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THE APPROACH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON.

THE mere mention of the month of May is sufficient to kindle that excitement which invariably attends the prospect of well-earned rest from labour. The season of Masonic activity, which set in with its wonted vigour last autumn, is rapidly approaching to a close, and with the exception of a few Lodges, as well as but occasional gatherings, the Craft, in London, at all events, will be in a state of quiescence. Of course, there are certain events which yet remain to be accomplished ere the present working year is brought to a conclusion, and certain of these are of the very greatest importance. There is, for instance, the Anniversary Festival, on Wednesday week, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, when the chair will be taken by Sir M. Hicks-Beach, Bart., M.P., Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, and a numerous and active Board of Stewards will, we trust, be successful in causing a liberal array of donations and subscriptions to find their way into the coffers of that Institution. It is needless to say, after our article of last week, that we sincerely hope the Craft will behave with its accustomed generosity. Two days later—that is, on Friday, the 20th instant—will be held the Annual General Meeting of the Governors and Subscribers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and sundry annuitants on the Male and Female Funds will be elected to fill the vacancies which death has caused during the past twelve months among our Old Folk. Having regard to the magnificent success of the last Festival, let us hope the meeting will resolve on making an addition, more or less considerable, to the number of those who are chosen to receive the benefits of this Charity. Later still there is the Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. The Marquess of Londonderry, K.T., Provincial Grand Master of Durham, has, with a view to signalise his appointment to that office, very kindly consented to preside, and we may be sure the interests of "Our Boys" will be well looked after, under the auspices of so distinguished a Mason, both by the Craft generally and by the Province which has the honour to acknowledge him as its Chief. And still later, there will be held the Anniversary Festival of yet another Masonic Charity, to wit, that of the Mark Benevolent Fund, which, though as yet small by comparison with our Central Charities, is worthy of all encouragement and support, and one day no doubt will assume greater proportions. But when we have enumerated these, we have about completed the list of events which are likely to prove of general interest, and we may look to the season from now to mid-September or October as being wholly given up to rest, with an occasional interlude in the form of an excursion by land or water to some chosen resort of pleasure. To this form of entertainment we propose to devote a small space.

We have, on more than one occasion ere now, expressed our opinions on the subject of excursions, and the best way of turning them to good account. It is proper, as well as pleasurable, for members of a Lodge to meet together and enjoy themselves at these festive gatherings. So much is constantly said and written as to Masonry and its duties, that people are apt to lose sight of the fact that one of the most satisfactory of its characteristics is that it is essentially a social institution. Free and ancient Masonry may be defined, and very properly, as including no more than three degrees, with the Royal Arch, and the learned among us may

exercise their minds as to the origin and significance of those degrees, whether their existence is coeval with that of Masonry, or whether one of them may not have been erected in order to give greater completeness to the system. But whatever differences of opinion may exist on these and other points of moment, there is no doubt as to the social element being a very appreciable part and parcel of the Craft. Being a morality, one of its principal aims is to promote good-fellowship, and how can this be done better than by including in the programme of our regular and holiday gatherings, a hearty and energetic discussion of the good things of this life? It is all very well for people to look aghast at so audacious a proposition; men and women were not created only in order to meet together in conclave, and solemnly discuss the serious questions which affect all communities alike. The good things of life were meant for their use and enjoyment, and the abuse, by abstinence therefrom, is doubtless, in the eyes of the Creator, as great a sin as is the too reckless and extravagant indulgence in them. The man, be he a Mason or not, who has honestly done his work, is entitled to a rest and to something in the way of enjoyment, and that is what very many among us are now looking forward to with so much zest.

But though we are entitled to this sort of recreation, there is no reason why we should be called upon to pay for it an outrageous price. We have again and again pointed out, and we shall keep on pointing out, that the idea by which many would seem to be actuated, to wit, that the measure of enjoyment depends on the sum expended, is altogether an erroneous one. There are those who think a banquet cannot possibly be enjoyable unless a few cases of champagne are disposed of, or that an excursion into the country is likely to be of no account whatever, unless it necessitates a large expenditure of money. But just as there are people who are sensible enough not to despise a thing because it is purchasable for a modest sum, so there are those who do not think it smacks of meanness or narrow-mindedness, if some regard is paid to the cost of an entertainment. We are not all of us so fortunate as to be indifferent to money, and if the tariff of charges is fixed too high in the case of our Summer Excursions it follows logically that some will have no option but to forego the pleasure of participating in them or to pinch themselves in their ordinary mode of living. Now we have known people enjoy themselves for the outlay of a few shillings as much as, and possibly even more than, those who have believed the expenditure of a few pounds was necessary to that end. Champagne-cup is very pleasant, but so is cider-cup, and there is a slight difference in the cost of the two beverages. A dinner at two guineas is doubtless a very grand affair, yet it is possible to supply a varied and liberal bill of fare for a crown—a bill of fare that even a Croesus might not disdain to partake of. There is nothing reputable in the lavish expenditure of money, and a great deal of enjoyment is to be got at a moderate outlay, if the Stewards of an entertainment are people of experience. On the other hand, there is little pleasure to be anticipated from an excursion when people are afraid, every time there is a call upon them for some contribution, that their purses will be emptied before the day is over; but while people ought not to be lavish, they need not exhibit niggardliness. There is such a thing as economy to be considered, and economy does not mean cheese-paring any more than it grudges the use of what is right and proper. If our Lodges will but bear these things in mind when they are organising their Summer excursions

or entertainments, they will be doing a service to many excellent members of the Fraternity who like to take their pleasure in season, but are not able to afford extravagance, and perhaps are a little too proud to acknowledge it. Moreover, there is this further to be considered. Ladies are present on these occasions, and if the charges are high, a brother who has a wife and daughters, and considers there is no reason why they should not have a part in the day's pleasure, will probably think twice about joining. He will argue that he would like to be of the party, but he and his belongings must find their enjoyment elsewhere, where the demands on his purse will be less formidable. We hope a sense of moderation will prevail whenever an entertainment of this description is on the carpet, so that the greatest, not the smallest, number of brethren and their friends may have part in the enjoyment.

ORIGIN AND AIM OF MASONRY.

A FRAGMENT, BY BRO. W. R. WRIGHT.

I HAVE perused with great attention Sir William Drummond's observations on the origin and nature of the Institution of Freemasonry, and have derived the highest gratification from its perusal. However I may differ from Sir William in some few points of his hypothesis, as a man who as devoted much attention to Masonic pursuits and learned to contemplate the Institution itself in a very different point of view from that in which it has been generally treated by its advocates and its enemies, I feel the greatest satisfaction in finding my own notions of its genuine antiquity and important tendency, in so great a degree confirmed by the authority of his distinguished talents and profound erudition, for which I entertain the most sincere respect and deference. I perfectly agree in his supposition that the belief of the Zabeans was in a great degree prevalent among the Jews; but I consider it to have been adopted by that people in the more gross and corrupt form to which it was so evidently liable to be perverted, and not, as he seems to imagine, in that of pure and speculative Theism.

But as those corruptions were ultimately derived from sublime, though inaccurate and imperfect conceptions of the divine nature, I am inclined to think that the real object of the Craft degrees of Masonry as instituted by S. (Solomon?), was to reclaim the followers of that sect to a purer and more philosophical investigation of their original tenets, thus gradually preparing their minds for the reception of revealed religion.

And in this respect I would draw a marked distinction between what is usually termed the Craft or symbolical part of the science, and the system of H.R.D.M.—K.D.S.H., or as it is now more commonly styled the R.A. of J.—to which I shall first advert as being the most ancient branch of our institution, and comprising what may not improperly be termed the *mysteria majora*.

The foundation of this most ancient Masonry I apprehend to have been coeval with the creation of man, consisting in that system of knowledge, moral, physical, and philosophical, which the Almighty Creator gave to the first being whom he animated with a spirit resembling his own divine nature, which system was preserved in the traditions of the ancient Patriarchs to the time of ———.

About the time when that eminent character appeared, these traditions, beginning to be obscured by the lapse of seven centuries, had fallen into much neglect even among those who professed to adhere to the creed of their forefathers, and were treated as idle superstitions by those of a different character.

In order, therefore, to preserve them from being farther effaced or totally forgotten, that Patriarch deposited written memorials of those scientific and divine communications in the bosom of a holy mountain well known to the Fraternity, and the better to provide further security by confining such knowledge to those who might prove themselves worthy of it, instituted certain probationary and religious observances of a secret nature, which circumstance, I apprehend, is alluded to when it is said that ——— first taught men to call upon the name of the Lord.

Such is my idea of Masonry in its original and simple state. Thus preserved amongst the sons of the Patriarchs to the time of the captivity of Israel in Egypt, the system became in some degree corrupted by the intercourse of their descendants with the people of the country, who for the most part adored with extravagant and fantastic rites and monstrous superstition the symbols under which the priests of Misraim concealed the theistical doctrines derived from their progenitor ———, the son of Noah.

On the enfranchisement of the Israelites from their Egyptian captivity, the public worship of ——— was re-established among the people, in general under the injunction of solemnities and formal observances at once suited to captivate their imaginations and keep alive their zeal and attention by ordinances interwoven with all these civil and social relations, and tending to connect the past history of the human race with those future destinations of which they were the archetype.

But as the human mind, once infected with any degree of superstition or infidelity, can recover its energy and purity only by gradual means proportioned to its remaining and returning health. . . . The instruction which they there received, so far as regarded the ancient ritual, was that compendious system adopted by the G. and R.C. of J., which comprised under five divisions or principal degrees the several ordinances respectively established by M. and by S., explaining under the last or 5th degree the nature and distinctive

characteristics of the several intervening stages of the Mosaic Institution, the ceremonial of which it was no longer deemed necessary or expedient to retain.

Among the Crusaders the Knights of the Temple appear to have given the most sedulous and particular attention to the details of the ancient Masonic system on the principles of which their own fraternal union was founded, requiring secrecy of initiation and observing the practice of mysterious ceremonies unknown to other orders of chivalry.

No one who is acquainted with the history of the Templars can doubt that these means were adopted by them for the purpose of concealing from general observation those ambitious views of domination from which their apologists (however successful in refuting all other charges against this illustrious body), have never been able to exculpate them.

On the dissolution of the Order, and in consequence of the persecution to which its members were exposed under the authority of the Pope and Philip the Fair of France, many of its principal officers took refuge in Scotland. Zealously attached to the principles of their association, they availed themselves of its ancient relation to Masonry to establish a close connection with the Lodges existing in that country, and found means to engraft on the simple plan hitherto promulgated by the brethren of the Crusades, the peculiar observances which they had exclusively retained, so modified, however, as to bear a proximate allusion to their own circumstances, and tending to keep alive the ambitious designs of the Order . . . by a desire to wreak vengeance on their persecutors, and to transmit these sentiments to succeeding ages, that the hour of retribution, however distant, would at length arrive.

Hence originated what is generally called the Kilwinning Rite, which appears, however, to have been more generally adopted and to have taken most deep root among the nations of the Continent (particularly in France and Germany) than among the moral and reflecting people of the country where it was originally established.

And I do most fully agree with those who attribute to the silent and progressive influences of this perverted system (co-operating with political causes, and more especially reacting on the abuse of the secular and the intolerance of the ecclesiastical authorities), a considerable portion of those anti-social and anti-Christian doctrines which have spread such desolation throughout Europe.

I have observed that this system found little acceptance with the Scotch and English Masons. In the former kingdom these intermediate degrees are very imperfectly preserved; in the latter they were never received into practice, and even the degree of Knights Templar, as still existing in both countries, is strictly confined to the ritual of initiation antiently observed by that order, disfigured, indeed, by lapse of time and the ignorance of those into whose hands the administration of it has fallen, but still retaining palpable traces of the grand and impressive ceremonial originally practised on such occasions.

