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GRAND ORIENT OF FRANCE.

THE Annual General Assembly of the Grand Orient of France was opened on Monday, 12th September, and closed on Saturday following with the customary banquet. The chair was taken at the morning and evening sittings of the first-named day by Bro. De Saint-Jean, President of the Council of the Order, who, we are informed, had but recently recovered from a long and painful illness. At the second sitting M. Ali Margarot was chosen President of the meeting, and to him accordingly Bro. De Saint-Jean resigned the gavel. At the Friday sitting, after due honour had been paid to the memory of the late Prince Frederick of the Netherlands, for sixty-five years Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of the Netherlands, the election of eleven brethren to serve on the Council, instead of as many members retiring by rotation, and one in place of the late Bro. Albert Joly, was proceeded with. The following were successful, namely, Bros. Poulle, Wyruboff, Lagache-Saint-Gest, Duhamel, Thulié, Bruand, and Doué, who were re-elected; and Bros. Maynard, Ali Margarot, Guimband, De Serres, and Péan, the last named being chosen for two years only, while the rest will serve for the full term of three years. The following were then chosen by the Council to be its Officers for the year, namely:—Bros. De Saint-Jean, President; Cousin and Caubet, Vice-Presidents; Poulle and Wyruboff, Secretaries. A table was then submitted from which it appeared that, on the 1st March of this year, there were in the French Lodges 15,221 members, to which number 683 brethren since initiated or affiliated must be added, making a total of 15,904 active members, as against 13,281 at the corresponding period last year. The banquet, under the presidency of Bro. De Saint-Jean, brought the proceedings to a close.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. III.

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THE RISE AND EARLY PROGRESS OF
SPECULATIVE FREEMASONRY.

*Read in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction,
28th November 1876.*

WERE I asked to arrange the history of Freemasonry in certain well-defined periods, I should feel justified in dividing it into the following:—The first I should describe as the Philosophical, or better still, perhaps, the Mystical period, relegating to it all those curious legends and traditions, which certainly exist, but of the value of which we are at the best most imperfectly informed. This period I should carry as far forward as the Middle Ages. The second I will describe as the Operative period, extending from the time when Mason Guilds were established in the Middle Ages down to the latter half of the seventeenth century, when Operative Freemasonry gradually, we may almost say imperceptibly, lost its su-

premacy. The third period commences with the eighteenth century, and embraces the whole history of our present Society, from the establishment in London of the Grand Lodge of England till now. This I designate the Speculative period. During all the 164 years it has endured, we have seen our modern system of Freemasonry gradually progressing, till it is now established universally over the entire surface of the earth, and is felt to possess so great an influence that the members of one particular form of religious worship and more than one government are never so content as when fiercely denouncing its principles. Such is my periodical arrangement of Masonic History, nor do I think there are any strong reasons for rejecting it, except, indeed, it be in the case of those who hold, with Bro. Buchan and others, that Modern or Speculative Freemasonry goes no further back than the beginning of the last century. They, of course, would reject the idea that anything like our present system existed in the remote ages of antiquity. They would likewise decline to see any connection, except, perhaps, a formal one, between our Speculative system and the preceding or Operative system. But while I confess I am not prepared to accept the strange story which some among us have woven together and describe as a true and circumstantial record of the Craft, I see no just reason for refusing to entertain, with our Most Worshipful Pro Grand Master, the belief that Freemasonry does trace back its origin to a very remote period indeed. I am not, however, about to advance any theory of my own, or support anybody else's, by what I may consider proofs of this antiquity. In the first place, it would occupy far more space than is at our disposal, and in the second, interesting as such a paper could undoubtedly be made by those better versed in the question than myself, it would lead, I fear inevitably, to a long and perhaps unprofitable discussion. Nor am I about to embark in any controversy for the purpose of establishing the, to my mind, undoubted connection of Speculative with Operative Freemasonry. I am simply about to give a short, and I trust an accurate sketch, of the Rise and Early Progress of our present system; for which purpose it is necessary I should take you back well nigh a century beyond the Constitution, or as many call it, the Revival of our English Grand Lodge in the year 1717.

We all know that many years before this year of grace several honourable gentlemen were received as members of operative Lodges. The earliest authenticated cases of these receptions are mentioned by Bro. Murray Lyon, in his elaborate history of Freemasonry in Scotland, and occurred some time before the year when the celebrated Elias Ashmole was made a Mason at Warrington, in Lancashire. As far back, indeed, as the year 1600 we find, on the authority of this learned brother, mention of William Shaw, Master of Work, and John Boswell, the laird of Auchinleck, engaged in settling an alleged breach of Masonic law. But it is not till the year 1634 that we have evidence of non-professional persons being admitted into the membership of the Lodge of Edinburgh, or St. Mary's Chapel. On the 3rd July of that year it is recorded in the minutes that the right honourable Lord Alexander, Anthony Alexander, and Sir Alexander Strachan were made fellow-crafts in that Lodge. These minutes are as follow, and are regarded

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

with such interest that after the installation, in 1870, of our present Most Worshipful Grand Master his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales as Grand Patron of the Order in Scotland, His Royal Highness was affiliated to St. Mary's Chapel, and these minutes were submitted for his inspection. We give them *verbatim et literatim* from Lyon's History :—

"The 3 day off Joulay, 1634. The quhilk day the Right honorabell my lord Alexander is admitet folowe off the craft be Hewe Forest diken, and Alexander Nesbet Warden; and the hell rest off the mesteres off mesones off Edenbroch; and therto curie mester heath supscriuet with ther handes or set to ther markes. [Deacon's and Wardens' marks.] Jn. Watt, Thomas Patersone, Alexander, John Mylln.

"The 3 day off Joulie 1634. The quhilk day Antonio Alexander, Right Honirabell Mester off Work to hes Magestie be admision off Hewe Forest deken, and Alexander Nesbet warden, and the hell rest off the Mesteres off Edenbroch; and therto euerie mester heath supscriuet with their hans or eles pet to ther markes. Thomas Ainslie, Thomas Patersone, Robert Gray. [Deacon's and Wardens' marks.] Jn. Watt, Alexander, An. Alexander, John Mylln.

"At Edinburghe, the 3 of July 1634. The quhilk day Sr. Alexander Strachan of Thorntoun is admitted fellow-craft be Hew Forest deaken, and Alexr. Nisbet warden, and the haile rest of the Masters Measons of Edinburghe; and in token thereof the mesters underscryband have sett to their hands and marks to thir presnts. [Deacon's and Wardens' marks.] Jn. Watt, Robert Gray, Thomas Ainslie, Thomas Paterson, John Mylln, Alexander, An. Alexander, A. Strachan."

Among the minutes which are quoted after the above is one dated 27th December 1636, in which the words "Frie Mesones" occur, this, says Bro. Lyon, being "the earliest instance yet discovered of 'Free Mason' being in Scotland applied to members of the Mason Craft. It is evidently used," adds Bro. Lyon, "as an abbreviation of the term 'Freemen Masons'—Master Masons possessing the legal right to exercise their vocation as such within the liberties or boundaries of the town or burgh of which they were burgesses, and cannot in any sense be held as equivalent to 'Freemason,' as now understood." Close on 160 years occur before we meet with the expression again—namely, in the minute of 29th January 1795, where it is used in designating the Lodge as a "Society of Free Masons." Bro. Lyon adds that "the adoption in January, 1735, by the Lodge of Kilwinning, of the distinguishing title of Freemasons, and its reception of Symbolical Masonry, were of simultaneous occurrence."

Three other records worth referring to are also given. The first of these mentions the reception on the 16th February, 1638, of "The Right Worthie and honerabell Mr. off Work to his Maj'stie, Herie Alexander," afterwards Earl of Stirling; the second, dated 20th May 1640, records the admission of the "right honerabell Alexander Hamiltone, generall of the artelerie of this Kindom;" and the third, dated 27th day of July 1647, mentions the admission of "William Maxwell, doctor of Fisek ordinare to his Maj'stie hines."

