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## ANALYSIS OF THE SUBSCRIPTION LIST, R.M.B.I.

IT is with an unusual degree of pleasure that we enter on our customary task of noting the principal features connected with the Stewards' Returns at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. It is a matter of course that success should fluctuate as among our three Charities; and Bro. Terry, whose total list in 1880 was a long way inferior to those of the Schools, has inaugurated the new year with a list which exceeds any previously returned on behalf either of his own or the other Institutions by considerably over £200. It will necessarily be understood that our unusual satisfaction is not personal in its character. We are wholly impartial in our support of the Charities, and we endeavour, within the limits of the possible, to advocate their interests at all times without troubling ourselves as to which of them receives the largest, which the smallest, amount of patronage in the course of any year. We can with the utmost impartiality congratulate each of the three Secretaries in turn on his achievements without dreaming of saying aught that might be regarded as a disparagement of his fellow-labourers. The pleasure we derive from so magnificent a result as that of Wednesday, the 23rd ult., is due primarily to the fact that, even at a time when the aspect of things is not of the most hopeful character, the cause of Masonic Charity does something more than hold its own. Another and still more gratifying feature in connection with this particular Festival is to be found in the abnormal strength, numerically speaking, of the Board of Stewards. We are aware this unusual strength is explained by the strong contingent of representatives from West Yorkshire, but even if we were to leave this Province entirely out of the reckoning, we should have an array of close upon 220 Stewards, and a total of contributions little short of £11,000—that is, within a few hundreds of the sum at present required for the annuities. Nor must we lose sight of the fact that more than one-third of the Metropolitan Lodges were represented, and two-thirds of the Provinces, so that with an area so much wider than is usual, it must be evident the Institution is being more widely supported by the Craft at large. Indeed, this increase in the area of support is, probably, to Bro. Terry himself even more gratifying than the increased aggregate of contributions. We have over and over again pointed out that if every subscribing member of a Lodge gave annually only the modest sum of five shillings to each of our three Institutions, not only would they be capable of effecting a greater amount of good, but there would be little, if any, necessity for strong periodical appeals to the Fraternity. It is the more gratifying, therefore, when we find the number of supporters is so largely in excess of what it has been in past years. To have had close on 400 Stewards must, indeed, be the most satisfactory of the many brilliant circumstances with which the Benevolent Festival of 1881 will always be associated in the mind of its indefatigable Secretary, Bro. Terry.

We pointed out last week that of the 395 brethren who constituted the Board of Stewards, 124 represented the Metropolis, and 271 the Provinces, the West Yorkshire contingent being 176, while the other twenty-eight Provinces that were represented sent up ninety-five. Giving our attention, in the first place, to London, we note that out of its 124 Stewards five were unattached. Of the

remainder, 109 acted on behalf of 107 Lodges, Nos. 228 and 1278, each sending up two representatives, nine brethren served on the Board as representatives of eight R.A. Chapters, there being two Stewards in the case of Chapter No. 1589, and that one Rose Croix Chapter—No. 10—sent up a Steward. These 124 brethren among them took up a total of £6408 16s 6d, which gives, as nearly as possible, an average of £52 per Steward, and over £55 per body represented. The highest contribution was returned, as we noted last week, by Bro. Buss, Assistant Grand Secretary, who acted for the Canonbury Lodge, No. 657, and gave in £315, a total which, it is needless to say, is greatly above the average three-figure contributions, and speaks well both for the energy of Bro. Buss and the liberality of the Lodge. Following him in order is the worthy Secretary of the Benevolent, Bro. James Terry himself, who represented the Sincerity Chapter, No. 174, and handed up a list of £150 1s 6d. Friends in Council, No. 1383, stands third on the Metropolitan roll with £133 7s 0d, its Steward being Bro. J. W. Waldron, the Islington, No. 1471, being close up with £131 6s 6d. Then follow the Yarborough, No. 554, which, by the hands of Bro. John G. Stevens, contributes £126, and the Sincerity Lodge, which, per Bro. Jones, sends £124 3s as the total of its list. Then come some half-dozen Lodges, whose totals vary from each other by only a few shillings. These are the Fitzroy, No. 569, with £117 2s 6d, Bro. J. C. Sanderson, Steward; Westbourne Lodge, No. 733, Bro. John Welford, Steward, with £116 3s 6d; High Cross Lodge, No. 754, Tottenham, Bro. J. Garrod, Steward, with £115 10s, West Smithfield, No. 1622, whose representative, Bro. W. Clauson Thne, handed in a list of exactly the same amount, and Bro. Edgar Bowyer, unattached, £115. The last group of three-figure contributions is made up of Prosperity, No. 65, and the Percy Lodge, No. 198, each of which is entered for £106 1s, Bro. C. E. Ferry being Steward of the former, and Bro. R. Rowell that of the latter. Southwark, No. 879, by the hands of Bro. W. Topp, and Cripplegate, No. 1613, by those of Bro. Bernard Groner, figure for £105 each, the Highgate, No. 1366, giving £104 14s, per Bro. B. Fish, and the Doric, No. 933, Bro. G. Hollington, £100. Thus, there are no less than sixteen lists amounting to £100 and upwards, while of the remaining number St. Thomas's, No. 143, per Bro. J. H. Matthews, is close up with £97 13s, and the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, gives £90 4s 6d, per Bro. Samuel Webb; the Pythagorean, No. 79, per Bro. H. Roberts, £85 8s; the Metropolitan, No. 1507, contributes £84 13s, per W. Side; the St. Marylebone, No. 1305, £82 2s, per Bro. C. A. Smith; the Langthorne, No. 1421, per Bro. H. Neville Taylor, £80, and the Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 259, per Bro. T. W. Carmalt Jones, £78 15s. A fair proportion of the others give over £50 a-piece, so that the Metropolis, though its aggregate is inferior to that of the Provinces, is to be warmly congratulated on the largeheartedness with which it has supported Bro. Terry, the Lodges in the Northern districts having been especially successful in the fulness of their lists. Most of the regularly contributing Lodges are represented, Antiquity, No. 2, being the most noteworthy exception, and there are no less than five Lodges of 1879 constitution among them, the total of whose several contributions is in excess of £200. Two out of these five were represented at the Benevolent Festival in 1880, one of them, the Coborn, No. 1804, having taken part at each Festival in that year. A reference to our analytical article on the Festival last year will show that the Metropolis, with about the same

number of Stewards, sent up over £7200, but we cannot in reason expect that every year will be equally productive, any more than we can expect that the Metropolis will always be ahead of the Provinces or *vice versa*. A similar reference will show that of the Lodges we have especially mentioned the following extended their support to the Benevolent Institution in 1880, viz., Prosperity, No. 65, which gave £124, Sincerity, No. 174, to the extent of £121 8s, and Sincerity Chapter, to that of £210; the Prince of Wales, No. 259, which appears for £178 5s; the Fitzroy, No. 569, for £131 5s, the Canonbury, for £113 7s; the Friends in Council £187 3s, and the Islington, 1471, for £228 13s 6d. It is evident, therefore, that the claims of the Benevolent on the support of the Craft are highly appreciated by these Lodges, which, however, are very far from overlooking those of its sister Institutions. Indeed, these will be found among the most consistent supporters of all our Charities. This completes all which seems desirable to note in connection with the Lodges of the Metropolis, which, as we have said, were represented to the extent of over one-third of their whole number, while its contributions stand to those of the Provinces in the proportion of about four to five—a most creditable result, considering that the Chair was taken by the Master of so influential a Province as West Yorkshire.

We now turn our attention to the Provinces, of which no less than twenty-nine out of forty-one, or, if we include Beds, the Channel Islands other than Jersey, and the Isle of Man, of the forty-four districts into which the home jurisdiction of our Grand Master is apportioned. The total number of Stewards representing these twenty-nine Provinces was, as we have stated, 271, of which, as far as we have been able to make out, 176 acted on behalf of West Yorkshire, and the remaining ninety-five on behalf of the other Provinces. The total of the lists these brethren sent in was £7,877 18s, or an average of just a fraction over £29 per Steward. The absentee Provinces or Districts were Beds, Cambridgeshire, Cumberland and Westmoreland, Herefordshire, Leicestershire and Rutland, Lincolnshire, Norfolk, Northumberland, Notts, S. Wales East, South Wales West, Wilts, Worcestershire, Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man. The last two, as being remote, and as probably having but a slight connection on that account with our central Charities, may be dismissed without comment. Alderney and Guernsey, which together constitute the Channel Islands district, have between them five Lodges, and the Isle of Man has three. We occasionally hear of contributions from the former, and no doubt both dispense their charity locally with an open hand. Taking the others in their alphabetical order, we may remark that Beds, with its five Lodges, and Cambridgeshire, with its four, are again, as we regret to say they have been far too frequently of late, conspicuous by their absence. The former put in an appearance at the Festival of the Girls' School last year, when the representative of one of its Lodges figured for a total of six-and-forty guineas, and we think it would be well worth the while of the other Lodges, as indicating clearly their loyal appreciation of Masonic Charity, if they occasionally followed the good example we have just quoted of the Stuart Lodge, No. 540, of Bedford. As regards Cambridgeshire, it has, it is true, on one or two occasions emerged from the obscurity it seems to prefer, but this would seem to have been due to the efforts of one individual. As a Province, we cannot call to mind any of the last nineteen Festivals at which it has taken any active part in the proceedings. We have more than once drawn attention to this carelessness, as well as to its readiness to accept the benefits of our Institutions, in respect of its own protégés, and we have on one solitary occasion seen the name of its chief, the Earl of Hardwicke, as taking part at some festive gathering, namely, at the famous banquet in October last, when ex-Lord Mayor Truscott G.J.W. entertained His Royal Highness the Grand Master at the Mansion House. This is the one solitary occasion on which we have seen his name associated with anything Masonic. Perhaps his Deputy, Bro. John Deighton, being so thorough a Mason, might exert himself to remedy this state of indifference. The absence of Cumberland and Westmoreland (19 Lodges) is justly excusable. It sent over £375 to the Girls' School, and £63 to the Boys' School in 1880, and it was represented at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution in 1879, as well as on several previous occasions within the period over which our analyses have usually been spread. Herefordshire, with four Lodges, has not, to the best of