The similarity of our allegorical structure with the Temples of the Zabeans, and the resemblance which exists between the mysteries of Masonry, and those of Osiris, Mithras, and the Eleusinian . . . in various points of preparation, reception, and instruction, as well as its connection with the Pythagorean and Platonic Schools of Philosophy, have been so ably treated by Sir W. Drummond that I cannot presume to offer any comment in addition to what he has observed on that part of the subject, further than by remarking that the universal prevalence of similar institutions amongst the civilized nations of antiquity in Asia, Africa, and Europe (though confessedly imperfect and obscure in their nature and tendency, and widely differing from each other in many particulars), afford a strong testimony in favour of the existence of some original and pure system of mysterious and traditional instruction existing from the earliest ages of the world.

To enter upon the discussion of the relations which our institution bears to the complicated system of Hindu mythology (always beautiful and often sublime, even in its wildest extravagance of fiction) would require far more leisure and erudition than I am possessed of or can pretend to. I cannot, however, refrain from observing the extraordinary manner in which that system is itself connected with the hieroglyphics of Egypt, the belief of the antient Phœnicians (probably the founders of the Druidical religion), and the tenets of the Pythagorean and Platonic schools as far as they relate to the mysterious doctrines of the Metempsychosis and the . . . so often descanted upon, and so little understood by contemporary and succeeding writers.

Subjects of this nature are beyond the compass of those limits which I have prescribed to my present observations; but I am not the less convinced that to the investigation of such subjects the deeper researches of the speculative Mason should be sedulously directed in the more advanced stages of his progress.

The existence, nature, and attributes of the Creator and of those spiritual essences which derived there being from Him—the origin of evil, the existence of man, the existence of matter—as taught or regarded by the followers of the Epicurean, Platonic, or Brahminic philosophy.

The end proposed in the creation of the system to which we belong.

The original nature and destination of man and of the animals subject to his power.

The primary laws and properties of the vegetable and mineral kingdoms.

The physical and moral . . . introduced by the corruption of mankind.

The institution of sacrificial worship as well with reference to its own nature as the end for which it was designed.

The effects of that great convulsion of nature recorded in the Scriptures and in the imperfect tradition of all nations.

The confusion of languages and the analogy which all the varieties still bear towards each other through the medium of their common original.

The foundation of Mythological superstition and of prophetic tradition as connected with astronomical observations and occurrences.

The general review of the great scheme of the moral economy of Providence for the subjugation of evil and the ultimate perfection of all things.

To those who see no more in our institution than a secret association for the inculcation and practice of universal benevolence; to those who carry their views no farther than to the ritual and instructions ordinarily observed and communicated among us, it would appear the dream of an extravagant enthusiast to connect these subjects with the name of Masonry. But in addressing myself to the writers of the papers now before me, and through the medium of the friend from whom I received that communication, I am assured that I shall incur no ridicule by such an assertion, nor be in danger of having my conception misunderstood.

In conclusion, I have only to express my regrets that Sir. W. Drummond has not carried into execution the intention to which he adverts in the concluding paragraph of his observations, and my earnest hopes that he will not abandon a design which no other can execute with so masterly a hand, and which is in itself so highly interesting to the development of the history of man and the knowledge of the mysterious dispensations of perfect wisdom and eternal truth.—*From Broudley's History of Freemasonry in the District of Malta.*

CONSTITUTION OF THE NEW LODGE AT PORTSMOUTH.

THE date of the Constitution of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, has been definitely fixed for Wednesday, the 25th of May, and the Committee are now engaged in completing the preliminary arrangements. Various circumstances have combined to invest the inauguration of the new Lodge with peculiar interest, not the least, of course, being the acceptance of Brother Commander the Right Hon. Lord Charles Beresford, of the Royal Yacht Osborne, of a cordial invitation to be the first W.M. His Lordship, who is a P.M. of the Methem Lodge, Devonport, is anxious to do all in his power to promote the prosperity of the Lodge, and has expressed his intention to devote as much time and attention as possible to its efficient working. In the I.P.M. his Lordship will have the support of an enthusiastic Mason, and the other Officers, of whom a list is subjoined, will cordially co-operate with their Chief in order that the expectations of the Founders of the Lodge may be realised, and that it may gain high rank in the province. The Constitution of the Lodge will take place in the Lecture Hall, Penny-street. The ceremony will be performed by the R.W. the Prov. G.M. of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. Bramston Beach, M.P.), and representatives of the Grand Lodge of England and other distinguished members of the Craft will be present. As admission to the ceremony will be by ticket, a circular has been sent to each Lodge in the province asking for a return of the number of brethren who intend to be present on the occasion, and no doubt is entertained that the gathering will be one of the largest that has taken place in the province for many years past. The ceremony is fixed for 11 a.m., and the banquet for 2 p.m.; the latter, by kind permission of Bro. Colonel C. Lanyon Owen, is to take place at the headquarters of the Hants and Dorset Artillery Volunteers. The Warrant for the Lodge, granted by the Grand Master (H.R.H. the Prince of Wales), is now in the hands of its Founders, and the Officers have been appointed as under:—Bros. H. W. Townsend I.P.M., T. Page S.W., Lieutenant Sackville H. Carden, R.N., J.W., H. Threadingham Treas., A. Leon Emanuel Secretary, G. Knowles S.D., J. L. Martyn J.D., J. Winterbottom Organist, G. Lind Director of the Ceremonies, McLeod I.G. H. Long and S. Knight Stewards, Mansell and Carter Tylers.—*Portsmouth Times.*

ISLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1471, MASONIC BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

THIS Association, founded in 1877, by members of the Islington Lodge of Instruction, having been brought to a successful termination, a number of brethren celebrated the occasion by a supper at Bro. Gabb's, St. Martin's Court, Ludgate-hill, on Monday, 2nd instant, Brother J. L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, the President of the Association, in the chair. After the usual loyal toasts, Bro. C. F. Matier proposed the health of the Chairman, and in the course of his remarks congratulated Bro. Mather and the working Officers of the Association on the success that had attended their efforts, a sum amounting to nearly £700 having been collected for the benefit of the various Charities—forty Life Governors being added to the list of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, fourteen to the Boys', six to the Girls' Schools, while four at present remain unappropriated. Bro. Mather returned thanks, and proposed the health of Bro. D. P. Holness 1471, the Secretary, and Bro. J. Shipley, the Treasurer of the Association, speaking in high terms of the assiduity with which they had performed their arduous duties, to the satisfaction of all the members; and at the conclusion of his remarks presented each with a handsome testimonial, as some slight return for the services they had rendered, which was acknowledged by those brethren in appropriate terms. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, in reply to the toast of his health, in an eloquent speech made an earnest appeal on behalf of the Charities in general, and the Boys' School in particular, urging those who had done good service in the cause not to relax their efforts, and those who had not yet turned their attention in this direction to do so, as it was a duty incumbent on all Masons, and all could assist if they would. More especially by the means of associations such as the one at whose "obsequies" the brethren were then assisting. These associations had done an immense amount of good, and he hoped to see them multiplied in all directions, a wish that was cordially reciprocated by the brethren present. The meeting broke up about eleven o'clock.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

ATTENDANCE OF PAST MASTERS.

Notwithstanding what we wrote last week, it still appears, according to a communication just to hand from Bro. Sim, he thinks we have acted unfairly in not giving insertion to the letter he sent on the subject of the "Attendance of Past Masters." Bro. Sim further informs us that the members of the Lodge interested feel aggrieved at the rejection of his epistle, more especially as they imagine they trace to a member of our staff the authorship of Bro. E. Van Donop's letters. We may take this opportunity of assuring Bro. Sim and the other brethren he represents that they are wrong in their surmise. The reason we acted as we did, as we stated last week, was, that we felt enough had been said on the subject. However, as Bro. Sim differs with us, we now give his communication the benefit of publication, and hope he and others interested will be satisfied with its appearance.—[Ed. F.C.]

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

60 Queen Victoria-street,
London, E.C.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I am charmed at having excited the risibility of your correspondent "E. VAN DONOP," and he seems equally so at having aroused what he is pleased to term my anger. Allow me to assure you he is mistaken in his conclusion. As perhaps with him terms are synonymous, will he pardon me if I inform him that anger and indignation are totally different experiences. I again assert that I am justified in being indignant at the liberty a stranger has taken in bringing any matter forward in the press in which he has no interest. Has "E. VAN DONOP" had the cloak of Masonic censorship thrown over him? If not, why does he take upon himself the onus of calling the attention of the Masonic world to a matter which he states has come to his knowledge by the perusal of a report? If "E. VAN DONOP" is regularly going to call attention to the shortcomings of every member of every Lodge, I deeply sympathise with him in his arduous task, and trust he will meet with the recognition such valuable information to the Craft in general will merit. One correction. In my communication I wrote:—

"The letter addressed to you would lead to the inference that the Past Masters were frequently absent. So far as my knowledge goes, this is the first occasion since the Lodge was founded."

"E. VAN DONOP" concludes with the following paragraph:—

"Bro. Sim is unable to speak from his own knowledge as to its NEVER having happened on any previous occasion."

I would call attention to the false logic of your correspondent "A MASTER MASON." He writes:—

"However, what I wish to point out is, that the present race of Past Masters (another amateur censor!) appears to be under the impression that Freemasonry would die a natural death were it not for the services they render."

Is that supported or contradicted by the point in question—the absence of Past Masters? Is not the inferential conclusion that the present Officers are considered so capable that they do not require the presence or support of those who have passed the chair?

I regret his final assertion, "They think they are above criticism, and are occasionally overbearing in their treatment of younger brethren."

Has "A MASTER MASON" been presuming, as some young Masons do, and had his knuckles rapped, leading him (inadvertently, of course) to a conclusion attributable to another cause? I trust he will lay the "flattering unctious" of his two concluding sentences to his own soul.

I cannot conclude without accepting, in as hearty a manner as tendered, "E. VAN DONOP's" apology, and do so with a word of advice. Don't do it again. "Be merry and wise."

Yours truly and fraternally,

EDWARD G. SIM.

The City of London Orchestral Union, of which our esteemed Bro. G. T. H. Seddon P.M. 174 is the conductor, announce their closing Concert for the season, which will take place on Wednesday next, the 11th instant, at the Albion Hall, London Wall. The vocalists engaged for the occasion are Madame Blanche Owen, and Bro. George F. Weige P.M. 860. From the success that has attended the previous efforts of this Union, a most agreeable entertainment may be prognosticated.

The report of the installation and fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Northern Counties Lodge, No. 406, is unavoidably held over till next week. We also crave the same indulgence with regard to the meeting of the North-umberland and Berwick Lodge of Mark Masters.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

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The Grand Lodge of the most Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Pennsylvania. Its early History and Constitutions from A.L. 5730, A.D. 1730, its Minutes and Proceedings. List of Lodges from earliest date to December 27, 1880. Part III. Compiled and published by the Library Committee of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia: Sherman and Co. Printers, 1880.

At the close of our last week's notice of these minutes and proceedings we stated that on St. John the Baptist's Day 1801, the G. Lodge passed a series of resolutions for the purchase of a tenement and lot of ground near the south west corner of Ninth and Arch Streets, for the purpose of erecting on it a building suitable for holding their meetings. Many brethren, however, appear to have objected to these resolutions being carried into effect, owing to its remote situation, and in June of the following year it was resolved to purchase of a William Hunter, described as an "Arch Master," a certain "three storey brick-built messuage and lot of ground situate on the south side of Filbert-street, between Eighth and Ninth Streets" for the sum of three thousand dollars, while other resolutions were passed for having the house conveyed in fee simple to Bro. J. B. Smith and others in trust for Grand Lodge. It may be as well to add that, when the building had been made suitable for Masonic purposes, it was solemnly dedicated to Freemasonry by Bro. Jonathan Bayard Smith, in the presence of the Grand Officers and the representatives of twenty-four Lodges, that auspicious event being the last which occurred in the Grand Mastership of that distinguished brother. Here the brethren continued to meet until 24th June 1811, when they migrated to their new and more commodious premises in Chestnut-street, and the Filbert-street-building was sold for 4500 dollars, or the one-half of its original cost. On 9th March 1819, the first Chestnut Hall was destroyed by fire, and Grand Lodge re-occupied their old quarters, while the new or second Chestnut-street Hall was being built. The new Temple was ready for occupation by 1st March 1820, and since then the history of the old "Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall" in Filbert-street is entirely without interest, all Masonic work in it having ceased since that date. On the 30th January 1880, the last meeting of the Rosicrucian Society was held within its walls, and the day following orders were issued for its demolition. A photograph of the old building is one of the illustrations which embellish this present Part III. of the Grand Lodge Records.

