Drysdale, Richardson, Bull, &c. A vote of thanks was unanimously voted to Bro. Musto, to be recorded upon the minutes, in recognition of his services in the chair that evening, and honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon him. In returning thanks the W.M. said there was a peculiar appropriateness in his working the Fifteen Sections there that night, as it was in that very room he had, many years ago, first attended a Lodge of Instruction. It was also here that he first worked a section. To-night he had been honoured by the support of Bros. Barnes and Yetton. On the first occasion both those brethren were also present, and he then occupied the same chair (J.W.) that our worthy Bro. Stephens did that evening. He thanked the brethren sincerely for having elected him an hon. member, and he would at all times be pleased to render any assistance the Lodge might require at his hands. A cordial vote of thanks to the working brethren was next given, and Bro. W. Hogg, as Preceptor, having replied, Bro. G. H. Stephens returned thanks on behalf of those who had worked. Bro. Barnes, in a few well-chosen words, spoke in commendation of several of the brethren, who, notwithstanding the fact of their being young Masons, had acquitted themselves in admirable manner, Bros. Clements, Loane, and T. Wooding falling in for especial mention. The other brethren being older Masons, he (Bro. Barnes) expected to acquit themselves as well as they had done; having acted as S.W. on so many previous and similar occasions, Bro. Barnes thought he had never heard the Fifteen Sections done so well, throughout. Bro. T. J. Tyer was elected W.M. for the meeting on the 14th inst., and Lodge was closed.

Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406.—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Wednesday, the 1st inst. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. R. G. Salmon P.G.A.D.C., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. John Page P.P.G.S.B. I.P.M., R. W. Sisson as S.W., S. M. Harris J.W., John Ridsdale P.P.G.J.W. Treasurer, W. M. Lyon as Sec., J. S. B. Bell S.D., A. Hume J.D., R. Knox P.M. D.C., R. G. Sisson I.G., R. Bilby Steward, and G. T. Sims Tyler. Upon the minutes being read, exception was taken to a portion thereof, and upon this resolution being rescinded, the remaining minutes were confirmed. The Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and Bro. Eagle was passed to Fellow Craft by the W.M. in a very perfect and impressive manner. The Lodge being closed down, and routine business being disposed of, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to refreshments. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, the health of the W.M. meeting with an enthusiastic reception. Amongst the Visitors present were Bros. Corder W.M. Gosforth Lodge, Cooper W.M. Walker Lodge, Braithwaite W.M. Percy Lodge, J. Duckett W.M. 481, J. Usher I.P.M. 481, C. B. Ford J.W. 481, Denney 481, &c.

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Beside the Burlesque Pantomime, many novelties will be produced, among others, The American Volunteer Fire-men Drill, New Monster 40 first part. The Pic-nic—first appearance of the American advanced Banjo Artist E. M. Hall, &c.

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THE LATE BRO JOHN MARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

Laughton Vicarage, Gainsborough,
9th December 1880.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your panegyric respecting the late Brother Alderman John March, of York, I am prepared to testify, was neither fulsome nor partial; it was a true statement of his invaluable services, not only as a Mason, but also as a gentleman and a Christian.

I had the pleasure of knowing him more than twenty years, and on the occasion to which you allude, in 1873, when he was Lord Mayor of York, he walked with me, on returning from the Minster, to the Mansion House, which I well remember. Alderman John March was a truly noble character, as well as a thoughtful man. He invariably exhibited a phase of character which Masons of the present day would do well to exhibit; for with that adornment the late Alderman illumined every circle in which he moved; he was a thorough Christian gentleman in thought, in feeling, and in expression, and he would have scorned to appear in any other character; and it is only with such attributes of mankind that, after a long active life, I desire to be associated.

Believe me, yours truly,

DANIEL ACE, D.D., F.R.A.S.

POWERS OF PROV. GRAND MASTERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

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DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will you kindly assist me to solve the question of the power of a Provincial Grand Master to grant a dispensation in the following case:—

A Lodge holds its regular meetings in its own private rooms, but these do not afford accommodation for the annual banquet, and consequently it is held at another place. The brethren wish to dine in clothing, but Provincial authority says that P.G. Master has not the power to grant a dispensation for them to do so.

Please say in your next issue of the CHRONICLE if this ruling is correct.

Yours fraternally,

ALMONER.

ARCHIBALD G. BROWN'S ORPHAN HOME.

A CONCERT of sacred and classical music, in aid of the Funds of this Orphan Home, was held on Wednesday evening, the 8th instant, at the East London Tabernacle. The vocalists included Mesdames Ada Morgan and Alice Merrin, and Messrs. Charles and Frederick Nichols and Mr. Temple Cowell. The services of the City of London Orchestral Union, with full band of forty performers, were secured. Mr. G. T. H. Seddon was conductor; the duties of leader were entrusted to Mr. H. Baynton; and the pianists were the Misses Nichols and Kate Nichols and Miss Ludbrook. The general arrangements were in charge of a Committee of Stewards, consisting of Messrs. Mace, Jennings, Hall, Tait, Saunders, Emery, Ince, Goodwin, Bawn, Gill, Pinney, and Mayer, Mr. R. Pinney being the Treasurer, and Mr. H. G. Ludbrook taking upon himself the arduous duties of Hon. Secretary. The programme was a full one and included selections, both vocal and instrumental, from Handel, Haydn, Mendelssohn, Meyerbeer, Schubert, Verdi, Mellon, Wagner, and other well-known composers. The audience was a numerous and highly appreciative one, and heartily applauded the very successful efforts of the vocalists and the orchestra. This Orphan Home, which owes its establishment to the philanthropic spirit of Mr. Archibald Brown, of Bow-road, was only started six months ago, and yet it already has twelve little inmates, in charge of an experienced Matron, and under the daily supervision of a Pastor, in conjunction with whom is a Committee of six gentlemen. Every arrangement is made for the comfort of the little folks, and there is a concreted playground, with covered shed attached, for their use. We wish the Home the success it deserves in the fulfilment of its kindly task.