The first record we have in England of a similar kind is from the diary of the celebrated antiquary, Elias Ashmole, who records that he and Colonel Henry Mainwaring, of Kermincham, in Cheshire, were made Freemasons at Warrington, in Lancashire, on 16th October 1646. Many years later, under date of 10th March 1682, mention is again made in the same diary of Ashmole's being summoned to attend a Lodge to be held the next day at Masons' Hall. He went accordingly, and found himself the senior fellow present. On this occasion, Sir William Wilson, Knight, Captain Richard Borthwick, and others were admitted. Other instances might be mentioned, but these will suffice for our purpose, which is merely to show that some eighty years before the important year 1717, non-Masons were made members of Masonic Lodges—as early as 1634 in Scotland, and twelve years later in England. It is clear then, I think, that the growth of what we call Speculative Freemasonry, if gradual, was sure, and I conceive there must have been, by the end of the seventeenth century, a considerable number of Freemasons in Britain. Doubtless, too, the restoration of London after the Great Fire must have created great interest in Masonry. Even more influential still was the

spread of that Speculative feeling which we meet with so frequently in the course of this century. I do not for a moment lay it down dogmatically that Bacon, in his "New Atlantis," in which he describes a certain island of Bensalem, with its Solomon's House, or the College of the Six Days' Works, the majority of which were only known to the initiated, had in his mind the Society of Freemasons. There is little doubt, however, as Findel points out, that Bacon's work, and those of Dupuy, "the author of the Condemnation of the Templars," and Comenius's *Opera Didactica*, must have exercised a great influence over Freemasonry, and contributed in great measure to its transformation from an Operative into a Speculative body. In the last-mentioned work, indeed, Findel says there are whole passages which will be found word for word like those in Anderson's Book of Constitutions. Then later in the century came the great intellectual movement known as English Deism, and in the opinion of the historian I have just quoted, this movement contributed essentially to the change which took place in the earlier part of the eighteenth century.

But in order that it may be made clear what manner of rules and ordinances were in force about the close of the seventeenth century in the government of the Society of Masons, I give the following from among the regulations said to have been made at the General Assembly of Masons, held on 27th December 1663, when Henry Earl of St. Albans was elected what we now call Grand Master, who chose Sir John Denham as his Deputy, and Mr. (afterwards Sir) Christopher Wren and John Webb as his Wardens. They are quoted from Findel, but will be found likewise in Preston, who has evidently followed Anderson, as he uses Grand Master, while Findel confines himself to Master :—

"1. That noe person of what degree soever, be made or accepted a Freemason unless in a Lodge of five Members, whereof one to be a Master or Warden in that limit or division where such Lodge is kept, and another to be a Craftsman in the trade of Freemasonry.

"2. That noe person hereafter shall be accepted a Freemason, but such as are of able body, honest parentage, good reputation, and observers of the Laws of the Land.

"3. That noe person hereafter who shall be accepted a Freemason shall be admitted into any Lodge or assembly until he hath brought a Certificate of the time and place of his acceptance, from the Lodge that accepted him, unto the Master of that limit or Division, where such Lodge is kept, which sayd Master shall enrol the same in a roll of parchment to be kept for that purpose, and shall give an account of all such acceptations at every General Assembly.

"4. That every person who now is a Freemason shall bring to the Master a note of the time of his acceptance, to the end that the same may be enrolled in such priority of place as the Brother shall deserve, and to the end that the whole company of fellows may the better know each other.

"5. That for the future, the sayd Society, Company, or Fraternity of Freemasons shall be regulated and governed by one Master, and the assembly and Wardens, as the said Company shall think fit to appoint at every yearly General Assembly.

"6. That noe person shall be accepted a Freemason, or know the secrets of the sayd Society, until he has at first taken the oath of secrecy following :—

"I. A. B. doe, in the presence of Almighty God, and my Fellows and Brethren here present, promise and declare, that I will not at any time hereafter, by any Act or Circumstance whatsoever, directly or indirectly, publish, discover, reveal, or make known, any of the secrets, privileges, or Counsels of the Fraternity of Fellowship of Freemasonry which at this time or any time hereafter shall be made known unto me : so help me God and the contents of this book."

I have said already that after the Great Fire of London the Lodges situated in the Metropolis were stirred into a momentary activity, it being said that Sir Christopher Wren was particularly zealous. Anderson, indeed, affirms that Sir Christopher was appointed Grand Master in 1685. Findel, however, thinks this cannot have been the case, as Wren is said not to have been initiated into Freemasonry till 8th May 1691, even

if, as many are disposed to affirm, he ever was made a Freemason at all. Preston says that during the rebuilding of St. Paul's Cathedral, Wren regularly attended the old Lodge of St. Paul's, now Antiquity, No. 2. Be this as it may, there is no doubt the civil commotions which prevailed in England during the latter years of the seventeenth century had the effect of arresting the progress of the Society. The Lodges were inconsiderable in point of numbers and membership, Preston affirming that, at the Revolution, out of seven regular Lodges which met in London and its suburbs, two only were worthy of notice, namely, the old Lodge of St. Paul's, already mentioned, and a Lodge at St. Thomas's Hospital, Southwark. During the following reign—that of Anne—Masonry made no great progress. So few, indeed, were the members of the Lodges then existing, that it was resolved “that the privileges of Masonry should no longer be restricted to operative Masons, but extended to men of various professions, provided they were regularly approved and initiated into the Order.” This is quoted from the “Book of Constitutions,” published in 1738, but nothing is said about the year in which the resolution was passed. Moreover, as we have already seen, non-Speculative members had already been elected. At all events, the few authorities to which I have had access all agree that, after this, the Society revived, and when the Hanoverian dynasty ascended the throne, on the death of Queen Anne, but three years passed ere the present Grand Lodge of England was constituted.*

[* The lecture included the circumstances of the establishment of the Grand Lodge in London, but the story has been so often told that, having regard to the space at our disposal, we have omitted the account.—Ed. F.C.]

FREEMASONRY IN THE UNITED STATES.

THE Grand Lodge of Missouri held its annual meeting in St. Louis, on 11th October and two following days. Most Worshipful Brother W. R. Stubblefield Grand Master presided, and there were present twelve Past Grand Masters and some five hundred brethren. The Grand Master, in a brief address, described the events of the year, but the most gratifying feature of the meeting was the consideration and adoption of a plan by which, if the Grand Lodge of New Mexico accede to it, an end will be put to the difference existing between the two Grand Lodges on the subject of jurisdiction *re* the Silver City Lodge, No. 465, on the roll of Missouri, but situate within the Masonic jurisdiction of New Mexico. The plan is simplicity itself, Silver City Lodge being requested to join the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, and the latter being invited to remove the interdict against Silver City Lodge. The following are the principal Grand Officers for the current year:—Bros. Dr. A. M. Dockery Grand Master, Rev. C. C. Woods Deputy Grand Master, Lee A. Hall Senior Grand Warden, R. F. Stevenson Junior Grand Warden, John W. Luke Grand Treasurer, Rev. John D. Vincil, of St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

It has been resolved to erect in the city of Washington, U.S.A., a Garfield Masonic Memorial Institute, where the Orphan children of Master Masons of the United States shall be maintained and educated.

The annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Illinois was held at Chicago on the 4-7th ult., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. H. Scott Grand Master, the attendance of Grand Officers and representatives of Lodges being large. A thousand dollars were voted towards the relief of brethren who have suffered by the recent forest fires in Michigan. Recognition was refused to the so called Grand Lodges of Colon and Cuba and New South Wales. M.W. Bro. William H. Scott, of Salem, was re-elected Grand Master, R.W. Wiley M. Egan, of Chicago, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Loyal L. Munn, of Freeport, elected Grand Secretary.

Sir Knight Simeon V. McDowell, of Rochester, has been elected Right Eminent Grand Commander of Knights Templar of New York, and Sir Robert Macoy, of New York City, re-elected Grand Recorder.

R.W. Bro. Robert A. Quillian, of Walsenberg, has been elected Grand Master of Masons of Colorado, and R.W. Ed. C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, re-elected Grand Secre-

tary. In the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Companion Roger W. Woodbury, of Denver, has been elected Grand High Priest, and Companion Ed. C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, re-elected Grand Secretary. In the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar Sir Knight Michael Spangler, of Denver, has been elected Grand Commander, and Sir Knight Ed. C. Parmelee, of Georgetown, re-elected Grand Recorder.

The following are the Officers of the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, &c., of the Dominion of Canada for the current year, namely:—Comps. Joshua G. Burns Grand Master, Hugh A. Mackay Deputy Grand Master, J. Ross Robertson Grand Principal C. of Works, David McLellan Grand Treasurer, Daniel Spry Grand Recorder, H. K. Maitland Grand Captain of Guards, L. H. Henderson Grand Lecturer, Rev. Albert Anthony Grand Chaplain, D. B. Murray Grand Master of Ceremonies, John Dickson Grand Conductor, W. H. Rooks Grand Organist, S. M. Davies, A. G. Harvey, J. F. Kennedy, James Jardine, P. J. Slatter, John Scoon Stewards, James B. Nixon, R. Brierly, C. B. MacDonnell, H. A. Baxter Members of the Executive Committee, J. K. Brydon Grand Sentinel.