Having noted all that is important in connection with the purchase and dedication of the Hall, let us now glance at what took place in the interim between those events. On the 7th December 1801 Bro. Jonathan B. Smith was again elected R.W. Grand Master, Bro. James Milnor being chosen Deputy Grand Master, and Bros. John W. Van Cleve and E. Ferguson G. Senior and Junior Wardens respectively. At this meeting a letter from Bro. Smith was read, in which he announced that he had received, through Bro. Duplessis, the representative of several Lodges in San Domingo, under the jurisdiction of Grand Lodge, a request that a Provincial Grand Master should be appointed to preside over Masonry in that island, there being already six Lodges in working order, while applications for the grant of warrants for two more had been made. Bro. Smith stated that he believed it came within his Province, as Grand Master, to grant the prayer of the petition on his own authority; but he thought it preferable to submit the matter to the judgment of Grand Lodge. On the 21st of the same month, the Committee appointed to inquire into and consider the matter reported that they thought it advisable a Provincial Grand Master for the island of San Domingo, with the rank of a Deputy Grand Master, should be appointed, and they expressed their opinion that the making of such appointment was a prerogative of the Grand Master. They accordingly requested him to confer the office on such brother as he might think proper. On the 1st March 1802 the petition for a warrant for a new Lodge at New Orleans was submitted and granted. On the 7th June 1802 it was agreed that the Committee of Purchase and Building should write to Bro. John McElwee, formerly Grand Treasurer, who would seem to have returned from Europe and taken up his quarters at Baltimore, requesting him to pay his debt to Grand Lodge, under penalty of having his conduct notified to the different Grand Lodges. On the 24th June Bro. Israel announced that he had in his possession two large china bowls, the property of Grand Lodge, and also sundry jewels, aprons, &c., which he had found in the hands of their former Grand Treasurer, Bro. McElwee, and requesting to be informed to whom he should deliver them. It was thereupon ordered that he should hand them over to the Grand Treasurer for the use of Grand Lodge. The Quarterly Communication of September 1802 was not held, owing to the presence of yellow fever in the city. On the 6th December, after the election of Bro. Israel as Grand Master, in succession to Bro. Smith, it was resolved to hold a procession of the Brotherhood, in accordance with Grand Lodge Rules, on the anniversary of St. John's Day next, the day fixed for the dedication of the new Hall. A unanimous vote of thanks was afterwards passed to Bro. Francis for having accorded permission to Grand Lodge and the subordinate Lodges to meet in his room, and this compliment was enhanced at a later meeting by a further resolution to the effect that he should be allowed to pass the chair, and be presented with an apron and jewel. In the minutes of the meeting on the 13th December a series of charges was submitted against Lodge No. 46 by one of its members, and ordered to be referred to a Committee. The charges are those of a brother who, whatever may have been his Masonic merits, was almost totally ignorant of his mother tongue. Charge I. was that the Lodge did not keep "Regular minutes of their Proceedings." In Charge II. it is objected that the Bye Laws had not been "even

agreed to by the Bodey." Thirdly, it was alleged that the Present members which only consists of 5 or 6 holds all the properties of the sd. Lodge, and yet had petitioned Grand Lodge for the remission of their dues. This "property" was purchased by the members while at Churchtown, and since the Remouwell has not attended the Lodge, since nor do the mean to attend." Fourthly, he finds "there conduct as Maisons in my opinion was un-Missonck," and by no means coming up to the Rules of Masonry." The brother closed his petition with the following explanation: "It is altogether for the Sake and Love I have for Masonry that causes me to bring this forward and through no spite of any invidious of the Body." We have seen the letters of many illiterate people, but rarely one which contained so many and such marvellous mistakes. The same day the Committee on Correspondence reported that among the various Communications they had received were resolutions from the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Virginia, and New Hampshire, to the effect that in their opinion the establishment of a superintending Grand Lodge for the whole of North America would be neither expedient nor wise. They further announced receipt of resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Maryland, that (1) "a person rejected in a Lodge shall not be accepted or initiated in any other Lodge without the consent of the Lodge to which he first applied," and (2) that no Lodge should initiate any person or persons applying for that purpose, "when there is a Lodge of Masons held nearer to his or their residence than the one to which he or they apply, without the consent of that Lodge, except seamen." Then is recorded an important regulation of the Grand Lodge of Virginia, "that no Master of a Lodge nor regular Past Master without his own consent previously obtained, can be called to account and tried for misconduct before any other tribunal than the Grand Lodge, or a Committee appointed by them or by the Grand Master," such regulation, however, being at variance with the views of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, which at this very meeting had ruled that, as the Master of a Lodge was only a member of Grand Lodge *ex officio*, when he ceased from any circumstances to be Master, his connection with Grand Lodge likewise ceased, and the Lodge had full power over a delinquent W.M. to deal with him as they thought proper. Among other announcements may be mentioned that in Virginia the Grand Master appoints his Deputy, while in North Carolina a brother acting as representative of two or more Lodges, has the power to vote in respect of each and every of the Lodges he represents. On the 27th December, the Hall, as we have said, was formally dedicated, and the Grand Master delivered an address appropriate to the occasion, after which Bro. Israel was installed as Grand Master by Bro. Duplessis, and after cordial votes of thanks to all who had taken part in the eventful ceremony of the day had been passed, a similar vote, supplemented by the presentation of a Past Grand Master's gold jewel, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes in recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. J. B. Smith during the term of his Grand Mastership.

At the meeting on 3rd January 1803, the subordinate G. Officers were appointed and invested, while on the 7th March the question of the establishment of a Supreme Grand Lodge cropped up once more, owing to a communication received from North Carolina to the effect that the G. Lodges of North and South Carolina had acceded to the proposition. Pennsylvania, however, retained its old opinion as to the unwisdom and inexpediency of having a central G. Lodge, but expressed no objection to a convention of delegates being held for the purpose of "forming a more intimate union, and establishing a regular and more permanent intercourse between the said G. Lodges." The Building Committee then made report as to the difficulties by which they had found themselves surrounded in the erection of the new Temple, especially as to their not having met with that private support in the shape of subscriptions from individual brethren. They recommended, therefore, that Grand Lodge should recommend to all the subordinate Lodges meeting in the Hall to appropriate and pay to them not less than five or more than ten dollars out of each initiation fee; that the price of a warrant should be raised to fifty dollars, and that twenty out of such amount should be paid to the same end, and that each Lodge using the Hall should pay a rent of forty dollars, while each Chapter and Encampment should pay twenty dollars. These and other propositions for raising the necessary ways and means—the Committee were in debt to the extent of 1500 dollars—were submitted to G. Lodge, and with other measures were accepted. On 5th June, the rare event occurred of the G. Secretary being absent and the minutes of the previous Quarterly Communication, the Minute Book likewise being an absentee, could not, of course, be read. An interesting communication from the Grand Lodge of England, "Ancients," was presented, from which it appeared that that Grand Lodge, without one shilling of debt, had a clear ascertained income of over £500 a-year, principally from the British Funds, and that such income was not wasted in ostentation, but religiously devoted to the purposes of Masonic benevolence, being distributed monthly by a Committee of Masters of Lodges. Two other communications were read—one from the Grand Lodge of Ireland giving a list of Grand Officers for the current year, and announcing that they had established two Masonic Schools, while the other was from "Brother John Mitchell K; H; P.R.S., Sovereign Grand Inspector-General of the Thirty-third and Grand Commander in the United States of America." At the 5th September, another communication from the Grand Lodge of England, "Ancients," was read, cautioning the brethren of Pennsylvania against any people who may happen to present certain certificates described. A report from the Committee to which the letter from Bro. John Mitchell 33 was referred, was to the effect that as G.L. had "no jurisdiction above Royal Arches," it could not conceive that any degree above that was founded in Ancient Masonry. Later on, a letter was read from Bro. Smith Past Grand Master in which he requested the acceptance by Grand Lodge of a painting of Solomon's Temple which he had purchased, and which he thought Grand Lodge would like to possess. A vote of thanks was cordially passed to Bro. Smith for his gift, and it was agreed that the picture should be suitably framed. This painting is now in the possession of the Grand

Lodge Library. Particulars were submitted by Bro. Daplessis respecting the appointment and investiture of the Provincial G. Officers of San Domingo, and the condition of the Craft in that island; from which it would seem that the country was in a very disturbed state, that the P.G. Lodge and Lodges were unable to meet with regularity, and that all the brethren who could do so were using their best endeavours to escape from the island, while many who had done so had been plundered of all they had saved by British cruisers.

In December, Bro. Israel was re-elected G. Master, and Bro. James Milnor, in spite of his request to be succeeded in his office by some other brother, D.G. Master; and these, with the Grand Wardens, &c. &c., were subsequently installed, and the subordinate G. Officers and Hall Committee appointed. In January 1881, a Committee reported adversely as to the proposition whether or not a brother could be "a member of two Lodges at one and the same time, and under two different Grand Lodges," and the report was endorsed by Grand Lodge. In March a resolution was agreed to "That the Committee of Accounts be directed to call on the Committee appointed on the 15th of November 1882 to procure subscriptions in aid of the building in Filbert-street, and to examine and inspect what moneys have been subscribed, what moneys have actually been collected by each member of the said Committee, and how much each member has paid over to the Building Committee, and also the amount of moneys subscribed and remaining uncollected, and that they report the same fully to this Grand Lodge." At a Special Communication on 10th April, a letter was read from the Chairman of the Joint Committees of the Tammany Society and the Philadelphia Legion, inviting the Masons to join in a procession that was being organised for the purpose of celebrating on the 12th May the acquisition of Louisiana, but Grand Lodge passed a resolution to the effect, that while thanking the Joint Committee for the said invitation, it would not be in the power of the brethren to take part in the procession in the character of Masons. In June, it was resolved that in future all communications from other Grand Lodges should be referred to a Committee of Correspondence, while the petition of a brother of Lodge No. 75, complaining of his having been expelled the Lodge without having been informed of the complaint made against, or having had a chance allowed him to make any defence, was acted upon in so far as that the Grand Secretary was instructed to write to Lodge No. 75 transmitting copy of said letter, and requesting to be furnished with a copy of the proceedings in the case. The committee of accounts reported that they were not ready to report on the accounts of the committee appointed on 15th November 1882, to procure subscriptions towards the erection of the Hall. At the meeting on 25th June, the Committee of Correspondence presented a long and elaborate report on the propriety and expediency of applying for an act of incorporation. It is unnecessary to repeat the Committee's reasons for declining to recommend the plan, which emanated from the Grand Lodge of Virginia. It will be enough if we mention that reference was made to the case of Grand Lodge of England, which "once agreed to apply for a charter of incorporation, and a bill was introduced into Parliament for that purpose, but no sooner was its pernicious tendency discovered than the united remonstrances of the brethren induced the then Deputy Grand Master, who was a member of the House of Commons, to move for its postponement *sine die*. The motion was agreed to, and the measure has not been revived."