The District Grand Lodge of Freemasons of the Western Division of South Africa held their half-yearly meeting in the British Temple, on Wednesday evening. After the disposal of the usual routine business, and a communication from the Provincial Grand Lodge of the Netherlands relative to the establishment of a universal benevolent scheme, the Right Worshipful the D.G.M., Brother Charles Akin Fairbridge, presented to Bro. W. T. Hawthorne, the P.D.G.S., a jewel, which had been unanimously voted him in recognition of eight years services. Bro. Fairbridge prefaced the presentation with a few felicitous remarks, to which Bro. Hawthorne made a suitable reply. The jewel, which is an extremely handsome one, bore the following inscription:—"Presented by unanimous resolution of the D.G. Lodge of South Africa, Western Division, to Bro. W. T. Hawthorne P.M. District Grand Secretary, on his retirement from office, as a recognition of services cheerfully undertaken and worthily discharged. 28th July 1880." A somewhat similar jewel is to be presented to Bro. T. J. Inglesby P.D.G.S.W., on his return from the front.

RETIREMENT OF THE DEP. P.G.M. OF ESSEX.—We are informed that in consequence of removal from the county, V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram D.P.G.M. of the Province of Essex has resigned his office; and that the R.W. P.G.M. Lord Tenterden has been pleased to appoint W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., to the vacant post. Much regret will be felt at the retirement of Bro. Wigram, whose great affability and genial manner has endeared him to all with whom he has been brought into contact. The appointment of Bro. Philbrick, however, is likely to be a very popular one, as he is not only well known as a leading barrister on the Home Circuit, and as Recorder of his native town, Colchester, but he has greatly distinguished himself as a Mason. He is P.M. of No. 18, and P.D.M. of Antiquity, No. 2, acting by immemorial constitution. This latter Lodge is the most ancient in the Craft; and H.R.H. Prince Leopold being W.M., according to rule, when a Prince of royal blood is in the chair, he appoints a Deputy who fulfils all the functions of Master. In the Arch degree Comp. Philbrick is P. Principal of St. James' Chapter, No. 2; Prudence, No. 8, and Mount Moriah, No. 12. In the Grand Lodge Bro. Philbrick took honours as Grand Deacon under Lord Ripon; and in Grand Chapter he is a Past Assist. Grand Sojourner. He is representative at Grand Lodge of the Grand Lodge and Grand Orient of Hungary and Hayti; and has for many years been a member of the Board of General Purposes, in the administration of which he takes an active interest. As might be expected from so hard working a Mason, Bro. Philbrick has been a strong supporter of the great Masonic Institutions, being Vice-Patron of two, and Vice-President of the third, and he has served on the House Committee of the Boys' School. In the Province of Essex, Bro. Philbrick has for some years been a member of the Angel Lodge, No. 51, Colchester.—*Essex Standard*.

The Annual Dinner of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, will take place at the New Market Hotel, Snow-hill, opposite the New Poultry Market, E.C., on Monday evening, at 7.15. The brethren intend presenting their esteemed Preceptor Bro. W. Pennefather P.M. (W.M. of the Mother Lodge) with a valuable time-piece. From the influential list of Stewards, no doubt the gathering will be a great success.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed at the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, by Bro. Brown P.M. 65, on Tuesday, 14th December, at seven p.m. Members of the Craft are fraternally invited to attend.

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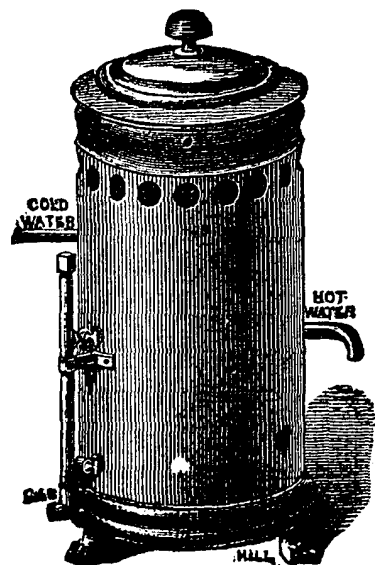
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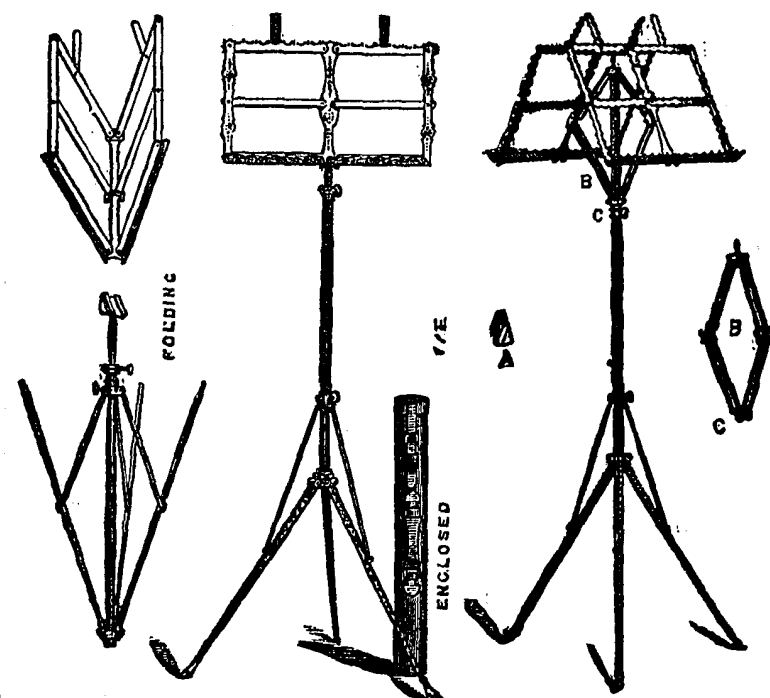
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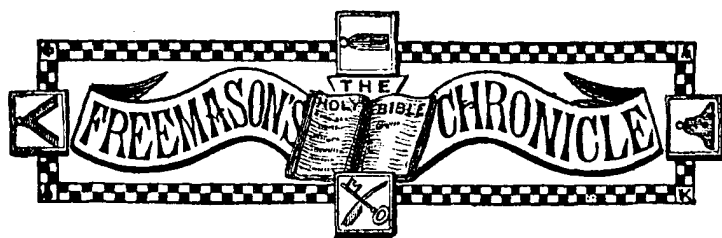
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GRAND LODGE SCOTLAND.