As announced in our advertisement column, the Prov. Grand Lodge of Sussex will hold a meeting on Monday, 12th December, in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart., M.P., for the especial purpose of welcoming all brethren of the standing of Master Masons who attend the Health Congress, which will meet on Tuesday and following days in the same building. Full particulars, as well as tickets, which include admission to the opening of the Domestic and Scientific Exhibition, to be had of Bro. V. P. Freeman, P.G. Secretary, Brighton.

The Great Western Railway Musical Society, of which Sir D. Gooch, Bart., Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, is President, will hold its thirty-first Annual Concert on Friday, 2nd December, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill.

Lord Leigh, Provincial Grand Master Warwickshire, has undertaken to represent his Province as Steward at the Festival, in May next, of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.

Lord De Tabley, Provincial Grand Master Cheshire, who completed his seventieth year on Thursday, the 10th instant, has been presented by the brethren of his Province with his portrait painted by Mr. Frank Hall, the well-known artist, who has been most successful in portraying his Lordship.

As will be seen elsewhere in our advertisement columns, at the Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge, to be held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday, 6th December, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., will be installed as M.W. Past G. Master of Mark Grand Lodge for England and Wales and the Colonies and Dependencies of the British Crown.

According to the *Cosmopolitan Masonic Calendar* for 1882, there are now no less than 291 Lodges on roll of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales, &c., &c. In the same Calendar for 1881 there were 268, so that in the past twelve months there have been twenty-three new Lodges added.

Sir T. Brassey, M.P., K.C.B., distributed the prizes to the Royal Naval Volunteers, on board H.M.S. *Dædalus*, at Bristol, on Saturday last.

The Very Rev. the Dean of York, Grand Chaplain, will preach to-morrow (Sunday) at the Royal Savoy Chapel in the morning, and at St. Paul's Cathedral in the evening.

The Prince and Princess of Wales gave a grand ball at Sandringham on Friday last.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—The blood being the very essence of health and life it is most essential that it should be thoroughly purified before the depressing influences of winter display themselves. These Pills will accomplish this purification in a safe and satisfactory manner, and put the circulation in that desirable condition, which alone can rightly form flesh, bone, muscle, nerve, and skin. Capricious appetites, weak digestions, torpid livers, and irregular bowels, are corrected by this potent medicine, which may be truly said to induce “a sane mind in a sound body.” Holloway's Pills possess the remarkable property of cleansing without weakening. While purifying they are strengthening and adding to those enjoyments of life which health and vigour can alone bestow.

MESSRS. PAUL AND BURROW'S MINERAL
WATERS ESTABLISHMENT.

NOT many among those who rejoice in drinking the various light but agreeable beverages which are known as mineral waters, the gingerbeers, the lemon and other "ades" to the appeasement of their thirsty souls ever give a thought to the skill, knowledge, and labour which are involved in their manufacture, the ingenious people who first compounded them, or the time when they were first introduced into the category of things potable. Why should they, indeed? Is it not enough to drink them and be refreshed, without troubling oneself as to the manner in which they are prepared, or who first prepared them and when? There are those who think champagne or claret-cup is the nearest approach to the nectar of the old heathen divinities—that nectar in which the jovial Bacchus indulged so freely, and of which even cloud-compelling Jupiter did not disdain to partake on festive occasions, or as a relief to his feelings when haughty Juno took him to task more sharply than usual for his numerous peccadilloes. Some prefer the more full-bodied wines of Spain or Portugal, while for others a copious draught of modest beer has superior attractions. Liquor of some kind is a necessity of our being, but so long as a man gets his share of his favourite tippie—he it the modest quencher of Mr. Richard Swiveller, the sack of old Jack Falstaff, or the particular vanity of the hypocritical Stiggins—who cares, we ask, whence it came, or how or by whom it has been invented or compounded? To drink and be happy is the thought of the moment, all else is of secondary consideration. And yet the history of liquors from the pure water of the earliest to the cup "which cheers, but not inebriates" of these degenerate days, from the divine nectar of Mount Olympus to the rum punch and porter of the British Isles is not the least interesting of the many studies on which we may profitably bestow a little attention. Be it our present task to extol the admitted virtues of a class of beverages, which finds ever-increasing favour with the public, whether we consider them in their native or manufactured simplicity; as ingredients to be deftly compounded with other and stronger potables for the perfectly legitimate purpose of quenching the thirst and making the heart glad; or as possessing medicinal properties of considerable value. We include not in our programme the abuse of these or other beverages.

It is not improbable that the wines of the ancients were often qualified by those who drank them, and possibly even doctored by the more unscrupulous vendors. Spices likewise and other materials were often laid under contribution, in order to make them attractive to the palates of more refined drinkers. Even the great Falstaff himself, whose capacity for imbibing sack would seem to have been unquenchable, could detect in his least sober moments the presence of too much lime in his potations; but we cannot say how far back it is since man discovered the art of imitating by artificial means those mineral waters which Dame Nature has so bountifully provided in some countries for the health or pleasure of the inhabitants, or when or by whom it was first suggested that alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks could be compounded together into something that should be both refreshing and palatable. We have, however, before us a copy of an old report that was presented to the National Institute of France towards the end of last century, and from which we have been able to gather some useful information as to what had been done previously in connection with the manufacture of artificial mineral waters, as well as of the many great improvements and further discoveries in relation to such manufacture as were made by M. Nicolas Paul, the founder, in 1802, of the present well-known and enterprising firm of Paul and Burrows. From the first section of this report, which was presented to the National Institute in December 1799, and is throughout highly laudatory of M. Paul's method, we learn that in 1755 M. Venel, of Montpellier, presented to the Royal Academy of Sciences, Paris, "an account of his success in imitating Seltzer Water, by passing through pure water the gas arising from effervescing substances." Then it was that for the first time chemists began to conceive the hope of "producing, by artificial means, mineral waters exactly resembling those of Nature, and the prejudice, before entertained, of its being impossible to communicate to simple water the same principles and the same virtues that are found in natural mineral water, gradually disappeared." No long time elapsed, and Dr. Black made his discovery respecting fixed air, or, as it has since come to be termed, carbonic acid, while the further successive discoveries of Dr. Priestley, the Duc de Chaulnes, and M. Ruelle as to the solution of this æriform acid in water, "brought to light the true composition of its spirituous or acidulous waters, and afforded the means of imitating them perfectly." Moreover, "the knowledge which was at the same time accumulated from all hands respecting the various salts dissolved in water; the manner of detecting them with certainty, and extracting them without alteration; the solubility of iron by the assistance of the carbonic acid; and that of the fetid or hepatic gas (sulphurated hydrogen) in water, furnished the means of composing, from their respective ingredients, artificial waters in the several classes of acidulous, alkaline, bitter saline, simple and acidulous chalybeate waters, and likewise sulphureous waters." We are next told that "Bergmann was the first who, in his valuable dissertations, published in 1774, 1775, and 1778, on the preparation of cold waters, on the ærial acid, and on the analysis of waters in general, gave easy processes of imitating, from their scrupulous examination, the waters of Seidchütz, Seltzer, Spa, and Pyrmont; and also the hot and cold hepatic, or sulphureous waters. He showed that no mineral water could be considered as exactly analysed, unless it could be imitated in all its properties, by dissolving in simple water the same principles that had been obtained from the compounded one; and he proved that there was no exception to this general rule." In 1779, M. Duchanoy published a treatise on the art of preparing artificial mineral waters, but though the modes of doing so were detailed at greater length, they did not yield much information that was new, or different from what had been previously furnished by Bergmann. Duchanoy, however,

had the very great merit of offering "the first entire and systematic view of the artificial preparation of most of the mineral waters in use, according to the principles of an art which, not twenty years before, had been deemed impossible."

M. Paul next appears on the scene, having, just previous to the date of the report from which we are quoting, set on foot an establishment for the manufacture of artificial mineral waters in Paris. He had for ten years been associated with a Mr. Gosse, who is described as "an ingenious apothecary of Geneva," in the preparation of mineral waters in that city, and so great was their success that the sale reached annually 10,000 bottles of their artificial seltzer water. Of the value, from a medical point of view, of M. Paul's labours, and the genuineness of his success, we could not have stronger testimony than that furnished by the following declaration of the medical faculty of Geneva, dated 26th August 1796:—

"We, undersigned, physicians of the faculty of Geneva, declare that having submitted to our examination the factitious mineral waters prepared by Mr. Paul, we have seen with singular pleasure that the means invented by the said Mr. Paul surpass all the attempts that have hitherto been made; that science, united to industry, has produced in his hands the happiest effects, since he can now, with perfect ease, furnish the public with a constant supply of artificial mineral waters stronger and more energetic than the same waters when issuing from the laboratories of Nature; so that we can positively assert that Mr. Paul, by his laudable efforts, has succeeded in rendering himself equally interesting to physicians and useful to humanity in the cure of diseases.