Even a Grand Tyler has his difficulties to contend with, as will be seen from the following letter from Bro. Schnider, who held that important office, to the Grand Master, asking for advice under certain troublesome circumstances:

"Right Worshipful Grand Master,

"Your Grand Tyler respectfully begs leave to represent that on every St. John's Day he is in a very disagreeable situation, and without intention gives offence either to the new officers elect or to the old ones. Both are wanting the aprons and jewels of their office, and claim the right to represent the Grand Lodge for their respective Lodges for that day. The new Officers say that they are installed and their time begins on that day. The old Officers contend that they receive notices from the Grand Secretary to attend Grand Lodge, and not the Grand Officers elect; that the Grand Lodge does not know the new Officers until the Grand Lodge is opened, and the reports of the new Officers is read, consequently the time of the new Officers begins after the Grand Lodge is closed. I, therefore, humbly beg the R.W. Grand Lodge will please to decide which of the Officers has the right to wear the aprons and jewels on St. John's Day, and prevent further altercation on that day.

"I remain, with the greatest respect, R.W. Grand Master,

"Your very humble servant and Brother,

"WILLIAM SCHNIDER,

"Grand Tyler."

The consideration of this letter was deferred; but at the meeting on 15th October it was resolved, "That the new Officers of the different Lodges are entitled to wear their badges and represent their respective Lodges in Grand Lodge on the St. John's Day ensuing their election." At the meeting on the 2nd December a letter was read from Bro. James Milnor, requesting not to be re-appointed Dep. G. Master, and this time his wish was respected, Bro. Israel being re-elected Grand Master, and Bro. Fred. Wolbert elected Dep. G. Master, while Bro. Thomas Armstrong was elected Grand Treasurer. This completes Part III. of the Minutes, which includes "A Paper read before the Rosicrucian Society of Philadelphia, by Charles E. Meyer, on Friday Evening, January 30th, 1880," and a list of Lodges in Pennsylvania, both vacated and defunct, from the beginning of Masonry in that State in 1730 till the present time. As, however, we have already said all that is necessary as to the Pennsylvania Freemasons' Hall, to which Bro. Meyer's excellent paper refers, we need not take any further notice of it. We are content with repeating our thanks for the copy forwarded us by the courtesy and with the compliments of Bro. C. E. Meyer.

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GRAND CHAPTER.

THE Quarterly Meeting of Grand Chapter was held on Wednesday evening, 4th inst., at Freemasons' Hall. Comps. S. Rawson, W. F. A. Powell and E. E. Wendt occupied the Principals' chairs. The other Officers present were Comps. J. A. Rucker P.S., R. F. Gould 1st Assistant, Frank Richardson 2nd Assistant, Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Joshua Nunn S.N., Col. H. S. Somerville Barney G.S.B., and H. G. Buss Assistant S.E. There was a full attendance of the Comps. After the formal opening of the Grand Chapter, the following were announced as the Principals and Grand Officers for the year:—The Prince of Wales, K.G., Grand Z., the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.Z., the Earl of Lathom H., Lord de Tabley J., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Montague Guest, M.P., S.N., Major Gen. H. Clerk, F.R.S., Principal Sojourner, Rev. Ambrose W. Hall 1st Assistant, J. Sampson Peirce 2nd Assistant, Lieut.-Col. John Creaton Treasurer, H. C. Levander Sword Bearer, Capt. A. Bott Cook Standard Bearer, Ralph Costa Director of Ceremonies, Wilhelm Ganz Organist, Henry Gustavus Buss Past Standard Bearer Assistant S.E., Henry Sadler Janitor. Capt. Rawson announced that the Prince of Wales would be pleased to confer on Col. Creaton the rank of P.G. Principal Sojourner. Charters were then granted for the following new Chapters:—The Marmaduke Ramsey Chapter 1722, Dugshai, Punjab, in the East Indies; the Royal Sussex Chapter 402, Nottingham; the United Chapter 1629, Freemasons' Hall, London; the Blair Chapter 815, Hulme, Manchester; the Commercial Chapter 411, Nottingham; the Chapter of Israel, 1502, Liverpool; the Cable Chapter, 1704, London; the Eastern Star Chapter 95, London; the Prosperity Chapter 65, London; the Masfield Chapter 617, Buenos Ayres. Comps. Colonel Creaton, Robert Grey, A. J. Duff-Filer, E. Letchworth, W. Stephens, H. C. Levander, W. H. Perryman, F. Adlard, and C. F. Hogard were appointed the Committee of General Purposes, and Grand Chapter was then closed.

PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF SUSSEX.

ON Saturday afternoon, 23rd ult., a special meeting of this Chapter was held in the Music Room, Royal Pavilion, the most important feature of the gathering being the installation of Comp. Sir W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., Z. 1466, as Grand Superintendent. There was a good attendance of brethren. The Installing Officer was the Most Ex. Comp. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Scribe E., and the ceremony, unique in its character, was doubly interesting from the fact that it was the foundation of the Sussex Provincial Grand Chapter, and that Sir Walter W. Burrell held the proud position of being the first Grand Superintendent. At the conclusion of the ceremony the newly-installed G.S. appointed the other Principals (who were duly obligated), and invested his Officers, addressing them briefly on the nature of their duties, and pledging them to the performance of them. The Principals and Officers appointed were—Provincial Grand Principals Comps. John H. Scott as H. and G. W. King as J., V. F. Freeman Scribe E., W. R. Wood N., Dr. Trollope First Principal S., Woolley Second Principal S., Pidcock Third Principal S., J. Dixon Director of Ceremonies, St. Clair Smith Grand Sword Bearer, C. J. Smith Grand Standard Bearer, Gerard Ford Grand Registrar, Crosskey Treasurer, A. King Organist, and T. Hughes Janitor.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

The annual installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Wednesday, the 27th ult., at York. The Chapter was opened at 6 p.m., and the minutes having been read and a ballot taken for candidates, the installation of Principals was proceeded with. Comp. Joseph Todd P.Z. acted as installing Principal, assisted by Comp. the Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett P.Z., and the three chairs were filled as follows:—Comps. G. Balmford Z., J. M. Meek H., and A. Buckle J. The Officers then took their chairs as follow:—Comps. G. Kirby S.E., M. Rooke S.N., W. H. Gainforth P.S., W. Draper 1st A.S., S. Border 2nd A.S., J. Todd P.Z. Treas., T. J. Hodgson Org., J. S. Rymer D.C., W. Smith and William Nicholson Stewards, J. Redfare Janitor. Three exaltations took place, and a sum of ten guineas was voted to the list of Comp. Todd, who will be a Steward at the approaching Girls' Festival. After the close of the Chapter the members met at supper, and the usual toasts were duly honoured. Amongst those present during the evening were:—Comps. Sir James Meek P.Z., T. B. Whythead P.Z., J. S. Cumberland Z. 1611, Rev. W. Valentine, T. W. Wilson, J. Fairburn, T. S. Camidge, C. Waistell, O. Robinson, G. Cattell, J. Young and E. J. de Salis.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual meeting of the Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement was held on Tuesday evening, 3rd May, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Present—Comps. Lardner Z., R. Payne H., J. Payne J., W. Fraser N., Sayer P.S., also Comps. Maidwell, Darcy, Edmonds, Goodchild, Veal, Dottridge, Daniels, G. Brown, Sayer, Chicken, J. S. Fraser, Steingrober, Turner, Walker, Massa, Turquand, Taylor, Brasted, Kirke, Gillard, and F. Brown S.E. Preceptor. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Gillard being the candidate. Comp. Daniels, of the New Concord Chapter, 813, was elected a member. The following Officers were elected for the next fortnight:—R. Payne Z., J. Payne H., Chicken J., Gillard N., Maidwell P.S. It was announced that Comp. Turquand, M.E.Z. of the Stockwell Chapter, 1339, and Hornsey, 890, will rehearse the ceremony of installation of Principals on Tuesday, the 17th of May, at

six o'clock punctually, after which, at half-past six o'clock, the usual exaltation ceremony will be rehearsed. As this is probably the last time, during the present season, that this important rite will be gone through here, it is to be hoped that there will be a goodly muster of Royal Arch Masons to support Comp. Turquand, and particularly P.Z.'s, so as to render the gathering one that shall maintain the high reputation of this supreme Chapter of Improvement, which has undoubtedly been the school of the most distinguished Royal Arch Masons of the present time. The Chapter was closed and adjourned until Tuesday evening, 10th May, at half-past six o'clock.

Panmure Chapter, No. 720.—The Principals for the ensuing year in this Chapter will be installed at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 9th inst., at 5 p.m. The Principals elect are Ex-Comps. R. N. Field as M.E.Z., Samuel Poynter as H., and Thomas Meggy as J. Ex. Comp. James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E. of the Chapter will undertake the installation ceremony; a full report of the proceedings connected with which will appear in our next issue.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of the above flourishing Lodge was held on the 27th ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. S. V. Abrahams W.M., M. Levy S.W., G. T. Mann as J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Sec., L. Jacobs Treas., M. Leverton S.D., L. Lazarns as I.G., N. Vallentine Steward. P.M.'s Bros. L. J. Salomons, Grunebaum. Visitors—G. Short 1766, Pennefather P.M. 1623, Chapman 289, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes confirmed, a ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Arthur Solomons, and that gentleman was duly initiated into the Order. Bros. Lindsay Sloper and Levi having satisfactorily answered the usual questions, were passed to the second degree. From the fact that the W.M. has previously filled the chair in this, and is likewise a P.M. of another Lodge, we need scarcely say the work was well performed. The Secretary announced that Bro. Lindsay Sloper and Bro. A. Solomons had each given the sum of 21s to the Benevolent Fund. The W.M. thanked the members for their kind letter of condolence sent him on his recent domestic bereavement. The Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, and alluded to the advent of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, who had been that day re-installed as M.W.G.M. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Initiate, said it was a great pleasure to introduce him into the Order, as he felt assured he would be with them as a brother, and be held in the same respect Masonically as in private life. The Worshipful Master would ask the brethren to drink the toast heartily. Bro. Solomons in replying said he hoped that the remarks of the W.M. would be eventually carried out. He should endeavour in every way to perfect himself and strive to gain their esteem by following in the footsteps of those brethren who had proposed and seconded him. The W.M. proposed the toast of the Visitors, who severally responded, and deservedly complimented the W.M. for his excellent working. Bro. L. J. Salomons P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He could not find words to express how efficiently he had performed every duty required of him; he had endeared himself to the brethren in and out of the Lodge, and he hoped he might be spared many years to be among them. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Salomons for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the warm manner in which they had responded. It afforded him great and heartfelt satisfaction to hear it said he had done his duty. The toast of the P.M.'s followed; the brethren had seen how ably the I.P.M. had done his duty; Bro. Albert was a bright and shining light, not only here, but also in Grand Lodge. With the toast the W.M. would couple the name of Bro. Grunebaum, who very ably responded. After one or two more toasts the brethren separated.

Strong Man Lodge of Instruction, No. 45.—Held at the George Hotel, Australian-avenue, Barbican, on Monday, 2nd May, at seven p.m. Present—Bros. Fitch W.M., Caton S.W., Nell J.W., Gush Preceptor, Fox Secretary, Wing Treasurer, Brown S.D., Pelican J.D., Herridge I.G., and several other brethren. Lodge was opened with usual formalities. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Collison acting as candidate. Bro. Fox worked the first, second, and third sections, and Bro. Tate the fourth, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Drysdale of Lodge 1766 was elected a member of this Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned till Monday next at the hour of seven o'clock. Lodge will meet in future at seven instead of eight o'clock as heretofore.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—A meeting was held on the 3rd instant, at 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W. Present—Bros. Glover W.M., Skirving S.W., Bruce J.W., Bassington Honorary Secretary, Bloxom S.D., Cleaver J.D., Edwards I.G.; Past Masters Bros. Perceval, Stephens, Hunt, Dairy, Rhodes; also Bros. Cross, MacMullen, Alberga, Solb , Swain, Allison, A. Perceval, Collins, and Beasley. Lodge opened in due form and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Allison candidate. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Stephens. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed till Tuesday next, 9th inst., at seven o'clock, when the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts. Brethren are invited to attend.