our recollection, furnished a representative at any Festival since that of the Girls' School in 1878, and we must travel back a further period of two years in order to note another appearance on the Subscription List. It has now in the person of Sir J. R. Bailey, Bart., M.P., a new Prov. G. Master, who will doubtless arouse a greater amount of activity than could have been looked for under the gentle rule of his amiable but aged predecessor. Leicester and Rutland, 10 Lodges, to go no further back than the last two years, has been represented at the following Festivals, namely, that of the Benevolent 1879 by two Stewards with a total of £125 14s; at the Boys' Festival in the same year by Bro. G. Toller, whose list amounted to £42. In 1880, it helped the Girls' School to the extent of 73 10s, and the Boys' with £194 5s. These several contributions amount together to over £435, which is creditable to so small a Province, to say nothing of its services during the four preceding years. Lincolnshire, with its 20 Lodges, have a somewhat similar record, but with twice the number of Lodges, its contributions in the same two years are about one-half of the Leicester total. It has on other occasions exhibited its powers, and we think it might now bestir itself into emulating the most conspicuous of its past achievements. Norfolk (16 Lodges), ever since Lord Suffield's appointment to the Prov. G. Mastership, has shown that its old zeal on behalf of our Charitable Institutions is as sound and as busy as ever. At the Benevolent Festival of 1879 its contributions amounted to £306 12s. At the Boys' Festival the same year it sent up £25 4s. Last year it contributed to "Our Girls" £108 2s, and £207 13s to "Our Boys." These figures give a total for the two years of £647 11s, while, when its chief presided at the Girls' Festival in 1877, it supported him to the extent of £210, and the year following, when the Duke of Connaught presided at the Boys' Anniversary, it helped to swell the general aggregate by raising the sum of £289 6s. This gives us a total of over £1136 subscribed since Lord Suffield was installed as G. Master of the Province. Northumberland, with 20 Lodges, is another absentee, whose occasional absence may be explained by the largeness of its occasional support. Thus, at the Boys' Festival last July its total amounted to the very handsome sum of £638 17s, and in 1877, at the Festival of the same Institution, it sent up £304 15s. Nottinghamshire (12 Lodges), though unrepresented on this occasion, is by no means a frequent absentee. In 1880 it gave the Girls' £178 10s. It sent up a Steward to the Benevolent and the Girls' the year preceding, but the amounts he handed in are not stated. It assisted the Benevolent in 1878, and in 1877 both Schools. The Eastern and Western Divisions of South Wales, the former with fifteen Lodges, and the latter with nine, are not included in the contributing Provinces. At Bro. Binckes's Festival last July they both of them gave substantial help, South Wales East being entered for £126 5s, and South Wales West for £300. The former figures for £100 at the Girls' Anniversary, and the latter at that of the Benevolent. for a small amount, apparently the personal contribution of its respected D.P.G.M., Lord Kensington, M.P. In 1879 the Eastern Division figures for a subscription of £105 to the Girls' School, and the Western for £225 to the Benevolent. At the Boys' Festival in 1878, the former gave £84, and at that of the same School the year previous it is down for £132 15s, while the latter gave £168. Wilts (10 Lodges) last year supported the Institution for Girls to the extent of £128 2s, its representative being none other than Lord Methuen P.G. Master; nor was the Benevolent entirely overlooked, though the one list which did duty for the Province was a small one. Still better did this Province do for the Benevolent in 1879, when its total was £237 10s. In 1878 the same Institution received £164 11s, and the Girls' School £267 5s, while in the year previous it gave its attention to all three Institutions, the Benevolent receiving £273 1s, Lord Methuen being on this occasion also its representative—the Girls' School £122 14s, and the Boys' School £142 16s. The remaining absentee is Worcestershire, with eleven Lodges; but under the presidency of Sir E. A. H. Lechmere, Bart., M.P., P.G. Master, it has been doing yeoman service. It was represented at the Boys' and Girls' Festivals last year, being entered, in the case of the latter, for £364 7s, but what it raised for the former does not appear to have been stated. To the Wood Green Institution in 1879 it gave £580 13s, to that at Battersea Rise £141 15s, and to the Benevolent £42. This admirable display must no doubt be in great part explained by the greater energy which has been exhibited in

the Province [since its present chief acceded to office in 1878.

Having thus cleared the way by explaining, as far as such explanation is possible or probable, the reasons which appear to us to justify or otherwise the non-representation at this Festival of the Provinces we have enumerated above, let us devote some space to those who helped Bro. Terry to achieve the grand result of last Wednesday week. First in order is Berks and Bucks, whose part on these occasions is always satisfactorily played. It has eighteen Lodges on its roll, the one half of which are in Berks and the other half in Bucks. Six Stewards, five of whom represented as many Berks Lodges, together raised £207 19s 6d, of which £37 18s 6d was the amount of the Bucks Steward's list. We would suggest to our brethren in the latter county that it would look far better if its Lodges exhibited a somewhat greater degree of activity in their support of our Institutions. Last year at the Benevolent it sent up the same number of representatives, their total, with one—a Bucks—list not accounted for, being £215 3s 6d. On this occasion there were four Berks and two Bucks Stewards. At the Girls' Festival there were seven Stewards, all of whom acted on behalf of Berks Lodges, the sum of their lists being £506 14s. At the Boys' School there were four Stewards, who raised together £105 18s, but it did not appear to what Lodges these Stewards were attached. However, we have said enough to show the force of our remark that a little more activity on the part of Bucks would seem to be desirable, if only in order to establish between it and its neighbour something like a fair equilibrium. The Province of Bristol, with its eight Lodges, gives by its general representative the sum of £54 2s. Last year its contribution to the Girls' School was £216 6s. It contributed on a small scale to the Benevolent and the Girls' in 1879. In 1878 the Benevolent and Our Boys received at its hands a fair share of attention, the former to the extent of £134 15s, and the latter to that of £81 18s; while in 1877, with the Earl of Limerick P.G.M. as its representative, it contributed £161 8s to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. This is a highly praiseworthy exhibition of zeal for our Institutions. Cheshire, with its thirty-seven Lodges, may always be reckoned upon for its share of support, though it has a local Institution of its own which is in a most flourishing condition. This time, with one Steward for the whole Province, and three brethren acting apparently on their own account, its total is £243 12s, of which £201 12s, is entered for the Province. Last July it sent up to the Boys' School eleven Stewards, whose aggregate was £313 12s 6d. In April 1880, by the hands of five Stewards, it contributed £151 4s to the Girls' School, and it figures at the Benevolent Festival in the previous February for £69. At the Girls' Festival 1879 it sent up £356 4s. This bears out what we have said—that Cheshire must be reckoned upon to a fair extent, and to one which, under the special circumstance we have alluded to, is worthy of its strength and reputation. Cornwall, with twenty-eight Lodges, gives £10 1s. It was unrepresented last year, but in 1879, when Bro. Hughan and another acted as Stewards, the former being the representative of the Province, it gave £378. In 1878 it bestowed its attentions on the Benevolent, the Earl of Mount Edgecumbe and Bro. Hughan being its Stewards, and the amount of its contributions £570. In 1876 the Boys' School was favoured, Bro. Hughan being the sole representative of the Province, and the total of his list £432 12s. Derbyshire (nineteen Lodges) has sent two Stewards, whose lists amount together to £110 16s. At the Boys' Festival of July last it sent £47 6s 6d, and at the Benevolent £132 3s. In 1879 it helped the Boys' to the extent of £277 2s, and is also to be credited with a contribution to the R.M.B.I. the same year. Devonshire has a roll of exactly fifty Lodges, and figures for £63. Last year it gave this Institution £191 13s, and the Girls' School £141 10s. In 1879 it gave £241 1s to Our Girls, and £68 5s to Our Boys. In 1878 all three of our Charities received support from it, the Benevolent to the extent of £110, the Girls' £29 10s 6d, and the Boys' £220; and the same remark applies to the year preceding, when the Benevolent had subscriptions amounting to £596, the Girls' £52 10s, and the Boys' £63. A reference to the lists will show that the two brethren who take the leading part on these occasions are Bros. Godtschalk and Curteis.

Dorsetshire, thirteen Lodges, is another of our Provinces, whose absence from these celebrations is of rare

occurrence. Its contribution this time is only a modest £45 4s by the hands of Bro. R. N. Howard of the Portland Lodge, No. 1037. Last year, however, it showed itself worthy of its reputation. At the corresponding Festival in February 1880, it contributed £230 16s—the Province being represented by Bro. H. C. Burt to the extent of £180 10s, and Bro. J. M. P. Montagu, acting for the St. Mary's Lodge, No. 707, furnishing the difference. At the Girls' Festival Bros. Montagu and Howard between them handed in £95, while the list at the Boys' Anniversary was £161 1s. In 1879 it gave to the Benevolent per Bro. Grundy £101 1s, and to the Boys' School per Bro. Howard £295 2s. In 1878 it figures for £150 to the Benevolent, £116 11s to the Girls', and £401 12s to the Boys', Bro. J. M. P. Montagu being the Steward in each case. In 1877 its present Prov. G. Master Bro. Montague Guest, M.P., acted as representative, and his list amounted to £305. Bro. Montagu acted in a like capacity at the Girls' Festival and sent up £180 12s, while the contribution to the Boys' Festival per Bro. Benet Stanford Vere Fane was £80 17s. We need not go further back in order to prove that Dorset has a reputation in these matters and loyally sustains it whenever it has a chance. Durham, twenty-six Lodges, has turned its first Festival, since the Marquess of Londonderry became its Grand Master, to good account by contributing £174 0s 6d, of which the sum of £158 5s 6d found its way into the coffers of the Benevolent through the intermediary of Brother Babington Boulton acting for the Province. At the Boys' Festival in 1880, it contributed £136 10s, and to the Girls' it gave £108 10s. In 1879 the Schools were the recipients of its patronage, the lassies having the lion's share £227 17s, and the laddies £130 4s. In 1878 the latter had it to themselves, Bro. W. H. Crooke's Stewardship yielding £155 8s. In 1877 they were again helped through the medium of the same worthy brother with £158 11s, but the Girls' fared better still and received per Bro. Babington Boulton, acting for the Province, £286 2s 6d. The year before it gave Our Boys' £275 2s, Bro. Candlish, of the Fawcett Lodge, being its representative. The bare statement we have drawn out will speak far more eloquently than we could hope to do in showing that Durham, under its present chief, has fully resolved to maintain its character as a liberal and fairly impartial supporter of all three Institutions. When the time comes round for its P.G.M. to occupy the chair at one of these Festivals, it will doubtless bestir itself into even more than its wonted activity. The black diamonds for which it is famous are likely to be of service in more ways than one when that event takes place.

One of the Home Counties—Essex—stands next in order, three out of its nineteen Lodges being represented, the sum of whose contributions is £57 19s. In July last, with four Stewards, it contributed £89 5s to the Boys'; the Girls', in the April preceding, being still more fortunate, there being six Stewards acting on behalf of as many Lodges, their joint lists representing a total of £237 8s, while £89 13s 6d, with a list still to be accounted for, went to the Benevolent. In 1879 there were again two Lodges doing duty for the Province at the Boys' Festival, and they between them found £103 7s 6d, while a Chapter gave a small contribution to the Benevolent. In 1878, the R.M.B.I. received £88 16s, the Girls' £40 13s 9d, and the Boys' £233 5s 7d, while the year before it assisted all three, the Benevolent with £113 13s, the Girls' with £37 9s, and the Boys' with £76 16s.

The transition from the country of the East Saxons to Gloucestershire is in one sense perhaps abrupt, yet it is made on this occasion with so much the greater pleasure because in making it we pass from the contemplation of a sum which is modest in amount to one of considerable proportions. Gloucester has fourteen Lodges, and under the auspices of Lord Sherborne has figured at our Festivals with much credit. It has now a new head in the person of Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., and it may be that our brethren of this western Province were determined that, as they distinguished themselves at the last Festival which occurred during Lord Sherborne's Mastership, so would they show respect to his successor, the aforesaid Sir M. Hicks-Beach. At all events, four of its Lodges, and the Chapter attached to one of them sent up six Stewards, and their lists amounted, all told, to £263 11s, as against £234 5s, taken up by five Stewards at the last Boys' Festival. At the Girls' Festival last April there were six Stewards, whose contributions amounted to £358 1s. At the Benevolent, two months earlier in the year, four Stewards took up

£88 8s. The year 1879—and we need not be at the pains of going further back for the purpose of demonstrating a proposition which is self-evident—it gave the Benevolent, through the medium of three Stewards, £148 12s; the Girls' School, per five Stewards, £312 19; and the Boys' School, per four Stewards, £378 10s. Thus, at the seven Festivals to which we have referred, its contributions amount to over £1784, which represents an average of as nearly as possible £255 per Festival.