(Signed) "SOLOMIAC, M.D. and Senior of the Faculty.
"DUFFANT, M.D. MIROGLIO, M.D.
"VIEUSSEUX, M.D. BUTINI, M.D.
"ODIER, M.D. VELLARD, M.D.
"VIGNIER, M.D."

With such credentials in their favour it is not to be wondered at that Messrs. Paul & Co. should seek the wider spheres of operations offered by Paris and London.

Section II. contains a list of the nine different kinds of mineral waters prepared at the Paris establishment, with the medicinal properties exhibited by each. Among them we find seltzer waters, spa waters, gaseous alkaline waters, seidlitz waters, oxygenated waters, hydrogenated waters, hydro-carbonated waters, and hydro-sulphureous waters. In Section III. are described the several processes by which these artificial waters are prepared, and the points which at once attracted the attention of the Reporting Committee were "the simplicity of the apparatus, the order that prevailed in their respective arrangements, the ingenious means employed for procuring water, and for filtrating it between the pure reservoir and that from which it is taken when about to be mineralised." Not less were they struck with the machinery "for obtaining the carbonic acid from carbonate of lime (chalk), either by heat, or by the addition of sulphur (vitriolic) acid;" but especially did they admire "the rapid mechanism by means of which the gases are compressed and condensed in the water that is to receive them." Those apparatus appear to have been two in number, the first being "a metallic cylinder, which passes through a furnace, and is provided at each extremity with contrivances that enable the operator to see what is going on within it at any time during the process; and also to collect, transfer, measure, and purify the gases thus separated." The other apparatus was appropriated "to obtaining elastic fluids by effervescence," and is represented by the Committee as being still more simple. Its performance, we are told, "is so exact that nothing whatever is wasted; it collects the whole of the gas, and is so contrived, that the effervescing materials can never swell so much as to reach the first water through which the gas passes." Further, "the gas furnished by this process is drawn out by the same pump, and conveyed into the same casks as that which is expelled by heat." During the visit of the Committee, they saw M. Paul prepare, "in less than two hours, two small casks of seltzer water, as well with the carbonic acid expelled by heat, as with the same gas disengaged by means of the sulphuric acid;" and they remarked that "the saline and other fixed matters that enter into the composition of some of these waters, and especially those of seltz, seidlitz, spa, &c., are put in their due quantities, well mixed and powdered, into each bottle, before it is filled with the gaseous water, which is drawn immediately from the cask, where it receives the impregnation." The Section concludes with a short account of the various ingredients, which enter into the several mineral waters prepared by M. Paul. The rest of the pamphlet is descriptive of the results of an examination of the different waters three days after they had been in the possession of the Committee (Section IV.), and "Observations on the Modes of Preparation, and on the Nature of the Waters" (Section V.), the whole concluding with a very strong recommendation in favour of giving the most distinguished approbation to the processes of Messrs. Paul and Co.

This Report, as we have said, was presented to the National Institute of France in December 1799, and three years later we find the firm established in London, where it quickly made for itself a name, which has continued ever since, and which under its present designation by the style and title of Messrs. Paul and Burrows, it still retains. The mineral waters, the sodas, "beers," and lemonades, which are prepared on the very extensive premises of these gentlemen in Endell and Wilson-streets, are justly held in high repute by the public at large. The same care is observed even in the minutest details, there is the same exact composition of the ingredients so that the relative proportions of each are determined to a nicety, and there is the same skill, the same expedition in the preparation of the gaseous water as attracted the admiration of the French Reporting Committee towards the close of last century.

We have, however, been sufficiently particular in our remarks upon the processes invented by M. Nicolas Paul, the founder of the firm, as to render it unnecessary for us to go further into detail as to the manner in which they are at present carried out. Moreover, a dry technical description might befuddle our readers instead of enlighten-

ing them. Suffice it, that at the time of our visiting the establishment, some lemonade was in course of preparation. The machine was working at an indicated pressure of 100—in the manufacture of sodas it ranges as high as 120—and could we have spared the time we might perhaps have been able to pour out a healthy libation of this sparkling and refreshing beverage in honour of the firm. We contented ourselves, however, with noting the various stages of the process, observing here how the water was being prepared, and there the vessels in which the different ingredients were compounded. In another department we saw the mixture being bottled. Elsewhere a group of hands were busily engaged in corking the bottles, and again in some other part of the premises the work of making the bottles, or rather corks, secure by wiring them was going on. Everywhere the greatest zeal was noticeable, and everywhere, as we have already observed, the same precision and care in the carrying out of the details. The next time, and every time afterwards, we indulge in a lemonade or soda, pure and simple, or compounded with sherry or some other equally familiar alcoholic drink, the pleasant memories associated with our brief inspection of Messrs. Paul and Burrows's establishment will be most agreeably revived. We shall mentally, if not verbally, wish them a continuance of that success which has marked the progress of the firm from its first establishment in 1802, by M. Nicholas Paul, down to this year of grace 1881.

A PASSING FUNERAL.

Slow moves the mournful throng;
The muffled bell
Sends forth its solemn knell;
And thro' the aisles now fall, now swell,
The weeping cadents of the fun'ral song.
All sound is hush'd, save pray'r:
A boding gloom,
That chills the heart, doth loom
O'er all things, pallid as the tomb,
And awes the soul with its weird presence there.
A woman in the crowd:
With gaze intent
Upon the cortege bent;
Her breast with hopeless grief is pent,
And in her wild despair she speaks aloud:
"Oh, glorious sight;—oh, grandest sight;
Stay, let me feast mine eyes upon thee well.
Death!—how I hunger for thee day and night.
Man!—how I envy thee thy heaven—or hell.
Ay, hell were better far than wretched life—
Than this, my cursed, miserable lot:
Oh, how I envy thee thy peace from strife—
Thy sleep in which all troubles are forgot.
Oh, that I did now in thee, coffin, rest,
And ye, oh bearers, bore me to my grave;
Ah, happy me, if I could but be blest
With peaceful death, the one boon which I crave.
See, see, for that poor mortal clay that's gone
They shed hot tears, and wring their hands, and sigh:
No mourning tear will ever fall upon
My cold and lonely grave when I shall die.
Yet, wherefore sorrow for me were I dead?
My death should cause a wild, exultant glee;
None should bewail them that my life be fled,
But bless the happy day that saw me free.
No, no; at my release ye must not grieve—
'Twere not a time for morbid, tearful gloom;
Ye should feel glad when this harsh world I leave,
And feast—and sing—and dance upon my tomb!"
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Oh, men of hearts sincere;
Oh, women good;—
Ye who life's test have stood—
She lived—no fiction of an idle mood;
Her life a waste, with none to love her near.
This fair, wide world contains
A many such,
Who suffer, oh! how much;—
Who need a friendly hand's kind touch
To ease them just a little midst their pains.
Oh, ye who ever meet,
Mid life's hot fuss,
Poor hearts that suffer thus,
Oh, think of all the good that blesses us,
And strive to make their lives more blest and sweet.

P. JULIAN CROGER.

Bro. Bulkeley Hughes, M.P., Deputy Provincial Grand Master North Wales and Salop, who is in the 81st year of his age, and has been latterly in a somewhat indifferent state of health, is reported as being much better.

The Marquis of Londonderry, Provincial Grand Master of Durham, who for some time past has been supplying sea-borne coals direct from his collieries retail, has found the scheme so successful that his agents have been obliged to increase the number of their staff and run additional steamers, in order to meet the rapidly increasing demands of the public.

ROYAL ARCH.

