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**THE WARWICKSHIRE MASONIC BENEVOLENT AND PUPILS' AID FUND.**

A fortnight since, we published certain resolutions passed at the meeting held at the Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, on the 1st November last, of the Association of Charity Stewards for the Province of Warwickshire. These resolutions, as was pointed out in the circular we then reproduced, have in view to consolidate the already existing Benevolent and Annuity Fund, and a new Fund, which was being raised at the time, into one common Fund, to be called the "Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Aid Fund," and also to amalgamate the two Committees, respectively known as the "Association of Charity Stewards," and the "Benevolent and Annuities Fund Committee," so as to form one general representative Committee, charged with the important duty of superintending and promoting Masonic Benevolence, not only in connection with our central Charitable Institutions, but also in order to investigate all such claims and applications for relief as may be referred to it from time to time by the several Lodges in the Provinces. The Association, in unanimously accepting these resolutions, have also been at the pains of pointing out that the proposed Fund is not intended to in any way interfere with the three Central Charities—our two Schools, and the Benevolent; nor will the establishment of the new Fund have the effect of bringing about any relaxation in the efforts of the brethren of the Province to promote the welfare of these Charities. It will be purely supplementary to them, and will take charge only of those matters and administer only that quantum of help to those who are above or beyond their scope. Thus the old Warwickshire Benevolent and Annuity Fund has helped the Royal Masonic Benevolent Fund Institution by granting, weekly, small sums of money to aged and distressed Warwickshire brethren or their widows, or by affording them temporary relief; while, in other cases, they have extended help to a brother because he had not reached the minimum age prescribed by the law of the R.M.B.I. for admission to its benefits, or until he should be successful in receiving for himself a portion of those benefits. The new Benevolent and Pupils' Assistance Fund will continue the same admirable work as regards aged and decayed brethren and their widows, and it will also assist the children of deceased or distressed brethren by, wholly or partially, providing for their clothing, education, and maintenance until such time as they may be elected into one or other of the Schools, or in the event of their ultimately proving unsuccessful. It is also intended to contribute towards the advancement of those Warwickshire children who, on leaving School, are in need of a helping hand. Thus the purpose of the new fund is of a threefold character—(1) to provide, wholly or partially, for the education, &c., of the children of Warwickshire; (2) to advance the interests of Warwickshire children on leaving our Schools; (3) to grant annuities to aged brethren or their widows. The establishment of such a fund, or rather the consolidation into one of the old Warwickshire Benevolent Fund and the new one in course of constitution at the time these resolutions were passed cannot but be eminently beneficial, not only as regards Warwickshire itself, but in connection with the whole English Craft. The Province is a large one, and Birmingham, one of our most important industrial centres, is almost level in respect of the number of its Lodges with

Manchester. It has an energetic chief in the person of Lord Leigh, who has held the position of Prov. Grand Master for over eight and twenty years, and is deservedly one of our most respected, as he unquestionably is, one of our most distinguished Masons. Our brethren of the Province, too, know full well how to support him when the occasion offers itself. We anticipate, therefore, that the Warwickshire Masonic Benevolent and Pupils' Assistance Fund will prove a great success. There is no doubt it will be well administered—inexpensively, that is to say, judiciously as regards those it assists, generously so far as it may be done with a due consideration for justice, and promptly in the case of all applicants, old and young; and we congratulate the Province on the course they have adopted.

It will be generally allowed that the consolidation into one of the two local Benevolent Associations, one in existence and the other only in embryo, is a most prudent arrangement. The fewer the applications to be made to brethren to support this or that Institution, the greater the chance they stand of being entertained. Thus, in the case of our Central Charities, there are many Lodges and brethren who support the Boys' School one year, the Girls' School the next, and the Benevolent the year following. We are sure they would very much like to assist all three in the course of the same year, and year after year. They might distribute their donations among all three Institutions, in which case the amount received by each would be small, but by taking up each in turn they render it an appreciable service. So two Associations in Warwickshire could only have looked to receiving each one-half of the support yearly that will now be given to the Consolidated One. The chances are, indeed, that the help it will succeed in obtaining will be far greater than what would have been rendered the two had they remained separate. A brother who is asked only once in the year to support the local Charity, is far more likely to give a handsome sum than if he is invited to support two such Charities. The plan will appear to be still more worthy of approbation if we take into account that the three Central Charities will be pressing their claims for support, the while the local Institution is seeking assistance. Thus, there will be four instead of five appeals yearly throughout the Province, and judging from past experience, the four will be more productive in the long run than the five would have been.

We see that the meeting, at which these arrangements were adopted, endorsed the resolution passed at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of the Province, held on the 17th January 1880. This resolution was to the effect that while the brethren of the Province fully approved of the principles of the scheme advocated by Lord Rosslyn for the establishment of a central Pupils' Assistance Fund, they were far from desirous of seeing a fourth Charity established in England for such a purpose, as they considered the machinery for carrying on such a Charity was unnecessary, and would be exceedingly expensive. They also feared that Lord Rosslyn's scheme, if carried out, would have the effect of reducing the amount now subscribed to the existing Institutions. They therefore pledged themselves to continue their support to those Institutions on condition that the Managing Committees of the Masonic Schools undertook to assist, by providing scholarships or otherwise, those pupils who, on leaving our Schools, were found to require and also to deserve such assistance. We have already over and over again expressed a contrary belief, and we are still of the opinion that the Royal

Masonic Pupils' Assistance, when in working trim, will fulfil the objects for which it was started, without in the slightest degree interfering with the other Charities. Indeed, its object has been stated to be, that it should always remain in a subsidiary position as regards the Schools. However, though our Warwickshire brethren will have nothing to say to a general Pupils' Assistance Fund, they have started a similar fund of their own in conjunction with their Benevolent Fund, and all we need say by way of concluding these remarks is, as we have once already said, that we hope and believe this scheme will be a successful one.

## THE MOTHER CITY OF AMERICAN FREEMASONRY.—IV.

By Bro. R. F. GOULD.

BY way of *Appendix* to the friendly disputation which, under the above heading, has been conducted in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, the "Title-Pages" of the two "Pocket Companions" (so frequently referred to), may be usefully presented.

It will be seen that the motto—"Deus Nobis Sol et Scutum"—and the names of printer [E. Rider] and compiler [W. Smith] are the same in both publications.

From the *London* list of Lodges being published in 1734, and the *Dublin* list in 1735, it is evident that the latter—except as to the No. 79—was copied from the former.

[Title Page of *London Pocket Companion*, 1735.]

A  
POCKET COMPANION  
FOR  
FREE MASONS.  
*Deus Nobis Sol & Scutum.*  
DEDICATED TO THE SOCIETY.

LONDON:  
Printed and Sold by E. Rider in Blackmore-street,  
near Clare-market.  
MDCCLXXXV.

The dedication of the *London "Pocket Companion"* follows the Title-page, and concludes as under:—

"Signed by  
Your loving Brother  
And most obedient servant,  
W. SMITH."

What may be termed the *first* part of the book, terminates at p 45, and though the pagination continues, a new Title-page heads what may be described as the *second* part.

[Title Page of *Second Part*.]

A  
COLLECTION  
OF THE  
SONGS OF MASONS,  
&c. &c. &c.  
LONDON:  
Printed in the year MDCCLXXXIV.

At p 95 is given:—

"AN EXACT  
LIST  
OF  
REGULAR LODGES  
ACCORDING TO THEIR SENIORITY AND CONSTITUTION."

In this list the No. 79 is vacant.

[Title Page of the *Dublin Pocket Companion*, 1735.\*]

A POCKET COMPANION FOR FREE-MASONS, CONTAINING  
[The various headings I.-VII. comprise the History of Masonry,  
Charges, General Regulations, etc., etc.]  
VIII. A List of the Warranted Lodges in Ireland, Great Britain,  
France, Spain, Germany, East and West Indies, etc.  
Approved of, and Recommended by the Grand Lodge.  
*Deus nobis Sol et Scutum.*  
Dublin: Printed by E. Rider, and sold at the *Printing Office* in  
George's Lane; T. Jones, in Clarendon Street; and J. Pennel, at the  
*Hercules* in St. Patrick Street. MDCCLXXXV. (Price eight-pence).

"It is dedicated" (says Bro. Hughan) "to the BRETHREN and

\* From an article by Bro. W. J. Hughan, originally published in the "Voice of Masonry," Chicago, September 1875, and reprinted in "Early History of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, 1877," pp xiv - xxiii.

FELLOWS . . . of FREE and ACCEPTED MASONS, by your loving BROTHER and most obedient servant." W. (illiam) S. (mith).

In the list of Lodges shown in this work, the 79th place on the *English* roll is no longer vacant, but is filled by an American Lodge, which is thus described: "The Hoop in Water Street, in Philadelphia, 1st Monday."

I may add, in conclusion, that whilst my hypothesis, as to the Boston Lodge, afterwards No. 126, being mis-described as the Lodge at the "Hoop," &c., is strengthened by the fact of the earlier "Pocket Companion" having the No. 79 vacant, it is weakened by the dissimilarity of the days of meeting assigned to the Lodges at No. 79 and 126 respectively.

No. 126 met on the second and fourth *Wednesday*, and not on the first *Monday*.

## HOW LONG WILL MASONS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN IMAGINARY HISTORY?

By Bro. JACOB NORTON.

A HALF-cracked dreamer, who was initiated into Masonry, wrote in 1724 a book called "Long Livers," in which he claimed that Masonry was understood by him better than any one else. Thereupon, the editor of the *Freemason* took it for granted that High Grades were in existence in 1724. A humbug imposed upon the *High Graders* in Golden-square a so-called Henry IV. of France Rose Croix apron, and the same authority tells us that the History of Freemasonry will have to be re-written. A splurge was recently made by a set of dreamers about Egyptian Masonry, and the same writer again insists that the History of Masonry will have to be re-written.

In a like manner the Philadelphia "Mother of American Masonry" was embalmed by the same writer in Bro. Kenning's *Cyclopædia*. I supposed that my demonstration about Lodge No. 79 having been an English Lodge would have settled the Philadelphia pretension; but a correspondent of mine insists that I must account for the reason as to why the Dublin editor of the "Pocket Companion" in 1735 made No. 79 a Philadelphia Lodge. Now, with all deference to that Brother, does he really think that we are bound to account for all the whys and wherefores of Masonic writers who have propagated some thousands of falsehoods in their writings?

Thus, several old English Lodge Lists state that a certain Lodge was constituted in the days of Julius Cæsar. In 1875 the late Bro. Tisdal asserted that he saw the Warrant of Albion Lodge at Quebec, and that it was dated 1721. In C. W. Moore's *Magazine*, Boston, U.S. of 1844 (pp 163-4) I found the following assertion:—

"The first [authority] for this country was received about the year 1720. It was a Dispensation authorising the opening of a Lodge in this City.

"We have the fact from a clergyman (the late Rev. Mr. Montague, of Dedham), who found it stated in an old account in the archives of King's Chapel. The Lodge was regularly organized, but was soon after discontinued."

But although Moore gave it upon the authority of a Rev. Mr. Montague, yet there is not a word of truth in the above statement. Anderson's History of Freemasonry, "Multa Paucis," Hutchinson's, Preston's, and Oliver's Works, as well as our Masonic Magazines in general, abound in similar mis-statements. All that is necessary to do in such cases, is simply to expose their absurdities, and no one is required to account as to why or wherefore the said falsehoods were manufactured, and I really can see no reason why I should be called upon to account for a blunder of the Dublin editor of 1735.

Bro. Philadelphos, in the issue of this paper of 30th Oct., says: "But I have always looked upon the Coxe Deputation, and the extracts from the *Philadelphia Journal* . . . as having a very direct bearing upon the subject, and till the reality of their existence has been very seriously disturbed, I shall always be of opinion that Freemasonry undoubtedly established itself in Philadelphia before it did in any other city of the present United States; I will go further and say, that even if the Coxe Deputation was never granted—and I know no Craftsman who is more competent to throw light on this than Bro. Gould—I should still hold to the belief that the evidence of a contemporary journal as to there having been meetings of the Craft in the City of Brotherly Love, cannot be overset."