Hants and the Isle of Wight, with its 35 Lodges, and its zealous and popular chief, Bro. Beach, falls but little short of £300, its six Stewards sending in amongst them £297 13s. At the Boys' Festival in July last it figured for £222 3s, with five representatives. At that of the Girls' it contributed £162 15s, there being still a list to account for, and at the Benevolent it gave £100 12s. In 1879 it supported the Benevolent to the extent of £187 8s 6d, for the Girls' School it raised £99 15s 6d (one list unaccounted at the time), and for the Boys' £173 2s. Each Institution was assisted both in 1877 and 1878, but when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., presided at the Boys' Festival in the former year, the eleven Stewards among them sent up £624 1s. Bro. Beach and the brethren in this district are to be congratulated on so rich a display of liberality, but what shall be said of Herts, with its modest list of eleven Lodges, and its splendid total of £456? Six or the larger half of the Lodges sent up representatives, the Watford, No. 404, being first with £212 11s 6d; the Gladsuir, of Barnet, No. 1385, being second with £105, the result of worthy Bro. J. G. Yolland's labour. Bro. T. S. Coates, as representing the Hertford, No. 443, taking third place with £71 15s. The Gresham, No. 869, per Bro. Copestick, sent £52 10s. In July last this Province sent up to the Boys' Festival two Stewards, who together gave in £290. The Girls' received £78 15s, and the Benevolent £218 8s 6d, with one list outstanding. In 1879 its contributions at the several Festivals in the order of their occurrence were—Benevolent, £144 10s; Girls', £144 2s; Boys', £25. In 1878 they were, in the same order—Benevolent, £645 11s 6d; Girls', £68 5s; and Boys', £26 5s. This is, indeed, a gratifying record of contributions, of which even a far larger Province would have good reason to be proud.

Kent, as our readers are aware, has a well-organised system, and under such circumstances it would, indeed, be surprising if its contributions were not regular and liberal. Of its forty-and-five Lodges, seven sent representatives, and the six lists returned make up £358 14s 6d. At the Boys' Festival, the eleven Stewards took up £563. At the Girls' it gave, per nine Stewards, with one list still to come, £571 10s 6d, while the Benevolent received by the hands of eight Stewards £236 9s. In 1879, it contributed to the R.M.B.I. £432 4s, to the Girls' £408 3s 6d, and to the Boys' £485 6s 6d. The total of its contributions at these seven Festivals is £3055 2s, giving an average of over £436 per Festival. To offer praise in the face of such loyal fulfilment of our most important duty, would be superfluous. If we could follow Kent back to the year 1875, from which our analyses are usually reckoned, we should find the same brilliant display with the same regularity of representation.

Owing to the great length of our remarks on this Festival, we find ourselves under the necessity of holding over the remaining portion till next week.

Bro. A. W. Woodliffe, who acted as Steward for the Vitruvian Lodge, No. 87, at the recent Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has written and requested us to correct a clerical error, which, though no fault of ours, occurred in the list of subscriptions he handed in. The amount standing against his name should have been not £45 17s 6d, but £55 17s 6d. It affords us great pleasure to make the correction.

A new Lodge, to be named "The Chine Lodge," is to be opened at Shanklin on Monday next. The foundation stone of the New Masonic Hall at Shanklin is to be laid the same day.

**ROYAL POLYTECHNIC.**—The Photophone, explained and illustrated by experiments. The Great Lightning Inductorium; an Astro-nomical Lecture, illustrated by Dissolving views and Effects, &c., by Mr. J. L. King. Musical Sketches, by Mr. Eric Lewis. Magical Art, by Prof. R. Hellis. Costume Recitals, by Madame Katherine Hickson. Electric Railway. Leotard and Blondin, the Wonderful Automata. Diving Bell, &c. Admission to the whole, 1s. Open from 12 till 5, and from 7 till 10.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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### NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 22.

THE first meeting of this Lodge since the election of Bro. George Britton as W. Master was held on Thursday, 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Ashwell I.P.M., James Harper, Ph. D., S.W., John James Slater J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treasurer, T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Henry Povey S.D., Robert W. Coulcher J.D., William Cook I.G., E. F. Storr P.M. D.C., James Norman P.M., C. H. Harcourt P.M., J. Parkinson Tyler. Visitors—Bros. W. J. Iliffe 78, Alfred Godfrey 192. Lodge was opened shortly before four o'clock with the customary observances, when the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bros. W. J. E. Crane, H. F. Griffin and McGregor having replied satisfactorily to the usual interrogations, were entrusted, and on their return to the Lodge were raised to the sublime degree by the W. Master who, taking into account this was his experimental office in the chair, acquitted himself in a manner which afforded not only satisfaction and edification to those present, but foreshadowed a result which might have scarcely been expected after recent experiences from "the Little Britton." To speak candidly, the ceremony partook of an intellectual and sagacious turn which one has really little ground to expect from so young a Master, and it gave promise of a substantial upholding which the old Neptune has gained for perfection of working. Then the Lodge was lowered, and Bros. G. M. Vane and E. S. Hopper were passed, the same adherence to the ritual, and confidence of working being manifested by the W.M., showing how thoroughly he enters into the exercise of his onerous duties. To vary the proceedings, Lodge was again lowered, and the ballot was prepared for Mr. Leon Victor Walker, on the nomination of Bro. H. Povey, seconded by the W. Master. The voting was unanimous, and Mr. Walker was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order by the W. Master, ably supported by his Officers. The working was described by distinguished Visitors as excellent, and a pattern to any Lodge in or out of the metropolis; and it is hardly necessary to say it afforded unbounded satisfaction to all present, and redounded the utmost credit upon the new Master. After the transaction of the usual business the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a *récherché* repast was spread by Messrs. Ritter and Clifford. The prefatory toasts being disposed of, the I.P.M. gave the health of the W.M., alluding, in felicitous terms, to the manner in which Bro. Britton had acquitted himself on the first occasion of his experience in his new office, and congratulated him on his successful *debut*. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment paid him, alluded to the difficulty he had experienced in changing from one degree to another in order to cope with the mass of work brought before him on the first occasion of his having to discharge the onerous duties of the chair; but he had endeavoured to give satisfaction to the Lodge. In turn he gave the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to welcome to their assemblies. It was always a source of satisfaction to admit amongst their numbers gentlemen in whom they had confidence, and who they knew would help them to maintain the *prestige* of the good old Neptune Lodge. He felt convinced that the Neptune was gaining ground in the estimation of the outside world, and this was sufficiently evidenced by the number of gentlemen who were anxious to enter within its pale. He had known Bro. Walker for a considerable time, and was pleased to have the opportunity of seconding Bro. Povey's nomination. From his acquaintance with Bro. Walker he was satisfied he would become a useful member, and an ornament to the Craft. Bro. Walker thanked the brethren heartily for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name, and desired to express his gratitude, especially to his friend Bro. Henry Povey and the Worshipful Master, for having afforded him the opportunity of enrolling his name under the banner of this old and reputed Lodge. He could only say it would be his endeavour to become an apt student of the art, and he trusted no member of the Neptune Lodge would ever have cause to regret having admitted him as a member of its honourable association, but that he might in time become a true and upright man and Mason. The Worshipful Master then, in eulogistic terms, proposed the Past Masters, in doing which he expressed his heartfelt gratitude to those veterans who had lent him such valuable aid. If the Lodge was celebrated for its excellence and renown, it was to the Past Masters that the credit was due, and whose excellent example he was most anxious to emulate. He could have wished that more of the older members of the Lodge were present; still he was happy to see half-a-dozen Past Masters amongst them that evening, testifying their continued interest in the Lodge. Bro. Harcourt P.M., in responding, alluded to his connection with the Lodge for more than a quarter of a century, and said he recollected the time when fourteen or sixteen Past Masters put in an appearance at their gatherings. But circumstances interfered, and he regretted that physical affliction had kept him away for more than two years. This was a source of regret to him, as he hoped it was to the Lodge; still he had the interests of the Lodge at heart, and should do all he could to promote its welfare. The toast of the Visitors was acknowledged by Bro. Iliffe, who congratulated the Worshipful Master and his Officers upon the excellence of their work, and their munificent hospitality. Bro. Godfrey also responded, and said it gave him great pleasure to witness the manner in which the ritual of the Order had been expounded by their Worshipful Master. No doubt Bro. Britton had great difficulty in changing the different degrees, which must have been a tax upon the memory, but he (Bro. Godfrey) was certain that the disquisition he had given must have afforded the utmost satisfaction to all assembled. He thanked them heartily for the reception which had been accorded to the visitors, and which was but proverbial of the Neptune Lodge. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in responding to which, Bro. Isaac Wilcox P.M. said

it had been a source of pleasure to him to see the progress the Neptune Lodge had made. He hoped it would continue in the same state of prosperity, though he thought the time approached when he should relinquish the office he had held in it for so many years. He began to think the time had come when he should resign his duties into younger hands, for however well one might discharge a duty, one might hold office too long. He had thought it over seriously, and merely threw it out as a hint that he had occupied the position long enough. As soon as he could see a brother who would undertake the duty, and would be as constant in his attendance as he had been during the many years he had occupied that position, he should ask the brethren to release him from the post; and he was sure they would accept his nomination, because he would not recommend any one as Treasurer who was not a constant attendant at Lodge. He had been connected with the old Neptune for thirty years, and had only missed four of its meetings during the whole of that period. He told them this in order that they might not be surprised if he stated the time had come when a younger man should be elected to the office he now filled. Bro. Eames also briefly responded, and said the work, though onerous, was work that he liked, and the satisfaction of the brethren was his best reward. The W.M. then gave the Officers of the Lodge, which toast was received with the utmost enthusiasm. Bro. J. Harper, in responding, expressed the belief that all the Officers were anxious to maintain the prestige of the Lodge, and to work up gradually to the proud position which the then Wor. Master filled so well. He was satisfied the Officers would support the Wor. Master in the honourable position he held, and only hoped when he passed up to the chair he should be able to do as Bro. Britton had done; he did not wish to do better. The Officers would support him loyally, from beginning to end of his term of office. Bro. J. J. Slater, in returning thanks, also spoke of the excellent working of the Wor. Master, and endorsed the remarks of the last speaker as to the support that would be accorded to him by his Officers. For his own part, he should endeavour to do all he could for the interest of the Lodge, and to maintain for it that prestige it had so long enjoyed. It was a source of satisfaction to him, as it must be to every member, to witness the continued progress and prosperity of the Neptune Lodge; he felt satisfied all the Officers would support the Worshipful Master in his efforts to sustain the dignity and the onerous conditions of his office. Several complimentary toasts were honoured, amongst which thanks were accorded to Bro. Hopper for his valuable assistance at the pianoforte. The Wor. Master took occasion to mention the Masonic Charities, and in the course of an able speech mentioned the splendid result of the Benevolent Festival on the previous night, at which a sum of £14,250 had been subscribed. He (the speaker) had the honour of representing the Girls' School, and Bro. Storr the Boys', at their next Festivals. He was confident the brethren of his Lodge would rally round them and enable them, as heretofore, to take up respectable lists, and thus maintain the name of the Neptune Lodge for its munificence in all essential matters of Charity. Several other toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Hopper rendering valuable aid as accompanist on the pianoforte. Bro. Harper sang, in excellent voice, "Over the garden wall," the "Sapper brigade," and the "Old Rhine wine." Bro. Henry Povey "Complaints," the "Lord Mayor's Coachman," and "Quips the Quaker," all in irresistible style; Bro. Vane sang "Drink, puppy, drink," and "Jack's yarn;" Mr. Mark Hubbard sang "Down amongst the dead men" and "A fresh evening breeze," while several other singers combined to make up a most pleasant and harmonious evening.

#### LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No 65.

THE meeting of the members of this excellent Lodge for the election of Worshipful Master, Treasurer and Tyler, and for the transaction of other business, was held on Thursday evening, 24th ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a very large attendance, under the presidency of Bro. C. E. Ferry W.M. Amongst those also present were Bros. W. Chicken S.W., J. Roberts J.W., G. T. Brown P.M. Hon. Sec., J. Sheidler S.D., C. J. Rich J.D., Louis A. Leins P.M. D.C., C. S. Peirce Steward, Chas. Daniel P.M., H. J. Goodall P.M., T. Mullett P.M., &c. Visitors—Bros. Edwd. P. Barlow P.M. 15, Jas. Crow 334, R. Ricking 1227, W. Twyman 184, Thomas G. Davey 1471, W. A. Simmons 1559. Lodge was opened at five o'clock, in accordance with ancient formalities, when the ballot was opened for Bro. C. Ansell, merchant, of 32 Colveston-crescent, Ridley-road (of the Rising Star Lodge, Bloemfontein, O.F.S., No. 1022), proposed by Bro. Goodall, seconded by the W.M., as a joining member. The voting was unanimously in his favour. Lodge was then advanced, and Bros. W. Fencott, H. A. Patience, W. Mattin and R. G. Pocock were duly raised to the sublime degree by the Wor. Master, who performed the ceremony in a most perfect and impressive manner. Bro. W. Chicken was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, amidst the acclamations of the brethren, and it was resolved to present a P.M.'s jewel to the retiring Master in token of esteem, and in appreciation of the admirable way in which he had discharged the duties of his office. Bro. J. H. Goodwin P.M. was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. C. T. Speight Tyler. Some other business having been transacted, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to a sumptuous banquet, provided in Messrs. Ritter and Clifford's best style, and personally superintended by Mr. D. Sherwill. At the conclusion of the repast, the customary loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured, and a most agreeable and harmonious evening was enlivened by some excellent vocal and instrumental music. The installation of Bro. Chicken will take place on the last Thursday in March.