THE Grand Lodge of Scotland met in Freemasons' Hall, on 30th ult., for the installation of the Officers for next year, and also for the celebration of the festival of St. Andrew. The ceremony of installation took place at four o'clock, in presence of a crowded attendance of members of the Craft. Grand Lodge was opened by the Grand Master of all India, Brother Macintosh Balfour, who intimated all the elective offices vacant, and proposed for election as Grand Master Mason Sir Michael R. Shaw Stewart, Bart. This having been unanimously agreed to, the Grand Wardens and President and Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards introduced the Grand Master, who took the usual obligation, and was then congratulated on his reappointment. The Grand Master thanked the brethren for reappointing him to his high office, and took his place on the throne, and installed the other Officers who had been appointed for the ensuing year, the following being the names:—Past Grand Master the Earl of Rosslyn, Depute Grand Master the Earl of Mar and Kellie, Substitute Grand Master Colonel Sir A. C. Campbell, Senior Grand Warden R. F. Shaw Stewart, Junior Grand Warden the Earl of Haddington, Grand Secretary D. Murray Lyon, Grand Cashier David Kinneir, Grand Chaplain Rev. T. N. Wannop and Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson, B.A., Senior Grand Deacon the Earl of Breadalbane, Junior Grand Deacon Captain John Crombie, Grand Architect Andrew Kerr, Grand Jeweller John S. Matheson, Grand Bible Bearer George Fisher, Grand Director of Ceremonies Captain William Hills, Grand Sword Bearer H. Y. D. Copland, Grand Director of Music Carl Dreschler Hamilton, Grand Organist Robert Davidson, Grand Marshal Captain Farquhar Macgillivray, Grand Tyler William M. Bryce, Outer Guard John Ness, President of Grand Stewards James Turner, Vice-President of Grand Stewards James Crichton. At this stage a pleasing ceremony was performed by the Substitute Grand Master, who presented to the Grand Master a copy of the resolution of the previous meeting congratulating him on the marriage of his daughter. The resolution was beautifully illuminated on vellum by Brother Melville, Edinburgh, handsomely bound, and bore the arms of Grand Lodge.

Grand Lodge then adjourned to the large hall, there to celebrate the festival of St. Andrew, in which they were assisted by members of Grand Lodge and deputations from daughter Lodges in Edinburgh and many parts of the country. There were about 250 of the brethren present, who received Grand Lodge standing, whilst appropriate music was played on the organ. The chair was taken by the Grand Master, who was supported on the right by Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell, Bart., Substitute Grand Master, Lieutenant-General Sir James Alexander Provincial Grand Master of Stirlingshire, Rev. T. N. Wannop Grand Chaplain, Brother William Officer representative from the Grand Orient of Egypt, Bro. David Kinneir Grand Cashier, Bro. Andrew Kerr Grand Architect, Bro. Rev. Alexander Inglis, Bro. Carl Hamilton Grand Director of Music, Bro. Captain Hills, Grand Director of Ceremonies; and on the left—Brother Macintosh Balfour Grand Master of all India, Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson Grand Chaplain, Bro. William Mann Proxy District Grand Master of all India, Bro. Captain C. Hunter representative of the Grand Lodge of Greece, Bro. Captain J. Crombie, Junior Grand Deacon, Bro. George Fisher Grand Bible Bearer, Bro. John S. Matheson Grand Jeweller, and Captain Macgillivray Grand Marshal. The croupiers were—Brothers R. F. Shaw Stewart Senior Grand Warden, and the Earl of Haddington Junior Grand Warden, and Brothers James Turner President and James Crichton Vice-President of the Board of Grand Stewards and Albert Apthorpe Past Grand Marshal acted as assistant croupiers. Amongst others present were—Brothers Dr. Falconer, D. Hume, Dysart, Sir Molyneux Nepean, Bart., Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N., Bro. James Elliot, junr., of Wolflee. Apologies had been received from Brothers the Earl of Mar and Kellie Depute Grand Master, John Whyte Melville of Bennochty Past Grand Master, the Earl of Breadalbane Senior Grand Deacon, R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Ayrshire, Charles Dalrymple, M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Argyll and the Isles, Captain Clayhills Henderson Provincial Grand Master of Forfarshire, George Maxwell of Glenlee Provincial Grand Master of Wigtown and Kirkcudbright, F. A. Barrow Past Senior Grand Warden, Sir J. Don Wauchope of Edmonston, Bart., Colonel Lumsden of Pitcaple Past Provincial Grand Master of Aberdeenshire (East), James H. Neilson Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Venezuela, Captain G. R. F. Colt of Gartsherrie Proxy Provincial Grand Master of Trinidad, W. Hay representative Nova Scotia, and Hector M'Lean Provincial Grand Master Lanarkshire (Upper Ward). Deputations were in attendance from the following Lodges, headed by the under-mentioned brethren, for the most part the R.W.M.'s of the respective Lodges:—1, Lodge Edinburgh, St. Mary's Chapel, James Crichton; 5, Canongate and Leith, Andrew Clark; 8, Journeyman Edinburgh, J. Wilson; 10, Dalkeith Kilwinning; 11, St. John, Maybole, Nisbet; 14, St. John, Dunkeld, Gillespie; 19, Cupar Fife, Milne; 20, St. John, Lesmahagow, Bertram; 35, St. John, Falkland, Wallace; 36, St. David, Edinburgh, E. Sellintin; 42, Holyrood House, St. Luke, Edinburgh, Bringloe; 48, St. Andrew, Edinburgh, Dr. Carmichael; 54, St. Machar, Aberdeen, Macdonald; 57, St. John, Kilwinning, Haddington, D. Compton; 70, St. Abb, Eyemonth, Robertson; 93,

St. Nicholas, Aberdeen, Moir; 97, St. James' Operative, Edinburgh, J. Craig; 117, St. Mary, Partick, Glasgow, Laurence; 151, Defensive Band, Edinburgh, Ronaldson; 153, Royal Arch, Pollokshaws, Robertson; 175, St. John, Greenock, Cameron; 185, St. Adrian, Pittenweem, A. Hay; 223, Trafalgar, Leith, Barry; 291, Celtic, Edinburgh and Leith, Dr. Falconer; 319, St. Clair, Edinburgh, Dobie; 362, St. Clair, Glasgow, Brownlee; 380, St. Andrew, Drybridge, A. W. Rennie; 405, Rifle Edinburgh, Albert Apthorpe; 429, St. Kentigern, Penicuik, Laing; 518, St. Andrew, New Pitsligo, Wm. Pearson; 520, St. Clair of Dysart, Hume; 597, "North British Railway," Edinburgh, Drysdale; 607, The Princes, Glasgow, T. D. Duncan.