Now, I have never doubted that Coxe received a deputation in 1730, constituting him P.G.M. of New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. I believe, also, that in 1730 Franklin, in his paper, stated that several Lodges existed in Pennsylvania; and in 1732 he gave an account of the meeting of a Grand Lodge in Philadelphia. But I maintain that no evidence is in existence showing a connection between Daniel Coxe and Pennsylvania Freemasonry. Coxe joined a London Lodge in 1731, and no one could find his return to America before 1734, that is, two years after he ceased to be G.M. Now, had Coxe founded Masonry in Pennsylvania, and, residing as he did within twenty miles of Philadelphia, he would surely have visited the Philadelphia Grand Lodge, at least once, on a 24th of June, to participate with his Masonic children in the Festival of St. John's Day; and had he so visited them, his name would have appeared among the distinguished dignitaries in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. Coxe died in 1739; had his Grand Mastership been known to Benjamin Franklin, Franklin would have noticed him in the *Pennsylvania Gazette*. Yet there is not only no evidence in the *Pennsylvania Gazette* that Franklin knew of Coxe's Deputation, but there is no evidence in all Franklin's writings of his knowledge of the very existence of Daniel Coxe; and, furthermore, there is no

evidence that Coxe troubled himself with Masonry at all, even in New Jersey, where he resided; thus, a New Jersey Committee, in 1870, reported as follows:—

“Diligent research in the archives of the G. L. of England, and thorough inquiry for letters and papers bearing upon the subject among the descendants of Bro. Coxe, have failed to disclose any testimony whatever of the exercise by him, or any one acting under his authority, of the prerogatives contained in the Deputation. Upon this subject Bro. Clarke, G.S. of England, in a letter to our Historical Committee, says:—

“I cannot find any application from Bro. Coxe and others for appointment for P.G.M. Bro. Coxe did not make any report of the appointment of a Deputy Grand Master or Wardens; neither did he report the congregating of Masons into Lodges. He did not transmit any account of having constituted Lodges, and does not indeed appear to have established any.”

Bro. Clarke indeed admits that in those days P.G.M.'s. did not hurry themselves to report their doings to the G. L. of England, &c. Now, all that is doubtless true; but yet the Boston Lodge appeared in 1734 Lodge List, and a Georgia Lodge was mentioned in the 1735 List, or at least as having been constituted in 1735. A South Carolina Lodge appeared on the English Lodge List a year or two later; so did a Virginia Lodge; and as Bro. “PHILADELPHOS” agrees with me in discarding the authority of the Dublin editor of 1735 about No. 79 being a Philadelphia Lodge, I ask him, if a chartered Lodge existed in Philadelphia in 1730 or later, why it did not find its way into an English Lodge List the same as the other American Lodges above referred to?

“Behaviour to a Strange Brother” is thus enjoined in Anderson’s Constitution:—

“You are cautiously to examine him in such method as prudence shall direct you, that you may not be imposed upon by an ignorant false pretender, whom you are to reject with contempt and derision, and beware of giving him any hints of knowledge.” Again:—

“If any set or number of Masons shall take upon themselves to form a Lodge without the Grand Master’s Warrant, the regular Lodges are not to countenance them. . . . but must treat them as rebels.”

It has always been my firm belief that somebody must have stolen something, before stealing was prohibited by law, and the same is the case with all other laws. When therefore I find Anderson cautioning the brethren in 1723 against false pretenders and illegal Lodges, I can reasonably assume that Masonic pretenders, and un-chartered Lodges existed as early as 1723, or even before. We find that P.G.M. Sayers got into disgrace for visiting an illegal Lodge in London. In 1734, Benjamin Franklin wrote to Henry Price that a Lodge at Philadelphia made Masons for a bowl of punch. And as Franklin was conscious that his own Lodge had no more right to make Masons than the Lodge above alluded to, he therefore wrote to Price:—

“We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend needful to be done for us, in order to promote and strengthen the interest of Masonry in this Province (which seems to want the sanction of some authority, derived from home, to give the proceedings and determinations of our Lodge their due weight), to wit, a Deputation or Charter by the Right W. Mr. Price by virtue of his commission from Britain,” &c.

A similar self-constituted Lodge, that is, making Masons without having a Warrant, existed in Boston between 1752 and 1756, and in Nova Scotia between 1751 and 1757; so there is no doubt of the fact that Masons could act against the laws in the Constitution, and who knows whether the Lodges in Pennsylvania were not organised by “false pretenders?” I firmly believe that the Boston Lodge of 1752 was organized by *sham* Masons. Such was indeed the opinion of the then Boston Masons, and the G.L. of Scotland, who granted that Lodge a Warrant in 1756, never denied the illegitimacy of the founders of the said Boston Lodge; but, on the contrary, it admitted it, but claimed the right to legitimize them—all which I do not deny. But yet, we see that *sham* Masons did organise a Lodge, and why may not the G.L. and Lodges in 1732 in Philadelphia have also been organised by *sham* Masons?

Besides which, I beg to remind my opponents that Coxe’s deputation differed from all other deputations in some respects. First, it limited his term of office to two years, from 24th June 1730; and, second, after the expiration of the two years, the said deputation authorised the brethren, “Who do now reside, or who may hereafter reside, in all or any of the said Provinces shall, and they are hereby empowered, every other year, on the Feast of St. John the Baptist, to elect a Provincial Grand Master, who shall have the power of nominating his D.G. and Grand Wardens. And we do hereby empower our said Provincial Grand Master, and the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens for the time being, for us and in our place and stead, to constitute the brethren (Free and Accepted Masons) now residing, or who shall hereafter reside, in those parts, into one or more regular Lodge or Lodges as he shall think fit, and as often as occasion shall require.”

Thus, Coxe’s Grand Lodge or Grand Lodges, had he established any, would (by virtue of his peculiar deputation) have become independent of the Grand Lodge of England and of all future English Grand Masters. Even the stipulation (inserted in every Deputation I have seen) requiring the Provincial G.M. to send annually an account to the G.M. or D.G.M. of England, of the number of the Lodge he constituted, &c., was omitted from Coxe’s deputation. Now, had a Lodge or Lodges been planted in Pennsylvania by Coxe he would doubtless have furnished it or them with a charter or charters. And had the Grand Lodge, established by Allen, Franklin and Co., in 1732, been a continuation of Coxe’s G.L. or if it had derived its authority from Coxe’s Deputation, Franklin would have possessed at least a copy of the said deputation. And if his Lodge had been

chartered by Coxe, and the Pennsylvania G.L. of 1732 had originated from Coxe’s deputation, Franklin would never have written to Price (28th Nov. 1734), “We think it our duty to lay before your Lodge what we apprehend seems needful to be done for us . . . which seems to want the sanction of some authority derived from home . . . to wit, a Deputation or Charter,” &c. The phrase, “seems to want the sanction of some authority,” proves conclusively that he had no authority whatever from Daniel Coxe or from any other source.

Bros. Gould and Hughan made some remarks upon the question at issue, which I shall comment upon in a future No. But as Bro. Hughan has raised a *conundrum* about “No. 79, 1730” (which, according to the Old Style, may have really been any time before the 25th of March, 1731), Bro. Gould will favour me greatly by printing from the MS. record in the G.L. archives, the page containing the names of members of No. 79, including the year when the Lodge was constituted. This will demonstrate to the reader that the information derived from Bro. Gould’s series of Lodge Lists, about No. 79 having been from its origin an English Lodge, is confirmed by an original record in the archives of the Grand Lodge of England.

Boston, 10th December 1880.

(To be continued.)

## OUR CHARITIES—A YEAR’S WORK.

The year just concluded has been particularly successful as regards the amount contributed to the three Masonic Charities, the total for the twelvemonths being no less than £49,762 11s 5d, as compared with £44,731 9s 3d last year, or an increase of £5,031 2s 2d. This year the Girls’ School heads the list with £17,787 10s 11d, the Benevolent coming next with £16,301 4s 10d, while the Boys’ brings up the rear with £15,673 15s 8d. Subjoined are the actual figures and the sources from which the income is derived.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,726	8	11
United Grand Lodge (Grant from)	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Do. (special vote)	300	0	0
Dividends	1,245	0	0
Bentley Shaw Memorial (West Yorkshire)	1,050	0	0
Musical Instruction	183	5	6
Legacy	100	0	0
Interest on money deposited in Bank	17	10	0
Miscellaneous	4	16	6
	£17,787	10	11

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	13,200	8	6
United Grand Lodge (Grant from)	800	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	150	0	0
Do. (special vote)	300	0	0
Dividends and Interest	1,732	16	4
Legacy	100	0	0
Miscellaneous	18	0	0
	16,301	4	0

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

	£	s	d
Donations and Subscriptions	14,318	8	5
United Grand Lodge (Grant from)	150	0	0
Supreme Grand Chapter do.	10	10	0
Do. (special vote)	300	0	0
Dividends	381	10	9
Purchased Admissions	357	0	0
Legacy	100	0	0
Music Fees	54	1	6
Miscellaneous	2	5	0
	15,673	15	8

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 105.

THE Installation meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 22nd Dec., at the Hayshe Masonic Temple, Princess-place, Plymouth. Bro. William Sleep Hearder, the Master-elect, was duly installed, the ceremony being ably performed by W. Bro. John James P.M., in a Board of Installed Masters consisting of W. Bros. M. Emden W.M., J. Browning P.M., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. B. Twose P.M. P.P.G.T., George C. Bignell P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, C. Cooper P.M. Secretary, all of 105, J. B. Gover P.M. 70, P.P.G.A.D.C., J. E. Curteis P.M. 187 P.P.G.S.W., J. R. Lord P.M. 1247 P.G.S.B., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, H. Cameron P.M. 1205, A. E. Lean P.M. 70, J. Gidley P.M. 156, B. Elliot P.M. 1247, W. D. Thomas P.M. 156, F. Littleton P.M. 156, L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, A. Lethbridge P.M. 156 and 1847, D. B. Lyon P.M. 230, Wodan W.M. 70, E. Aitkin Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Works. The Officers appointed and invested were—Bros. M. Emden I.P.M., H. J. Kitt S.W., E. A. Lyons J.W., George C. Bignell Treasurer, C. Cooper Secretary, William Staunbury S.D., J. Gifford J.D., E. Pillar I.G., George Horswell O., A. L. Levy D.C., S. R. Hayes S.S., T. Gray J.S., William Phillips T. The W. Master Bro. Hearder was elected a representative of the Committee of Petitions. The banquet will be held at Bro. Walter Farley's Hotel, on 20th January.

## LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE Annual Meeting of the above Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, St. Stephen-street, Devonport. Bro. Robert Grills, the unanimous choice of the Lodge, was impressively installed by Wor. Bros. H. Welch P.M. P.P.G.P., assisted by Worshipful Bros. J. Price P.P.G.S.B., H. J. Trethewy P.M., E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., and R. Marshall P.M. Amongst the Past Masters present were Worshipful Bros. E. D. Parnell, W. H. Terrell, S. Croaker, R. Jackman, E. J. Taylor, all of 202; J. Baxter 954, E. Aitken Davies P.P.G.S. Works, J. B. Gover P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Codd P.P.G.O., H. Cochran P.P.G.D. Cornwall, J. M. Hiley P.P.G.A.D.C., R. Cawsey P.M. 230, R. Ellis W.M. 230, J. R. Harris 230, John Lavers 223, B. S. Johns W.M. 159. The Officers appointed were:—Bros. H. Welch I.P.M., S. G. Elliott S.W., G. Willcocks J.W., W. Allsford Treas., J. D. Sandy Sec., J. Vigers S.D., C. Organ J.D., W. Oates I.G., E. Langmaid D.C., R. J. Burns A.D.C., W. Walkey S.S., J. N. Taylor J.S., J. Bennet Tyler. As a recognition of the services of the Secretary, Bro. Sandy, a sum of money was voted for a testimonial to him. Bro. H. Welch still represents this Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. The banquet was held at Bro. Hancock's, Golden Lion Hotel, Fore-street, and gave perfect satisfaction to seventy brethren who sat down. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured.