Bro. A. Ginger I.P.M. 901, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538, at the Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., on Wednesday next, 9th instant.

#### GOOCH LODGE, No. 1238.

THE ANNUAL meeting of this Lodge for the installation of the W.M. elect, and the appointment and investiture of his Officers, was held at the Albany Hotel, Twickenham, on Monday, 21st ult. Bro. Mesrouze W.M. presided and was very cordially, as well as numerously, supported by the Officers, there being likewise the following strong contingent of visitors, namely:—Bros. W. Whitmarsh 145, H. Foskett 1642, J. S. Adkins W.M. 990, C. A. Walter S.W. 865, Fred. Dunn P.M. 72, W. J. Murlis P.M. 1642, E. M. Lander I.P.M. 1642, J. Bartle J.D. 1642, S. H. Parkhouse P.M. 1642, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, A. Kent 211, M. Hawkins 1257, J. Fisher 733, and H. T. Smith 1257. After the customary formalities and the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Powell having been interrogated to the satisfaction of the brethren and entrusted, withdrew while the Lodge was raised to the third. On his re-admission in due course, the sublime degree of M.M. was conferred upon him, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Mesrouze. After the necessary arrangements had been completed, Bros. Cooper and Stephenson were passed to the second degree, both ceremonies being worked by Bro. Mesrouze. A ballot was then taken for Messrs. Robert Coomber, and Frederick W. Jackson, which proved satisfactory in both cases. Bro. Mesrouze having vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Lonsdale P.G.Std. Middlesex, who had kindly taken upon himself the duties of Installing Master, Bro. George Capper Harding W.M. elect was presented for the purpose of receiving the benefits of installation. After Brother Harding had signified in the usual manner his adhesion to both the letter and the spirit of the ancient charges, and all those brethren below the rank of I.M. had withdrawn, a board of Installed Masters was formed, the Wardens' chairs being occupied by Bros. E. C. Woodward and Freeman respectively, the office of D. of C. being undertaken by Bro. Murlis. The ceremony of installation over, and the new W.M. having been saluted in the several degrees, Bro. Harding proceeded with the appointment and investiture of his Officers for the year. These were as follow:—Bros. Varley S.W.—in the temporary absence of Bro. Varley, Bro. Coombes was invested with the collar and jewel of the office—Leith J.W., Baber P.M. Treas., Laxton P.M. Secretary, Gillingham S.D., Mayne J.D., Powell I.G., Linsdell Std., and Bowler Tyler. After the usual addresses and congratulations to Bro. Harding, the Report of the Audit Committee, which was in every respect satisfactory, was submitted and adopted. On the motion of Bro. Lonsdale, seconded by Bro. Mesrouze, Bro. H. C. Levander, Prov. G. Secretary Middlesex, was unanimously, and amid general acclamation elected an honorary member of the Lodge. A proposition for the election of a candidate for the rights and privileges of Freemasonry having been handed in, and the resignation of two members having been accepted, with regret, Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to an excellent dinner under the presidency of their newly-installed chief. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. To Bro. Mesrouze I.P.M., as of course, was entrusted the duty of proposing the health of the W.M., and this he did in well-chosen terms that were justly complimentary. Bro. Harding, in response, expressed his sense of gratitude, both for the manner in which his predecessor had proposed his health, and for the reception it had experienced from all present. He should use his best efforts to perform the duties of his high office to the entire satisfaction of the Lodge, and he trusted that when his occupancy of the chair came to an end, it would be found that in those efforts he had been successful. In conclusion, he proposed the health of the P.M.'s, and in associating with it the name of Bro. Mesrouze, he not only paid a compliment to the undoubted abilities which that estimable brother had shown in the office of W.M., but he likewise expressed the pleasure which he personally experienced that the first important duty it had fallen to his lot to discharge was that of presenting to Bro. Mesrouze the handsome P.M.'s jewel, which had been unanimously voted by the Lodge as some slight token of the respect in which he was held, and as a recognition of the able services it had been his fortune to render as Master. When the applause with which Bro. Harding's remarks were received had subsided, Bro. Mesrouze, who was much overcome, and had some difficulty in finding words to express his feelings, returned thanks for his brother P.M.'s, as well as for himself. As to the testimonial he had just received, he should ever regard it with pride and pleasure. It reminded him, he said, of the decoration of the Legion of Honour, which, as they all knew, was one that every Frenchman, who was held worthy of having it bestowed upon him, appreciated most highly. The other toasts having been given, the brethren rose and separated, after having spent a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

City of Westminster Lodge, No. 1563.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 24th Feb., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. E. Shand W.M., J. Hutchinson S.W., J. Waugh J.W., B. H. Swallow P.M. P.G.S.D. Midd. Treas., E. J. Scott P.M. Sec., Day S.D., J. Hammond W.M. 1765 J.D., T. Eastgate I.G., Potter P.M. Tyler; Bros. Edell, Stevens, Bonham, Smith, Taylor, Arnold, Hill, and others. Visitors—Bros. G. W. Reed P.M. 13, J. Charles P.M. 19, H. T. Reed P.M. 193 and 1287, J. L. Moore P.M. 169, E. H. Hoare S.D. 1765, J. Mills 1765, and B. Cohen 188. Mr. W. G. Higgins was duly balloted for and initiated. Bros. Davies, Qested, and Morton were duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Propositions were given for next meeting. Bro. Scott (Sec.) expressed a wish to serve as Steward for the Girls'; and the sum of twenty guineas was voted to his list from the funds. The brethren, thirty-five in number, afterwards dined at the Cafe Royal. After an excellent dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the W.M., Bro. Shand. The Initiates responded in well-chosen words. The Visitors expressed themselves pleased with the work of the Lodge room, and eloquently as to the hospitality proffered them. The contribution of songs and music made the evening very enjoyable. The brethren separated after the Tyler toast, about eleven o'clock, until April.

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## A YOUTHFUL, BUT AMBITIOUS AUTHORITY ON THE CONDUCT OF FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am very glad "A VETERAN M.M." has drawn attention to a practice which is far too common on the part of young brethren, especially if they have been appointed to high office without possessing the requisite qualification, of setting themselves up as authoritative expositors of Masonic law and propriety. It must have highly amused your correspondent to hear a representative of this class of brother announcing his intention of acquiring forthwith certain knowledge he ought to have possessed, and then almost in one and the same breath condemning the conduct of a case, as to the merits of which, I should say, he had only received *ex parte* information, and the action of your journal in reference thereto. Still more amusing must it have been to hear this "half-fledged brother" say that owing to this case and your action, he and another Mason had for a brief time "seriously intended throwing up Freemasonry altogether." A grave and reverend seignior of the Craft would have been justified in offering an opinion on the policy pursued or advocated in certain circumstances, and had such a one thought fit to do so, he would doubtless have expressed himself in grave and dignified terms, so as to offend none who might chance to differ with him.

I cannot say the conduct noted by your correspondent surprises me greatly. Human nature is much the same within, as, without the pale of Masonry, and I have, again and again, remarked how common a practice it is with the young men of this generation to set themselves up as authorities on even the most difficult questions, and that, too, in the presence of their seniors who are old enough and sensible enough not to arrogate to themselves a knowledge they cannot possibly possess. When I was a young man—which, I am sorry to say, was a good many years since—it was the elders who laid down the law, and the young who accepted the exposition; but now this order of things is reversed. I would suggest to these precocious youths that it would be well if they took a leaf out of the book of North American Indians, at all events as they have been described by Fennimore Cooper in the *Last of the Mohicans* and his other novels. Among them the Chiefs spoke, and their juniors listened in respectful silence; nor did the latter venture on offering an opinion until they were invited to do so.

I remain, fraternally yours,  
OLD SCHOOL.

## ENGLISH AND FOREIGN IDEAS ABOUT FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was unable, through other engagements, to attend the Communication of Grand Lodge yesterday evening, but from the accounts I have read in this morning's papers of its proceedings, I gather that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands some time since addressed a letter to our Grand Lodge for the purpose of enlisting its good offices on behalf of the Boers of the Transvaal in their struggle for independence of the British Crown. The Earl of Lathom D.G.M. occupied the throne, and he announced that Grand Master the Prince of Wales, in reply, had stated that such a course would be out of the question, seeing that any attempt at interference with questions of a religious and political character would be most unconstitutional. This reminds me of a statement made by Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, in his address at the installation of the Prince of Wales, when his lordship remarked that he feared that in some foreign countries politics and Freemasonry were occasionally mixed up together, and that Masons' Lodges were often turned to account for the dissemination of political views. There were those who seemed inclined to question the accuracy of the Pro Grand Master's statement, but this action of the Netherlands Grand Lodge in soliciting the interference of ours in a question which is essentially political, should, I think, set those doubts at rest once and for all.

Yours fraternally,  
London, 3rd March 1881. H. K. B.

**Wallington Lodge, No. 1892.**—The consecration of this Lodge will take place at 2.30 p.m. on Thursday, 17th instant, at the Public Hall, Carshalton, Surrey. The founders of this new Lodge are Bros. Chas. Sawyer P.M. 1619 W.M. designate, John G. Horsey 186 and P.M. 1619 S.W. designate, Wm. Pile 1619 J.W. designate, W. R. Crowe P.M. 190 Treasurer, E. Dickman 1619 S.D. designate, J. W. Baldwin 1692 J.D. designate, Thomas Carder 1619 I.G., and W. Harwood 1619 W.S. After the ceremony of consecration a banquet will be held at the King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton, for which, on account of limited accommodation, only a few tickets are for disposal. These may be obtained on or before the 12th instant (provided the numbers are not filled up), by forwarding P.O.O. to W. Pile, Stationer, Wallington, Surrey, price 15s each.