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Chapter of Elias Ashmole, No. 148, Warrington.—The regular bi-monthly meeting of this Chapter was held on Monday evening last, at the rooms in Sankey-street. The Principals Comps. James Jackson, W. H. Robinson, and J. Rymer Young, occupied the chairs of their respective offices, and were supported by Comps. John Bowes P.Z. Provincial Grand Treasurer, D. W. Finney P.Z. P.P.G.P.S., P. J. Edelsten P.Z. M.E.Z. 1250, Brierley P.Z., J. Paul Rylands, F.S.A., S.E., Charles Skinner P.S., John Harding and W. Robinson Assistant Sojourners, W. Barlow, Dr. Young, Robert Heaton, Edward Greenall, and others. The Chapter having been opened, the Comps. generally were admitted, and the minutes read and confirmed. Bro. Evans P.M. of the Earl of Chester Lodge, Lymm, was unanimously elected at the last Convocation, and being now in attendance, he was admitted with due caution and exalted to the supreme degree, by the M.E.Z. We were much pleased with the quiet, dignified demeanour of the P.S., which added much to the beauty of this delightful ceremony. The M.E.Z. having to leave the Chapter, his place was taken by the senior P.Z. E. Comp. Bowes. The lectures were given from the respective chairs, and we never remember hearing them delivered with better effect. The history, symbols, and mysteries became a reality, and well did the Principals earn the congratulations they received at the close. Bro. Dr. A. Mackie was proposed as a candidate for exaltation, and Comp. W. Robinson gave notice of motion to the effect that it be a rule that all Comps. attend the Chapter in evening dress. There being no further business, the Chapter was closed.

North London Chapter of Improvement, No 1471.—On Thursday, 10th inst., at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road. Present—E. Comps. Weston M.E.Z., Osborn H., Hunter J., Sheffield acting S.E., Sparrow P.S., Edmonds Preceptor; also Comps. Fysh, Sprout, Hawthorn, Cusworth, and several others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Sprout acting as candidate. Comps. Weston, Osborn and Hunter were elected to fill the respective chairs at the next meeting. It was determined to invite the M.E.Z. and members of the Metropolitan Chapter to work the ceremony of exaltation on a meeting night convenient to them. Companion Sparrow was elected P.S. and Companion Cusworth S.N. for the next meeting. All business being ended, the Chapter was closed and adjourned.

The Alexander Chapter, No. 1661, Newark on Trent, was consecrated on Thursday, by the Grand Scribe E., Col. Shadwell H. Clerke. Particulars will be published next week.

MARK MASONRY.

Prince Leopold Lodge.—There was a numerous gathering of the members of this popular Lodge at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Tuesday evening, under the presidency of Bro. Tisley W.M., who was supported by Bro. T. R. Richuell P.G.S.B. S.W.; Bro. Walls P.M. acting as J.W., and many other officers, brethren and visitors. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient formalities, and after the transaction of some routine business, Bro. Saunders, 1503, and Bro. Dodd were advanced in Mark Masonry by Bro. Colonel Wigginton, who had received permission to perform the ceremony on behalf of his friends from the Worshipful Master. The duties were most efficiently discharged, and at the conclusion of the business a sumptuous banquet was provided by Bro. Clemow, whose arrangements gave universal satisfaction. The customary Loyal and Mark toasts were honoured, the health of Bro. T. R. Richuell P.G.S.B. being received with especial cordiality. Bro. Richuell acknowledged the compliment paid to him in suitable terms. In the course of the proceedings it was remarked that Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold is a working member of the Lodge which bears his name. Amidst an abundance of excellent music and singing, a very harmonious and agreeable evening was passed.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED AS UNDER:—

At the Burdett Contis Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278, at the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, G.E.R., on Wednesday, the 23rd instant, commencing at 7 p.m. precisely. Bro. G. H. Webb will preside. Bros. T. J. Barnes S.W., Wooding J.W., Musto I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Clement, Britain, Sturtevant, Stewart, Christian, Woodling, and Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. Clark, Moss, Hopkins, Slater, and L. P. Cohen. Third Lecture—Bros. Castill, Taylor, and Wallington. Bro. Alfred Hand Hon. Sec.

At the Frederic Lodge of Instruction, No. 1023, at the Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, on Monday, 25th instant. Bro. G. H. Stephens will preside. Bros. T. J. Barnes S.W., W. H. Myers J.W., B. Cunningham I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. Clements, Hind and Macgregor, Wooding, Moss, Macdonald, and Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Richardson, Stephens, Scott, Myers, and G. H. Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. W. Slater, J. J. and Taylor. Bros. T. W. King Preceptor, and B. Sturtevant Hon. Sec.

ANNUAL BANQUET OF THE ROYAL ALFRED LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 780.

WE have heard it remarked that those who desire to see the Fourth Degree carried out under different circumstances must meet the brethren at the annual gatherings of their Lodges of Instruction, and compare the order of the course pursued in our regular Lodges. Undoubtedly the scenes present different aspects; a cynical friend tells us the reason must be apparent to all who care to consider the facts of the case. In regular Lodge a number of Visitors—more or less, according to the nature of the assembly—are sure to be present; the Visitors are received by the Lodge in its corporate capacity, or they have been invited by some worthy brother who generously upholds the hospitality of his Lodge. On the other hand, at the Lodge of Instruction Banquet, to use a familiar phrase, "every tub is on its own bottom;" there is no "corporate capacity," and the result is, unless the true spirit of hospitality is in the ascendant, a frost prevails, and chill and discomfort are in the ascendant. Such were the views forcibly placed before us by the friend whom we have quoted above, when recounting our experiences on a late occasion. Well, perhaps it may be considered we are wandering from the task we set ourselves when we started to write this report of the proceedings at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew, on Friday, the 11th instant. The brethren had assembled to celebrate their anniversary Festival, and all seemed imbued with one spirit, namely, to make the evening a thoroughly enjoyable one. The chair was taken by Bro. J. J. Gunner J.W. of the Mother Lodge, who was supported right and left by P.M.'s Andrews (Preceptor) and Goss. The Vice-Chair was filled by Bro. B. E. Blasby I.P.M. 780, and there were present to sustain him in the fulfilment of his labours Bros. W. Gardiner and W. Goss, both of whom have ably filled the chair of this Lodge. Bro. H. Brill placed a capital repast before his guests, and one and all seemed fully to appreciate his efforts. The toasts usual on these occasions were fully honoured. Bro. Andrews proposed the toast of the W.M. of the evening. All knew the interest Bro. Gunner took in the well-being of the Lodge of Instruction. The P.M.'s and old members of the Lodge could but be gratified at the zeal he at all times displayed. Bro. Gunner, in reply, said he felt it a great honour that had been conferred on him, he having been selected to preside at this annual gathering. He made reference to the special recognition that had been noted twelve months back of any trifling services that he had rendered to the Lodge of Instruction, and could but be gratified at the knowledge that such help as he had been able to give still stands in the recollection of the brethren. To the other toasts replies were made by Bros. Blasby, Sugg, Goss, Gardiner, Botley, &c. Bros. Botley, Lucas, Legg and Maton contributed some capital songs, and all strove to make the evening what it essentially proved to be—an agreeable one.

PROSPERITY LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 67.

THE Annual Supper took place at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, on Tuesday, the 15th instant. Bros. Chicken W.M., Roberts S.W., Shadler J.W., and the following brethren:—Maidwell, Ferry, Brown, Bond, Marshall, Davidson, Clements, Rich, Walker, Daniel, Haynes, Hollands, Moss, and Herold. The Lodge was opened and closed in due form. The brethren then did full justice to the excellent repast provided by Bro. Maidwell. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, occasion was taken to present Bro. Moss, the indefatigable Preceptor, and his wife, with tokens of the brethren's appreciation of his services. Bro. Moss having responded in suitable terms, the toasts of the Treasurer Bro. Maidwell, the Secretary Bro. Hollands, and Bro. Brown P.M. Secretary of the Benevolent Association connected with the Lodge of Instruction, were given. In responding, Bro. Brown stated that the sum of £280 had been sent to the Institutions during the last eighteen months. The evening was enlivened by the harmony of Bros. Marshall, Bond, Shadler, Maidwell, Hollands, and Hayes.

HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 754.

THE Annual Banquet in connection with the above took place on Wednesday, at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. The chair was taken by Bro. J. Garrod (W.M. of the mother Lodge) Hon. Sec.; he was supported by Bro. Taverner W.M. of the Enfield Lodge as S.W., and a considerable number of Past Masters and members; altogether there must have been nearly fifty guests present. A capital repast having been partaken of, Bro. Garrod briefly proposed the toasts. With that of Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction was associated the name of Bro. Thompson the Preceptor, who was complimented on the ability he had brought to bear on the fulfilment of his duties. The health of the President of the evening came next, Bro. Garrod being commended for the energy he displayed as Secretary, and specially thanked for attending on this occasion, as by so doing he had entailed on himself a long double railway journey. In reply, Bro. Garrod stated that any inconvenience he had experienced had been amply compensated for by the heartiness with which he had been received. In the course of the evening reference was made to the good work being done through the Charity Association in connection with this Lodge, and the brethren were urged to a continued assistance in so worthy a cause. Notwithstanding the prevalence of most tempestuous weather, the proceedings throughout were of the most harmonious character.