Dinner was served in excellent style by Brother Daish; and there, after Grand Lodge was opened in the first degree, and several toasts were proposed. "The Queen and the Prince and Princess of Wales, with the rest of the Royal Family," having been drunk with loyal honours, the Grand Master proposed "The Navy, Army, Militia, and Volunteers," coupling with the Navy the name of Captain Fletcher Campbell, R.N., who, he mentioned, had been made a Companion of the Bath for his behaviour at the Cape, and whom Grand Lodge welcomed there—(Applause)—Brother Lieutenant-General Sir James Alexander with the Army; Colonel Sir Archibald Campbell with the Militia, and Captain Crombie, Aberdeen, with the Volunteers. These brethren having replied, the Grand Master proposed "The Grand Lodges of England and Ireland."

The Grand Master of all India (Brother Balfour) rose, amid cheers, to propose the toast of "The Grand Master." In doing so, he said that he felt that a very great honour had been conferred on Scottish Freemasons in India by their representative having been permitted to instal the Grand Master, and by this toast having been committed to his hands. It would be superfluous on his part to tell them anything of the manner in which the Grand Master had discharged the duties of his high office. Their Grand Master had laboured among them all, and by his works they knew him, and their appreciation of them had led them to re-elect him, and to appoint him as their Grand Master for the eighth time, to the entire satisfaction of every brother of the Scottish Craft, whether abroad or at home. Their Grand Master had taken the initiative in many changes and advances in Scottish Freemasonry, and in that he had been undoubtedly and quietly carrying out their legitimate objects; but he had, as many had, recognised, as these had been brought to a close, that his labours were only commencing, and that they were yet necessary to place Scottish Freemasonry in the high position which all the brethren who desired to see it emulate the constitutions of England and Ireland were anxious it should occupy. He was sure he might say, not only on behalf of the foreign brethren, that their Grand Master, in endeavouring to continue his series of reforms, had the heartfelt sympathy and cordial support of every brother belonging to the Craft.

The Grand Master, who was received with prolonged and enthusiastic cheering, said that the part he was now called upon to perform was much more pleasing than it was a few years ago—in fact, the whole drama was more satisfactory and more pleasant to all the performers, and the audience, the general body of Masons, was also much better pleased. The consequence was that they had a full treasury, and they could all unite, without reserve, in drinking to the prosperity of the Grand Lodge of Scotland. During the year ending that day there had been 3763 entrants, and of these about one-third were from colonial and foreign Lodges, and seven new charters had been issued. The Grand Lodge debt at that date amounted to £380, whilst at the same date last year it was £5464, so that there was a surplus on the year of £1664. This state of Grand Lodge affairs was satisfactory to him, and must be highly so to all present. Financial matters were going right; they had a most efficient and attentive committee; and, besides that, he thought the whole tone of Grand Lodge was healthy and fraternal. Jealousies of localities were dying away, and they now felt it was their duty and pleasure to do the best for Grand Lodge, irrespective of East or West, North or South. The Grand Master concluded by thanking the Grand Lodge for re-electing him to his high office.

The toast of "The Past Grand Masters" having been proposed by Bro. Alexander Hay, and that of "The Foreign Grand Lodges" by Sir Archibald Campbell, and replied for by Captain Charles Hunter, "The Depute and Substitute Grand Masters" was proposed by Bro. Wm. Mann. In doing so, he remarked that it was not long since the Substitute Master, Sir Archibald Campbell, had an honour conferred upon him by the Queen; and they trusted in course of time to see him at the head of Grand Lodge. They could not always have Sir Michael on the throne; and he had no doubt the time was fast coming when their friend Sir Alexander Campbell, would be put in the chair, and he was sure Sir Alexander would do equal credit to the chair as had been done by excellent Grand Masters who had preceded him. In replying to the toast, Sir Alexander Campbell said that though he would not venture to be a prophet, he hoped and trusted that in whatever position he was placed he would be able to do his duty. The health of Lady Octavia Shaw Stewart was then proposed in felicitous terms by the Earl of Haddington, and drunk amid cheers, the Grand Master replying. The health of each of the daughter Lodges, which were represented by deputations, was then proposed, the head of the deputation, replying in due order. The other toasts were—"The Grand Wardens," by Brother Macrae, replied to by the Earl of Haddington; "The Provincial and District Grand Lodges," by Bro. Officer, and acknowledged by Bro. Charles Shepherd; "The Grand Chaplains and other Office-bearers of Grand Lodge," by the Grand Master, who passed a high eulogium upon his Grand Secretary for his faithful discharge of his duties, and replied for by Rev. W. C. E. Jamieson; "The Board of Grand Stewards," by Captain Crombie, replied for by Bro. James Turner; and, in solemn silence, "The Memory of St. Clair of Rosslyn." An excellent orchestra, under Bro. Dambmann supplied music during the evening, and a number of excellent songs were sung by several of the brethren. Grand Lodge was closed in ample form, and the company separated about ten o'clock.

MARK MASONRY.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF
NORTHUMBERLAND AND DURHAM.

THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Mark Lodge was held on Friday, the 3rd inst., under the banner of the Northumberland and Berwick Lodge (Time Immemorial), at the Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened at 2.30, by the Right Worshipful Prov. Grand Master Canon Tristram and the following Prov. Grand Officers:—Wor. Bros. T. Y. Straghan D.P.G.M., J. Jansen P.G.J.W., W. E. Franklin P.G.M.O., N. Watson P.G.R.M., C. Hopper P.G.J.D., R. H. Holms P.P.G.J.W. P.G. Registrar, R. L. Armstrong P.P.G.S.B., Dr. Luke Armstrong P.G.I. of Works, T. J. Armstrong P.G. Sec., E. Hudson P.G.D.C., Adam Robertson P.G.S.B., W. Braust P.G.I.G., and Bros. J. Wood and J. S. B. Bell Prov. Grand Stewards. The minutes of the last annual meeting, as also those of the special meeting at Darlington, were read and confirmed. The Deputy Prov. Grand Master announced that he had received, through the Grand Secretary, the approval of the Grand Mark Master to the re-election of Canon Tristram as Prov. Grand Master. The Secretary then read the report of the General Purposes Committee, which was adopted. The Worshipful Masters of the various Lodges then made their reports to Grand Lodge, which in every case was satisfactory, and showed that Mark Masonry was very flourishing in this Province. Bro. Cockbourn was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bros. W. E. Franklin and W. S. Hughes were elected Auditors. Other routine business having been disposed of, the Prov. Grand Master appointed and invested the following brethren as Prov. Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Bro. T. Y. Straghan	-	-	-	Dep. Prov. Grand Master
Cockbourn	-	-	-	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
Dr. Luke Armstrong	-	-	-	Junior Warden
Laing	-	-	-	M. Overseer
M. Frampton	-	-	-	S. "
Weatherhead	-	-	-	J. "
Rev. Thompson	-	-	-	Chaplain
Dickson	-	-	-	Reg. of Marks
T. J. Armstrong	-	-	-	Secretary
Meak	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
Bennett	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
Hudson	-	-	-	Dir. of Cer.
R. G. Salmon	-	-	-	In. of Works
Moor	-	-	-	Organist
Horsley	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
Lutter	-	-	-	Stand. Bearer
Oswald	-	-	-	Inner Guard
Atkinson	-	-	-	Tyler

Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to banquet at the Turk's Head Hotel, Grey-street. The chair was occupied by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master, supported by a good muster of Prov. Grand Officers. A splendid dinner was done full justice to, and a pleasant evening was spent, enlivened by capital harmony.

NORTHUMBERLAND AND BERWICK LODGE OF
MARK MASTER MASONS (T.I.)

WE published last week a short notice of the Installation Meeting of this Lodge, the space at our disposal not enabling us to give the full report we should like to have given. We now have great pleasure in supplementing it with the following details. The banquet, which was excellently served took place, as mentioned last week, at the Turk's Head Hotel; the wines, however, which were placed on the table, and which, be it added, were of the finest quality, being the gift of the W.M. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Loyal toasts were disposed of. Bro. W. E. Franklin, in proposing that of the M.W. Grand Mark Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the Officers of Grand Mark Lodge, expressed the pleasure it gave him to have to submit the health of Lord Lathom, having only recently had the privilege of sitting in his company at a most interesting ceremony in Durham. He was quite sure that with this nobleman, who was the D.G.M. of Craft Masonry, at their head, the Mark degree would go on prospering at his hands. He explained that this toast had fallen to him to propose, because their W.M. was a Past Grand Officer, and he should therefore couple his name with the toast. Bro. T. G. Armstrong, P.G. Steward, acknowledged the compliment, and assured the brethren that the work in Grand Lodge was done in every way as well as they had seen Lord Lathom do his at Durham. The W.M., in giving the R.W. Provincial Grand Master and Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, said a better Prov. G.M. than the Rev. Canon Tristram could not be found. He had made the degree his study, and explored the foundations of the Temple, and the description of what he had seen there was most instructive. Bro. Franklin had great pleasure in responding for the P.G.M. and Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and on their behalf he thanked the brethren for the hearty manner in which the toast was drunk. He felt that to reply for so learned a brother as Canon Tristram was a great honour. The health of the W.M. was the next on the list, and the duty of proposing it was performed in an appropriate manner by Bro. Challoner. The W.M. acknowledged the compliment, and hoped to be able to conduct the affairs of the Lodge with credit to himself and satisfaction to the brethren. Before sitting down, however, he desired to make mention of the I.P.M., who he felt deserved the thanks of the Lodge for his labours during the past year. He (the Worshipful Master) felt some reluctance in submitting this toast, as the I.P.M. was a near relation, and it might be thought he was speaking in terms more complimentary than the toast warranted.

However, it was his duty to propose it, and he therefore submitted it to the brethren. Bro. Dr. Luke Armstrong thanked the brethren for having so cordially received his health. He felt that, during the year, his shortcomings had been many through his time having been so fully occupied. He confessed, however, that of all the degrees in Masonry the Mark was his favourite. He had been greatly interested in going through old buildings, in seeking out and finding the marks, still visible on the stones, of members of the old Mark Lodge. He hoped their time-honoured Lodge would be even more prosperous in the future than it had been in the past. The Worshipful Master then expressed the gratitude he felt to the Installing Master—who he was sorry to see was not present—and to the Past Masters in general, who were the props of the Lodge, and whose presence was a guarantee for its good working. Bro. Franklin warmly replied to the toast. He, as well as the W.M., regretted the absence of the Installing Master, while at the same time he acknowledged the compliment on his behalf. The toast of the present and past Officers was next given, and acknowledged by Bros. R. L. Armstrong and E. Masters. The Visitors received a hearty welcome from the W.M., who regretted that there were not more present, the toast being responded to by Bro. Challoner, a late member of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast brought to a close a very enjoyable evening, enlivened by some capital harmony.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT
INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Bros. Lient.-Col. John Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), Thomas Cubitt, Charles G. Hill, C. A. Cottebrune, James Brett, James Kench, William Clarke, John G. Stevens, Richard Hervé Giraud, Jabez Hogg, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, Thomas Goode, Frederick Adlard, William Hilton, Charles Daniel, S. Rawson, William Stephens, C. H. Webb, Charles Lacey, James Willing, Charles F. Hogard, and James Terry Sec. The Secretary reported the death of two annuitants. Nine petitioners were placed on the list for election in May. Permission was granted for the use of the Hall at the Asylum at Croydon for the annual New Year's Entertainment to the Old People on 5th January, and £20 was voted to go towards the expenses of the entertainment, on the motion of Bro. Thomas Cubitt, seconded by Bro. Wm. Stephens. The Committee then adjourned.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Peace and Harmony Lodge.—A meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 3rd November, at Du Toits Pau. Present—Bros. Charles Roberts W.M., H. Hartog I.P.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., E. D. Van Berk Act. Treas., D. Davis Amb., A. J. Wolluter Alm., W. Kuipers Arch., H. N. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; also Bros. J. Crewell, C. J. Barnes, Cecil Bayley, R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, and several other brethren. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of previous meeting read and confirmed. After some other business had been gone through, several visiting brethren were admitted. The W.M. informed the brethren that the meeting had been called for the purpose of balloting for Mr. William Herbert Lomas, and initiating Mr. Alfred Cohen. The ballot was then proceeded with, when Mr. W. H. Lomas was declared duly elected as a candidate for Freemasonry. Mr. Alfred Cohen was then introduced, and in a very impressive manner initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry by the W.M. Bro. Cohen having expressed his acknowledgments to the Lodge for the honour conferred upon him, the W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, when Bro. Solomon Temple Solomon, Cosmopolitan Lodge, replied in suitable terms, and congratulated the W.M. and Officers on their admirable working. The labours being ended, the Lodge closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony. Freemasonry is going a-head in Griqualand West, South Africa. The foundation stone of a beautiful Masonic temple was laid on 6th November at Barkly. We wish the Lodge Octahedron every success.