## GRAND LODGE.

**THE** Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge of English Freemasons was held on Wednesday evening at Freemasons' Hall. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided. Lord Tenterden Prov. Grand Master for Essex, Sir F. Bardett, Bart., Prov. Grand Master for Middlesex, Bros. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master for Hants and the Isle of Wight, Montague Guest, M.P., Provincial Grand Master for Dorset, and numerous distinguished brethren, besides about 500 other Masons were present. Grand Secretary (Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke) announced that the resolution of last Grand Lodge, congratulating Her Royal Highness the Princess of Wales on attaining her 36th birthday, had been engrossed, framed, and glazed, and forwarded to Her Royal Highness; and a letter had been received from her private secretary acknowledging its receipt, and accepting the resolution. Her Royal Highness also desired that the expression of her thanks for it might be conveyed to the brethren who were present when the resolution was passed. On the motion of Bro. J. M. Case P.G.D., seconded by Bro. Magnus Ohren Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the letter was ordered to be entered on the minutes. The Earl of Lathom then said he had received the commands of His Royal Highness the Grand Master to make a statement to Grand Lodge. A few days ago he (the Earl of Lathom) received a letter from the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, enclosing a resolution passed at their last meeting, on the 13th of February, requesting him, as their representative in Grand Lodge of England, to present it to Grand Lodge. As, however, that resolution was to the effect that the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands requested the good offices of the Grand Lodge of England towards obtaining the re-establishment of the Transvaal Republic, he (the Earl of Lathom) replied, with the entire concurrence and approval of His Royal Highness the Grand Master, that however anxious he might be to comply with their wishes, inasmuch as it was one of the fundamental principles of English Masonry that no question, either of a religious or of a political nature, could ever be brought forward or discussed at any of their meetings, he could only regret that, in accordance with such principle, he felt himself entirely precluded from acceding to their request. Major Bond rose on a question of privilege, having given a notice of motion to the Board of Masters for a committee of inquiry into the *status* of the Masonic Institutions. This notice was refused acceptance by the President of the Board of Masters, on the ground that Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction over the Charities of the Order. Bro. McIntyre, Q.C., advised G. Lodge that the President of the Board of Masters was quite right, and the Earl of Lathom ruled that Major Bond could not be heard. Bro. E. Letchworth, in proposing the re-election of the Prince of Wales as G.M., said he should be guilty not only of presumption, but of great injustice to Grand Lodge, were he vain enough for one moment to imagine that any words of his were necessary to arouse the loyalty of the brethren, or secure for this motion that hearty and unanimous support which he knew they would accord to it. But it might not be unfitting if on that occasion he reminded them that the year just closed was one which would ever be memorable in the history of the Order—a history no page of which would be more full of interest than that which chronicled how, on the 20th May 1880, Grand Lodge was held in the newly-constituted City of Truro, and how His Royal Highness the Duke of Cornwall, as Grand Master of English Masons, with all the solemn pomp and state of Masonic ceremonial, laid the foundation stone of that sacred edifice, with which his name would for ever be associated. He might also recall how, more recently, the Grand Master deigned to accept the hospitality—the splendid hospitality of a distinguished officer of Grand Lodge, at that time Lord Mayor of London. On that occasion many of them who were privileged to receive from the lips of His Royal Highness an assurance of his deep and unabated interest in all matters connected with the Craft, an interest which His Royal Highness told them would continue so long as he lived. He (Bro. Letchworth) was sure he was only giving utterance to the sentiment of every brother in Grand Lodge, and of every Mason throughout the land, when he expressed the fervent hope that H.R.H. might for many years continue to reign over that Grand Lodge, and that the day might be far distant when he would be called upon to exchange the guzel for the sceptre. Dr. Meadows seconded the motion, and the Earl of Lathom added a few words, testifying from his own personal knowledge to the ability and assiduity with which the Prince of Wales performed every duty which he undertook. The election was unanimous, and H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was proclaimed Grand Master by Sir Albert Woods. Colonel Creaton was re-elected Grand Treasurer, on the motion of Bro. Sampson Pierce, seconded by Bro. J. M. Case. The motion of Bro. Tudor Trevor was referred to the Board of General Purposes. Grand Lodge was then closed.

**Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.**—On Monday, 28th ult., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road. Present—Bros. Loane W.M., Hubbert S.W., C. Kendall J.W., Barnes Treas., Stewart Sec., Scheerboom S.D., Tyrer J.D., Brittain I.G., Loftus. After formalities, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Loftus candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. C. Kendall, W.M. of the mother Lodge, and Bro. Loftus having answered the questions, was entrusted. Lodge opened in second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Loftus candidate. Lodge closed in 2nd degree. W.M. then worked the 1st and 2nd sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Hubbert, C. Kendall, and Loftus were appointed Auditors for the accounts of last year, and Bro. Hubbert elected W.M. for ensuing week. Lodge was closed.

The plans for the new Masonic Hall in the Eastcliff-road, Shanklin which will have an imposing frontage, were approved by the Local Board on Tuesday, the 15th inst. Mr. Francis Newman, of Ryde, is the architect.

## YORK COLLEGE OF ROSICRUCIANS.

THIS Masonic Archæological Body, meeting under the authority of the High Council of England, held its annual gathering at York, on Saturday, 26th ult. The Ch. Adept Fra. T. B. Whytehead IX. presided, and there were also present the following fratres:—Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suffr., J. S. Cumberland VII. Celeb., T. J. Wilkinson VI. P.A., W. Roley VI. S.A., J. Oates I. as T.A., R. W. Moore I. as Q.A., J. Maffey IV. as C.N., J. M. Meek I. as G.T., T. W. Holmes VI. T.B., J. W. Woodall IV., J. C. Thompson I. and J. F. Taylor I. Successful ballots were taken for the following brethren:—A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. (Malta), J. A. Bindley P.M. 624 (Barton-on-Trent), Rev. J. Metcalfe, M.A. No. 1611 (York), and W. Fourness No. 1211 (Leeds). The following accepted aspirants were then introduced and admitted to the grade of Zelator:—Bros. J. J. Wilkes (Darlington), J. Todd P.M. (York), W. Bakewell (Leeds), and A. M. Broadley (Tunis). At the conclusion of the ceremonial, the Ch. Adept addressed the fratres, reviewing the work of the College since its commencement, and indicating its work for the future. He especially dwelt on the delight, as well as the necessity for Masonic investigation, and showed the advantages to be gained from the examination of old minutes and other Masonic memoranda which were too often permitted to be neglected and unsearched. He alluded to the admission that day of Fra. Broadley, who was exactly the kind of Mason they desired to enrol, and mentioned that it was Fra. Broadley's desire to open a college at Tunis on the ruins of ancient Carthage. The report of the Auditors having been adopted, Fra. Broadley was requested by the Ch. Adept to read some notes he had prepared on the Carthaginian remains, and the symbolic marks of the Phœnician builders. This he did in a most interesting manner, and the paper was ordered to be printed at the request of the fratres. The election of officers for the year then took place as follows: Fra. T. W. Holmes VI. Celeb., J. S. Cumberland VII. Secretary and Treasurer, Walter Rowley VI. P.A., E. P. Peterson V. S.A., C. L. Mason V. T.A., W. Watson IV. Q.A., J. Maffey IV. C. of N., J. M. Meek I., and R. W. Moore I. Heralds, J. C. Thompson I. G.T., E. Linck I. T.B., Wm. Paley I. Medallist. The Acolyte was re-elected, and it was resolved to hold the next meeting on some Wednesday in May. Two candidates were proposed; a number of letters of apology were read from absent members, and the M.C. was dissolved. During the earlier portion of the day the Ch. Adept and some of the Fratres inspected the parchment constitutions, minute books, &c., of the Grand Lodge of All England at York, Bro. J. Todd, Treasurer of the York Lodge, having kindly had the Masonic Hall opened for the purpose.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.**—At the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 24th ult. Bros. H. E. Tucker W.M., Wilkinson S.W., C. Andrews P.M. J.W., Porter S.D., J. Green J.D., J. Wells I.G.; also Bros. Simpkin and H. Stephens. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of initiation, Bro. E. C. Porter candidate. Lodge was opened to the third degree and closed to first, when the brethren elected Bro. Wilkinson W.M. for the next meeting.

**Kings Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.**—On the 27th ultimo, at Bro. Devine's, Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. L. Solomons W.M., J. Edwards S.W., F. Silvester J.W., Birrell S.D., F. Guyer J.D., Devine Treasurer, L. Jacobs as Secretary, B. Kauffmann I.G., J. Hemming Preceptor, and thirty-one brethren. The first section of the first lecture was worked. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. Douglass acting as candidate. The fourth section was then worked. Bro. Burgess practised the formula of investing officers. Bro. Snowden 157 was elected a member. Bro. J. Edwards was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. After the Lodge had been closed, a ballot took place for a Life Governorship of one of the Masonic Charities, in connection with the Benevolent Association attached to this Lodge of Instruction.

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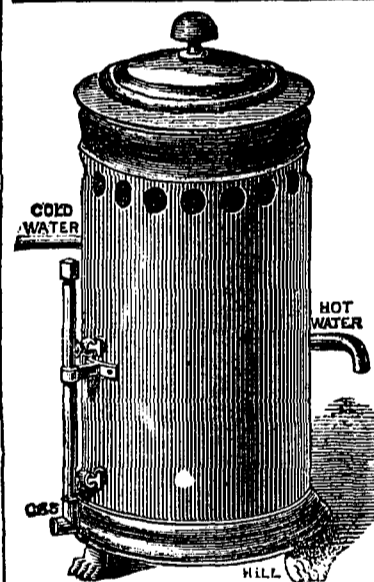
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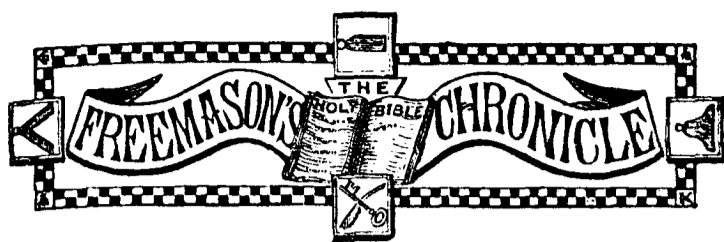
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The Minute-Book is in excellent preservation, and has on the first page a form of summons issued by the Lodge. Below this is the following entry:—

"In the making, after the prayer in Preston's Illustrations, last chapter in 2nd Thessalonians to be read previous to the obligation. In the 2nd Degree we read the 13th chapter 1st Corinthians, and in the 3rd Degree 13th Hebrews, all previous to the obligation."

The first minute records the constitution of the Lodge, which took place on the 7th of June 1799. The ceremony was performed by four brethren of the Union Lodge at York (now the York Lodge, 236), and Bro. Hardisty, of the now extinct Apollo Lodge, who were appointed by the Provincial Grand Master for the purpose. Five or six brethren of Selby were also present. Having read their authority, which was signed by Bro. J. Watson, on behalf of the Provincial Grand Master, the "deputation" constituted the Lodge, and "dedicated it to Holy St. John the Baptist, to Freemasonry, Virtue, and Universal Charity and Benevolence." An Oration was given by Bro. Lund, the Secretary. The First Lecture was given by a second brother, the Second Lecture by Bro. Lund, and the third by a Past Master of the Union Lodge. A ballot was taken for a Worshipful Master, and Bro. A. Shepherd was chosen. "The health of the W.M. Elect was drank with Masonic Honours, and he was duly invested with the insignia of his office," and proceeded to appoint his Officers:—E. Aspinall S.W., Joseph Sawyer J.W., John Sawyer Secretary, and T. Winter Senior Steward. These having been invested, "the charges were given."

On the 12th of the same month an emergency meeting was held, when Bro. John Sawyer was appointed Treasurer, and a candidate was proposed. I may here mention that in all cases the ballot for candidates was taken in the third degree.

On the 21st August 1799 it is recorded that the J.W. acted as W.M. in the absence of the latter, and on the 28th of the same month the same thing occurred, when two candidates were initiated and passed by him.

On the 20th November "it was ordered that the Master shall apply for a constitution for this Lodge," and "harmony prevailed until Bro. Joseph Sawyer J.W. came into the Lodge in a very abrupt and insulting manner to the Order of Masonry, and particularly to the Worshipful Master, whereupon the Lodge was closed." On the 21st November an "Emergency and Inquiry Apprentice Lodge was opened," and it was resolved that the conduct of Sawyer was reprehensible. Accordingly the Apprentice Lodge was closed, and a Master Masons' Lodge was opened, and Sawyer was "unanimously expelled," and the Secretary was ordered to wait on him and inform him of this unpleasant circumstance, and "return him the money he had advanced;" also to inform Bro. E. Peck, the W.M. of the Union Lodge, at York, and also the Lodge at Wakefield.

On the 4th December 1799, Bro. A. Shepherd was re-elected Master. About this time the members seemed to have formed a Masonic Benefit Society for the relief of their own distressed members. Members joining it were regularly proposed and balloted for, and it was quite distinct from the Lodge Funds. In April 1800 Bro. J. Staniland was appointed by the W.M. as Provincial Steward for the Lodge, and in May, of the same year, a Lodge of Instruction was formed.