M. R. GLADSTONE and the WINE DUTIES.—J. E. SHAND & CO., Wine Merchants, 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria Street, London, S.W., beg to inform numerous inquirers that the letter received from the PREMIER in reply to their questions on this important subject appeared in "The Times" and "Daily News" of 26th January 1881.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—On Wednesday evening, the members of this Lodge assembled in full strength at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when the Worshipful Master, Bro. Jones, was supported by a large number of brethren and visitors. Some excellent working was witnessed, at the close of which the brethren dined together in harmony.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—A meeting was held at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, on Monday, 14th inst. There were present seven members, three honorary members, and three visitors. Bro. C. E. Botley D.C. 780 took the chair as W.M., and appointed his officers as follow:—Bros. Cotton S.W., F. Botley J.W., Poole S.W., Rowles J.D., Nicholson I.G., Duffin Tyler. Bro. Andrews P.M., in the absence of Bro. Tucker, acted as Preceptor. After the Lodge had been opened and the minutes read and confirmed, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were rehearsed in a very satisfactory manner, Bro. Brook being the candidate for the former degree, and Bro. E. H. Sugg P.M. for the latter. A hearty and well merited vote of thanks was proposed by Bro. Nicholson, seconded by Bro. Cotton, and carried unanimously to Bros. C. E. Botley W.M., F. Botley J.W., and E. H. Sugg P.M., for the assistance they had rendered the Lodge. Bro. Cotton Sec. was proposed as W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. C. F. Kearley 173 was elected a member.

Polish National Lodge, No. 534.—The first meeting of this old established Lodge, since the installation, took place on Thursday, 10th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M., Lancaster S.W., Smith J.W., Runtz S.D., Berling J.D., Tongue I.G., and Davis Tyler. Bro. Nowakowski, son of the respected Treasurer, having answered the preparatory questions, was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After the usual business, Lodge was closed punctually at 8 p.m. The brethren then retired to the banquet room. During the evening the sum of eleven guineas was subscribed, to form a testimonial for Brother Beckett, who retires from the office of Tyler, which he has held for 26 years to the satisfaction of the brethren. The sum of two pounds five shillings was also subscribed for a brother in distress. Several visitors were present.

St. Ninian Lodge, No. 499.—The brethren met on Tuesday evening, at Newton Stewart, Galloway, for the election of Officers for the ensuing year, Bro. Cooke W.M. in the chair. The names of Bros. George Hodgkinson and J. G. Lennox were submitted to the meeting for the post of Worshipful Master, and on the ballot box being opened, it was found that the choice had fallen upon Bro. Hodgkinson. The W.M. elect then nominated his Officers as follow:—Bros. Cooke I.P.M., Montgomery D.M., George Moffat S.M., Litterick S.W., D. Hodgkinson J.W., James Moffat S.D., John Thompson J.D., G. R. Peattie Secretary, Hunter Treasurer, Charles Ward I.G., Welsh O.G. The installation was fixed for St. Ninian's Day, the 30th instant. The W.M. elect returned thanks for the honour done him, and invited the brethren to dine with him at the Crown Hotel, at the conclusion of the installation of Officers. On the Secretary stating that he had received a circular, asking for the usual annual contribution to the Prov. Grand Lodge, the Worshipful Master instructed him to state that the St. Ninian Lodge was hardly aware that Prov. Grand Lodge was in existence. No meeting of it had been held for about fifteen months. Vacancies in the Prov. Grand Lodge had not been filled up, the Province had not been visited, and altogether Masonry, through the neglect of the Prov. Grand Lodge, was in a very poor condition. He only hoped that the Grand Lodge would give Galloway a little of its attention. These remarks were endorsed by the brethren present. The Lodge was then closed in due and ancient form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. T. Clark W.M., Edwards S.W., Dignam J.W., Glass S.D., Boyce J.D., J. D. Larter I.G., J. Lorkin P.M. Secretary, Brasted acting Preceptor, C. Smyth Treasurer; also Bros. Bunker, Catling, Baker, Christian, Jones, Forss, Allen, Robinson, Olley P.M., Webb. After preliminaries, Bro. Baker, as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted; Lodge was opened to the third degree, when the ceremony was rehearsed, the W.M. gave the traditional history. The Lodge was then called from labour to refreshment, and after resuming Masonic duties, was closed in the third degree. Bro. Forss worked the first section of the second lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge, by the brethren of the Westbourne Lodge of Instruction, No. 733. We are assured the members of the Dalhousie will do all in their power to give their invited brethren a hearty reception. The Lodge will be opened at seven prompt. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, G.E.R., on the 16th inst. Present Bros. Clark W.M., Jones S.W., Chitson J.W., Ward S.D., Peal J.D., Bonner I.G., Hand Secretary; Christian, Stewart, Anderson, Hammond. Lodge was opened by the W.M. in the three degrees. The minutes of the previous meeting having been duly read and confirmed, the W.M. rehearsed the three ceremonies, Bro. Hammond acting as candidate. It was proposed and seconded that Bro. Jones S.W. occupy the chair on Wednesday, the 30th inst. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned. The Fifteen Sections will be worked here next Wednesday, 23rd instant, when it is hoped that the brethren will support our esteemed Bro. Webb, who will preside on the occasion.

SACRED ANIMALS OF THE EGYPTIANS.

IN a well-known passage, Clement of Alexandria describes the astonishment of a visitor who, having passed through the sumptuous halls and passages of an Egyptian temple, richly coloured and splendidly adorned, when at length, at the entrance of the magnificent sanctuary, the veil was drawn aside by a Priest reverently chanting a hymn, beheld the deity of the place, a cat, a crocodile, a serpent or some other animal fitter for a cave than a temple. The sensation of the cultivated Greek, who had all along been aware of the high meaning of much of the subject-matter of the pictured walls, must have been that shock of disappointment and disgust which every inquirer feels when he has passed through the study of the Egyptian religion and at length has to face the degraded fact of animal worship. He finds in every temple, not indeed always in the chief place, yet ever intruding itself, in the form of divinities, where the human shape is debased by combination with those of the lower creatures, and most of all in that worship of animals, one or more in every temple, as living embodiments of the gods of Egypt. The splendid temple of the Bull Apis, at Memphis, has perished, but the burial place remains, that magnificent excavation of the Sarapeum, which shows the continuous lavish expenditure of nine centuries, undisturbed by war and unchecked by disaster. Yet even this wonder does not produce the impression of the pits in which the mummies of sacred animals were deposited. The worship of an individual animal for his lifetime, and his costly entombment is not so marvellous as the sepulture of multitudes we cannot count, carefully mummified and wrapped in bandages. Such are the ipis-pits at Memphis, such that labyrinth which contains the mummies, alike of crocodiles and crocodile-worshippers, opposite Mahfaloot in Middle Egypt. The religious preservation after death of a whole generation of animals, the very eggs of the ipis with the bird, shows the strength of this strange worship. One animal could be revered as a symbol, but all animals of a species could have only been worshipped from a belief in their sacredness. Nor did this religion, for it is no less, content itself with the animal world. From the mountain which towered above the earth to the tree which grew from it, and the root within it, all nature could afford more objects of worship. There is a seeming consistency in this width of range, which has misled the philosophic inquirer; for it breaks down in the inconsistent selection of the individual sacred things.

What was the Egyptian doctrine as to the sacred animal? This is very clearly stated in the texts. They were regarded as the gods themselves, styled, at least, in the great selected individuals like Apis, the "life" or the "soul" of Ramor or of Osiris. Nothing could be stronger or more direct. They were, in fact, idols in which the divinity represented was thought to reside.—*R. S. Poole.*

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed at Bro. Maidwell's, the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street (Egyptian Lodge of Instruction), by Bro. H. J. Phillips W.M. Lodge of Israel, No. 205, on Thursday next, 24th instant. Lodge will be opened at 7.30.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. C. J. Wade, W.M. St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180, at the Lily Lodge of Instruction, at the Grayhound Hotel, Richmond, on Monday evening, 28th November. The Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, who is a Bencher of Gray's Inn, has intimated his intention of being present on the occasion of the "Grand Day" of Michaelmas term, which has been fixed for Tuesday next, the 22nd instant.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales has expressed his willingness to visit Bradford in the month of May or June next, for the purpose of opening the new Technical Schools. The Princess of Wales, it is expected, will accompany her husband.

H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, and suite have left Paris for Frankfort. During his brief stay in the French capital His Royal Highness paid a visit to the President of the French Republic, the visit being returned on Wednesday.