## CHARITY LODGE, No. 223.

THE Installation meeting was held on Tuesday evening, 21st Dec. at the Masonic Hall, 193 Union-street Plymouth, when the Master Elect (Bro. John Lavers), who had been previously unanimously elected, was impressively installed by the retiring Master (the W. Bro. Richard Blight), assisted by W. Bros. W. Browning P.M., P.P.G.D.C., John M. Hiley P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., J. P. Phillips P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., and J. W. Cornish P.M., in the presence of a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. John Treeby P.M. P.G.R., T. C. Lewarn P.M., S. Annis P.M., of 223, E. Aitkin Davies P.M. P.P.G.S. Wks., J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., Richard Cawsey P.M. 230, B. S. Johns P.M. 159, A. Lethbridge P.M. 159, W. D. Thomas P.M. 159, T. Goodall P.M. 950, James Bartlett P.M. 159. The Officers appointed and invested were Bros. Richard Blight I.P.M., John Moysey S.W., John Dolve J.W., J. W. Cornish P.M., T. W. Browning P.M. Secretary, John Neno S.D., F. Goodyear J.D., James Hoyten O. and I.G., W. Hannaford D.C., J. Williams A.D.C., P. Hamley S.S., W. H. Frost S.S., James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. In acknowledgment of the services of W. Bro. Richard Blight, the Immediate Past Master, a Past Master's jewel was unanimously voted him. The Treasurer's accounts were satisfactory. The banquet will be held on 5th January.

## LODGE OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, No. 276.

ON Thursday, the 16th ult., this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, according to established custom, additional *ecolat* being given to the proceedings by the newly-appointed D.P.G.M. Wor. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., choosing it as an opportunity for his investment and first official visit to the Province. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in the Board Room of the Corn Exchange, Chelmsford, and Bro. Philbrick having been received with the honours due to his exalted rank in the Craft, the V.W. Bro. Sir R. Wigram, the retiring D.P.G.M., who presided, called upon Wor. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.G. Sec., to read the patent of appointment. This having been done, Bro. Wigram, in a few well-chosen words, proceeded to invest Bro. Philbrick with the insignia of his office, congratulating him upon his appointment, and expressing a hope that he might long be spared to give his valuable services to the Province. Bro. Philbrick, in reply, thanked the brethren for the hearty greeting they had given him. He said, as an Essex man he was very proud of the post he had been so unexpectedly called on to fill, and, while feeling the difficulty of succeeding so affable, genial, and worthy a predecessor, promised to his utmost to serve the Craft in Essex. Subsequently the installation of the W.M. elect Bro. W. P. Lewin, was proceeded with, the ceremony being most ably performed by V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram P.D.P.G.M., and the new W.M.

afterwards invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—Wor. Bros. Jas. S. Brown P.S.G.D. I.P.M., E. Shedd W.M. 1543 S.W., Bro. W. J. Upton J.W., Wor. Bros. the Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. P.P.G.C. Chaplain, F. Whitmore P.M. Treasurer, J. Nicholls, M.D., P.M. P.P.S.G.W. Secretary, Bros. Arthur Mead S.D., F. P. Sutthery J.D., A. Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas. D.C., H. Bowles Org., A. C. Durrant I.G., A. G. Maskell Steward, Thos. Sarel Tyler. At the close of the ceremony, a cordial vote of thanks to the Installing Master was passed by acclamation, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. A vote of thanks to the D.P.G.M., for having chosen that occasion for his first visit to the Province after receiving his appointment, was also unanimously carried; and, in reply, W. Bro. Philbrick took occasion to refer not only to the pleasure it afforded him to be amongst them, but also to find the working of the Lodge so thoroughly good. It was announced that a cheque for £150 had been received from the Board of Benevolence for a late member of the Lodge, whose necessities had been brought before the notice of the Board by the Lodge of Good Fellowship. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren adjourned to the White Hart Hotel, where between fifty and sixty sat down to a sumptuous repast, served in first-class style by the host, Bro. Sheldrake. In the course of the post prandial proceedings, the "Health of the P.D.P.G.M. and Installing Master" was heartily drunk. The W.M., who proposed the toast, taking occasion to express the satisfaction they had all felt at the courteous and kindly manner in which Bro. Wigram had carried out his official duties, and how much they regretted his severance from the Province. Bro. Wigram, in responding, said the Masons of Essex had always received him so kindly that his office had been one of great pleasure to him, and he felt a considerable amount of regret that circumstances compelled him to lay it down. Being himself an Essex man, he should always watch with interest the progress of Masonry in the Province; and he hoped he should be permitted from time to time to come amongst them. Bro. Philbrick's health was also drunk, the Worshipful Master remarking that he was sure the welcome the Deputy Provincial Grand Master had received that day was only an earnest of what he would receive all through the Province, where his distinguished Masonic career was known and appreciated. The D.P.G.M. replied at some length, dilating upon the excellency of the Institution of Freemasonry, and expressing an earnest hope that his acceptance of the post he had taken would never be regretted by any one of the Masons of Essex. The other Masonic toasts were given and duly responded to, and a well selected programme of vocal music interspersed the proceedings which were of a most interesting and harmonious character. Among those present, either at Lodge or banquet, were:—Bros. the Worshipful Frederick A. Philbrick, Q.C., D.P.G.M., V.W. Bro. S. R. Wigram P.D.P.G.M. P.G.C., W. Bro. Andrew Durrant P.M. 276 P.G. Treas., W. Bro. T. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., Rev. B. S. Barnes P.M. 276, J. Baker 1024, H. Bowles Organist 276, J. S. Brown I.P.M. 276, W. J. Botterill 21, T. Brown 1312, J. Connolly 343, A. Durrant D.C. 276 P.M., A. G. Durrant I.G. 276, T. Eustace W.M. 607, G. A. Eustace Secretary 697, W. R. Fuller 276, Frank Freeman W.M. 1024, A. Goodchild P.M. 276, A. F. Ginn P.M. 276, F. Green P.M. 276 and 1024, A. Garrod 1024, E. Gowers Organist 1024, F. Hurrell 276, J. Hutley I.G. 1024, J. W. Hair 276 P.P.G.R., E. H. Inman W.M. 1312, J. R. Jarvis 276, W. Langham 276, Arthur Mead S.D. 276, A. G. Maskell Steward 276, W. Metcalfe 276, Dr. J. Nicholls Sec. and P.M. 276, W. Pullen P.M. 276, W. Pissey P.M. 1734, A. E. Peck 711, G. W. Pascall 276, J. P. Sarel P.M. 276, E. Robbins P.M. 193 and 276, Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 276, T. Smees P.M. 276, E. Shedd S.W. 276, and W.M. 1543, F. P. Sutthery J.D. 276, A. A. Short P.M. 276, G. F. Skill 276, W. Springett 1044, J. J. C. Turner W.M. 51, J. Tomlinson 276, J. Taylor 276, W. J. Upton J.W. 276, A. C. Veley P.M. 276, F. Whitmore P.M. 276, D. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 276, F. Wiseman S.W. 1734, R. Wilson P.M. 276, W. Wood 276, C. Williams 276, Major Bannister 276, Dr. Downs 276, W. Hart 276, and W. Tanner 276.

## ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 348, BOLTON.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Bull's Head Inn, Bolton, on Thursday, 23rd December, when there were present Bros. Israel A. Greenhalgh W.M., W. H. Alcock S.W., Josh. B. Taylor J.W., Thos. Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Sec.; Past Masters Bros. John Wolstenholme (Immediate), James Young, James Horrocks, Samuel Barrett, John Harwood, Henry Greenwood P. Prov. G. Pursuivant. Visitors—Bros. James Newton P.M. 37 Prov. S.G. Deacon, James Dooley W.M. 146, William Cooper S.W. 146, George Taylor J.W. 146, Robert Horridge P.M. 146, John F. Skelton 146, Henry Stead W.M. 221, John Mitchell 221, and others. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock p.m., and the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Thomas Raby was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Thomas Higson P.M. was re-elected Tyler. The Auditors' report, which was of a satisfactory nature, was presented, and approved. A petition to the Charity Committee of the Provincial Grand Lodge, on behalf of a Past Master of the Lodge, was unanimously adopted, and signed by the members present. The next business was the installation of the W.M. elect (Bro. W. H. Alcock S.W.), the ceremony being performed by Bro. John Alcock P.M. On the completion of this ceremony, Bro. John Harwood P.M. invested the following Officers, viz.:—Bros. J. B. Taylor S.W., William Cranksbaw J.W., Thomas Raby P.M. Treasurer, John Alcock P.M. Secretary, Josh. Bridge S.D., John Kenyon J.D., Robert Harwood P.M. P.P.G. Supt. of Works Master of Ceremonies, John Harwood P.M. Organist, T. G. Orrell Inner Guard, Thomas Higson P.M. Tyler, Richard Beckett and John Partington Stewards. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the Visitors, and the Lodge was closed at 5.30 p.m. The brethren adjourned to banquet, at which about forty guests were present. The usual toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by a number of songs, &c.