PLYMOUTH AND THE DEVON MASONIC
EDUCATIONAL FUND.

It will be remembered that some weeks since it was announced that the Freemasons of this part of the Province of Devon intended to have a grand concert to aid the funds of the Province in the education, and, where necessary, the clothing of the orphans of deceased brethren. The concert stands adjourned till the 26th January, in consequence of a communication from Viscount Ebrington, the Provincial Grand Master. There are at present on the fund of the Province six boys and four girls, receiving their education at a cost of about £13 each, while those educated and clothed at the great Masonic Institutions in London cost from £50 to £60 each child. The list of patrons is not completed, but it comprises a very large body of gentlemen, some of whom are not Freemasons, but who yet have an excellent feeling on behalf of the objects for which the concert is intended. The R.W. Viscount Ebrington P.G.M. of Devon, the R.W. and Rt. Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgembe P.G.M. of Cornwall, the Mayors of Plymouth and of Devonport, head the list, and there is every prospect of the concert, which is to take place at the Plymouth Guildhall, being a great financial success.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable Dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class Bands provided if desired. Assemblies every Monday and Thursday, at Eight o'Clock.

PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

ACADEMY—74 NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET, W.

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, 11th DECEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing.

MONDAY, 13th DECEMBER.

- 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1603—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)
 R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 61—Probity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 264—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield.
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 171—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 K.T.—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

TUESDAY, 14th DECEMBER.

- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 891—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8 (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1568—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 R.A. 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 51—Angel, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 294—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent

- 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Inst.)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Maidoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham.
 R.A. 285—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 537—Zion, 55 Argyle Street, Birkenhead
 R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.C.—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 15th DECEMBER.

- 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crown-dale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1662—Benconsfield, 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
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 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
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham
 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn at 7.30. (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Inst.)
 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, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighthouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighthouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 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. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.
 R.A. 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury

THURSDAY, 16th DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 63—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 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
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1475—Peckham, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 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. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool 7.30. (Inst.)
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield

293—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 346—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
 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
 636—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 663—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Enlign, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 K.T.—William de la More, Town Hall, Bootle.

FRIDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

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—Kanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.C. Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
 127—Union Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Loraine, 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, at 8 (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford.
 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

SATURDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

199—Percy, Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N. at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

A regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening, the 6th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Duncombe-place, York. Present—Bros. W. H. Gainforth W.M., R. W. Hollon P.G.S.B. Eng. Prov. G. Treasurer, Sir James Meek P.M. P.P.S.G.W., W. Lawton P.M. P.P.G.R., Jos. Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, S. Maltby P.M., Rev. W. Valentine P.M. P.P.G.C., A. Buckle P.M. P.J.G.D., T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.D.C., M. Rooke S.W., J. T. Rymer J.W., Geo. Kirby Secretary, George Garbutt S.D., W. Draper J.D., T. Hopkins Org., W. Powell I.G., J. Young and W. Smith Stewards, T. G. Hodgson D.C., W. J. Calvert Tyler; Bros. W. Wilson, J. Redfare, A. W. White, A. Hanson, T. W. Wilson, W. Nicholson, J. Stead, S. Border, J. J. Eberle, J. Toes, G. C. Lee, T. S. Camidge P.P.G.O. Visitors—J. T. Cox 351, J. Southam 836, E. J. De Salis 1331, and F. Sharpe 1536. The Lodge having been opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Hollon P.M. feelingly alluded to the loss the Lodge had sustained by the lamented death of Bro. Alderman March P.M. P.P.S.G.W., one of the oldest members of the Lodge, and moved that the Secretary be instructed to address a letter of condolence with his family on their bereavement, and that the Lodge be placed in mourning for the space of three months, which was seconded by Bro. Lawton P.M., and carried unanimously. The Lodge was afterwards advanced to the second degree, when a brother was admitted by the W.M. to that degree, the ceremony being performed in a most satisfactory manner. The Lodge having been resumed in the first degree, the annual election of Officers took place, when Bro. Mark Rooke S.W. was chosen W.M., Bro. Todd P.M. was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. W. G. Calvert Tyler, all the elections being unanimous. The W.M. then stated that the next business before the Lodge was the presentation of a testimonial to Bro. Jos. Todd P.M. Treasurer, and called upon Bro. P.M. Sir James Meek to make the presentation on behalf of the Lodge. Bro. Sir James Meek, in acceding to the request, stated that he felt highly honoured in being asked to present the tokens of esteem and regard which had