Candour Lodge, No. 337.—This Lodge held its first meeting in the New Masonic Rooms, High-street, Upper Mill, on Wednesday,

the 13th ult. It is intended to hold and celebrate the Festival of St. John on the next regular Lodge night, 13th May. The Lodge meetings will in future be held in the above rooms, and not in the Commercial Inn, as heretofore. The brethren have built a plain, substantial building: Dining room, 12 yards by 8 yards; Lodge room over, 12 yards by 8 yards; ante-room, 15 feet by 15 feet; additional ante-room, 13 feet 6 in. by 9 feet; lavatory, refreshment bar, man's house, kitchen and four bed rooms, spacious entrance hall—all fitted up with gas and water, with requisite cooking arrangements. The furnishing has been done by private subscription among the members, independent of the building fund. It is expected that the outlay, including crockery, glasses, cutlery, tables, chairs, forms, cupboards, building, all complete, will be under £1000. In the front of the building is a stone, upon which is carved a variety of Masonic emblems, the work of Bro. B. B. Bradshaw, who is a Mason and sculptor by profession, so that the operative and speculative are combined in him. He is now the I.P.M., Bro. Samuel Robinson being the W.M.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Polak W.M., Clark S.W., Christian J.W., Catling S.D., Edwards J.D., Carr I.G., Lorkin Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Boyce, Forss, Clark, Glass, Dignam, and others. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed; the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Glass acting as candidate. Bro. J. Lorkin worked the first, second and third sections of the Lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Cushing of Lodge 1607, and Pearson of Lodge 453, were elected members. Bro. T. Clark was elected W.M. for the ensuing week and appointed his Officers in rotation. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, 1612.—Meeting held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 28th April. Present—Bros. J. Green W.M., G. Coop S.W., W. Seward J.W., F. Smith I.G., J. Wells Sec., A. Jones S.D., P.M. Andrews J.D., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor, C. O. Walter. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes were read, confirmed and signed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. C. O. Walter candidate. Lodge was closed to first degree, and Bro. H. E. Tucker read a letter from Bro. Captain Wilson, at Cape Coast Castle, thanking the brethren of this Lodge for their good wishes. It was unanimously agreed that the letter be recorded on the minutes. Bro. G. Coop was elected W.M. for the next meeting.

CONCERT AT PLYMOUTH.

THE concert at the Plymouth Guildhall on Wednesday evening was a grand success, the attendance having in view the counter attractions, exceeding expectation, and although the prices of admission were exceptionally low, the Devon and Cornwall Educational Fund will undoubtedly receive a welcome addition to its finances. Mr. John Hele, Mus. Bac., who has been indefatigable in his endeavours to make the event a profitable one in the interests of the Fund, must indeed be proud of the result. Although such well-known names as Messrs. Rendle, Jarvis, Morris, Fly, and Wickenden were announced, the centre of interest was naturally Miss Clara Dowle, whose reputation had preceded her. Rarely is such a voice as Miss Dowle's heard in the Hall, and the audience testified their appreciation of her rare abilities in the rendering of "I cannot say Good-bye," by a loud and deafening *encore*. "It was a Dream" was sung with the same sweetness and force by Miss Dowle, but, upon a demand being made for its repetition, the lady re-appeared, and acknowledged the compliment, retiring, however, without fulfilling the evident desire of the audience—an act which we were glad to notice. "The Friar of Orders Grey," by Mr. Jarvis; "The Brothers," by Messrs. Barter and Rendle; "The Vicar of Bray," by Mr. J. Rendle; and "The Vagabond," by Mr. Morris, went capitolly, in one or two instances an *encore* being asked for. Mr. J. Fly—who, by the way, leaves the town shortly for Torquay—played a cornet solo, "La Neige," manipulating his instrument with his usual ability, and, in reply to a unanimous and hearty demand, made the building echo with the strains of "Scots Awa' where Wallace Bled." Two part songs—"Down in a Flow'ry Vale," and "Friendship"—rendered by the male vocalists, concluded the first part. A treat was in store for the audience in the second part—no less than seven selections from Gilbert and Sullivan's comic opera, "H.M.S. Pinafore." But for Mr. Hele, the audience would not have had the pleasure of listening to this delightful music. Despite the fact that at first the permission of Mr. R. D'Oyly Carte to the introduction of "H.M.S. Pinafore" appeared insurmountable, Mr. Hele persevered, and succeeded in meeting with Mr. D'Oyly Carte's sanction to the selections being rendered. The audience was more than pleased with the bright and sparkling "Pinafore" music, and when it is stated that Mr. Hele only had the choir together three times, the result is the more to be wondered at. The chorists numbered thirty—laies and gentlemen. Mr. Barter showed to great advantage, whilst Mr. Rendle, as the "Captain of the Pinafore," who "never used a big, big d—," was exceedingly good. Miss Dowle pathetically rendered "Sorry her Lot," and met with the sympathetic applause of her listeners. A similar concert will probably take place in the course of a few days in aid of the same Fund.—*Western Daily Mercury*, 5th May.

The Band of the Sunday League will commence playing in the Regent's Park on the 15th of May. Bro Hiram Henton has been re-appointed Conductor.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. JOHN COUTTS, P.G.P.

It is with very great regret that we announce the death, at Bourne-mouth, on Tuesday, the 3rd instant, of Bro. John Coutts, a Past Grand Pursuivant of England, at the comparatively early age of fifty-three. Our deceased brother had highly distinguished himself as a Craftsman, and was beloved and respected for the many admirable qualities he possessed by all who had the privilege of being acquainted with him. Bro. Coutts first saw the Light of Masonry in a Scotch Lodge, and joined our Egyptian Lodge, No. 27, on the 7th of May 1861. Thus, had he survived till to-day, he would have lived to complete a connection with English Craft Masonry of exactly twenty years. In due course our worthy brother rose to fill the chair of his Lodge, and so admirably did he discharge his duties as Worshipful Master, that he was elected for a second time, the full period of his Mastership extending over the years 1867 and 1868. He was also a Founder and first Worshipful Master of the following Lodges, namely:—the Harrow Lodge, No. 1310, Harrow, in 1870; Ebury Lodge, No. 1348, in 1871; the Chislehurst Lodge, No. 1531, Chislehurst, in 1875; the Covent Garden Lodge, No. 1614, in 1876. His merits indeed were so generally appreciated, that in 1870 he was appointed Grand Pursuivant, and he had also filled the office of Prov. Grand Deacon Middlesex. His career in Royal Arch Masonry may be said to have been equally conspicuous. He was exalted in the Domestic Chapter, No. 177, in 1863, and was a P.Z. thereof. He joined the Royal Union Chapter, No. 382, Uxbridge, in April 1864. In 1871 he became a Founder of the Royal Middlesex Chapter, No. 1194, and in 1875 he joined the Ebury Chapter, No. 1368, as a Founder and first M.E.Z. He was likewise a member of the Premier Conclave of the Order of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine. But this is far from representing the sum of his Masonic achievements. He was a Life Governor and Annual Subscriber to each of our Masonic Institutions. He had twice filled the office of Steward to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and both our Boys' and Girls' Schools had been served by him in a similar capacity. Had his life been prolonged, there would seem to be little, if any, reason to doubt that our Institutions would have been still further and more liberally, though not more willingly, supported. A career such as we have described would do honour to any member of the Craft, and it must be a great consolation to the relatives and friends of our deceased brother to know that few members of the Craft in England were more deservedly esteemed. It remains for us to offer our respectful sympathy to his family and friends in their bereavement, and to state that the funeral will take place on Monday next, at the City of London Tower Hamlets Cemetery, Bow.

MR. ERNEST SEYD.

It is our painful duty to record this week the unexpected death, at the early age of fifty-one years, of Mr. Ernest Seyd, of the firm of Seyd and Co., of Lombard-street, the author of several important works on questions connected with the Currency. Mr. Seyd had gone over to Paris to attend the Monetary Congress there assembled, when he was overtaken by an attack of congestion of the brain, to which he succumbed, after a brief period of suffering. Mr. Seyd had given evidence before Committees of the House of Commons on several of the subjects on which he was acknowledged to be an authority, and that evidence had been not unfruitful of good on several of the monetary questions of the day. Among the numerous books and pamphlets, of which he was the author, must be mentioned the following, namely: "California and its Resources," Trübner and Co., London, 1858; "On the Establishment of an Anglo-Californian Bank and a Refinery of the Precious Metals in San Francisco"—for private issue—London, 1868; "Bullion and Foreign Exchanges Theoretically and Practically Considered," Effingham Wilson, Royal Exchange, London, 1868; "The Question of Seignorage and Charge for Coining," Effingham Wilson, 1868; "The Depreciation of Labour and Property which would follow the Demonetisation of Silver," London, W. W. Morgan, 1869; "Letters to the Times"—see the "Gold Coinage Controversy," republished by the Bank of England, 1869; "Universal Coinage and Variations in Foreign Exchanges"—read before the Statistical Society; "Enquête sur la Question Monétaire," published by the French Government; "On the Currency Laws, and their effects on Pauperism," read before the Statistical Society, 1871; "Die Münz-Währangs und Bankfragen in Deutschland," Bädcker, Elberfeld (Prussia), 1871; "Suggestions in reference to the Metallic Currency of the United States of America," London, Trübner & Co., 1871. The premature death of Mr. Seyd is to be greatly regretted, as it leaves a gap in the ranks of those writers who treat of these important questions, which it will be very difficult to fill up. We experience the greater sense of satisfaction in offering this slight but sincere and respectful tribute of sympathy with the family of the deceased, because for many years we had a personal acquaintance with him, and not only that, we took a considerable part in the printing and publication of several of his works. We always found him as prompt and particular in his business engagements as he was genial and kind in his private and personal relations.

At the request of several of our friends we have republished, in pamphlet form, our Analysis of the Stewards' Lists at the recent Festival of the Benevolent Institution. We have also added the Tabular Statement that appeared in the columns of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, shewing the amounts contributed by the several Provinces during the years 1875-1881, both inclusive. Stewards who may desire to circulate this pamphlet can obtain copies (2s the dozen, or 12s per 100) from our publisher.

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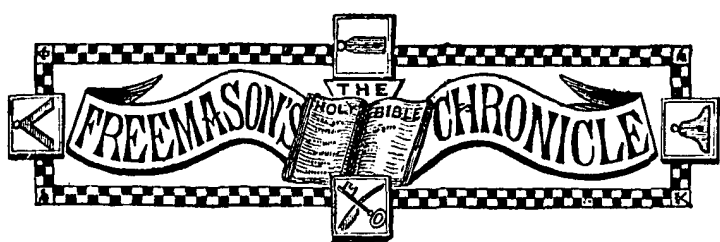
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GIBRALTAR.