## POMFRET LODGE, No. 360.

MONDAY being St. John's Day, the annual Festival of this Lodge took place at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton. In the afternoon the brethren met at the Lodge Room, when Bro. George Ellard, the W.M. elect, was installed by Bro. Hamilton W. Parker. Bro. J. T. Green P.M. D.C. occupied the S.W. chair, and Bro. Butler Wilkins D.P.G.M. the J.W. chair. Amongst the brethren present of the Pomfret Lodge were T. R. Wood I.P.M., George Ellard S.W. and W.M. elect, John Bingley J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, Butler Wilkins Treasurer, George Robinson P.M. Secretary, Frederick James Airs S.D., John J. Hart J.D., Frederick J. Duffy I.G., Edward Haynes Steward; and P.M.'s Bros. M. A. Boeme P.M. 1764, John Kellett, J. U. Stanton, John T. Green, and the following members:—Bros. Henry J. Atkins W.M. 1764, Jos. Sadler, Henry Spoor S.D. 1764, Henry Hill, Robert McClure, Henry A. Robinson, Alfred Cockerill, Henry Brown S.W. 1764, Henry Timpson. The Eleanor Cross Lodge was represented by J. W. Linnett, J. Manning, O. H. Frank Sec., T. Emery J.S., Rev. S. Wathen Wigg P.G.C. N. and H. and L. and R., Richard Croft Assist. Org., Eli Morris J.D., R. J. Johnston, Sam S. Campion. Also present—Arthur E. Greville W.M., William Whitton P.M., and Thos. Oldham J.D. Fidelity Lodge, Towcester, Arthur Littlewood Northern Counties 586, G. Carrick P.M. 327 809 P.P.G.S.W. Cambridgeshire, and others. The ceremony of installation was performed with great impressiveness by Bro. Parker. The W.M. having been duly installed, proceeded to invest his officers for the ensuing year as follows: Bros. Jno. Bingley S.W., F. J. Airs J.W., S. J. W. Sanders P.M. 1764 Chaplain, Butler Wilkins P.M. D.P.G.M. Treas., Geo. Robinson P.M. Sec., J. J. Hart S.D., F. J. Duffy J.D., John Townley Green P.M. D.C., Jos. Sadler I.G., J. U. Stanton P.M. P.P.G.S.D., and Edward Haynes Stewards, Charles Dean and William Kirby Tylers. The installation banquet was held subsequently in the Masonic Hall, being provided by Mr. and Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock and Midland Hotel. The room had been very tastefully decorated by Bro. Jos. Jeffery, of Gold-street. The chair was occupied by the newly-installed W.M. Bro. Geo. Ellard. The cloth having been withdrawn, and the usual toasts duly honoured, Past Master Geo. Robinson gave The Right Worshipful his Grace the Duke of Manchester Prov. G.M. of Norths and Hunts, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the Past Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge. Bro. Butler Wilkins, in responding, congratulated the W.M. on his installation, and then referred in sympathetic terms to the death during the past year of Bro. Cox, who had done so much to promote the interests of the Masonic Charities, and the extension of Masonic principles. He congratulated the Pomfret Lodge on the unanimity and harmony of its working, and regretted they were not favoured with the presence of the Prov. G.M., as it would act as a stimulus to Freemasonry. Bro. the Rev. S. Wathen Wigg gave the health of the Installing Master, whose performance of the ceremony he had rarely seen approached. It had been done faultlessly and with an amount of energy and feeling which made it exceedingly impressive. Bro. Hamilton W. Parker spoke of the benefits derivable from the study of Masonic law and ceremony. It had a tendency to expand their ideas, and to lead to higher things. Bro. Airs next proposed the Masonic Charities. Bro. J. U. Stanton, in responding, said they had such information given them lately concerning the Charities, which might be regarded as the ornaments of the Craft, that it was unnecessary for him to speak about them at any length. He explained how he came to be proposed as Steward for the Institution for aged and Decayed Freemasons, on behalf of whom he made a special appeal, and stated that so far the response had been most gratifying and that he hoped to take at least £120 and probably more to the Festival which takes place in February. Bro. J. T. Green proposed "The Worshipful Master of the Pomfret Lodge." He remarked that it was a hackneyed observation for the proposer of a toast to make, that his was the toast of the evening. But he (Bro. Green) thought they would all agree with him in this, that the toast of their king—the representative of King Solomon—was a most important one. They had been reminded before by Bro. Sanders of the old maxim, "The King never dies," and he (Bro. Green) hoped that would always be true in regard to the ruler of the Pomfret Lodge. They had just lost one but they had got another, Bro. Wood having been succeeded by Bro. Ellard, who had shown himself a sharp and acute Craftsman. He had watched his progress with much pleasure, and felt sure that the working of the Lodge would be safe in his hands. They were not all gifted alike, and few of them in the same degree as Bro. Ellard, who had a most retentive memory, which would be of great help to him in the exalted position he now occupied. Being for the time the mouthpiece of the Lodge, he (Bro. Green) was sure that he was expressing the feeling of every one present when he said, "We wish him every happiness in the ensuing twelve months that he could wish for himself, and we feel certain that the Pomfret Lodge in his hands will continue to make progress." The Worshipful Master, in responding said he felt more than he had ever felt before in his life the need of the ability to make a speech. After the very kind and considerate remarks which had been made he could only say that he would do the best he could in the discharge of the duties of the Office he had undertaken. With the example of so many excellent workers before him, he could hardly expect to attain to so high a standard as that which had been reached, but he could assure them that if he did not carry out the ceremonies to the superlative degree of perfection it would not be because his heart was not in Masonry, but rather because the ability and not the inclination was wanting. He at least hoped to be able so to perform his duties that his conduct should meet with their approval. The Worshipful Master afterwards gave the "Immediate Past Master, Bro. T. H. Wood," who made a suitable response. The other toasts were "The Past Masters," "The Visiting Brethren," "The W.M. and Brethren of the Eleanor Cross," "The Officers of the Lodge," "The Tyler's Toast." A very pleasant evening was spent.

## ST. MARTIN'S LODGE, No. 510, LISKEARD.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated the Festival of St. John on Monday, the 27th ult., when the W.M. elect, Bro. Oliver Colmer, was installed by his predecessor, Bro. John Harris, assisted by Bro. W. Nettle P.M. P.G. Steward, and the following Board of Installed Masters:—W. Bros. T. Lang P.M., R. Coath P.M. P.G. Steward, R. A. Courtney P.M. P.P.S.G.D., T. White P.M. P.P.G.S. of Works, J. W. Chegwidde P.M. P.P.G.D.C., W. H. Kinsman P.M. 121, W. P. Smith P.M. 856 P.P.G.S. of Works, H. De Leigh P.M. 420, S. Mitchell P.M. 699, P.G. Steward, W. Polkinghorn P.M. 1151 P.G. Steward. At the close of the installation the following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. Wor. J. Harris I.P.M., W. Sargent S.W., J. Hill J.W., the Rev. W. Fookes Chaplain, Thomas White Treasurer, R. A. Courtney Secretary, W. Hocken S.D., T. E. Moon J.D., G. R. Sanders D.C., W. Huddy Organist, E. Mallet I.G., W. H. Stanton and T. Higman Stewards, and R. Penwarden Tyler. Bro. J. J. Larnigeon was unanimously elected Steward of the C.M.A. Fund. In the evening the brethren of the Lodge, with several visitors, dined together at Webb's Hotel, where an enjoyable evening was spent.

## LOYAL VICTORIA LODGE, No. 557, CALLINGTON.

THE Annual Festival of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall. The W.M. elect, Worshipful Bro. George B. Woolcock, was installed by Worshipful Bro. C. T. Pearce P.P.G.D., assisted by Worshipful Bros. John Peter P.P.G.W., T. B. Richards P.M., and Richard Parkin P.M. At the close of the installation, the following brethren were invested as the Officers for the ensuing year:—Wor. Bros. Richard Parkin I.P.M., W. Tamblyn S.W., George Morgan J.W., Chas. T. Pearce Treasurer, J. T. Williams Secretary, W. Stephens S.D., John H. Consins J.D., J. Rabbage I.G., Stephen G. Bennett D.C., William Bond Org., D. Steer S.S., George Body J.S., James Henwood Tyler. Bro. T. B. Richards was unanimously re-elected Steward of the C.M.A. and B.F. The brethren of the Lodge and Visitors dined together at Golding's Hotel, the usual Masonic toasts being given and responded to. In the evening an entertainment was held under the auspices of the Lodge at Golding's Assembly Room, the chief attractions being Mr. Dowling's admirable songs, and the excellent performance of Mr. Bodinner's Quadrille Band. There was also an auction sale of surplus bazaar goods. The entertainment concluded with a dance. The attendance was very good, the room being crowded, and all seemed to have thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

## ELMS LODGE No. 1212.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 28th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Home Park, Stoke. Bro. J. H. Trounce, the late Secretary, who had been previously unanimously elected, was installed the Worshipful Master for 1881. The very interesting ceremony was performed by the retiring Master Wor. Bro. Joseph Bassett, assisted by Wor. Bros. J. Ripper P.M. and T. G. Bickle P.M., in the presence of a board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Wor. Bros. S. S. Tremayne P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, F. Hooper P.M., E. Murch P.M. P.P.G.O., W. Fowler P.M., T. S. Jackson P.M., all of 1212; P. B. Clements P.M. 954 P.P.G.O., R. Cawsey P.M., and S. R. Ellis W.M., J. H. R. Harris I.P.M. of 230, R. Grills W.M. 202, E. Poor P.M. 1136 P.P.G.P. Cornwall, E. A. Davies P.M. 1099 P.P.G.S. Works, J. B. Gover P.M. 70 P.P.G.A.D.C., Geo. Cassell P.M. 1136, J. Baxter P.M. 954. The accounts were audited, and there was a very satisfactory balance in favour of the Lodge. The Officers appointed and invested for the year were—Bros. Joseph Bassett I.P.M., George Derry S.W., W. Jenkins J.W., W. Fowler Treasurer, J. G. Bickle Sec., A. H. Widden S.D., F. Wright J.D., J. Hocken Org., Wm. Bickle D.C., R. D. Atkin I.G., Leonard S.S., T. Cundy J.S., James Rashbrook Tyler. The W.M. is the representative of the Committee of Petitions. The brethren, about fifty, adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet. This was in all respects what a banquet should be, gave universal satisfaction, and Bro. Parker was thanked for his catering. The usual loyal and Masonic toasts were given and responded to, the W.M. ably presiding.

We have received from Messrs. Beckmann Bros., Print-sellers to the Queen, a copy of a picture they have just issued of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales in his insignia of office as Grand Master of English Freemasons. The portrait is 19 by 14 inches, and is printed in colours, forming a very handsome picture, and one which we think will meet a favourable reception at the hands of English brethren. The plate will, no doubt, be recognised by many as an old favourite, it being none other than that issued some time back by Bro. E. J. Harty, who, we are given to understand, has disposed of his copyright to Messrs. Beckmann. As we have already said, the picture is now produced in colours, and at a much more reasonable price than was hitherto the case, it being obtainable at 7s 6d per copy. Each plate has a facsimile of the signature of the Grand Master, and is altogether a work of which Masons may be proud.

At the monthly meeting of the Boscawen Lodge No. 699, Chace-water, Bro. the Hon. and Rev. J. T. Boscawen was elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and Bro. P.M. Ninnis was re-elected Treasurer.

### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

At the meeting of the House Committee of this Institution, held on Christmas-eve, Bro. William Roebuck in the chair, Bro. John Constable, Chairman of the Bazaar Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, and Bro. Dick Radclyffe, Hon. Sec., attended at the Institution on behalf of the Committee, for the purpose of making a presentation to the School. The gift consisted of a very handsome silver Cornet, manufactured by Messrs. F. Besson and Co., which was purchased through the exertions of Madame Fontaine-Besson, Bro. W. W. Morgan, of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and other brethren, by subscriptions of visitors to the Bazaar held last June, in aid of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund. The reason of the presentation is fully set forth in the following inscription on the Cornet:—"Presented to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, by the Committee of the Royal Masonic Pupils' Assistance Fund, as a mark of appreciation of the services rendered by the boys composing the band and choir of the Institution at a Bazaar held in aid of the Fund in June 1880."

### COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday afternoon at Freemasons' Hall, Bro. Lieut.-Colonel Creton, Grand Treasurer, in the chair. There were also present, Bros. Frank Richardson, H. Massey, Arthur E. Gladwell, John A. Rucker, J. H. Matthews, Thomas Massa, Frederick Adlard, Charles Hammerton, R. B. Webster, Frederick Drummond, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. On the motion of Bro. Frank Richardson, a Sub-Matron and Needlework Mistress were appointed, and Bro. Richardson gave notice of motion for next Quarterly Court to make a small increase to some of the teachers' salaries, and also to appoint some additional teachers, the duties of the establishment falling much heavier since the twenty-five additional girls were elected. Seven candidates were then placed on the list for election in April. Vacancies were declared for fifteen girls at that election, at which there will be twenty-eight candidates. Bro. Rucker P.G.D. called the attention of the Committee to the fact that the fathers of the seven children who had that day been placed on the list had only been in Masonry nine, eight, six, five, and three years respectively before death. He was afraid there was too great a readiness to introduce into Masonry gentlemen who were likely to become a burden to it, and he thought that before long the attention of Lodges would have to be called to the subject. The Chairman then moved that £1400 be invested in Reduced, and placed in the Sustentation Fund. He said he had been over the financial state of the Institution with the Secretary, and had found that after everything had been paid that would have to be paid, this amount might be invested. Bro. Richardson seconded the motion, which was carried, as was also another motion for increasing the sum allowed to be in the Secretary's hands for petty cash from £50 to £70. The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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### WITHDRAWAL OF VISITORS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—No one who may have read the letter waggishly signed "THE IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" which appeared in your issue of the 18th inst. can fail to perceive that, in penning his remarks, the writer was clearly animated by an unfriendly, and by no means fraternal spirit. A half-forgotten matter, of no very great importance to the high interests of the Craft, incidentally mentioned in a report of the proceedings of Tranquillity Lodge, No. 185, afforded the opportunity of venting a probably long suppressed anger upon the devoted head of a, most likely, very innocent offender. It would perhaps be better to leave the letter to the judgment of your readers, who know, and who in more than one way have in a tangible manner shown, a thorough appreciation of the many and varied services to the Craft rendered by Bro. Constable, were it not that an editorial footnote not only backs up the offensive expressions it contains, but also flatly contradicts the views upon the same subject embodied in a leading article published in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September 1878.