been subscribed for by the members to a worthy and zealous brother in recognition of the valuable services rendered by him to the Lodge, of which he had been so long a valued member; and in requesting the acceptance by Bro. Todd of the testimonial, consisting of a gold P.M.'s jewel, and a silver salver, he trusted that he would value them, not so much for their intrinsic worth, but as an earnest of the esteem and regard felt for him by the members of the York Lodge. Bro. Sir James Meek then handed the testimonial to Bro. Todd, affixing the jewel on the breast of that brother amidst expressions of the warmest approval. Bro. Todd, who met with a most cordial reception, said—If at this moment I were asked the question, "What, under present circumstances, is the predominant wish of your heart?" I should say that I desired eloquence of speech, in order that I might adequately thank you for your kindness this evening. But, brethren, although I fear I shall not be able to express myself as I could wish, you will, I am sure, believe me when I say that I feel deeply grateful for, and truly appreciate, the generous and fraternal feelings which have prompted you to present me with these tokens of your approval and esteem. And, if anything could enhance the pleasure I feel in receiving them, it is in having them presented by one whom we all venerate and respect—one who has himself done good service to this Lodge, and worthily occupies a distinguished position in the Craft—a brother with whom I have worked in Lodge and Chapter for a considerable period, and at whose hands when he was Worshipful Master, now nearly seventeen years ago, I received the first office I ever held in this Lodge, and I well remember the gratification I experienced when I was appointed to the office to which I refer, and I then determined faithfully and conscientiously to fulfil the duties required of me, and this principle I have maintained and endeavoured to carry out in every office I have since held in this Lodge. I do not, however, brethren, for one moment wish to say that I have done more than my duty, or than my love for Freemasonry and my regard for this Lodge prompted me to do; but I do say that the services it has been my privilege to render this Lodge (and I regard it as a great privilege to serve a Lodge such as this) have been rendered by me most heartily and willingly, and with a sincere desire to promote the best interests of Freemasonry and the well-being of this Lodge. Permit me also to say that the only reward I ever looked forward to, and this I confess I was anxious to obtain, was the approval and regard of my brethren. Bro. Todd then referred to the losses sustained by the Lodge during the last few years in the removal of many valued Past Masters and brethren, expressing his satisfaction that the Lodge still had a goodly number of old and much esteemed members who were always ready to prove their interest in, and attachment to, the Order, and he trusted they would be long spared to the Lodge, and alluded to the pleasure afforded to the brethren that evening by the presence of Bro. Hollon, the senior P.M. and Father of the Lodge and to the gratification he himself experienced in seeing present the Brother (P.M. Lawton) who introduced him, and afterwards initiated him into Freemasonry. Bro. Todd next referred to the prosperous condition of the Lodge, and to the many active working Masons therein to whom they looked forward to supplying the places of those whom they had lost and who he felt sure would emulate the virtues of their predecessors and preserve the honour and reputation of the Lodge. Bro. Todd, in conclusion, said: Brethren, allow me again to thank you most sincerely for this beautiful testimonial, which I shall highly value as a token of your approval of my endeavours to perform my duties in this Lodge: it will also be highly prized by my wife, and by my family I trust it will never be parted with. I thank you, Sir James, for the kind and flattering terms (which I shall ever remember) in which you presented it; and, brethren, let me assure you that so long as life and memory last I can never forget the honour you have done me and the kindness you have shown this evening. The jewel bore the following inscription:—"Presented by the York Lodge, No. 236, to Bro. Jos. Todd P.M. Treasurer, 6th December 1880." The salver was inscribed as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. P.Z. P.P.G.J., by the members of the York Lodge of Freemasons, No. 236, as a token of their esteem and regard, and in recognition of his valuable services. 6th December 1880."

Burgoyne Lodge, No. 902.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 22nd Nov., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, and was well attended by members and visitors. Bro. Frederick J. C. Taylor W.M. presided, supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Wale S.W., Gabb J.W., Wilkins S.D., Williams (for Bundy) J.D., Byng I.P.M., Poynter P.M. and Treasurer, Jeffreys P.M. and Secretary, Young I.G., Hostombe W.S., Gilbert Tyler; and Past Masters Harvey, Iron, Smith, Field, Pocock, and Baster. There were several visitors, amongst whom were Bros. Larham P.M. 1859, H. T. Thompson P.M. 742, H. Thompson 1426 and P.M. 177 and 1158, &c. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, when Bro. Herbert, a candidate for advancement, was questioned as to the progress he had made in the former degrees. This being considered satisfactory, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and he was most impressively and carefully raised to it by the W. Master, who was ably supplemented in the work by the whole of his Officers. Seldom, if ever, has this sublime rite been more correctly or efficiently conferred. The next business was to pass Bros. Chaplin, Moffat, Dawson, and Smith to the degree of F.C., which ceremony was twice gone through with equal ability. The Lodge having been resumed to the first degree, Mr. William Walter Clark and Mr. George Fox, candidates for admission, were ballotted for, and the same being unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. Some routine business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the large hall to partake of what was called in the summons "a supper," but which was certainly well worthy of a more dignified description, as it consisted of fare which was unanimously admitted to be unexceptionable. The cloth having been removed,