Mark Masonry.—One of the most interesting ceremonies ever presented to the brethren on the Rock took place at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, the 26th ultimo, when the Mediterranean Mark Lodge, No. 278, was consecrated, in the presence of a large number of brethren, by Worshipful Brother Thomas J. Pulley P.M. P.G.S. England, P.P.G.S.O. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, Provincial Grand Secretary Berks and Oxon, &c. The following brethren attended and assisted in the ceremonies:—Charles Johnson Worshipful Master Designate, C. W. Moore-Keys S.W. Designate, W. F. Cottrell J.W. Designate, T. J. Pulley P.M. 54, &c., J. Cunningham P.M. 43, E. Barker P.M. 43, W. MacLean P.M. 3½ (S.C.), J. J. R. Morgan P.M. 43, A. Ross P.M. 325 (I.C.), E. D. Bacon W.M. 43, Broster White S.W. 43, W. Glassford P.S.W. 43, J. Button J.W. 43, J. King P.J.W. 43, J. C. Phillips M.O. 43, J. McInerney S.O. 43, G. Lane J.O. 43, C. Mortimer J.O. Broadley Lodge, W. H. Allen Secretary 43, W. Tait R.M. 43, P. Lyons S.D. 43, F. Crompton I.G. 43, D. S. Miller I.G. 607 (S.C.); and Bros. Roberts, Banks, Russell, Blake, Howard, Serfarty, Azopadi, all of 43; Crozier 54, Dumaresq 74, Henderson, McLaren 160, Glass Broadley Lodge, T. Evans 325 (I.C.), and others. The brethren commenced to assemble in the ante-room at 6 o'clock, and at 6.30 a procession was formed, under the direction of W. Bro. Bacon W.M. Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43,—who had kindly acceded to the request of the Consecrating Officer to act as Director of Ceremonies,—and entered the Lodge room, which had been elaborately and carefully prepared for the occasion. The presiding Officer having assumed the chair, supported on the dais by the Past Masters present, he requested the Officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, to assist him in the working of the ceremonies, and they at once took their places in the various chairs. The Secretary pro tem, Bro. W. Cottrell, then read the patent of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, authorising and requesting Bro. Pulley to advance candidates, consecrate the Lodge, and instal the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Charles Johnson, after which a Lodge was opened in due form and order, the opening Anthem being beautifully rendered by Bro. C. W. Moore-Keys Acting Organist and a well trained choir of brethren, under the direction of Bro. W. H. Cottrell. A ballot was then taken for the following brethren:—The Rev. W. H. Bullock, J. H. Bryant, G. D. Twigg, J. S. Langdon, H. J. Campbell, H. C. Schott, W. F. Roberts, R. S. Ireland, L. Cohen, and H. W. Carden, which proved unanimous in their favour. Bros. Bullock, Bryant, Langdon, and Schott, being in attendance, were then advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. by the presiding Officer, the interesting ceremony being performed in the most perfect and impressive manner, every Officer performing his allotted part in the proceedings with studied care and attention, the orchestral and vocal portion adding great effect, the various anthems being beautifully rendered by Bro. Bacon W.M. 43. The Lodge was then called off, in order to prepare the room for the ceremony of consecration, and the brethren having re-assembled, the solemn and impressive ceremony was conducted by the Consecrating Officer in a manner which will not readily be forgotten by those who were present, the whole of the proceedings being witnessed with rapt attention from beginning to end. The elements of consecration were borne by four Past Masters, viz., Bros. Cunningham, Morgan, Barker, and McLean, and the Lodge was incensed to the honour and glory of the G.O.O.T.U. by the Acting Chaplain, Bro. the Rev. W. H. Bullock, who also offered the Consecration Prayer in a very impressive manner. The four corners

of the Lodge having been duly honoured by the Consecrating Officer, he then summoned the Founders and new members of the Lodge to appear in the North and South, and proceeded to dedicate and constitute the Lodge. The brethren having resumed their places, Brother Pulley again ascended the throne, and the Worshipful Master Designate, Bro. Charles Johnson, was presented by Wor. Brother Bacon W. Master 43, for the benefit of installation, and after being suitably addressed by the Presiding Officer, and satisfactorily answering the necessary questions, the brethren below the degree of Installed Master in the Mark degree were requested to withdraw, and a board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Johnson was duly installed in the chair of A. in accordance with ancient custom. The brethren were then re-admitted, and, having rendered the customary homage to the newly-installed W.M., Bro. Johnson was duly proclaimed and saluted. The Installing Master then presented the W.M. with the working tools, and in entrusting him with the Warrant of the Lodge expressed his high sense of the honour which had been conferred upon him by the M.W.G.M.M. in being selected by him to convey the all-important document direct to the W.M.'s charge, and also expressed the earnest hope that it would be handed down by the W.M. to his successor, and thenceforward, for many generations, pure and unsullied as he then received it. The W.M. having accepted the trust reposed in him, then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—Bros. C. Johnson W.M., T. J. Haynes I.P.M., C. W. Moore-Keys S.W., W. F. Cottrell J.W., W. Howard M.O., B. R. Crozier S.O., A. H. Dumaresq J.O., J. H. Bryant S.D., W. F. Roberts Secretary, Rev. W. H. Bullock Chaplain, J. S. Langdon R. of Marks, J. A. Speed Treasurer, G. D. Twigg I.G., J. Peterken O.G. The Installing Master then delivered the Addresses to the W.M., Wardens, Overseers, and brethren, in well chosen language, and resumed his seat at the left of the W.M., amidst tokens of approbation from all the brethren present. The W.M. then rose and proposed that a vote of thanks be accorded to Bro. Pulley for his kindness in coming out from England to consecrate the Lodge, and for the careful and impressive manner in which he had conducted the whole of the interesting proceedings. This being carried by acclamation, it was ordered by the W.M. to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Pulley was then elected an honorary member of the Lodge, and expressed his thanks for the honour which had been conferred upon him, and then proceeded to propose a cordial vote of thanks to the W.M. and Officers of the Gibraltar Lodge, No. 43, for the very kind and efficient manner in which they had assisted in the ceremonies, and especially tendered his thanks to the W.M. Bro. Bacon for the invaluable assistance which he had rendered as Acting G.D. of C. This also being carried by acclamation was ordered to be entered on the minutes. Bro. Bacon then responded, and expressed the great pleasure it had given him and all the Officers of his Lodge to assist upon the auspicious occasion; they would at all times gladly do anything in their power to forward the interests of the new Lodge. "Hearty good wishes" having been tendered, the Lodge was closed in ancient form and with solemn prayer, and the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where a most *récherché* banquet awaited them, due justice being accorded to the various good things on the table after the lengthened ceremonies in the Lodge. The usual Mark Masons' toasts received due attention, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs from Bros. Cottrell, Moore-Keys, Bryant, Bacon, Pulley, Roberts and others. Altogether the proceedings were a marked success, and too much praise cannot be given to the Acting-Secretary Bro. H. Cottrell for the care and attention given by him to all the arrangements, which were simply perfect, not a single hitch occurring from beginning to end. It is worthy of note that the number of the Lodge is, by a singular coincidence, the same as that of the Craft Lodge and Chapter, to which it is attached, viz., 278.

A MOST successful ball, given by the combined Masonic Lodges of Gibraltar, took place on the 27th April, at the Theatre Royal. Dancing was announced to commence at nine o'clock, but long before that hour the boxes were filled by a large number of the fair sex, while the brethren in their quaint and handsome Masonic clothing were assembling in the ball room for the procession, and reception of the District Grand Master. A Freemasons' ball is always a most noticeable object, from the variety of the different costumes belonging to the several Orders, and the jewels and ornaments, all of which possess a mystical meaning not known to the uninitiated, and last night it was even more so than usual from the very great taste displayed in the decorations of the ball room and staircases and their great variety. The general groundwork of the colours employed was red and white, in broad stripes, producing a very rich effect, and the general idea of the ornamentation of the ball room was a series of Moorish arches in the same colours around the proscenium and tiers of boxes, while mirrors, flowers, pictures, mottoes, arms, &c., all lent their aid in producing a most charming effect, which was generally and deservedly admired. The roof of the theatre was tented in full rows of red and white, and the whole effect was excellent, and reflects great credit on those charged with the important duty of preparing a fitting and tasteful ball room for the many guests who had received invitations. The actual work of the decorations was taken in hand by Bro. Peso, and very well indeed it was carried out. At a quarter past nine the District Grand Master Bro. Cornwell, accompanied by the Deputy District Grand Master Bro. Major Gilbard, arrived, and was conducted in due form to the ball room, where the brethren were drawn up in two lines, and passing between these, to the music of the Grand Masonic March, the D.G.M. was received at the lower end by Bro. Ross P.M., President of the Ball Committee, who, in a short and very appropriate speech, heartily welcomed the District Grand Master to the combined ball in the name of the givers of the entertainment; and also the distinguished brethren who accompanied him (Bros. Major Gilbard D.D.G.M., Rev. R. Patterson Past D.G.M. for Manitoba, and T. J. Pulley P.M. I.G. Mark Steward from England). The District Grand Master briefly tendered his thanks, and after the

National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" had been played by the band, declared the ball opened, when dancing immediately commenced and was continued with the greatest spirit till 4:30 in the morning. The Calpe band supplied the music. Freemasons' balls are always some of the most popular amusements given in Gibraltar, and the one of last night will bear the most favourable comparison with any which has gone before. All the arrangements were excellent, nothing was omitted by the Managing Committee which could either give *éclat* to the entertainment or add to the comfort and amusement of the guests, and it must be a great source of satisfaction to them, and indeed to all the subscribers (of whom we hear there were nearly 150), that their efforts were so successful and, of course, so thoroughly appreciated. The total number present was 450. The Committee of Management was composed as under:—Bros. Alexander Ross P.M. President; White P.M. 153, G. Lane 153, E. J. Barker P.M. 153, C. Johnson P.M. 278, Moore-Keys J.W. 278, J. Wink W.M. 576, P. Adair Secretary 576, E. Silva W.M. 576 and Sec. 115, A. Ferrary 576, F. Franceri P.M. D.G. Sec., N. Bassadone 325, Fromow 325, Stewards.—*Gibraltar Chronicle*, 28th April 1881.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 133.

THE installation meeting was held on Monday, 2nd instant, at the Minor Hall of the Faversham Institute, Faversham, Kent. Among those present were Bros. W. H. Drake W.M., F. W. Underdown S.W., Rev. F. C. Jagg J.D., Stapleton Payn J.W., J. W. Penton P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s F. F. Giraud, Henry Bathurst, F. A. Gange, F. A. Whiting, E. Hogben, George French, Richard Griggs; Visitors—Bros. C. Drawbridge W.M. 20, S. Varren W.M. 184, M. J. Sullivan W.M. 158, R. J. E. Brown I.G. 158, R. R. Hall P.M. 709, H. J. Piper W.M. 503, J. Kenwick W.M. 1209 P.P.G.S.B. Kent, George Page P.M. P.P.G.J.D. 1209, F. C. Bugler 709, T. Davy, W. A. Rudd I.P.M. 186, H. W. Poole W.M. 709 P.P.G. Snp. Works Kent, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, &c. Beyond the installation of the W.M., Bros. F. W. Underdown, there was no business to take up the time of the members, who assembled at three o'clock, when Lodge was opened by Bro. W. H. Drake, who conducted the ceremony of the day. Bro. P.M. Griggs efficiently acted as Director of Ceremonies. After the W.M. had been saluted in the three degrees, he invested the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Stapleton Payn S.W., Rev. F. C. Jagg J.W., F. A. Gange P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Penton P.M. Secretary, E. J. Acworth S.D., Alfred Greey J.D., G. H. J. Rogers I.G., R. Griggs P.M. D.C., John E. Cook Tyler. The addresses to Master, Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Past Master Griggs, and then on motion made by P.M. Bro. Gange, seconded by P.M. Bro. Loughurst, the thanks of the members were voted to the I.P.M. for services rendered during the year, the same to be recorded on the minutes. A like compliment was paid Bro. Griggs, for the assistance he had given in the work of the day, and after hearty good wishes had been tendered by the visiting brethren, Lodge was closed. An adjournment then took place to the Ship Hotel, where a capital banquet was served by Bro. Hogben. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen, with which toast he would couple the sentiment, "Prosperity to the Craft." He was reminded, he said, by his own age, of the time Her Majesty had reigned over the people of this country. It certainly had not been an uneventful period. Railways and steam had brought about wondrous changes, and telegraphic communication had become an absolute necessity. Added to this, the telephone was becoming an essential requisite of every day life. Surely, then, it could not be denied this was an age of progress, and it might be said that the progress applied especially to Freemasonry. Monarchs in every age had done their best to advance it. And now for an application of his remarks to the toast. Her Majesty may fairly be considered a promoter of Freemasonry, inasmuch as she is the mother of our Most Worshipful Grand Master, while two other of her sons take a lively interest in the doings of the Craft. The toast was most heartily received, and the National Anthem was sung. In giving the second toast—the Most Worshipful Grand Master of England, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales—Bro. Underdown said the Grand Master performed the duties in a manner eminently satisfactory, and considering the many public duties he has to perform. It must always be remembered that of late years Her Majesty had preferred retirement, and as a consequence heavy responsibilities devolved upon the Heir Apparent. Therefore, Freemasons could but be gratified at the sustained interest His Royal Highness took in the doings of the Craft. The next toast—the Right Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon—was entrusted to Rev. Bro. Syree, who in humorous terms drew attention to the many qualities of the noble Earl. Bro. P.M. Gange next had the gavel handed to him, and he gave the health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, Past and Present. As regards the working of the Grand Lodge of England, we in the Provinces are content to know that it gives universal satisfaction to Masons generally. The Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom, does his duty in a most earnest and thoroughly consistent way, and it cannot therefore be wondered at that he is one of the most popular men in the country. Bro. Giraud proposed the health of the Prov. G.M. of Kent, Lord Holmesdale. He had presided over them for several years, and had always taken a deep interest in the Lodges of his Province. He had made personal visits, and at all times exerted himself for the advancement of the Craft. The next toast—the Very Worshipful Deputy Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Eastes, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers, Past and Present—was given by the W.M. Bro. Underdown regretted the absence of Bro. Eastes; an absence that was occasioned by a domestic affliction,