In the present year of grace, Bro. Constable's conduct in expressing his disgust at the treatment received as a visitor to a Lodge at Port Elizabeth is held to be, by the writer, "a silly exhibition of spleen," &c., but in 1878 he was not only considered blameless, but very badly used by the W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge. In September '78 Dr. Oliver is quoted in favour of Bro. Constable; showing how it was the right of every well-vouched Freemason to visit a Lodge, and remain in it under all circumstances, provided he conducted himself with propriety; and how a resolution emanating from the Board of General Purposes was promulgated to that effect; and how a late Grand Master declared that a Mason's Lodge is a Mason's church, and that no legally qualified member could be refused admission under any circumstances. Dr. Oliver also stated that in spite of all this some Masters of Lodges do refuse admission to visitors, but de-

clares such exclusion illegal. In December '80, however, the same authority is quoted against Bro. Constable, in what is described an amiable and courteous type of Freemason, whose delicacy would prompt him to retire under certain circumstances. But in September '78, we have a further quotation from Dr. Oliver, which in '80 it was thought convenient to omit, to the effect that, "When any business of a private nature, such as a discussion of the state of the funds, or any other topic which cannot be interesting to a stranger, &c., due notice having been given to every member, it would be *indelicately to invite Brethren*," &c. Now, Bro. Constable was well vouched for and invited, and having proved himself qualified to the Master's satisfaction was asked to withdraw until the Lodge should have been opened and the minutes read. To my mind, such an indignity would be justly resented by any one possessing a grain of self respect.

I will not encroach further upon your valuable space, but refer those of your readers who may be interested in this matter to the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE of 21st September '78, in which the subject is most ably and exhaustively treated. One more remark and I am done. To write under an assumed name upon general matters is permissible, but cowardly when the shelter is used to offensively characterise the conduct of an individual. To fling insulting expressions from under cover of a *nom de plume* is an atrocity not many degrees removed from the act of firing at a man from behind a hedge.

Yours fraternally,

E. GOTTHEIL.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is necessary only for me to correct your statements. Your reporter was not fully acquainted with the proceedings of 1878 until I sent him a copy of the report and article last week. Allow me to say—

1st. That you were in possession of all the facts in 1878 (*vide* article 21st Sept. *idem*).

2nd. That no reason was assigned to me by the W.M. beyond "that it was not customary to allow Visitors to be present until after the confirmation of the minutes."

3rd. That I did not object to withdraw upon the W.M.'s request.

You are unaware that I am in weekly business communication with the then W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge, and that our relations always have been, and still are, of the most friendly character. Further, that whatever amount of knowledge the year 1880 may have given you, it is clear you do not know that your article of 1878 was the means of inducing the members of the Goodwill Lodge to transact their *private business* IN PRIVATE, and since that period no Visitor has been asked to retire until after the confirmation of the minutes, either in the Goodwill or any other Lodge in Port Elizabeth.

Permit me to say that I, of all your friends, should have been free from your editorial attack, and I am astounded that the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" should have been a party to so unwarrantable a proceeding.

"Save me from my friends."

This letter will close my remarks upon the subject.

I am, yours fraternally,

JOHN CONSTABLE.

328 Mansion House Chambers,  
28th December 1880.

[We gathered from Bro. Constable's letter of the 20th ult. that the alleged irreconcilability of the opinions we expressed in reference to his little "incident" in 1878, and recently, did not further concern him. However, he seems to have changed his mind, and we have great pleasure in inserting the above letter. We are very much obliged to him for his "corrections." We hope we have received them in a becoming spirit of meekness and humility, but even editors may be pardoned if they are at the pains of pointing out, that "corrections" are not always correct. Therefore, and in the most conciliatory spirit imaginable, we take the liberty of acknowledging his several propositions thus: (1) Two versions of the incident which occurred during Bro. Constable's visit to the Goodwill Lodge have reached us. Version No. 1 alleged that he was requested to withdraw till the minutes had been read; version No. 2, that it was because some business was about to be transacted which did not concern a stranger. If the minutes contained the business "which did not concern a stranger," then the two versions are reconcilable. If they did not, then Bro. Constable was justified in insisting on his right to remain, at all events, until the private business of the Lodge came on for consideration, when courtesy, of course, would have led him to retire without any invitation whatever. On the other hand, if he waxed indignant when requested to retire during the transaction of business which did not concern him, then Bro. Constable was in the wrong. (2) The brother who furnished the report of the last meeting of Tranquillity assigned, in his footnote, the W.M.'s reason for asking Bro. Constable to retire, what we have already stated, namely, that the business did not concern a stranger. We cannot explain how the mistake occurred, especially as

Bro. Constable was himself present at the meeting, and could have been appealed to for his version of what actually did take place. We refer him to our Reporter for an explanation. (3) As a matter of fact, Bro. Constable did withdraw, but we are at a loss to understand why, as stated in Version No. 1, the Worshipful Master should have expressed his willingness to allow Bro. Constable to remain, or why the latter, according to version No. 2, should have expressed indignation at the request, if he (Bro. Constable) did not object. The W.M. could hardly be so silly as to make a request one minute for the purpose of withdrawing it the next, nor is it consistent with Bro. Constable's usual sense to be indignant about what he did not object to do. We are very pleased to hear our brother is "in weekly business communication with the then W.M. of the Goodwill Lodge, and that our relations always have been, and still are, of the most friendly character." How delightful it is to know there are two brethren who dwell together in unity—even though one of them resides in Port Elizabeth and the other in London. We are also gratified to learn "that our article of 1878 has had the effect of inducing the members of the Goodwill Lodge to transact their *private business in private*"—if by that is meant, that what does not concern a stranger is transacted in the absence of strangers—and that they have the good sense to receive visitors during the transaction of the ordinary business of the Lodge. In conclusion, we know of no particular reason why, if Bro. Constable is, in our judgment, in the wrong, we should not tell him so, as we have done in this instance, courteously. We cannot agree with him that such conduct on our part is either an attack on him, towards whom we have not the slightest particle of ill-feeling, or "an unwarrantable proceeding." Nor is there any reason why the "IRREPRESSIBLE TOMKINS" should not have written the letter he did. There was nothing in it offensive towards Bro. Constable, or we should not have inserted it. However, our correspondent must speak for himself, if he cares to do so; we have enough on our own hands to do without taking upon ourselves the responsibility of answering on behalf of all who address to us communications.—Ed. F.C.]

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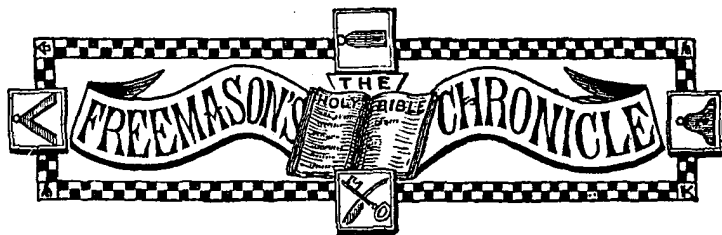
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neighbours this year when Sir Henry Edwards, all being well, has consented to preside at the Festival of the same Charity. It is not surprising, therefore, that when such an opportunity presents itself as the centenary festival of a Yorkshire Lodge, the brethren of the County should turn it to account. Some three years ago the York Lodge, No. 236, had a grand gathering in honour of its centenary. Other Lodges which enjoy the same distinction have done the same, and now, or rather in October last, the St. George's commemorated the hundredth year of its existence in a manner which redounds to its credit, and of which all who took part in the celebration cannot fail to be proud.

There is one feature in connection with the history of this Lodge which speaks volumes in favour of the zeal and earnest care which must have animated its members from the very first day of its existence. It is still in possession of the original Warrant which was granted by Grand Master the Duke of Manchester, and its original furniture and working tools; and it is one of the very few Lodges which have enjoyed so long an existence that can boast of having a complete record of its proceedings. These records, we believe, contain memoranda, which would not only interest the Craft generally, but contain references to historical events of the greatest national importance. Thus, in the stirring times during the great war in which this country was engaged, almost without intermission, from 1792 to 1813, the Doncaster Freemasons gave more than public evidence of their loyalty to the Crown and Constitution. They bid God-speed to the gallant men who voluntarily placed their services at the disposal of their country, and when the gallant veterans of the Peninsular war and the heroes of Waterloo returned home after their gallant achievements, those who passed through Doncaster met with no heartier welcome from any body of its inhabitants than from the members of the St. George's Lodge. Nor has it been behind its sister Lodges in the part it has played in connection with local and general charities. It has done its share towards assisting our Institutions, and the claims of Doncaster itself to its support have never been lost sight of. Indeed, the Lodge would seem to have comported itself admirably during the whole period of its existence, and its history doubtless forms one of the brightest among the many bright pages in which are written the annals of English Freemasonry.

St. George's Lodge was constituted in 1780, the original Warrant which, as we have already said, is still religiously preserved, bearing date the 14th July of that year. It was granted by the Duke of Manchester, who was at the time Grand Master, and was addressed to Bro. William Stephenson, the first W.M. and other brethren. Two years later we find it attending Divine service in the old parish church, when a sermon was preached by Bro. the Rev. W. Johnson, of York, Provincial Grand Chaplain. Similar services were regularly given every year until 1837. In 1784 the then W.M. of the Lodge strenuously advocated the establishment of Sunday Schools in Doncaster, and in 1786 the Lodge unanimously voted the sum of five guineas towards their support. In 1809 a liberal subscription was given towards the enlargement of the Parish Churchyard, and on the very same evening on which this was done, a handsome sum was collected, and handed over for the relief of the Doncastrian poor. In 1827 some twenty members of the Lodge, with the W.M., Sir W. B. Cooke, assisted the Mayor of Doncaster to lay the foundation stone of Christ Church. In 1847, the brethren adjourned from the Lodge room to the Mansion House, for the purpose of meeting the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, after which they went in procession to lay the foundation stone of the new Market Hall, the ceremony being performed with due Masonic honours by the W.M., who was the very same Sir W. B. Cooke, who took part, as we have just mentioned, in the ceremonial of 1827. As regards the members, it appears that no less than twelve of them have served the office of Mayor of Doncaster, while prominent among the local clergy who have belonged to the Lodge must be mentioned the Rev. J. G. Fardell, formerly rector of Sprotbro', who was Master for three successive years; a present made by him to the St. George's being still one of its most valued possessions. Sir W. Bryan Cooke, father of the present baronet, was five times W.M., and held that position at the time he was appointed the first Mayor of Doncaster under the Municipal Act. Other of the more distinguished members were Lord Galway, Dr. Chorley, the Hon. W. G. Monckton, and Bro. L. Walbank Childers of Cantley.

The centenary celebration was held in the Mansion House, the Mayor having very kindly placed the building, with its furniture and appointments, at the services of the Lodge for the occasion. The Committee in charge of the arrangements consisted of the W.M. Bro. Delanoy, the P.M.'s, Wardens, and other Officers of the Lodge; but the Executive who really did what was necessary, included the W.M. Bro. Rand I.P.M., and Bros. F. D. Walker P.M., Bolsover, Verity, Axe, and Henry Fox Hon. Secretary. The Ball Room was fitted up as the Lodge room, and all the other rooms were turned to account for various purposes. About 200 brethren were present from different parts of the Province and Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, in due course, Prov. G. Lodge was announced and received with honours, Bro. Delanoy vacating the chair in favour of Sir Henry Edwards P.G.M., who was supported by Bro. Tew Dep. P.G.M., Bro. C. L. Mason P.G. Treasurer, and other P.G. Officers past and present. Prov. G.L. was then opened, and after the reading and confirmation of the minutes, votes of thanks were passed with acclamation, to the Mayor, the Vicar of Doncaster, and the Organist and choir.