The Prince of Wales, who has been the guest of Lord Rendlesham, at Rendlesham Hall, went out shooting in the neighbourhood of Butley Abbey on Thursday, among those invited to meet His Royal Highness being the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. and Viscount Castlereagh, M.P.

Earl Granville left his residence at Carlton House Terrace for Walmer at the end of last week.

Bro. Ellis is the fourth Mason that has occupied the civic throne since H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was elected and installed Grand Master in April 1875. The four are Bros. Alderman Stone P.G.J.W., Sir Thomas White, Sir F. W. Truscott P.G.J.W., and Ellis.

MARRIAGE.

MORGAN-BAXTER.—On the 15th instant, at St. Jude's, Kensal Green, W., by Bro. the Rev. T. W. Morris, B.A., WILLIAM WRAY MORGAN jun. J.W. 1107, to EMMA GRACE, second daughter of Mr. G. T. BAXTER.

Old Kent Mark Lodge of Instruction.—A meeting was held on Monday, the 14th inst., at the Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. Present—Bros. T. Pargeter W.M., G. Graveley S.W., H. Walker J.W., E. M. Money Secretary, Medworth J.O., S. J. Turquand P.M. Preceptor, J. K. Pitt I.G.; P.M. W. J. Nicholls; Visitor, Bro. E. Tholander. Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of advancement was rehearsed up to the presentation for investment, Bro. Tholander acting as candidate, and Bro. Walker as Deacon. Bro. Tholander, of the Tenterden Mark Lodge, was elected a member. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that the annual festival of the Lodge be held at the Crown and Cushion, on Monday, 12th December, and that Bros. Blackman, Nicholls, Medworth, and Money (Secretary) be the committee to arrange for the same. Bro. Graveley was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and the Lodge was closed and adjourned till Monday, 28th inst.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, YOUTH.

HER MAJESTY'S.—At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE. At 10, IN A STAR.

STANDARD.—At 8, HAVERLY'S MONSTER TROUPE OF REAL NIGGERS. Thursdays and Saturday at 2 and 8.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, A LAD FROM THE COUNTRY. At 8, IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO MEND.

PRINCESS'S.—At 7, A PHOTOGRAPHIC FRIGHT. At 7.45, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, MY WIFE'S OUT. At 8, LES CLOCHES DE CORNEVILLE.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.30, BUBBLES. At 8.30, WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT. Wednesday at 3 p.m., MEMBER FOR SLOCUM, and to-day 2 p.m.

STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.

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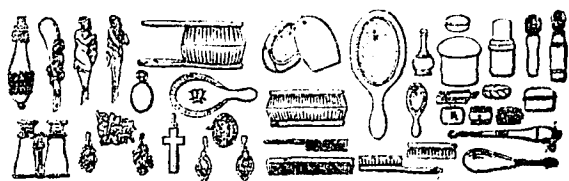
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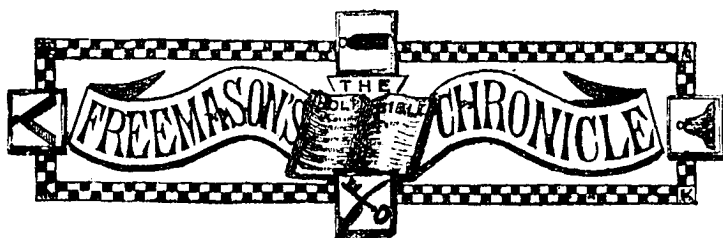
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UNITED MARINERS' LODGE, No. 30.

THIS Lodge, which besides being one of the oldest, as well as one of the most celebrated for the excellence of its working, in the Metropolis, held its meeting on Tuesday evening last, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Hiram Cosedge, who was supported by Bros. Joseph Clark I.P.M., J. W. Crossley S.W., J. Shipley J.W., Past Masters Joseph Harling Treasurer, and Joseph Driscoll Hon. Sec., T. E. Davey S.D., T. Linscott J.D., Steingraber D.C., L. G. Reinhardt Tyler; Past Masters Bros. A. Lefaux, W. Ansell, G. J. C. Smith; Bros. Herman Meyers, T. Flack, M. Mint, James Rotheroe, Thomas Oblein, C. Bergman, W. Fasshaber, B. Bargo, A. Coudrey, B. Ollendorff, S. James Lampen, Frank Wellesley Saunders, J. Hildrath, E. Bailey, &c. Amongst the visitors were Bro. Henry Forbes 1329, W. Woodman 1642, C. H. Gray 1704, Karl Bergman W.M. 238, B. G. Hoare 1685, W. Day 55, and many others. Lodge was opened, in accordance with ancient rites, at half-past five o'clock, when the minutes of the last Lodge meeting were confirmed. Bros. Herman Meyer, Bergman, and James Rotheroe having proved themselves worthy, were raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony and delivered the charges with great elocutionary effect. We recollect that at the installation of Bro. Hiram Cosedge great expectations were formed as to the intelligent and judicious discharge of the duties of the high functions of his office, and it was admitted on all hands, on Tuesday evening, that those anticipations had been fully realised. The encomiums passed upon his working at the subsequent banquet were by no means an empty compliment, and we can add our congratulations to those expressed in Lodge as to the admirable style in which a somewhat formidable agenda was carried out. Lodge was afterwards resumed in the first degree, and the ballot was prepared for Mr. Frank Wellesley Saunders, of Peckham, and Mr. William Layton Odell, of the Gray's Inn-road, who had been proposed by the Worshipful Master, and seconded by Bro. Thomas Smith P.M. The result was unanimous in each case, and Mr. Saunders being in attendance, was duly admitted into the mysteries and privileges of the Order. A brother who had left the Lodge for some time was unanimously elected a joining member, after which the brethren resolved to send a Steward to the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and requested Bro. Joseph Driscoll P.M., the esteemed honorary Secretary of the Lodge, to attend in that capacity. Bro. Driscoll, amidst much applause, gladly accepted the honorable responsibility, and expressed the hope that he should go to the Festival fortified with a liberal list of support from the brethren. After the transaction of some formal business, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the Throne room of the hotel, where Messrs Ritter and Clifford had provided a *récherché* banquet, the tables being adorned with a profusion of exquisite flowers and ornamental plants. After dessert the customary Royal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair, and received with every mark of respectful enthusiasm. Bro. J. Marcham acting efficiently as toastmaster. The I.P.M. said the brethren would be aware why the gavel was now placed in his hands. His term was drawing to a close, and he should not many more times have the privilege of proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, who had served the Lodge so well during the past twelve months, or nearly so. Full well they knew he had done his work admirably in the Lodge, as he had presided with activity over all their festivities during his tenure of office. They had seen that he had brought work into the Lodge, and from what they had witnessed that night, as on many previous occasions, they must all admit he was fully capable of doing that work. Thus the brethren might congratulate them-