On June 21, 1800, Bro. E. Aspinall was elected W.M., and an emergency meeting was held to celebrate "the festival of our patron St. John the Baptist." On that occasion "an apprentice Lodge was opened, when E. Aspinall appointed himself to the chair in the absence of our late W.M. A. Shepherd, and installed his officers." A brother was then "exalted" to "the 3rd or Sublime degree." The terms "passed," "raised," and "exalted," were at this time used indiscriminately.

On the 3rd July the W.M. "requested the opinion of the Brethren respecting the proper chairs for the Lodge being procured, which were unanimously ordered to be procured."

In October of this year it was resolved that in future elections should not be by ballot, "all candidates to be publicly announced in full Lodge, and the assent or dissent of the brethren taken accordingly," but in November this resolution was rescinded, and the ballot

was again adopted, "as the other method was not according to Masonic rules."

The Mariners' Lodge was staunchly loyal, for I find that in October 1800 "Mr. George Bennett was balloted for and unanimously approved of, provided he recanted from his former political principles and promised due allegiance to the King and the laws and constitutions of these realms." Mr. Bennett is described as a "Hatt maker." At this meeting the "lecture was given by Bro. T. Dickinson, who afterwards gave the Apprentice Song." At the following meeting "Mr. R. Bill and Mr. G. Bennett were initiated into the Mysteries of Masonry in this Lodge in the first degree, or that of an apprentice, having first declared that they will pay due allegiance to King George the Third and the laws and Constitutions of these Realms." On the 19th of the same month several brethren were raised to the third degree, and the "Floor Cloth was explained." It was at the same meeting ordered that Bro. Garbutt make "the passage of the staircase properly secure from coeins." The meetings were held throughout at the Rose and Crown Inn.

On 7th January 1801 Bro. J. Coulman, Treasurer, took the chair for the ensuing year. At the February meeting a visiting Brother Chambers "proposed himself" to be a member of the Lodge, and was accepted.

At the April meeting it was "resolved that Bros. Garbutt and Dickinson be requested to go over to York in order to receive instruction in the 3rd degree, and their expenses will be defrayed by the Lodge."

On the 18th November 1801 Bro. Coulman was re-elected, by scroll, to the chair, and on the 16th December the Junior Warden was also elected by scroll, the only instance on the minutes. In February 1802 fees for registration in Grand Lodge were paid by the brethren in consequence of a communication received from Bro. W. White Grand Secretary. At the next meeting a letter was read from Bro. Hartley, Secretary of the St. George's Lodge of East York Militia, notifying the expulsion of a brother for fraudulent conduct. In December 1820 the Lodge had enrolled 45 members, and Bro. Coulman was again re-elected to the chair, out of six brethren, who were eligible. On the 7th August 1803 a letter was read from Bro. Teally, W.M. of the Minerva Lodge, Hull, stating that two brethren had been expelled the Lodge for intoxication. It was resolved to send a letter of thanks for the information to the Minerva Lodge, and a hope was expressed that "the same will act as a caution to the brethren of the Mariners' Lodge." In December 1803 Bro. Thos. Foster was elected W.M., and accordingly at the December meeting, "Bro. Coulman divested himself of the badge of his office, and also divested all the other officers of the different orders of their offices. Bro. T. Foster was then duly exalted to the chair, and invested with the pass and chair word, and jewel of his office. The R.W.M. then duly invested our last Master his P. Master." Two Wardens, Senior and Junior Stewards, and a Tyler were also appointed and invested, but no other officers are mentioned. Bro. Foster seems to have been somewhat remiss in his duties during his term, and on the 1st December 1804 Bro. Coulman was re-elected to the chair.

In March 1805 it was resolved that the members should pay a weekly subscription of a shilling a piece for the State Lottery, and it was proposed that some of the Lodge Funds should be appropriated to the same purpose. This proposal, however, seems to have fallen through. A letter was read from Bro. W. Dignan, Secretary of the Masonic Charity for Female Children, and it was agreed to subscribe a guinea to that Institution.

In December 1805 Bro. Coulman was again re-elected Master, and it was resolved to purchase for the Lodge proper candlesticks, canopies for the chairs, and two globes. The following December Bro. Coulman was once more placed in the chair.

The last minute is dated Sept. 2, 1807, when we are informed that a Masters' Lodge was opened by Bro. C. Garbutt W.M., but there was no business. The Lodge, however, did not then cease to hold meetings, for I find in the Treasurer's cash-book, which is also preserved, entries for payments of Lodge expenses as late as July 6, 1814.

Amongst these cash entries are one or two items worth noting:—

		£	s	d
1801.	Bro. Peck for Masonic Almanack - . . . . .	0	1	6
	Paid Travelling Turk - . . . . .	0	1	0
1802.	Apl. 7. Sashes for Royal Arch - . . . . .	3	11	9
	(There is no other allusion to the Royal Arch).			
	July 7. Paid Ringers, Clark, & Saxton - . . . . .	0	16	0
	Sep. 1. St. John's Musick men, Bro. Harkers - . . . . .	1	1	0
1803.	July 6. Three banners from Bro. Brooksbank - . . . . .	13	14	4
	Oct. 6. A glass for Constitution - . . . . .	0	12	0
1804.	June 6. Attending the Volunteers coming from Malton - . . . . .	2	3	6
1806.	Nov. 5. Attending Provincial Lodge at York - . . . . .	9	8	9½

One at least of the Secretaries of the Mariners' Lodge must have been unusually illiterate, for the spelling is occasionally marvellous—for instance, "seckerterrey," "prevenshall," "lodgnite," "sallery."

The Lodge members were gathered from all classes, and I find clergy of the Established Church, attorneys, surgeons, gentlemen, tradesmen, and a large proportion of mariners on the register.

Amongst the Visitors to the Lodge at various times were many from the Union Lodge at York, No. 331, as well as from the St. George's Lodge, East York Militia, No. 356. I also find—

- 16 July 1800. J. Prince, from No. 28, Ancient Masons Lodge, Cork.
- 3 Sep. 1800. G. Trueman, from Lion Lodge, Whitby.
- 3 Dec. 1800. Bro. Smallpage, from Fidelity Lodge, Leeds, No. 512.
- 4 Feb. 1801. R. Chambers, from Jacob's Lodge, Ramsgate.
- Bro. Townsend, from Philanthropic Lodge, Leeds, No. 542.
- 5 Sept. 1804. Bro. Pindar, from Lodge 549, Halifax.
- 1 Aug. 1804. Bro. Dibb, from Minerva Lodge, Hull.
- Bro. Badbey, from No. 7, Woolwich.

- 6 Mar. 1805. Bro. Prince, from White Hart Lodge, Huddersfield, No. 513.  
 3 Apl. 1805. Bro. Garnett, from Prince of Wales Lodge, Gainsborough, No. 423.  
 5 June 1805. R. Darbey, from Lodge of Attention (sic), Lynn.  
 7 Aug. 1805. J. Mentrup, from Rodney Lodge, Hull.  
 5 Mar. 1806. G. Schofield, from Lodge 2, Cannongate, Edinburgh.  
 3 Dec. 1806. T. Sissons, from Minerve (sic) Lodge, Hull.  
 3 June 1807. J. Lee, from St. Matthew's Lodge, 406, Barton.

The St. Germain's Lodge carefully preserves several relics of the Mariners' Lodge. The Master's chair, the back adorned by a blazing sun, surrounded by the motto, "Sit Lux et Lux Fuit;" half a dozen engraved glasses; three pedestals, about a foot high, for candlesticks; the old square and the Junior Warden's column. These are all worth examination, and it is gratifying to know that they are in such excellent hands. Bro. William Rawling P.M. has for eighteen years acted as Secretary of the St. Germain's Lodge, and is an excellent specimen of the hearty and hospitable Yorkshire Mason. His Lodge occupies very comfortable premises of its own. The Lodge room is elegantly furnished, and adorned with many portraits and engravings presented by the members. The chairs are emblematically painted, and adorned with symbols of the sun, moon, and stars, and everything seems to be maintained in excellent order, thanks to the energy and generosity of the brethren, conspicuous amongst whom, I understand, is Bro. Weddall, of Selby, the oldest Past Master of the Lodge.

To the courtesy of Bro. Rawling P.M., Bro. J. Dunn the I.P.M., and Bro. J. T. Atkinson P.M., the Master of the Ceremonies, I am indebted for the opportunity afforded me of preparing these Notes.

To complete the sketch, I ought perhaps to refer to the By-laws of the Lodge agreed upon in 1799. They provide for fines of various amounts to be inflicted on members found guilty of addressing the chair sitting, of coming to the Lodge in liquor, of swearing, profane talking, laying wagers, or refractory behaviour. The Secretary was to be fined 2s 6d for neglecting to summon the members. The ballot for candidates was to be unanimous. The fee was three guineas, the joining fee 12s 6d, the subscription 5s a quarter. The Lodge was to be closed at ten o'clock, and any member remaining after eleven was to be fined 5s. A candidate blackballed could not be again proposed. The Lodge was not closed for refreshments, but these were to be put on a side table, and any one partaking of them was to pay sixpence.

#### ANNIVERSARY OF BRO. HUGHES'S WEDDING DAY.

ON Friday, the 25th ult., a numerous assemblage of the relations and friends of Bro. Hughes, P.M. of the Manchester Lodge, and his amiable wife, met at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, to celebrate the thirty-second anniversary of their wedding day. The company were received by Bro. Hughes and Mrs. Hughes in the Drawing-room of the Tavern, and forty-five guests sat down to a sumptuous and *recherché* banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. Dawkins. Owing to the care and attention of Bro. Hughes and his sons, there was nothing that could be desired by those who were present. Bro. Hughes was supported by Bros. Hopekirk, Kew, Benet, and Lovett, Past Masters of his Lodge, and these brethren were accompanied by their wives. The Officers of the Lodge were in attendance, in addition to several of the members. Bro. W. Hughes jun., in feeling terms, remarked how pleased he was to say the paternal feeling predominated on this, the thirty-second anniversary of his parents' wedding day. He should say but few words; he trusted that they might be spared for many years to gladden the hearts of their relatives and the numerous friends present on that social occasion. After a capital and appropriate song by Bro. Milward, Bro. Hughes said how pleased he was to see his relations and numerous other dear friends around him; he hoped, if spared, to meet them for many years. Bro. Hopekirk P.M., in humorous terms, responded to the toast of the Ladies. After a song from Mr. Hamilton, Miss Amy Hughes delighted the company with a song, in which she was accompanied by Miss K. Hughes. Bro. Hopekirk had now great pleasure in proposing the health of the sons and daughters of Bro. Hughes. All present had heard how eloquently the son had spoken of his parents, and now he (Bro. Hopekirk) might say the daughters were equally worthy of their regard and esteem. They had exhibited great talent both in painting and music. He would ask the company to drink to the toast heartily and enthusiastically. After this compliment had been acknowledged by Bro. Hughes jun., the ladies and brethren adjourned to the Ball-room, where music and dancing was thoroughly enjoyed till an early hour. The pleasant gathering terminated with the expressed hope that Bro. and Mrs. Hughes might be spared to celebrate their golden wedding. Madame Benet, Mrs. Milward, Bros. Dickinson, Milward, W. Hughes, and Mr. Hamilton contributed to the harmony.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 28th inst., at the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, Cathedral Hotel, Cheapside, on which occasion Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside. It may be remembered that this meeting was to have taken place some time since, but was postponed by reason of the illness of Bro. Stephens's wife. Bro. Barnes will occupy the chair of S.W., Bro. Myers that of J.W., and Bro. Musto will act as I.P.M. It is expected that a very large number of influential workers will be present, the brethren whose names are down for the various sections being among the most prominent in the Craft.

Bro. C. Cordingley, of Hammersmith, was unanimously elected Worshipful Master of the Strong Man Lodge, No. 45, on Thursday evening. The Installation Ceremony will take place at Masons' Tavern, Masons'-avenue, on Thursday, 7th April.