The Prov. G. Master then rose and addressed those present at some length. "Brethren," he said, "of the Saint George's Lodge, I thank you, and also the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, for this day's invitation, and the admirable arrangements which you have made for the reception of the Provincial Grand Lodge of West Yorkshire in this town. Accept, brethren, the assurance of the gratification it affords me and the Provincial Grand Officers past and present, to see assembled in this Mansion House so numerous a gathering of the Craft, and our satisfaction that the roll-call has been so well responded to by the sixty-six Lodges in this Province. Most cordially

do I reciprocate the kind manner in which you have received your Provincial Grand Master, and the warmth of your salutation. It affords me the greatest pleasure at this, our October meeting, in offering to every one of you my felicitations on the continued unanimity of the Craft as a body in my Province, the prosperity of the different Lodges, and on the support given to our Charities, and the progress of those benevolent works to which the Craft has this year given an impetus and lent its influence." After referring with much satisfaction to the contributions of West Yorkshire towards the Central Masonic Institutions and the services it had rendered to the different local Charities, Sir Henry Edwards expressed a hope that on the occasion of his taking the chair at the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he should find his exertions seconded by a numerous array of West Yorkshire Stewards; and he trusted their efforts might result as favourably as did those of the contiguous Province of N. and E. Yorkshire, when its chief, the Earl of Zetland occupied the chair in behalf of the same Institution last year. Our R.W. Brother concluded as follows:—"I feel it an honour and a pleasure, as does also my Deputy, whose native town is Doncaster, that it has happened to be our good fortune and of this Provincial Grand Lodge, to be invited to congratulate St. George's Lodge on the completion of its Centenary, on the deeds of generosity which have continually marked its progress, and the list of eminent and distinguished personages its roll-call records. May St. George's Lodge, in hundreds of years to come, show that its future members are as brilliant and distinguished as have been those in the past, and animated by the same Masonic zeal as its early founders for its prosperity, and in the promotion of every useful, benevolent, and charitable work."

On the motion of Bro. Prov. Grand Treasurer, seconded by Bro. Hill, formerly chairman of the Charity Committee, the sum of one hundred guineas was voted to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Male Fund, and an equal amount to the Widows' Fund of the same Institution. After the despatch of other business, Bro. Tew D.P.G.M. presented, at his own cost, to the Lodge, the Centenary Warrant, which had been granted by the Prince of Wales, G. Master, and to each of the officers a centenary jewel, to be worn with the collar in perpetuity. P. G. Lodge was then adjourned for the purpose of attending divine service in the parish church. The procession, as it wended its way through the streets, made a very effective display, and along the line of route every available spot was crowded with spectators. The Vicar, who was assisted by the Rev. T. R. Wallen Pearson and Rev. C. B. Chalmer, officiated, while the sermon, which was a most eloquent one, was preached by the Rev. Canon Blake. ney, P.G. Chaplain, Vicar of Sheffield. A collection in aid of the Doncaster Infirmary was then made, and realised the handsome sum of £40, the plates being handed round by the W.M. and other members of St. George's. The procession then returned in reverse order to the Mansion House, where P.G.L. and St. George's were successively closed, after which the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, where a sumptuous dinner, provided by Miss Hoskison, the housekeeper, was served. Sir Henry Edwards presided, and was supported by Bros. Tew Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Dr. J. Pearson Bell Dep. Prov. Grand Master North and East Yorkshire, and James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were drunk with great enthusiasm. Bro. Tew proposed the health of the Prov. G. Master and Bro. Sir Henry Edwards having acknowledged the compliment, and proposed the toast of his respected Deputy, vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Tew, he (Sir Henry) being under the necessity of leaving early.

Bro. Tew, in reply, said—It is somewhat difficult to speak fitly for the office I have the honour to occupy in West Yorkshire, and perhaps still more so for those others appertaining to the rest of the present acting as well as past Officers of the Grand Lodge of Freemasons. All of us, however, desire to express our sense of gratitude for the compliment Sir Henry Edwards has been pleased to pay my colleagues and myself, and to you, brethren, for the fraternal and hearty manner in which you have responded to this toast of the Prov. Grand Master. We consider it a privilege to serve under the banner of this Lodge, and to have you, Sir Henry Edwards, for our Provincial Grand Master. We can assure that, though year after year we are permitted to take part in the deliberations of these Masonic assemblies, and be present at these banquets, the interest we feel in these parliaments of the Craft, and in working to promote the advancement of Freemasonry in this Province, does not in any way diminish by frequency of being called together. On the contrary, we are conscious of the obligations we are ever under to the numerous Lodges in the cordial support which their Worshipful Masters give to the several Officers from year to year. We are thus enabled to promote the cause of many benevolent and charitable objects brought to our notice, and to cultivate amongst the brethren social unity, harmony, and good fellowship. I will go further, and say, as a body, we look upon wrong and injury by mankind as an untoward misfortune to the world, and generosity and mutual forbearance as the one abiding, inextinguishable characteristic of Freemasonry; and though many persons and writers outside our circle often disparage our peculiar system, and sometimes praise us, yet those who do enter the portals of our Lodges, and therein master the principles of Masonic science, cannot but admire its intellectual freedom, its beauty as a symbolic art, its infinite ramifications and complexity, perfect in its adjustment, by the utility of its different parts or degrees, by which all minds and all people can benefit by its influences. Freemasonry is the most fascinating science of the day. It is most popular, most charitable, and it is useful and universal over the globe. The Order enjoys a love for scientific enterprise, a love for order, for the ambition and acquisition of knowledge, and to use that knowledge so that we may be more extensively serviceable to our fellow-creatures. Freemasonry is worthy of cultivation, of encouragement, and of our approbation. The records of St. George's Lodge, under whose banner we have been handsomely received to-day, furnish several illus.

trations that benevolence is our foundation-stone and charity our cope-stone. The centenary of this Lodge's institution recalls to our minds many names associated with the history of Doncaster; their virtues, their geniuses, their deeds of charity, all claim the remembrance of our recognition. It was Will Radclyffe, of the 30th degree, who helped Edward Miller, Mayor of Doncaster, and Organist of our parish Church, to write his history of this town. It was in October 1782, two then promising members connected with this Lodge, Dr. Chorley, my grandfather, and Mr. Branson who started your charity, the Doncaster Dispensary. To Tetlow, of Knottingley, you owe the translation of your charters from Richard I. to James II., and to William Sheardown, whose history is a remarkable one of industry and energy and literary ability, you are indebted for the publication of Miller's history. The Prov. Grand Master has, however, awakened a few other memories. From this place or its vicinity sprang Richard Plantagenet, whose intrigues gave rise to those bitter contests between the Houses of York and Lancaster. It was Role, a hermit from Hampole, who attempted first to translate the Bible into English. Thomas Scott became an Archbishop of York. You also claim Francis Frobisher, your Mayor in 1535, as the father of Queen Elizabeth's famous Admiral. One of your vicars, assisted by this Lodge, established the first Sunday School in this town. There was enacted in Doncaster the tragedy of Rainsford's death and murder in 1647, still shrouded in mystery. Sir Philip Monckton was a prisoner at Belvoir Castle in 1648. Viscount Galway, Sir Ralph Knight, and R. Molesworth were townsmen of Doncaster, and remarkable for their devotion to the two Charleses. My grandfather was cornet and my father a captain in the Wath troop of Yeomanry Cavalry, whilst in your old churchyard lie the bones of several of my ancestors. Here I was born and passed my early youth. Before the passing of the Municipal Act, I was made a Freeman of Doncaster, and to-day it is my good fortune, as the Deputy Prov. Grand Master of West Yorkshire, to thank the St. George's Lodge for the reception they and the Craft have given to your Grand Lodge, and for the compliment paid to the office I have the honour to occupy. I shall ever remember this visit to Doncaster.

Among the other toasts were those of the Mayor and Corporation of Doncaster, acknowledged by Bro. Shirley, the Town Clerk, "St. George's Lodge, No. 242, on attaining its centenary," responded to by Bro. James Rigby, and the W. Master, to which Bro. Delanoy replied in suitable terms. The proceedings were shortly afterwards concluded.

The following is a list of the W. Masters of St. George's Lodge from the year of its Constitution:—

1780—Wm. Stephenson	1831—Jos. Lockwood
1781—Wm. Stephenson	1832—Jos. Lockwood
1782—Thos. Brooke	1833—Thos. Woods
1783—Thos. Copley	1834—J. E. Morey
1784—T. Sanderson	1835—J. E. Morey
1785—E. Teare	1836—Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart.
1786—E. Miller	1837—Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart.
1787—J. Thorp	1838—Jos. Lockwood
1788—T. Barrette	1839—T. Webb
1789—T. Sanderson	1840—J. E. Morey
1790—T. Brooke	1841—Sir W. B. Cooke, Bart.
1791—T. Waterworth	1842—Jos. Jackson
1792—E. Miller	1843—Thos. Naylor
1793—E. Miller	1844—R. P. Tallis
1794—E. Miller	1845—T. B. Mason
1795—E. Miller	1846—W. H. Bailes
1796—E. Miller	1847—F. Ingham
1797—E. Miller	1848—F. Ingham
1798—E. Miller	1849—H. B. Square
1799—E. Miller	1850—Ed. Nicholson
1800—E. Miller	1851—Wm. Price
1801—E. Miller	1852—Jas. Sherwin
1802—Jas. Scott	1853—Rev. J. G. Fardell
1803—J. Robinson	1854—Rev. J. G. Fardell
1804—Jas. Herring	1855—Rev. J. G. Fardell
1805—Wm. Morley	1856—Geo. Brooke
1806—Wm. Whittaker	1857—Geo. Brooke
1807—Wm. Crossley	1858—Geo. S. Liddle
1808—Miles Morley	1859—Rd. Morris
1809—John Scott	1860—Jas. Rigby
1810—Richd. Welbourne	1861—Jno. Lister
1811—R. Jarvis	1862—Theo. Smith
1812—J. Jenkinson	1863—Joseph Wright
1813—Wm. Crossley	1864—Robt. C. Bentley
1814—Wm. Crossley	1865—Jas. Rigby
1815—Robert Jarvis	1866—Jas. Rigby
1816—R. Wellbourne	1867—C. M. Hartley
1817—R. Wellbourne	1868—Robt. C. Bentley
1818—Thos. Hall	1869—Robt. C. Bentley
1819—R. Wellbourne	1870—Jas. Rigby
1820—Jas. Anderton	1871—Geo. Brooke
1821—Jas. Anderton	1872—Geo. Brooke
1822—R. Wellbourne	1873—Geo. Hardy
1823—R. Wellbourne	1874—F. D. Walker
1824—R. Wellbourne	1875—F. D. Walker
1825—Thos. Hall	1876—John Heaton
1826—R. Wellbourne	1877—Alfred Parkin
1827—R. Wellbourne	1878—John Shires
1828—Sir Wm. B. Cooke, Bart.	1879—F. Rand
1829—Sir Wm. B. Cooke Bart.	1880—Wm. Delanoy
1830—T. Webb	

Comment on so excellent an array of Masters is unnecessary. May the list be as brilliant in the future as it has been hitherto!

### THE LATE FRANK BUCKLAND.

THE funeral of Mr. Frank Buckland, one of Her Majesty's Inspectors of Fisheries, took place on Friday last, 24th ult., at Brompton Cemetery, when there was a numerous gathering of friends to pay their last tribute of respect to his memory. Mr. Buckland died at his residence, 37 Albany-street, Regent's Park, on Sunday, the 19th ult., having only a few days previous completed his fifty-fourth year. He was the eldest son of the late Very Rev. Dr. Buckland, Dean of Westminster, and one of the most distinguished geologists of his own or any day, was educated at Winchester College, and Christchurch, Oxon., and took his degree of B.A. in 1848. He then entered on the study of medicine, and having served the office of House Surgeon at St. George's Hospital, was gazetted as Assistant Surgeon in the 2nd Life Guards. He resigned his commission in 1863, and thenceforward to the close of his career devoted himself heart and soul to Natural History. To him, the world is largely indebted for the increased knowledge and culture of Fish. His museum at South Kensington is alone a sufficient testimony to this, even if no account were taken of his numerous contributions on the subject to the periodical literature of the day. He did not, however, confine his labours to fish only; his interest was pretty impartially distributed among all branches of the animal world, and whether he was writing of a baby hippopotamus, the cobra, the elephant, or generally, he always wrote pleasantly and in a manner to enlist the sympathies of the public. Still more to his praise is it to say that the opinions he offered were thoroughly practical, and to his energy and ability we are indebted for more than one careful legislative enactment on the subject of the culture and preservation of fish. But they who knew him best are the best qualified to speak of his merits, and we cannot do better than quote the following excerpt from the columns of *Land and Water*, with which excellent journal Mr. Buckland, as projector, proprietor, and contributor, had been connected during the whole period of its existence:—"With his enthusiastic, genial, and ever-ready pen, his practical bent of mind and his keen observing powers, ever on the look-out to seize new points for the elucidation of natural history puzzles and ichthyological problems, it was his delight to communicate all he observed or learned to our pages. Here he met the public as a friend."

### ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

J. W. D.—Such a brother is not a full member and not entitled, therefore, to the rights and privileges of full membership. But even if he were, it would be ill-advised on the part of the W.M. to appoint him to, and ill-becoming in him, to accept an office the duties of which it was known beforehand he would be prevented from discharging regularly.

R. L. S.—The Festival of the R.M.B.I. is fixed for Wednesday, 23rd of February, and will be held, as usual, at Freemasons' Tavern. Sir Henry Edwards, Bart., Prov. G. Master of West Yorkshire, has consented to take the chair. For further information we refer you to Bro. James Terry, Secretary to the Institution, at the Offices, 4 Freemasons' Hall.

### THE MOHAWK MINSTRELS.

THE Mohawks made their re-appearance at their quarters at the Agricultural Hall, after their three weeks' visit to the Garrick Theatre, on Christmas Eve. The programme was a special one, and gave the greatest satisfaction to all who had the good fortune to be present. Mr. Ted Snow created quite a *furor* in his new song, "I can't get married at all." Mr. G. Clare sang with great taste a pretty new ballad, "A Sunbeam fell across my Way." Mr. Kavanagh was in good voice, and sang "The Tournament" splendidly. Mr. C. Garland's rendering of "Children's Happy Voices," to use an expressive phrase, brought down the house. In the second part a quintette, entitled "Lady Mine, at early Day," by Mr. Warwick Williams, the Musical Director of the troupe, was another great success, thanks to the taste exhibited by Messrs. Garland, Temple, Layton, Oliver, and Clare in their interpretation of Mr. Williams's composition. A new Comicality, "The Bumptious Bumpkins," and a new Farceical Absurdity, "The Music Monomaniac," with a new Banjo Song, by Little Thomas, were very favourably received. This special programme was given twice, both on Monday and Tuesday, crowded houses, and is being repeated every evening with the greatest success. Mr. Hunter was the able Interlocutor he always is, and Mr. Mowbray, as Manager, spared no pains to meet the comfort of the audience.

### BERNER'S HALL.

WE have great pleasure in noting that the Berner's Hall, Agricultural Hall, has been opened for the season by Bro. R. G. Thomas, who has provided an admirable Variety Entertainment, which includes magic and juggling, startling illusions, an exhibition of Living Statuary, together with a Grand Christmas Shadow Pantomime. In Part I. appeared Messrs. Ottaway and Woodin, the Champion Bone Soloists and Comedians. Both did extremely well, Mr. Ottaway being a wonderful good "bones," such as we have seldom seen. The Champion Skaters likewise acquitted themselves in a manner which was highly appreciated by the whole audience. Part II. included the Shadow Pantomime, with Johnny De Vere as Clown, M. Ricarde as Harlequin, Sidney Neal as Columbine, and Tom Robbins Pantaloon. This, too, was deservedly applauded. The orchestra gave more than one evidence of its quality; indeed, the whole entertainment is such as might have been expected from so experienced an *entrepreneur* as Bro. Thomas, to whom we heartily wish all success.

## 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, 1st JANUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1821—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Piccadilly, at 7 (Instruction)  
R.A. 304—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.

## MONDAY, 3rd JANUARY.

45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 8 (Instruc.)  
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
189—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
1415—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 48 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, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30 (Instruction)  
37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
119—Sun, Square and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, Whitehaven  
333—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
331—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market-street, Over Darwen  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
694—Oakley, Masonic Hall, Basingstoke  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1103—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1284—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury at 8 (Instruction)  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acorington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
R.A. 262—Salopian, The Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
M.M. 37—Wyndham, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Basingstoke.

## TUESDAY, 4th JANUARY.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
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)  
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1293—Royal Standard, Clu's, Upper-street, Islington  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Cannon Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
1391—Kennington, Surrey Tavern, Kennington Oval  
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Hentley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
120—Pulladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
158—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)  
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
980—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.

1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1483—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.  
M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.

## WEDNESDAY, 5th JANUARY.

New Year's Entertainment to the "Old Folks," R.M.B.I. Asylum, Croydon  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7 (Instruction)  
224—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
534—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
731—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
861—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 Coatts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1298—Finsbury Park, Alwyn Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1521—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1707—Eleanor, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall 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)  
74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
320—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester  
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire.  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)  
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow  
645—Humphrey Chesham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
673—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction.)  
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.  
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.  
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea  
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.  
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester.  
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction.)  
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool  
R.A. 300—Perseverance, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.  
M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

## THURSDAY, 6th JANUARY.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
211—St. Michael, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston  
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.)  
R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch. (Instruction.)  
24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.  
31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury  
33—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester  
41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire  
123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire  
248—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry  
266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood  
269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn  
289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks  
295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield  
300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne  
309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham  
317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.  
446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire  
463—East Surrey of Concord, Greyhound, Croydon.  
509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.  
637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.  
792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.  
913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.  
974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.  
1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland  
1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire  
1294—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire  
1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire  
1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon  
1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes  
1473—Bootle, 146 B. rry-street, Bootle.  
1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich  
1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley  
1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley  
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1594—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks  
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath  
1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire  
R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
R.A. 753—Bridgwater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire  
R.A. 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
M.M. 63—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield

## FRIDAY, 7th JANUARY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)

766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 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)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8 (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 8.0 (Inst.)  
 R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.

41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.  
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate  
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Toddmore.  
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.  
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds  
 375—Lambton, Lambton Arms, Chester-le-street, Durham  
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough  
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.  
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.  
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury  
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford  
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon  
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester  
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal  
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.  
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Room, Chorlton-cum-Hardy  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1523—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.  
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.  
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.  
 1648—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.  
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

### SATURDAY, 8th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, 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)  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester  
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon

### NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**Lodge of Union, No. 414.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. S. Bradley W.M., C. Oades I.P.M., C. Stephens S.W., R. C. Mount P.M. J.W., S. A. Pocock Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, F. Ferguson S.D., S. Wheeler jun. J.D., F. Blackwell Steward, A. W. Parry I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Morris, R. Bradley, Long, C. Smith, Yetts, Moxhay; also Bros. G. Webb, Bracher, Sherwood, Dodd, Oswell, Higgs, Butler, Moffatt, Hawkes, George, Albury, Armstrong, Hart. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead, Pulley, Browne, Hurley, Ivey, Stransom, W. Ferguson, all of 1101, Tench 1225, Watts 1533. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Henry Edward Langley Grant, merchant, of Freetown, Sierra Leone, West Africa, who was declared to be elected, and who was waiting in the convenient room adjoining the Lodge to be prepared for initiation; the candidate is a gentleman of colour, and much curiosity was manifested by the brethren to witness what had never before been seen in the Masonic Hall, Reading; it appears the candidate had been educated at Mr. White's School, Richmond House, Reading, and from the manner of his responding to the various promptings it is evident his education has been of a superior character. He passed through the ordeal of initiation with great fortitude, evidently impressed with the beautiful ceremony, which the Worshipful Master admirably performed. The Charge was given by the I.P.M. Bro. Oades, in his usual correct manner. The Prov. Grand Secretary called the attention of the Lodge to a petition from the promoters of a new Lodge, to be called the Wellesley, at Wellington College, for a Warrant of Constitution from Grand Lodge; it was unanimously decided to recommend the same, and it was signed by the Master and Wardens. The election of W.M. for the ensuing year took place, and resulted in Bro. C. Stephens S.W. Prov. Grand Treasurer Berks and Bucks being elected. Bro. Pocock P.M. was re-elected Treasurer and Almoner, and Bro. Hemmings re-elected Tyler. After the usual ceremonies the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

**Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No 554.**—At the Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney, E., on the 21st ult. Bros. E. W. Walter W.M., Anderson S.W., Loane J.W., J. Taylor S.D., J. R. Shingfield I.G., J. J. Berry P.M. Preceptor, W. Cross Secretary; also Bros. Hawes, Stephens, Andrews, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of two previous meetings were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the questions having been satisfactorily answered by Bro. Hawes, he was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in the third degree. The ceremony of raising was carefully rehearsed, Bro. Hawes candidate. Lodge was lowered, and the ceremony of initiation was worked, Bro. Hawes again being the candidate. In working these two ceremonies consecutively, Bro. Walter gave an earnest of the style of working he is prepared to adopt in the mother Lodge of which he is the elected Master. The W.M. was again appointed to occupy the chair on the 28th inst. Arrangements were made for working the Fifteen Sections here, on the 18th January. Bro. J. Andrews 1227 will preside on that occasion. Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Garter, Kew-bridge, on Friday, 17th December. Bros. Monson W.M., F. Botley S.W., Gomm J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., Blasby J.D., Lees I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Goss P.M., Gunner Hon. Sec., Kent, Lees. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Kent as the candidate. Bro. Lees answered the questions leading to second degree. Dues were collected. Bro. F. Botley was unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, which will take place on the 7th January. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Monson for his conduct of the business. It was agreed that in future the chair be taken punctually at 8.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on 21st ult. Bros. Christian W.M., Polak S.W., Clark J.W., Dignum S.D., Smyth J.D., Edwards I.G., J. Lorkin Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Dallas, C. Lorkin, Larter, Brasted, Morling, Webb. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Morling being a candidate for raising was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and Bro. Morling was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the W.M. giving the traditional history. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree, Bro. Brasted was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. In accordance with usual custom, the brethren voted one guinea towards the Old People's Christmas Festival, which sum Bro. P.M. Wallington, with the assistance of the brethren, made up to £3 3s. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

**St. John of Wapping Lodge, No. 1306.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement, E.C., on the 1st inst. The Lodge is now comfortably established at the above address, where the requirements and convenience of the members are thoroughly attended to by Bros. Kingston and Fromm, whose experience in such matters is evidently great. That the members appreciate the change may be gathered from the hearty vote of thanks accorded, at the meeting in October, to the W.M. and brethren who formed the Removal Committee, for their unremitting exertions in effecting the transfer of the Lodge from Wapping to its present convenient and accessible quarters. Lodge was opened with great promptitude by the W.M., who was supported by the following Officers and brethren:—Bro. T. Wooding kindly acted as S.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Magrath S.W.; Bro. Horsley in like manner officiated as J.W. The Deaconry secured capital working at the hands of Bro. T. J. Tyers J.D., who was assisted by Bros. Clements and Couture. Bro. Twinn again acted as I.G. The P.M.'s present were Bros. W. H. Hayward I.P.M., Beck Treas., Dawson, and Coleman, the genial Organist of the Lodge. The Visitors were Bros. How 141, J. Shepherd P.M. 1349, T. Loane 1421, and G. H. Stephens J.D. 1623. Bro. Whatling, who was to have been raised to the sublime degree, was unable to be present whilst Lodge was working. After confirmation of the minutes and other routine work, the remaining business, consisting of the passing of Bros. T. Phillips, T. Morris and C. East to the Fellow Craft degree, was performed, the working being capitally done, proving that the brethren, most of whom were performing duties higher than they were appointed to in the Lodge, are already proficient for preferment. The brethren were now called off, for a somewhat protracted period, and upon being called on again, the usual hearty greetings were given, and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous repast which, whilst it contrasted with the good cheer provided on former occasions, served to demonstrate the capabilities of the establishment to provide anything, from a *récherché* banquet to a Welsh rarebit, at short notice, with equal satisfaction. The first toast given after the cloth was cleared was Loyalty to the Throne and Prosperity to the Craft, which was enthusiastically received. Bro. Dawson Past Master gave the toast of the W.M., which was heartily received and duly responded to. In toasting the P.M.'s, the W.M. briefly commented upon the various services which those brethren had rendered to the Lodge. Bro. Dawson had always been pleased to support the chair on all occasions. Bro. Beck, the Treasurer, was too well known to make any comment necessary, whilst Bro. Hayward, the I.P.M., not only took a deep interest in the Lodge, but came a distance of two hundred miles to discharge his duties, while Bro. Coleman was always present to render his services to the Lodge as Organist. The toast of the "Host" was also well received, after the replies of the P.M.'s, and suitably acknowledged. In giving the toast of the Visitors, the W.M. assured those brethren the St. John of Wapping Lodge was always pleased to extend a hearty welcome to them. The Visitors present had honoured the Lodge before. In fact, one of the body actually thought Bro. How to be a member. However, they were all heartily welcome, and the brethren, on the invitation of the W.M., gave them a hearty "fire." The Visitors having each responded in suitable terms, the Officers were complimented, their proficiency in Masonic working in the Lodge being dwelt upon as a consequence of the known assiduous attendance at Lodges of Instruction which they all display. Bro. Wooding having responded for the S.W., Bro. Horsley spoke in praise of the working of his brother Officers, and pre-acted a capital future. Bros. Tyer, Couture, Holdom, Clements, Twinn, &c., also expressed their thanks, and after some singing, the brethren separated in peace and harmony. Bro. Coleman again contributed to this latter feature in his happiest manner, and the songs as a rule were new to the brethren, so that the charm of novelty will perhaps account for the free and jovial nature of the after-dinner proceedings. Besides the brethren mentioned, there were present Bros. Phillips, East, Morris, Hodgson, Blaney, and Parsons.

**Yarborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 554.**—At the regular meeting, on Tuesday, 28th ult., at Bro. A. Walter's, Green Dragon, Stepney, E., Bro. Dr. Thomas Loane officiated as W.M., and was supported by Bros. W. Cross (Sec.) as S.W., Lax J.W., J. Andrews P.M. Acting Preceptor, J. Taylor Deacon, J. R. Shingfield I.G.; also Bros. Anderson, Stephens, Clark, &c. Lodge having been duly opened, after preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was most ably worked, Bro. Shingfield candidate. The W.M. next proceeded to work the first section of the lecture, afterwards calling upon Bro. Andrews to work the second, third, and fourth sections, the brethren assisting. Bro. H. Clark, United Mariners' Lodge, No. 30, was unanimously elected a member of the Lodge, and returned thanks. Bro. Walter was re-elected to the chair for the ensuing meeting. The next business transacted was of a very pleasing nature, viz., the conferring upon the W.M. Bro. T. Loane a cordial vote of thanks for the skilful and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of W.M. for the first time in this Lodge. This having been done in a hearty manner, Bro. Loane expressed his appreciation of this mark of esteem, and trusted he should, by continuing to work as hard as he had done during the last fourteen months, be enabled to give them satisfaction on many similar occasions. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned till the first Tuesday in January.

We are glad to note the steady improvement in the attendance which has taken place during the last few months. Brethren seeking instruction will find the Yarborough Lodge a capital means of obtaining it, combined with all the comforts of a well-appointed Lodge-room. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge in January by Bro. J. Andrews P.M. 1227. Particulars will be duly announced, and, from the names already promised, a capital rendering may be relied upon.

**King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.**—On the 26th inst., at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bro. F. Silvester W.M., L. Jacobs S.W., B. Kauffman J.W., Devine Treas., L. Solomon Sec., Solomon S.D., Davis J.D., N. Vallentine I.G., Hemming Preceptor, and Bros. C. Josephs, J. Edwards, H. M. Levy, H. L. Phillips, &c. After preliminaries the first section of the first lecture was worked, and the ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. H. L. Phillips candidate. The second section of the second lecture was worked by the brethren, who were ably assisted by Bro. Hemming. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Edwards acting as candidate. Bro. L. Jacobs was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

The Royal Arthur Lodge of Instruction, No. 1360, will remove from the Prince's Head, York-road, Battersea, to the Duke of Cambridge, 216 Bridge-road, Battersea Park, five minutes' walk from Battersea Station, three minutes' walk from the Prince's Head. The latter establishment has been purchased by Bro. J. Wright, owing to the Prince's Head being pulled down for improvements. The ceremony of installation will be worked on the 4th of January 1881, being the first night of meeting in the new establishment, on which occasion Bro. Radcliffe, W.M. of St. Michael's, 211, has consented to rehearse the ceremony. It is intended, after the business of the Lodge, to present a purse of money, as a testimonial, to the late Preceptor Bro. King, as a token of the regard and esteem in which he is held by the brethren of this Lodge of Instruction.

### JAMAICA.

**United Service Lodge, No. 1873.**—Was consecrated at the Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston, on the 6th December, by R.W. Bro. Altamont de Cordova Deputy District G. Master in charge of the district, assisted by the Grand Wardens, Bros. J. L. Ashenheim and C. W. Tait, and the District Grand Secretary Bro. G. C. H. Lewis. The W.M. designate Commander A. W. Warry, R.N., was then installed in the chair of K.S., and appointed his Officers as follow:—Deputy Commissary Pearson as P.M., Captain W. Marvin as S.W., Dr. M. P. Cormac McCormac as J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti as S.D., J. A. Harvey as J.D., Lieut. A. R. Hampton 2nd W. I. Regiment, as I.G., George Magnus as Tyler, Captain T. Bell as Treasurer, J. Lucie-Smith as Secretary, the Rev. Dr. H. Croskery as Chaplain, A. H. Jones as Organist, Lieut. Hastings, R.N., as Steward, and Captain Coward as Director of Ceremonies. Bros. A. de Cordova, the Hon. J. C. Mackglashan, C. W. Tait, W. Lee Mudon, John Harris, Moses Delgado, Captain Karl H. A. Mainwaring R.N., and J. H. de Pass were elected as Honorary Members. Bro. de Pass presented to set of jewels for the use of the Lodge, which formerly belonged to the Lodge of Harmony. The following brethren were elected as joining members:—A. H. Alexander J.P., Inspector Lindesay Crosbie J.C., Thomas G. Dundas Broughton J.P., Captain Richard Bingham 2nd W. I. Regiment, E. Sanguinetti, and Lieut. Percy O'Brien 1st W. I. Regiment. Hearty good wishes were offered for the prosperity of the new Lodge by the District Grand Lodge, and the Royal, Friendly, and Sussex Lodges. Lieut. J. W. H. Harwood 2nd W. I. Regiment, and Deputy Assistant Commissary General Whitehead were proposed as candidates for initiation. The formation of the Lodge originated with the late Bro. T. Nicholson P.M., 1st W. I. Regiment, and since his lamented death the work of organisation has been carried on by Bro. Captain W. Portlock Dadson P.M., P. District Grand Deacon, and the Lodge opens with nearly thirty members on its roll. It will meet on the first Tuesday in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December.

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### SOUTH AFRICA.

**Peace and Harmony Lodge.**—An emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 24th November, at Du Toits Fan, Diamond Fields, South Africa. Present:—Charles Roberts W.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmonitz Treas., Jno. Sonbeek Orator, E. Garisch M.C., D. Avis Amb., A. J. Wolhuter Alm., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. N. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler; also Bros. R. C. Partridge, W. H. Vilgeon, J. Creewel, C. J. Barnes, J. Sonnenburg, C. Aburron. Visitors—Bros. David Harris, P. Tallerman, C. Allen, M. Ettling, C. La Rine, and about ten others. Lodge opened in 1st degree, when the W.M. stated that as there was so much work before the Lodge, he had convened this emergency meeting for the purpose of raising Bros. Creewel and Barnes. Lodge was then passed to second degree, when the candidates, after answering the necessary questions in a manner which proved to the brethren that they had made considerable progress in the science, retired. Lodge was raised to the third degree, when the candidates re-entered the Temple and were duly raised to the sublime degree of M.M. by the W.M., in a most solemn manner. The labours being ended in that degree, the Lodge was reduced to the first. The W.M. thanked the Visitors for their attendance, and, commenting in praiseworthy terms on the fraternal feeling that existed between the brethren at the Diamond Fields, once more he thanked them on behalf of the Peace and Harmony Lodge for their attendance, at the same time assuring them of a hearty welcome on next Lodge night (1st Dec.), when there would be a candidate for initiation. Bro. David Harris (Charles Warren Lodge) thanked the Lodge for the welcome the Visitors had received, complimented the W.M. on his working, and wished the Lodge prosperity and success. Lodge was then closed.

On Wednesday, 1st December. Officers present—Bros. C. Roberts W.M., D. Van Ulsen D.M., B. Klisser S.W., J. B. King J.W., E. Isaacs Hon. Sec., A. Yockmonitz Treasurer, D. Avis Amb., W. Kuipers Arch. and Steward, H. W. Campbell acting I.G., S. W. Green Tyler. Visitors—Bros. P. Tallerman (Richard Giddy Lodge), E. Wells, W. F. Richardson, Jas. W. Marshall (Athole), A. McDonald (Caledonian 354), G. A. Ettling (Unie Bloemfontein), G. A. Dowling, John Foote (724 Derby); and several others. After preliminaries, a letter was read from D.D.G.M. Griqualand, soliciting assistance on behalf of Rev. Bro. E. W. Stenson, who is at present serving as Chaplain to the field force now in Basutoland. While ministering to the wants and comforts of the sick, wounded, and dying, the enemy carried off all the property he had in the world. After the letter had been read, it was resolved to contribute £10 out of the Poor Fund of the Lodge, and the collection made for the evening to be added. An application was read from Mr. Arthur Bainbridge to become a Freemason, and Bro. Alfred Farr (Lodge Meltham, No. 1205, Devon) was proposed as a joining member. After some accounts were passed for payment, Mr. William Herbert Lomas, the candidate for initiation, was introduced and duly initiated into the mysteries of our Order by the W.M. Bro. D.M. gave the Charge. The W.M. reminded the brethren that the collection for the evening was voted to our distressed Bro. Rev. E. W. Stenson. Bro. Almoner went on his journey, and returned with a very handsome amount. The Visitors were thanked for their attendance. Hearty good wishes were expressed, the Lodge was then closed, and the brethren departed in peace and harmony.

### DEVON MASONIC EDUCATIONAL FUND.

**T**HERE was a meeting of the Committee appointed to carry out the details of the Concert in aid of the above Institution at the Hayshe Masonic Temple on Thursday, 23rd ult. There was a large attendance, and it was arranged that the official programme should be advertised early in January. The date will be the 26th January. The list of patrons is large, and the brethren may hope to welcome their esteemed P.G. Master Viscount Ebrington on the occasion.

It is probable that on the 27th January there will be held a special Provincial Grand Lodge of the Province of Devon. It will be held at Torrington for the purpose of consecrating the new Lodge Torridge, a Warrant for which has been granted by the Most Worshipful Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Committee of Petitions for the Province will be held at the same time and place, to consider petitions and elect the chairman and officers.—*Western Daily Mercury.*

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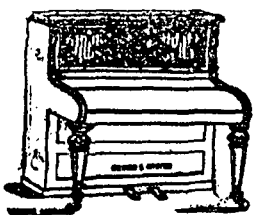
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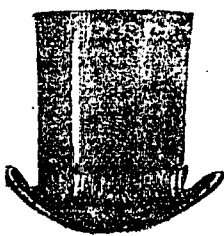
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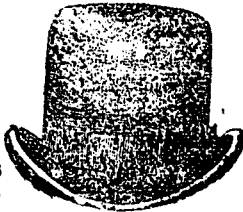
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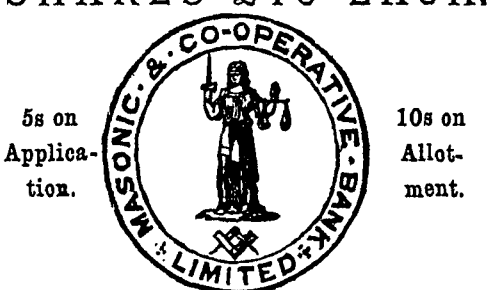
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