which one and all must regret. In calling upon those present to honour the toast, the W.M. spoke of the zeal displayed by the Deputy P.G. Master in all that pertained to Freemasonry in the Province of Kent. Bro. Thorp, Grand Treasurer, observed that after the kind remarks of the previous speaker, he rose with regret at the absence of the Dep. Prov. Grand Master, which, however, had been satisfactorily accounted for. For himself, as Treasurer, he had now got used to the duties, and he trusted it might be many years ere his association with the Province of Kent, an association which had descended to him from his father, was brought to a termination. He feared he had omitted to refer to many matters that might have given pleasure to those assembled, but he was not unmindful of many happy incidents in connection with the Lodge of Harmony, where it was gratifying to know the P.M.'s took such interest in their Lodge as to make a point of installing their successors. There had been a time when it was considered necessary to go to London for a brother to conduct the ceremony of installation. However, the way Bro. Drake had carried out the proceedings of the day evidenced this course of procedure was no longer requisite. The next toast, the health of the W.M., was entrusted to P.M. Bro. Penton, who, as Secretary of the Lodge, had worked under several Masters. Bro. Underdown brought with him many qualifications, and all who had listened to the remarks he gave utterance to when investing his Officers that day might rest assured he was thoroughly impressed with the knowledge and requirements necessary to the ruler of a Lodge. He (Bro. Penton) had great pleasure in submitting the toast. The W.M., in reply, thanked the members for the heartiness they had accorded to the sentiments expressed by Bro. Past Master Penton; he was compelled by the exigencies of the train service, on which many of their Visitors were dependent, to curtail his remarks. Before sitting down, he would give the toast of the Visitors, to whom, on behalf of the Lodge, he tendered a cordial welcome. With the toast he would associate the name of Bro. Poole P.M. The remaining toasts comprised the Past Masters, given by Bro. Drake, and responded to by Bro. Bathurst; the Installing Master, given by Bro. Gange; the Wardens; the Junior Officers, the latter ably responded to by Bro. E. J. Acworth. With the toast of the Press was associated the name of Bro. W. W. Morgan, who gave some statistics of the amounts contributed by the several Provinces to our Masonic Institutions, and who drew attention to the fact that in respect of contributions during the last seven years to the Benevolent Institution, Kent stood No. 3 on the List, as regards the amount taken up by its several Stewards. The proceedings throughout were of a most agreeable character, and the W.M. and brethren of the Harmony Lodge may be congratulated on the success of this their annual gathering. During the evening some capital songs and recitations were given.

SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

AN Emergency meeting of this newly-consecrated Lodge was held on Thursday, 5th instant, at the East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, for the purpose of formally accepting the joining members and initiates who were proposed at the first meeting, and for the transaction of other business. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. W. H. Hook, who was supported by Bros. Linscott S.W., Dr. Nicod J.W., Barnett S.D., Powles J.D., Marcus I.G., Bellis as Sec., and Bro. Brooke P.M. 1839, as P.M., &c. The summons convening the meeting having being read, the Bye-laws were brought forward and agreed to, after which the ballot was taken for Bros. Bellis 1297, Forge 619, Mussered 188, Ball 431, Winter 177, Batchelor 147, Le Quesne 877, 958, P.P.G.D.C. Jersey, Sayer 1475, Gauntlett 1853, Davies 177, Gurney 1475, Campbell 1329, and Bullimore 840, as joining members, and resulted in their favour in each case. The names of five gentlemen proposed for initiation were then submitted, viz., Messrs. R. E. Anderson, A. F. Grainger, W. Boshier, G. T. Acock, and C. W. Acock, and here also the ballot was unanimous in favour of their reception. They were each in turn initiated, the W.M. performing the ceremony in a most satisfactory manner, and making, we think, a lasting impression on the newly-admitted brethren. Bro. Brooke was proposed as an honorary member of the Lodge and accepted; after which the W.M. appointed Bro. Bellis as Secretary, Bros. Mussered and Bullimore as Stewards, and Bro. Grainger as Organist. The choice of the brethren in the matter of Treasurer fell on Bro. Forge, who after being invested, expressed the pleasure he felt in being thus honoured by the members of the Lodge. The names of some candidates were handed in, and then Lodge was closed, the brethren afterwards enjoying refreshment, under the presidency of the W.M. The customary toasts followed. The W.M., in giving the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, said he had had the pleasure of seeing the Grand Master in Grand Lodge, and the way in which he there performed the duties of his office convinced him that he was a good Mason and a man of whom they could but be proud. Bro. Smith proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. He considered himself as being in somewhat of an anomalous position, not really being a member of the Lodge, he had to propose the health of the Master. He had felt a great pleasure, and taken a great interest in the formation of the Selwyn Lodge, and therefore felt, in a measure, capable of proposing the toast. As they had been told by brethren high in position in the Craft, they ought to be proud of having such a Mason as Bro. Hook at the head of the Lodge. It required a man of ability and a man of some tact to carry out successfully the work of forming a Lodge in the metropolis at the present time. Bro. Hook was admirably suited for the work. The way in which the proceedings had so far progressed was ample evidence, if any was required, of this. He was confident that at the termination of his year of office Bro. Hook would leave the Lodge in a far better position than some were that had been many years in existence. Bro. Hook tendered his thanks. He hoped he should deserve all the good things that had been said of him. He had felt it a great pleasure and a great honour to be associated in the foundation of the Selwyn Lodge. As regarded the amount of work in connection

with it, he looked upon all he had done as amply repaid when he saw what a successful start theirs had been. He had pleasure in working for the Lodge, particularly as he was sure that all who were associated with it had determined to make it a success. That evening had indeed been a proud one for them all—to make five new members, and accept thirteen joining members, was indeed a satisfactory record for their first meeting, and now that the Lodge had made so good a start he could only hope that it would continue to prosper. He then proposed the health of the Initiates. They had that night enlisted into their crew five gentlemen—who if not exactly able bodied seamen, were most certainly able minded Masons. He was quite sure they were men of the right sort, and members of whom any Lodge might be proud. The class of men who were wanted as initiates for Freemasonry were men of integrity and uprightness, and men of true heart; whenever they were about to admit new members they should bear those facts in mind, and act accordingly. He hoped the lesson the initiates had heard that night had been of benefit to them, and trusted their reception into Freemasonry had been such as to make a lasting impression on their minds. Each of the new members responded. Bro. Anderson expressed his pleasure at joining. The way in which he had that night been received had made a lasting impression on his mind, one that was not likely to fade until the day of his death. He had thoroughly enjoyed the proceedings, and hoped he would ever be a credit to the Lodge. Bro. Grainger also expressed his pleasure. He was doubly honoured at receiving from the hands of the Master his appointment as Organist of the Lodge. He hoped to do honour to the position. Bro. Bosher considered it truly a red letter day of his life. He heartily thanked the brethren for receiving him. He should always do all that lay in his power for Freemasonry, and hoped to be a good member among them for many years to come. He was truly gratified at having selected the Selwyn Lodge in which to join the Craft. Bro. G. T. Acock hoped he might long remain a member of the Lodge and be a credit to the Craft, which he had long wished to join. Bro. C. W. Acock followed in similar terms. He had little idea that the initiation ceremony was anything so solemn as that he had gone through that night. He should at all times do anything he could to support the Lodge. The W.M. now proposed the health of the Visitors. This was a toast he hoped would always be proposed in the Selwyn Lodge in the heartiest way. He trusted the members would always extend the right hand of fellowship, and that on all future occasions they would offer a hearty welcome to visitors. Each of the guests responded, after which a compliment was paid to the Officers—the health of the Treasurer and Secretary being united with the toast. Bros. S.W., Treasurer, and Secretary, replied, and the proceedings terminated.

We have been asked to publish the Oration given by Bro. the Rev. Ambrose W. Hall at the Consecration of this Lodge, and have much pleasure in complying with the request. Bro. Hall said:—

On laying the foundation stone of any building, or at the formation of any new society, it was customary to ask some one present to say a few words bearing upon the uses to which if a building it was to be applied, or if a new society, on its nature or principles, and the qualification generally of its members. He was asked that day to address a new Lodge upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry, and he thought it a time most suitable because as with the young the mind was more impressible and more easily received knowledge, and the inculcation of wisdom or the opposite. It was in youth that the mental soil was more qualified to receive the seed, and was, so to speak, more pure. So with a new Lodge; and it was well to take advantage of its early life to impress upon its officers, founders, and members the great responsibility that they were about to take upon themselves, as well as the onerous duties that they would be called upon to fulfil. He would draw their attention to what King David said to his son Solomon shortly before his death, because, he thought, it would be applicable to a new Lodge, and would help the brethren on with their task, and render that task more easy, as well as render the Lodge as a body, and each member as a component part of that body, more bright and shining lights in the expanse of their great Order. King David said: "Solomon, my son, know thou the God of thy fathers, and serve Him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind, for the Lord sheareth all hearts, and understandeth every imagination of the thought. If thou seek Him He will be fond of thee, but if thou forsake Him He will cast thee off for ever." So it was well to say to a new Lodge, or a new society, especially at the present day, in times of infidelity, when many of the brethren in a sister land had fallen from their first estate, and disregarded and cast away the presence of the Great Architect of the Universe from their rites and ceremonies, "In all you do, in all your working, know the God of your fathers; and in all this serve him with a perfect heart and with a willing mind;" because, as they were told in the third degree of Freemasonry, "the Lord searcheth all hearts and understandeth every imagination of the thoughts;" in other words—all their words and all their actions were known and recorded by the Most High, to whom they must one day give account of their conduct in life. And in their beautiful rites and ceremonies, and in the teachings that they symbolised, they should serve Him with a perfect heart, and be assured that if in those rites and ceremonies they thought of Him, acknowledged Him, felt His presence, He would be with them. But if they did not feel that His eye was upon them, and that He was never with them, if, so to speak, they forsook Him, He would forsake them and their house—their new Lodge would be left desolate. A word or two upon the nature and principles of Freemasonry. It was as they well knew, not restricted to any particular sect or party; it was wide as the universe and lasting as eternity; its branches were spread over the four quarters of the world—a community of human sympathies and human goodwill. Then it embraced myriads of men of every clime and of every country. They had the