#### JAMAICA.

**Kingston Chapter (Rose Croix).**—The regular meeting of this Chapter took place on the 25th January, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. There were present—Illustrious Bros. William Andrews 30 M.W.S., Captain Portlock Dadson 32 Recorder; Excellent Bros. C. H. Davis, G. M. Duff, F. W. Melville, W. Duff, A. E. Burke, J. C. Ford, E. Jordan Andrews, M. P. Cormac McCormack, F. S. Callow, R. S. Haughton, John Parry, J. H. Davis, James Sinclair; Bros. J. E. Duncombe and A. Da Costa as Equerries. The Visitors included Excellent Bros. W. S. Magnus, John McLean, G. J. Peynado, A. H. Alexander, A. H. Jones, of the Jamaica Chapter (Rose Croix). Bros. James Sinclair and John H. Davis were duly perfected in the eighteenth degree. Excellent Bro. A. H. Jones was elected an honorary member of the Chapter. Illustrious Bro. William Andrews 30, having been elected for a second year of office, was duly installed as Most Worshipful Sovereign of the Chapter, and appointed his Officers as follow:—Excellent Bros. C. H. Davis as High Prelate, J. C. Ford as First General, G. M. Duff as Second General, W. Duff as Treasurer, E. Jordan Andrews as Recorder, F. W. Melville as Grand Marshal, Dr. McCormack as Raphael, F. S. Callow as First Herald, A. E. Burke as Second Herald, J. Parry as Captain of the Guard, W. S. Richards as First Lieutenant of the Guard, S. Soutar as Second Lieutenant of the Guard, J. H. Davis as Director of Ceremonies, A. H. Jones as Organist.

The Most Worshipful Sovereign read and presented the following illuminated address, signed by the members of the Chapter:—

Kingston Chapter, No. 86, of Sovereign Princes, Rose Croix.

25th January 1881.

ILLUSTRIOUS BROTHER WILLIAM FREDERICK PORTLOCK DADSON, 32°.

Illustrious Sir and Brother,—We have heard with great regret that you are about to sever your connection with this island, and that you contemplate soon a return to the land which gave you birth.

While we would not, if we could, deny you the pleasure which is in store for you at once again beholding the glad countenances and joyful smiles of your wife and children on your return to England, we do say that we part with you with infinite regret.

Since your advent in Jamaica you have endeared yourself to all classes of individuals, and especially to Masons, by your fraternal intercourse with them. We bear witness to your zeal for Freemasonry generally, and to the anxious solicitude which you have always evinced for the proper working and advancement of the higher degrees in Freemasonry in Jamaica.

To your influence and assistance is this Chapter indebted for its existence, and though you go from us, still we shall always feel your presence among us. We trust that you will long live to illustrate by your life and actions the beauty and excellence of our Order, of which you have made yourself a high, distinguished, and respected member.

We breathe the earnest prayer that you may be conducted safely to your home and to the bosom of your family, under the especial guidance of "Him who is the way, the Truth, and the Life;" that you may ever enjoy the esteem of your fellows, and that you may continue so to live that when your life on earth is ended you may, in God's good time, appear before the Great White Throne on High, and there receive from our Great Immanuel, who is "the Rose of Sharon and the Lily of the Valley," the glad welcome, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of your Lord."

Finally, let us wish you, as members of this Chapter, a sad, fond adieu, and that God will pour down His choicest blessings upon your wife, your children, and yourself.

**Jamaica Chapter (Rose Croix).**—The regular meeting of this Chapter took place on the 26th January, at the Sussex Masonic Hall, 57 Hanover-street, Kingston. The following brethren were present—Excellent Bro. Henry Garsia Most Worshipful Sovereign; Illustrious Bros. Captain Portlock Dadson 32 Recorder, C. W. Steer 30 High Prelate; Excellent Bros. A. H. Jones, C. H. Davis, W. S. Magnus, E. Boliver Wolfe, A. H. Alexander, Gerald Waldron, R. Langley, F. A. Skeete; Bro. Albert Da Costa as Equerry. Excellent Bro. B. Mortimer Diaz was elected an honorary member of the Chapter. Bro. Frederick Adolphus Skeete, of Bridgetown, Barbadoes, was duly perfected in the eighteenth degree. Illustrious Bro. C. W. Steer 30 was elected by ballot as Most Worshipful Sovereign, and Excellent Bro. C. H. Davis as Treasurer for the ensuing year, and the usual Committees were appointed to audit the accounts and arrange for the annual banquet at the installation on St. George's Day.

**United Service Lodge, No. 1873.**—Held its first regular meeting at the Sussex Masonic Hall, Kingston, on the 1st of February. Bro. C. W. Tait D.G.S. Warden presiding, in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Commander Warry, R.N. The members present included Captain Marvin S.W., Dr. Cormac McCormack J.W., F. S. Sanguinetti S.D., I. A. Harvey J.D., Lieutenant Hampton I.G., J. B. Lucio-Smith Secretary, Albert Da Costa Tyler, Captain W. F. Portlock Dadson P.M. P.D.G. Deacon, E. S. Sanguinetti, A. H. Jones D.G. Organist, &c. Bro. the Rev. Acheson Findlay was appointed Chaplain of the Lodge, in succession to Bro. the Rev. Hugh Croskery, M.D., who has left the island. Lieutenant John Holland Harwood, 2nd West India Regiment, was initiated, and Bro. Captain Robert F. Devereux, of the 2nd West India Regiment, was proposed for ballot as a joining member.

**HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.**—During every break of wintry weather exertions should be made by the afflicted to recover health before unremitting cold and trying storms set in. Throat ailments, coughs, wheezings, asthmatical affections, shortness of breath, morning nausea, and accumulation of phlegm, can readily be removed by rubbing this fine derivative Ointment twice a day upon the chest and neck. Holloway's treatment is strongly recommended with the view of giving immediate ease, preventing prospective danger, and effecting permanent relief. These all-important ends his Ointment and Pills can accomplish, and will surely prevent insidious diseases from fastening on the constitution to display themselves afterwards in those disastrous forms that will probably embitter life till death itself is almost prayed for.

## MARK MASONRY.

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ON 22nd ult. there was a gathering of the Mark Masons of the Province of Cornwall, at St. Austell, the occasion being the consecration of a new Mark Lodge, to be known hereafter as the "St. Austell," No. 275 on the roll of the Mark Grand Lodge of England. The meeting was held at the elegant little Masonic Hall belonging to the Peace and Harmony Craft Lodge. The imposing ceremonial of the consecration of the Lodge was conducted by the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, ably assisted by Bros. Hughan, Johns and West, acting P.G.S.W.; Bros. W. P. Smith acted as P.G.J.W., Controller Blake as Past Grand Sword Bearer, Emra Holmes as Provincial Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Rev. E. Gill as Provincial Grand Chaplain and Organist. The Provincial Grand Secretary read the warrant constituting the Lodge, signed by the Earl of Lathom Grand Mark Master, on 1st January last, which mentioned as the founders, Bros. W. J. Hughan, C. Truscott jun., W. J. West, W. Guy, W. Mason, W. Luke, T. H. Lukes, J. W. Higman. The Lodge having been duly dedicated and constituted, the ballot was taken for the following, as joining members, who were all unanimously elected:—Bros. Sir Charles G. Sawle, Bart., Rev. E. E. Gill, R. Parson, W. P. Smith, H. De Legh, and W. Nettle. The ballot was then taken for the following brethren, candidates for advancement to the degree of M.M., who were also unanimously accepted:—Wor. Bros. Rev. F. B. Paul P.M. 1151 Past Provincial Grand Chaplain, T. J. Smith P.M. 496, J. Job P.M. 496, F. Williams P.M. 977 Past Provincial Grand Sword Bearer, F. Parkyn P.M. 856; Bros. W. Tredinnick J.D. 496, J. de Cressy Treffry J.D. 977, A. Sheriff Clunes D.C. 977, J. A. Blamey I.G. 1785, C. K. Stevens S.D. 977, B. Housley S.D. 496, J. Holt J.W. 856, W. J. Watts 496, W. Real Tyler 496. The whole of the brethren being present, with the exception of Bros. Paul, Job, Stevens and Parkyn, they were duly and regularly obligated and advanced to the honourable degree of Mark Master Mason, the impressive and dramatic ceremony being performed by Bro. W. J. Hughan with his customary ability. The learned brother—whose works on Masonry are known and read wherever the English language is spoken, and nowhere perhaps more widely than in the United States of America—then delivered an oration on the principles of Mark Masonry, which was listened to with great interest and attention. He mentioned incidentally that there was a Mark Lodge held at Redruth in 1806, and that a Knight Templar Encampment had been held there since 1797. Dwelling upon the great antiquity of the Mark as a degree, he said he had seen the charter of a Mark Lodge in Scotland, with Marks of the members attached, of the date of 1678. These members were noblemen, and men of various professions, as well as operative Masons and other handicraftsmen, which showed that speculative Masonry existed at this period. At the conclusion of this most interesting address, Bro. West installed Bro. C. Truscott, who was presented by Sir Charles Sawle, as W.M. into the chair of A. at a special Lodge of Installed Masters. He then appointed and invested the following as his Officers:—Bros. Mason S.W., Guy J.W., A. Luke M.O., T. S. Lukes S.O., J. W. Higman J.O., A. Luke Treasurer, R. Parsons Secretary, De Legh (by proxy) Reg. of Marks, Rev. E. Gill Chaplain, W. P. Smith Organist, W. Nettle S.D., F. B. Williams J.D., Blamey D.C., J. de C. Treffry I.G., Smith and A. S. Clunes Stewards, Real Tyler. The brethren afterwards dined together, to the number of thirty, at the White Hart Hotel, where a splendid banquet was admirably served, and at a very reasonable cost, by Bro. Lukes, to which ample justice was done. The usual Masonic toasts followed, Bros. W. J. Hughan and Emra Holmes responding to that of the Officers of the Grand Mark Lodge of England. Bro. Hughan, in the very interesting and telling speech he made, showed by the list of names of eminent Masons in the Craft who had filled the office of Grand Master—which could only be held for three years in succession in this degree, and not practically *ad vitam* as in the Craft—that the Mark degree was held in high estimation by the rulers in Masonry. The present Grand Master was the Earl of Lathom, who was also Deputy Grand Master in the Craft—a nobleman beloved by all who knew him. The Earl of Carnarvon, the Earl of Limerick, Lord Leigh—who were respectively Pro Grand Master, Provincial Grand Master of Bristol, and Provincial Grand Master of Warwickshire in the Craft—and Earl Percy, were all Past Grand Mark Master Masons. The position of the Mark was exactly that of the other high degrees as regards the Craft. The learned brother concluded a very able speech by showing what, in his opinion, was the esoteric teaching of Mark Masonry. Bro. Emra Holmes, alluding to Bro. Hughan's statement of the position of Mark Masonry, as regards the Craft, said that by the articles of union between the two Grand Lodges in 1813 it was expressly stipulated in one of them that whilst it was ruled that ancient Masonry consisted of three degrees, and no more, including the Royal Arch, "yet that this article did not intend but that the chivalric Orders should meet in our Chapters and Lodges as heretofore," which was a distinct recognition of the high degrees of the Knights Templar and Rose Croix, &c. He (the speaker) thought the Mark one of the most interesting degrees from an archaeological point of view. The Mark Masons of the middle ages marked the stones in their cathedrals and churches and castles, and he himself had seen crowds of these marks on the walls of Salisbury, removed from Old Sarum in the year 1220. The health of the R.W.P.G. Master Sir Charles Sawle was cordially given and responded to. Other toasts followed, and the brethren separated.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

## NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

Mark Masonry is making rapid progress in the North just at present, and next week two Lodges will be constituted in this Province. On Wednesday the Middlesborough Lodge will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Martin-road, Middlesborough (Bro. J. M. Meek P.M. W.M. designate), and on Thursday the Fitzwilliam Lodge

will be consecrated at the Masonic Hall, Malton (Bro. J. Marshall W.M. Designate), each ceremony taking place at 2 p.m. R.W. Bro. A. M. Broadley Prov. G.M.M.M. of Tunis and Malta has been deputed by the M.W.G. M.M.M. the Earl of Lathom to perform the ceremonies, and he will be assisted by W. Bro. J. W. Woodall P.G.M.O., Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. of York, and other distinguished brethren in the North. We learn that there is also a prospect of a Mark Lodge being constituted at Beverley, in the same Province.