the W. Master, with exemplary brevity, gave the usual loyal and formal toasts, which were duly honoured. Bro. Byng I.P.M. said he had a most pleasing toast to propose, which was the health of the Worshipful Master, who in the chair had displayed all that zeal and ability which had characterised him at the commencement of his Masonic career, and he felt sure that he would do his best to maintain the dignity of the Lodge while he was so well supported in the chair. The W. Master briefly returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him, but expressed his misgivings as to having deserved all the compliments that had been passed upon him, but it was his wish to deserve their approbation. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was always considered to be the toast of the evening, as it was the health of their Brother Initiates, and he felt sure from the attention they had paid to the ceremony they had passed through that they were deeply impressed with the importance of the step they had taken, and would become good Masons. The toast was most cordially received, and Bro. Clark, in replying for himself and Bro. Fox, thanked the brethren for their admission amongst them, and could assure them that no act of theirs should ever give them occasion to regret having accepted them as Masons. The W. Master said the next toast he had to propose was the health of their Brother Visitors. The Burgoyne Lodge was second to none in the Craft for the cordiality with which they received visitors from other Lodges, and that evening they were rather more numerous than usual, and amongst them were several distinguished Masons. In giving this toast he was sure that it was one that would be received with acclamation. The toast was enthusiastically received. Bro. Larham P.M. 1859 said that on that evening he had enjoyed a real Masonic treat, for having witnessed the working of the three ceremonies, and one of them twice over, he must say that he had seldom seen the work so well performed, and it was quite needless for the W. Master to offer any apologies for the manner in which he had performed his duties; he again expressed the gratification he had experienced in being present that evening. Bro. Henry Thompson P.M. 177 and 1158 said, in the first place he wished to thank the brethren for the magnificent hospitality with which he had been received that evening, for it would stand out in bold contrast to many other large establishments of the Metropolis. He, however, wished also to express his gratification at the working of the Lodge, and stated that the Worshipful Master ably filled the place of those who had gone before him. He might say that he was one of the few probably then present who was present at the consecration of this Lodge, when it met at another place and under a different name, when that ceremony was performed by one of the most talented and distinguished members of the Craft, the late Stephen Barton Wilson. Well did he remember, in installing Bro. Wigginton, how impressively he enforced upon him the importance of the position in which he had the honour of being placed by the founders of the Lodge in selecting him as their first Master, and of the deep responsibility which devolved upon him in the discharge of his duties. These solemn warnings then uttered by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson appeared since then to have been observed by his successors, and he had no doubt that could their revered sponsor, who was one of the most critical and painstaking members of the Craft, again visit their Lodge, he would find that the injunctions given by him at the commencement had been transmitted through a long line of Masters, and the former prestige of the Lodge had up to the present time been fully maintained. Bro. H. T. Thompson and other visitors also returned thanks. The next toast given was that of the Past Masters of the Lodge, which was also well received. The Wor. Master next gave the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Poynter and Jeffreys, and said that all who were connected with the Burgoyne Lodge knew the amount of zeal and intelligence that was brought to bear by Bro. Poynter, their Treasurer, and they also knew the assiduity with which Bro. Jeffreys carried on his work as Secretary, and indeed he did a considerable amount of labour which few of the members of the Lodge knew anything about. This toast, like all the others, was cordially responded to. Bro. Poynter P.M. and Treasurer said he begged to return thanks for the toast which had been so ably proposed by the Wor. Master, and so cordially responded to by the brethren; but after having so often acknowledged it, he hardly knew what to say. Bro. Thompson, by his observations, had awakened a somewhat melancholy feeling, for he had touched a tender chord, in his allusions to the consecration of the Lodge, now nineteen years ago. He (Bro. Poynter) was the only one then in the Lodge who was present at that night's meeting, and it was on that night that he first saw the light of Freemasonry. Four others were admitted on that occasion, two of whom had since departed this life, and the other two had quitted the Lodge, and he was not aware of what had become of them. He was glad to hear from Bro. Thompson, who had only once visited them in the interval, that he found a determination in the Lodge to preserve the high position in which it had been placed by Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson, and he was kind enough to say that they had that night not deteriorated in the efficiency of their working. They had had their times of trouble and tribulation, but these had passed away, and under the bye-laws, for which they had made an ample grant that evening, the prestige of the Lodge would be perpetuated, and a few pages will be added to the new bye-laws to record the events which have occurred in its existence. He was happy to say that there had been few differences of opinion in the Lodge, and he had received the kind support of all the Past Masters, and they had worked together as one man. Since he had been admitted to the rank of Past Master they had worked together, shoulder to shoulder, one for all, and all for one, which he looked upon as the great secret of Masonic success. He was happy to say that by their unanimity they had been enabled to help their deserving brethren quietly, unostentatiously, and without those brethren losing any of their dignity, and they were prepared to help them again, and all this good was done by their working together in that way. If there had at any time been a cloud over the Lodge, it was forgotten in a moment, as they had been taught to subdue their passions and let it pass away.

They could keep up those feelings by giving a little and taking a little, and those feelings were the true keystone of the Masonic Arch, and such he believed existed there in the Burgoyne Lodge. Out of doors he had endeavoured to bring in that element, and by assiduity in their service he hoped long to enjoy their confidence, which, to him, was his highest reward; but when he could no longer do that, he would, like the great Roman at the foot of Pompey's statue, cover his head and gracefully retire. Bro. Jeffreys also returned thanks. Some other toasts were given, and then a most pleasant meeting was brought to a close.

St. James's Lodge, Enfield.—The regular bi-monthly meeting was held on Saturday last, at the George Hotel, Enfield. Present—Bro. P.M. Cusworth acting as W.M.; Past Masters Bros. Linzell, Painter, Hobbs, Greenwood, Adams, Driscoll, &c., and many brethren. The ceremony of raising was performed by Bro. Cusworth in a most perfect manner. After which the Lodge proceeded to elect a Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. The choice of the brethren fell unanimously on Bro. Henry Stephens P.M. 754, who thanked the members, in suitable terms, for the honour they had conferred upon him. Bro. P.M. Adams was unanimously elected Treasurer, and Bro. Very Tyler. The brethren then adjourned to the banquetting room, when, on the cloth being removed, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Bros. Wardell W.M., Dignam S.W., Smyth J.W., Christian S.D., Catlin J.D., Polak I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Carr, Hardrodt, Brasted, Webb. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dallas candidate. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees, and regularly closed to the first. Bro. Christian worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—On Tuesday, 7th inst., at the Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement. Bros. Webb W.M., Medwin S.W., Pitt J.W., Mather Preceptor, Sparrow Sec., Cuthbertson S.D., Hall I.G., and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Batty acting as candidate. This was followed by the rehearsal of the ceremony of passing, with Bro. Hall for candidate. Bro. Medwin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—New Market Hotel, West Smithfield, E.C., on 6th inst. Bros. Van Raalte W.M., King S.W., Patrick J.W., Pennefather Preceptor, and numerous other brethren. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Goodenough candidate. The first section of the Lecture was worked by Bro. D. Moss, and the second and third by Bro. Goodenough. The following brethren were elected to fill the various offices for the ensuing year:—Bros. Lardner Treasurer, Pennefather Preceptor, Goodenough Secretary. The annual banquet of this Lodge of Instruction will be held on Monday next, 13th December. Brethren are cordially invited to be present.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales paid a visit to the Smithfield Club Cattle Show on Monday afternoon, and as the Show had been thrown open to the general public some time before his arrival, the reception His Royal Highness met with was of a most enthusiastic description, every part of the immense building being crowded with visitors. We are glad to say the Prince has been successful in carrying off sundry prizes in the Cattle classes.

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The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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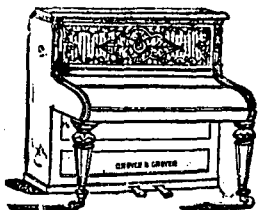
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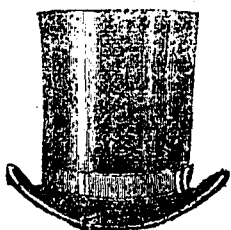
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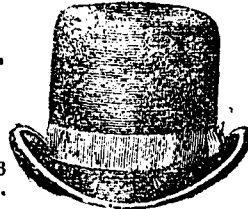


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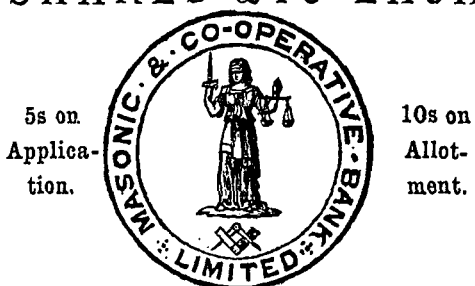
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