experience of 3000 years to tell them that charity and goodwill were the distinguishing characteristics of their noble Order. And to the brethren assembled, a sacred band, these virtues and teachings and mysteries were to be confided that day; and if they would use them as they ought, if they would preserve them in their entirety, there must be a perfect feeling of unanimity among them as members. When he saw the members, the founders, the Officers of this Lodge, and knew how eminent they were in Masonry, he felt sure that there was a happy future before the Selwyn Lodge, and that it would take a foremost place in the annals of Freemasonry, and as time went on there would be many choosing to range themselves under their banner, either as joining members or as candidates for initiation. Let them take advice of one who had some large experience in that matter—be not too hurried in making a member, but seek him out. If a joining member seek him out at his residence, search into his moral and social position; if a candidate for initiation seek him out likewise, ask his friends and neighbours who knew him well, and see whether from his general qualities as a man he was likely to become a good Mason, an ornament to the Lodge, with whom they could work in that love and harmony which always should characterise members of the Order. As regarded the principles of the Order, he would urge the brethren, even at this very early day, to cultivate that brotherly love which thought no evil, which rejoiced with those that rejoice, and wept with those who wept. Likewise let them put forward that relief which helped them to relieve a brother's wants and succour his infirmities—in other words, that charity which would bring them forward in every good deed towards their fellow-men. And whilst upon charity he would call their attention as a new Lodge to this subject, to do all they could; he trusted they would, both by their money and their time, help in promoting the noble Charities of the Order, which well deserved all they could receive at their hands. He had been asked not to detain them very long; so, although he could dwell much upon these principles, yet there was one he had not mentioned, but which he would mention, and that was truth. Let them cultivate Masonic truth, for it was the object of research of every good and worthy Mason. Cultivate it as the opposite of falsehood, as the feeling of the heart coming from the mouth—that good walk through life which all of them should aim at—purity, faithfulness, and honesty. He would now simply thank them for the attention they had paid to the few words he had been permitted to address to them. Be assured that the Selwyn Lodge, its founders, officers, and members, had his best wishes that they might work together many years in happiness and harmony, and if that day one word of his should have fallen upon good ground, and like the bread cast upon the waters, after many days return with good effect to any brother there; if aught that he had said might confirm one doubting brother in the conviction that Masonry was a living, not a dead power, his visit to them that day had not been in vain, and to the Great Architect of the Universe be all the honour and all the glory. If in that short address he had said too much he asked their leniency, because he was assured that when he went home and meditated upon the meeting they had had he should be cheered by the feeling that he took with him the goodwill of every one of them. And now let him commend them to their work. Work as good Masons, trust in the Great Architect of the Universe, and pray to Him that his light might be shed upon them, and pour into their hearts all that was good and true. Work, and trust, and pray, for if they would bear the conqueror's crown to the Grand Lodge above they must cherish Masonic truth, cherish it for its own sake, and then when death's calm sleep was o'er, in heaven they would wake.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No 1349.—At Bro. Pavitt's, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, on Tuesday, 3rd May. Bros. Johnson W.M., Pavitt S.W., Smith J.W., Barker S.D., Peterken J.D., Forsyth I.G., Worsley Sec., Musto Preceptor; Rawe, McGeorge, Watkins, Bailey, Day, Bourn, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form; the minutes were read. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rawe candidate. Bro. Worsley worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture. Bro. Pavitt was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Secretary read the Auditors' report for the year, which showed a great increase in the funds. It was resolved that the report be adopted. Bro. Worsley was re-elected Secretary, and Bro. Pavitt Treasurer, for the ensuing year. Bros. McGeorge 499 Scotch Lodge, and Bro. Bourn Prosperity Lodge 65 were duly elected members.

Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445.—Held at Bro. Fromm's, the Moorgate, Finsbury-pavement. Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1455 Preceptor. On Wednesday, the 27th ult., the chair was taken by Bro. Partridge, supported by Bro. J. Robson as S.W.; also Bros. Kimbell, Medwin, Goddard, McDonald, Macgregor, Robson, C. Loring, and H. Seymour-Clarke Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed by the W.M., Bro. C. Robson candidate. Bro. Macgregor having been questioned and entrusted, the Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. It was unanimously resolved that Bro. Fromm be elected an honorary member of the Lodge. Lodge was closed in due form.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS combine both sanative and sanative powers in a high degree—by the former term is understood their ability to preserve health, by the latter, their capability to restore health. With these remedies at hand, no invalid need be at fault to guide himself or herself safely through the many trials to which every one is subjected during our long and oftentimes inclement winters. Coughs, colds, ulcerated throats, whooping cough, can be successfully treated by well rubbing this Ointment upon the chest, and by taking the Pills. During damp, foggy weather, asthmatical sufferers will experience the utmost possible relief from the inunction of the Ointment, and all tender chested persons will save endless misery by adopting this treatment.

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, 7th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
112—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
193—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 9th MAY.

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)
193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1366—Highgate, Gate House Hotel, Highgate
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (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.)
1603—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
R.C.—Holy Sanctuary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
61—Probita, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
597—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
1448—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
1542—Legiolium, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th MAY.

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)
167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead.
177—Domatio, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
880—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1360—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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.
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.
93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-on-Tyne (Instr.)
473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
820—Sydney, Black Horse, Sidcup
892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Leominster
897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
1260—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Sankey-street, Warrington
1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent

1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1341—St. John's Lodge, King's Arms Hotel, Grays, Essex
1411—Knole, Masonic Hall, Sevenoaks
1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
1509—Maloc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th MAY.

3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 9 (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.
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Inst.)
863—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
1288—Finsbury Park, Alwyne Castle, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7 (Instruction)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (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—Domatio, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, 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
253—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
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
668—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno
759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn
795—St. John, Ray Mead Hotel, Maidenhead
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.
1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1248—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.
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1692—Hervey, George Hotel, Hayes
R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th MAY.

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)
206—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.
436—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
1076—Copper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1321—Emblematic, Tulse-hill Hotel, Tulse-hill
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1559—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
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, at 8 (Inst.)
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.
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—Candonr, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
346—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
350—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
369—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe

449—Cecil, Sun Hotel, Hitchin
 458—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, Loudon Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 636—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
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 945—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, Tredegar, Mon.
 1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1184—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, Colerhill.
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th MAY.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 786—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 8. (Instruction.)
 834—Hanelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction.)
 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8 (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7 (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8 (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd, N. Kensington, at 8. (In.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 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,
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1087—Beaudeart, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, 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, 14th MAY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1607—Loyalty
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Pier Hotel, Erith
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons Hall, Leicester
 1556—Addiscombe, Surrey Club, West Croydon
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

Joppa Lodge, No. 188.—The last meeting prior to the customary vacation was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the able presidency of the W.M., Bro. R. Baker, supported by Bros. L. M. Myers S.W., Benjamin J.W., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, A. J. Dodson P.M. D.C., G. Bean Assist. D.C., L. Wall Steward, P. E. Van Noorden Organist; Past Masters L. Alexander, S. L. Hickman, Lazarus, H. Hymans, H. M. Levy, M. Alexander. Visitors—Bros. Brady 1158, Argent Jutsum 382, H. W. Homan 59, A. Henochsberg P.M. 1502, L. A. Lazarus 1017, A. Avenal 1017, S. Marks late 188, A. Bignold 1624, C. P. Bellerby 1612, Lewis 493, S. M. Lazarus P.P.G.W. Wilts. After the Lodge had been formally opened, and the minutes of last meeting read and confirmed, Messrs. Coombes and G. M. Lion were duly initiated into the Order. The latter gentleman, by the courtesy of the Worshipful Master, was initiated by Bro. Hymans I.P.M. Bro. Avenal, of Lodge 1017, was passed to the second degree, and Bros. H. Lion, S. Lion, Vicary, and McKinlay were raised to the third degree. The entire proceedings reflected great credit on the Worshipful Master, whose rendering of the ceremonies was most perfect. The traditional history was given. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. L. M. Myers seconded—That a letter of condolence be sent to Bro. Israel Abrahams P.M., P.G.S., on his recent domestic affliction. This was carried unanimously. A letter was read from Bro. Dodson, stating that a Lodge of Instruction would meet every Thursday evening at seven o'clock, under the sanction of the parent Lodge, to be called the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, to be held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, and stating that the thanks of the Founders were due to the Worshipful Master for his hearty co-operation. This letter was ordered to be

entered on the minutes. The Lodge was then closed until October. The brethren adjourned to slight refreshment, this being one of the so-called bread and cheese nights. The Worshipful Master, in his usual genial manner, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Past Master E. P. Albert Prov. Grand Pursuivant responding for the Grand Officers. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. returned thanks for the toast of the Benevolent Fund, and announced that the sum in hand was nearly £1000. The newly initiated brethren gave 21s each to this fund. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, who came to them well and worthily recommended; he was sure they would prove a credit to the Order. Bros. Lion and Coombs severally returned thanks. Bro. Hymans I.P.M., in proposing the health of the W.M., could with pleasure say it was the toast of the evening; he had seen many Masters occupy the chair; the W.M. might be equalled, but could not be excelled. His capacity for presiding, like his capacity for working, was perfect, and he hoped the members would give the toast a hearty reception. The W.M. in reply said he could hardly find words to return thanks for their kind reception of the toast. His working had been referred to; if it had met with their approbation it was sufficient gratification to him, and would be an incentive to him to work still more diligently in their cause. The brethren were now about to separate until October, he then hoped to see them one and all, and to meet them in health and prosperity. The toast of the Visitors was next given, and Bro. S. M. Lazarus responded. This was his 82nd birthday, he felt a great pleasure as an old Mason to hear such good accounts of the working of the W.M. He had felt great interest in reading, in the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a very faithful history of the proceedings of this old and influential Lodge. A history which must prove interesting, not only to the old, but also to the young members. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters, and Bro. H. Hymans I.P.M. responded. The toasts of the Treasurer, Secretary, Wardens, and Junior Officers were given in due course, and the Tyler's finally closed the proceedings. Bros. Dodson P.M., Jutsum, and Phillips contributed to the Harmony.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, the 26th instant, at the Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury-pavement. Present:—Bros. Holness W.M., Orme S.W., Pitt J.W., J. L. Mather Preceptor, C. G. Sparrow Secretary, Hepburn S.D., Redding I.G., and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Whale candidate. Lodge opened in the second and third degrees, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Shipley candidate. Bro. Sparrow Hon. Secretary was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge closed, and adjourned till Tuesday next.

King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732.—The regular meeting of this excellent Lodge of Instruction was held on the 1st inst., at Bro. Devine's, the Blue Posts, Charlotte-street, Fitzroy-square. Bros. Jutsum W.M., J. Snodden S.W., Kauffmann J.W., Devine Treasurer, L. Solomon Hon. Sec., Burgess I.G., Hemming Preceptor. The Lodge of Instruction was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The first, second, third and fourth sections of the first lecture were worked. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Silvester acting as candidate. A special vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Jutsum for the excellent manner he had performed the ceremony, for the first time. Bro. Snodden was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Lodge of Instruction was then adjourned until the following week.

Landport Lodge, No. 1776.—The regular meeting was held in the handsome Lodge-room of the Portsmouth Freemasons' Hall and Club Company Limited, 79 Commercial-road, Landport, on Thursday, the 21st instant. The chair, in the unavoidable absence of the W.M., was taken by Bro. G. A. Green P.M., who with his customary ability performed the ceremonies of passing and raising. At the conclusion of the ritual, several propositions were made for candidates for initiation and joining. Resolutions were passed, one of sympathy with the W.M., he having met with a severe accident, which has incapacitated him from following his professional duties for some weeks; and one to Bro. E. S. Main P.M., for his donation of ten guineas to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, in the name of the Landport Lodge. The brethren pledged themselves to support his Stewardship for that Institution at the next Annual Festival. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the large dining hall, and partook of supper. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were afterwards duly honoured.

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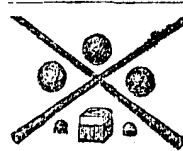
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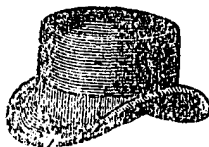
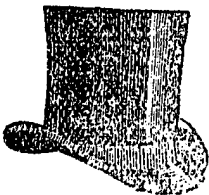
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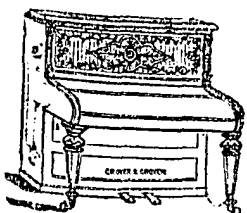
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