## ROYAL ARCH.

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## FORTITUDE CHAPTER, No. 105.

ON Wednesday evening, 23rd ult., a convocation of this Chapter was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple for the election of Principals and other business. Comps. J. T. Browning was elected Z., Emden H., and Sawyer J. Comp. Charles Rodda was appointed Principal Sojourner, and he appointed Comps. J. D. Ford First Assistant and T. D. Gray Second Assistant. Comp. T. S. Phillips was appointed Janitor for the ensuing year.

**West Smithfield Royal Arch Chapter.**—A successful meeting of this Chapter took place at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Thursday, 24th February, when Comp. T. Elliott was installed as M.E.Z., Comp. T. Adams H., and Comp. Butt J. The ceremony was ably and impressively rehearsed by Comp. William Stephens, Comp. James Stephens, with his usual good nature, assisting throughout. Comp. W. Stephens also exalted eight brethren to participate in the mysteries and privileges of this supreme degree, after which the following Comps. were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Comps. Mallett S.E., H. Lardner N., Goodenough P.S., Van Raalte 1st Assist., and King 2nd Assist. S. The Comps. then adjourned to a banquet, several of the Companions enlivening the meeting with their harmony, and Comp. James Stevens delivered a most excellent Masonic recitation in a very telling manner. The Comps. separated about 11.30, after having spent a very pleasant evening.

## EARL OF CARNARVON CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

ON Friday, 25th ult., the ceremony of inaugurating this new Chapter of Improvement was most ably performed at the Mitre Hotel, Golbourne-road, North Kensington, by Comp. William Stephens P.Z. 862, 874, 1365. 1489, &c., acting M.E.Z., assisted by Comps. S. H. Parkhouse as H. and G. Read P.Z. 19 and 834 as J. Amongst those present were Comps. Geo. Penn Z. 1642, S. Smout Treas., Geo. Davis, J. S. Adkins, C. Andrews, Monson, S. Elborn, E. Rogers, S. Smout jun., H. Wood, W. Williams, J. Woodmason, Hatton, and D. Strond. After an address had been delivered the M.E.Z. proceeded to constitute the Companions into a regular Chapter of Improvement, under the warrant of the Earl of Carnarvon Chapter 1642. The Companions were then elected as Officers, and duly invested, when the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed in a most perfect and able manner. At the conclusion of the ceremonies, Comps. Wm. Stephens, G. Read, and G. Davis were unanimously elected honorary members, and Comps. G. Penn and S. Smout jun. as Treasurer and Scribe E. respectively. A Committee was also formed to frame the Bye-laws. We may here state the Chapter is fully equipped and furnished with the banners and requisites suitable for a regular working Chapter. It is intended to meet fortnightly, and the first regular meeting will take place on Friday, 11th inst., Comp. Wm. Stephens acting as M.E.Z., and, as the working will be that of the late Comps. Dr. Ladd and John Boyd, we have no doubt of its success.

## "DELILAH" AT THE NATIONAL STANDARD THEATRE.

THE BROS. DOUGLASS, proprietors of this theatre, enjoy a high reputation for the liberal spirit in which they endeavour to meet the taste of their patrons for a class of drama of a somewhat higher character than usually finds favour in the less aristocratic districts of London. Whenever a play of unusual merit has been produced at one of our West End theatres, it is a matter of course that, sooner or later, the Brothers Douglass will arrange for its performance at the Standard. Thus it was in the order of things that when Mr. Willing's drama, "Delilah," proved so great a success, firstly at the Park, where it was produced, and then at the Olympic, it should find a hearty welcome with the Douglasses and their patrons. The former, however, have not contented themselves with a mere representation of the play. They have secured the services of several well-known artists, with whose impersonations of character the audiences of the Adelphi, Olympic, Old Drury, &c., are familiar. They have provided new scenery and dresses, for the former of which Brother Richard Douglass deserves the warmest praise, while the latter can only be described by the word "magnificent." The piece was played well and evenly throughout by the whole company; but especial praise is due to Miss Bella Pateman as Miss Trevelyan in the Prologue, and Delilah in the drama; to Miss Fanny Addison as Lady Tempest, to Mr. J. C. Cowper as Major Bond, and to Mr. Leonard Boyne as Sir Arthur Tempest. The petite drama, "One Touch of Nature," concluded the evening's entertainment, Mr. J. C. Cowper and Miss Alice Rayner enacting their respective parts most successfully.

## MARRIAGE.

WARD—DELAY.—On the 1st inst. t., at St. James's, Piccadilly, Bro. J. CHARLES WARD, City of Westminster Lodge, only son of JOHN WARD Esq., of Wimbledon, S.W., to LILLY, youngest daughter of WILLIAM DELAY Esq., of Upper Tooting, S.W.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

## SATURDAY, 5th MARCH.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.  
198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
1233—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## MONDAY, 7th MARCH.

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)  
188—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)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Miford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston, at 8 (Inst.)  
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road, at 8 (In.)  
1689—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.  
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  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
158—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
381—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  
478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
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, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—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.  
1264—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 Accrington  
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. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

## TUESDAY, 8th MARCH.

55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
1440—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)  
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich  
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)  
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)  
1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden  
1635—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.  
R.C.—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich  
117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro  
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston  
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)  
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton  
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham  
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury  
728—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford  
829—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup  
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster

903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport  
1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge  
1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington  
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent  
1325—Stanley, 211 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Sutton, Surrey  
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex  
1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc  
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon  
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge  
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool  
R.A. 43—Fortitude, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
R.A. 285—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds  
R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

## WEDNESDAY, 9th MARCH.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, at 3.  
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street, W., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
1289—Finsbury Park, Alwyns Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1677—Crusaders, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike  
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham  
281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds  
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk  
666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno  
758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond  
851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)  
1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.  
1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
1243—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction.)  
1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool (In.)  
1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.  
1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes, North Wales  
1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
R.A. 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.  
M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

## THURSDAY, 10th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
208—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill  
1339—Stockwell, Crown, Albert Embankment, at 7. (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)  
1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Ladbroke Grove Road.  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood  
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)  
35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)  
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
337—Candour, Commercial Inn, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.

344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire.  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 548—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
 638—D'Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth.  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth.  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.  
 788—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 818—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale.  
 845—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks.  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland.  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Trade-gar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill.  
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire.  
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colehill.  
 R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 M.M.—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.

## FRIDAY, 11th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)  
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1058—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)  
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1208—Royal Standard, Alwyns Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)  
 1386—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)  
 R.A. 1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8.0 (In.)  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolle.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
 697—United, George Hotel, Colchester.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stratford-road, Hulme.  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street,  
 1087—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1289—Rock, Bedford House, Rock Ferry.  
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

## SATURDAY, 12th MARCH.

108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1824—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.  
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 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, 15th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading, Bros. S. Bradley I.P.M. acting W.M., R. C. Mount P.M. S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., S. A. Pocock P.M. Treas., M. J. Withers Sec., S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., F. Blackwell D.C., Butler Steward, Witherington I.G., Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Oades, Baker, Yettis, Long 661. Visitors—Bros. Blackwell S.W. 1101, Ivey P.M. Sec. 1101, and Weatherhead 1101. In consequence of domestic bereavement, the W.M. was unavoidably absent. The chair was therefore taken by the I.P.M., who explained the reason of Bro. Stephens'—the W.M.—inability to attend, and proceeded to open the Lodge. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Mr. C. T. Rayner, elected at the last regular Lodge, was initiated by the acting W.M. in a very correct and impressive manner. Lodge was opened in the second degree by P.M. Oades, who announced that Bro. H. E. L. Grant was a candidate to be raised to the third degree; he therefore put the usual questions, which were satisfactorily answered, and Bro. Grant was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and Brother Grant was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The beautiful ceremony was admirably performed by P.M. Oades. The accompaniment of vocal and instrumental music, under the direction of Bro. Hayward Organist, added considerably to the effect. The Lodge was resumed to first degree, when three non-official brethren were elected on the Permanent Committee. The Permanent Committee's report as to the letting of the cellar under the Lodge room was received and adopted. After the usual ceremonies Lodge was closed.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—At the Star and Garter, Kew, on Friday evening, 25th February. Bros.

Gunner Hon. Sec. W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., F. Botley J.W., Monson S.D., Kent J.D., Maton I.G., Roe P.M. Preceptor, Brill, Lees, Hildersley, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read, confirmed, and signed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Lees candidate. Lodge opened in second degree, and Bro. Lees answered the questions leading to third. Bro. Maton was entrusted, and Lodge was opened in third degree. Bro. Maton represented candidate, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. Lodge closed in third and second degrees. Bro. C. E. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. Gunner, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes, for his able working, for the first time, of the ceremony of the third degree. After Bro. Gunner had acknowledged the compliment, Lodge was closed.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, 1st March, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Christian W.M., Dignam S.W., Wardell J.W., J. Lorkin Sec., Brasted acting Preceptor, Catling S.D., Glass J.D., Smyth I.G.; also Bros. C. Lorkin, Macklin, Clark, Boyce, Polak, and P.M. Wallington. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Boyce acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form.

**Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.**—At Bro. Pavitt's Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 1st March. Present—Bros. Musto W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., Barley J.D., Prosser I.G., Worsley Secretary, P.M. Cundick as Preceptor; Bros. Watkins, Rawe, White, Keable, Forsyth, &c. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes read. The ceremony of initiation was well rehearsed by Bro. Musto, who was assisted by that excellent worker Brother Cundick, who kindly acted as J.D.; the first, second, and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Worsley. Bro. Pavitt was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week; the Lodge then closed. We were gratified at seeing such excellent workers present. The rendering of the ceremony and sections was all that could be desired.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 23rd ult., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William Ferguson W.M., John Early Danks I.P.M., E. J. Blackwell S.W., Richard Dowsett J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Honey S.D., Hawkes J.D., Browne D.C., Ravenscroft Steward, Prickett I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Hurley, Welch, Margrett. Visitors—Bros. S. Bradley W.M. 414, Hawkes Steward 414. This was an emergency meeting; the present W.M. having a large schedule of work before him, thought it prudent to divide it a little so as not to have so much to do at any one meeting. Lodge was opened. Mr. W. E. Parkes, elected in January, and Mr. Frederic Coates, elected at the last regular Lodge, were initiated, the ceremony being admirably performed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, Bro. Knight, who was prevented from attending the last regular Lodge, a candidate to be raised to the third degree, satisfactorily answered the questions. Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Knight was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the beautiful ceremony being most correctly and impressively performed. The vocal and instrumental accompaniment, under the direction of Bro. Ravenscroft, as acting Organist, materially added to the effect, the whole of the brethren joined in the singing of the hymn, and made an impression both on the candidate and the members not to be forgotten. After resuming to the first degree Lodge was closed.

**Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.**—On Tuesday, 1st March, at the Moorgate Tavern. Present:—Bros. J. Shipley W.M., Hall S.W., Orme J.W., H. T. Thompson acting Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Cuthbertson S.D., Kern I.G., and several others. After preliminaries the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Simpson candidate. Lodge closed in second degree, and Bro. Hall was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

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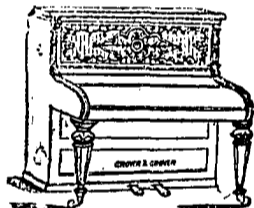
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