selves upon having a Master second to none, as the Lodge had prided itself upon possessing for so many years past. The W.M., who was received most cordially, on rising to respond complained that the I.P.M. said too much in his praise, and there could be no wonder that he experienced a certain feeling of nervousness. But this he would admit—the I.P.M. was right in saying that he (the W.M.) had endeavoured to do his utmost to perform the duties of his office during the year, though he knew he fell lamentably short of the standard of Masonry. When they recollected that the Institution was spread over the whole of the habitable globe, in a manner it had never been before, they would agree that the subject was world-wide, and embraced principles of the most profound importance and interest. The influence which Masonry exerted was something marvellous, and no doubt prosperity, strength, and happiness would exist all the world over if the world acted up to the principles inculcated by the Craft. Though he was approaching the end of his term of office, he felt he had not come nearly up to the standard he desired to reach, though he was very thankful for the generous remarks that had fallen from the I.P.M., and which had been so cordially accepted by the brethren. He said this in the presence of the Initiate, that he might not set up any particular standard of Masonry, although it had been said the standard of a Master of the United Mariners' Lodge, had been pronounced particularly good. He believed the working of this Lodge had a reputation of being not far down in the list of Masonic assemblies, but let him beg of every future occupant of that chair to give his heart to the work, and the grandeur of the system would become more and more enhanced in his esteem and admiration. That was one reason why Masonry had existed so long, and why, he believed, it would continue to exist to the end of time. He then proposed in felicitous terms the health of the Initiate, in doing which he reminded Bro. Saunders that as yet he had only caught a glimpse of the beauty of the system, and that whatever the outer world might say of it they could no more judge of its beneficent influence from the outside than they could tell the character of fruit merely by looking upon the husk. Bro. Saunders responded in suitable terms, expressing the great pleasure it had afforded him to have been admitted a member of the Institution. The Worshipful Master then extended a cordial welcome to the Visitors, in responding for whom Bro. Henry Forbes assured the brethren it had afforded him very distinguished pleasure to have been present on the occasion. As they were aware from some remarks that had fallen from the Worshipful Master, he was in attendance upon an old friend of his—and now one of them—Bro. Saunders, who was now taking his first step in Freemasonry. He had been very much pleased and impressed with the working he had seen. Of course, in his experience he had seen various kinds of working—what was called the Prestonian, the Thomas, and the Muggerridge; but he liked the working of this Lodge as well as any he had seen. He had been present in this hall when the Neptune Lodge assembled, and where he had introduced a brother, as he had done here to-night; he assured them the working he had now witnessed equalled, if it did not surpass, any he had before observed. He trembled lest the Worshipful Master should trip, but he carried out his duties with great strength and stability. He must say a word or two to their Initiate, and perhaps he might tender a little advice to those who had been raised to the sublime degree. They were all yet young in the Craft; but they would find as the Worshipful Master had told them, that becoming Masons would exalt their character if they only faithfully practised its principles. There were good and bad Masons, but the good far outweighed the bad; and becoming true Masons would exalt their character and make them better husbands, better fathers, and better members of society. If they went into the country, and were brought into connection with the Masonic world, they would feel that when the right hand of a brother was extended to them they would want no further friend. He urged them to take the volume of the sacred law as their guide in all the transactions of life, and asked where would the great commercial world of England be without it. On some parts of the Continent it had been thrown aside, and Lodges which had taken a contemptuous view of the sacred law had been very properly cast out, by the tacit consent of all right-thinking members of the Craft. The Worshipful Master then gave the health of the Past Masters, and Bro. Joseph Driscoll in responding congratulated the Initiate upon the happy auspices under which he had been admitted to the Lodge, and concluded by expressing a hope that he might live to see each member present occupying the position of Past Master. The health of the Officers was next given, and on their behalf Bro. J. W. Crossley responded in a few happily chosen sentences, after which the official list was concluded by the Tyler's toast. Some excellent music, singing, and recitations varied the proceedings of a most harmonious and happy evening.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

A MEETING was held on Wednesday, 9th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William Ferguson Prov. G.J.W. Berks and Bucks W.M., Edward John Blackwell S.W. and W.M. elect, Richard Dowsett J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., Hattie Organist, J. H. Hawkes J.D., T. Newman Almoner, W. Ravenscroft Steward, R. C. Prickett L.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Welch, Brown, Margrett, Danks I.P.M., &c.; Moxhay, hon. member; Bros. Teag, Coates, Whitfield, Rhind, Vowles, Moule, Sands, Coudrey, Greenaway, Jones, Knights, H. Ferguson, &c. Visitors—Bros. Horlock W.M. 1895 Prov. G.S.W. Cornwall, Davey W.M. 1566 Prov. G.M. Berks and Bucks, Blake W.M. 915, Butler 411, McDowall W.M. 918, C. Stephens W.M. 414 Prov. G. Treas. Berks and Bucks, Coates organist, &c., A. Blackwell Sec. 1899, Teag 1715, R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Griggs P.M. 228, E. Blackwell J.D. 414 &c. The minutes of the last regular

Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Bro. Lewis Carr Miller, of 632, as a joining member, and he was declared to be elected. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, when the W.M. vacated the chair in favour of the Installing Master Bro. Moxhay, to whom he introduced as his successor Bro. E. J. Blackwell S.W., who had been duly elected to fill the office of W.M. for the ensuing year. The Installing Master put the usual queries to the candidate, who replied to each in the affirmative, he also gave his unqualified assent to the Ancient Charges and Regulations read to him by the Secretary. The ceremony of installation was performed by Bro. Moxhay, in his usual correct and impressive manner. The Master was assisted by the I.P.M. Bro. Danks, who proclaimed the W.M. in the West and South. The Secretary acted as D.C. After the salutations in each degree, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers, with an appropriate charge to each. Bros. W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., Rev. C. R. Honey J.W., Stransom Treas., Ivey P.M. Sec., Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Cordrey D.C., Hickie Organist, W. W. Ridley S.S., Tegg J.S., Ravenscroft I.G., Hemmings Tyler. Afterwards the Installing Master gave the addresses, which terminated the ceremony. The W.M. then, in accordance with a vote of the last regular Lodge, proceeded to invest the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, alluding in eloquent terms to the very successful year of office he had just passed through, and the great services he had rendered to the Charities and the Lodge. He also expressed the hope that he might be spared for many years to wear it, as a token of the regard and esteem of the brethren, and as a memento of the many pleasant evenings spent amongst them. The I.P.M. expressed his deep sense of the kindness of the members during his year of office; this further proof of their regard would always remind him of the truly fraternal feeling he had experienced. He should at all times feel a pride in being of assistance to the Officers and Brethren. At the same time he alluded to the two Deacon's wands presented by his predecessor, and asked the brethren to accept a similar token of office for the D.C., which made the emblems complete. The W.M. thanked the I.P.M. on behalf of the Lodge for his handsome and useful present. He then proceeded to invest Bro. Hickie with an Organist's jewel, which, with a vote of thanks to be recorded on the minutes, had been unanimously passed at the last regular Lodge. Bro. Hickie appropriately returned thanks, and stated that he should at all times be pleased to render his services when required. The subject of the "Hervey Memorial Fund" was introduced by the M.M., who gave a short explanation of its objects, and moved that the sum of two guineas from the funds of the Lodge be devoted to that purpose. This was seconded by the S.W., and carried by acclamation. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed with the customary salutations according to ancient form. The brethren adjourned to the Ship Hotel, where an excellent banquet was provided by Bro. Bailey, to which about fifty brethren sat down, several of whom were unable to attend the Lodge. Upon the removal of the cloth, the loyal and Masonic toasts were given in appropriate terms. That of the Prov. G. Officers being responded to by Bros. Charles Stephens, Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M., dwelling upon the care and efficiency with which Bro. Blackwell had filled the several offices below the chair, and heartily wishing him a most successful year of office. The toast was very cordially received. In replying, the W.M. thanked the brethren for the many hearty expressions of goodwill which had been accorded him, and said that they would strengthen his hands very materially in undertaking the important and responsible duties appertaining to the Mastership of the Lodge. He assured the brethren that no effort should be wanting on his part to render the working of the beautiful ceremonies in Lodge as perfect as possible; to aid the cause of charity and benevolence, and to keep up a good fraternal spirit in the Lodge. He then announced his intention of going up as Steward for the Benevolent Institution, and made an earnest and forcible appeal on behalf of that Charity, concluding by expressing a hope that at the close of his year of office, the brethren would find that the confidence they now reposed in him had not been misplaced. Bro. Danks P.M. then gave the toast of the Masonic Charities, specially urging the claims of the Benevolent upon the brethren, the other Institutions having been well supported in the two previous years. Bro. Oades P.M. 414 responded, giving some interesting details of the work in connection with the Boys' and Girls' Schools. The toast of the I.P.M. was very heartily received, and Bro. Ferguson was warmly congratulated upon the success of his labours during his year of office. Other toasts followed, that of the Lodge of Union 414 being responded to by its W.M. Bro. Charles Stephens, who expatiated upon the benefits to be derived from a friendly intercourse between the two Lodges in the town, which he felt assured could work in a spirit of perfect harmony and concord together. Other toasts were given and responded to and the Tyler's toast brought a most agreeable and successful meeting to a conclusion. The music was under the direction of Bro. Hickie Organist, and some excellent songs, by Bros. Cozens, Robinson and others, contributed not a little to the enjoyment of the brethren.

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

THE brethren met on Thursday, the 10th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, to celebrate their annual installation. There was a good attendance of members, while as regards the visitors it is only necessary to say that on this occasion this hospitable Lodge fairly outdid itself. The guests, among whom were several Grand Officers, were exceptionally numerous. The minor details of opening having been complied with, the ceremonies of initiation and raising were worked on behalf of a candidate for each degree. Bro. the Rev. C. Darby Reade was then presented as W.M. elect, and in due form that brother was placed in the chair of K.S., Bro. W. Stephens acting as Installing Master. The following brethren were appointed

to the several offices for the year:—Bros. S. Smout I.P.M., S. Smout jun. S.W., F. Frye J.W., Rev. P. M. Holden Prov. Grand Chaplain Middlesex Chaplain, G. Pein P.M. Treasurer, W. J. Murlis P.M. Secretary, J. Bartle S.D., J. Woodmason J.D., W. W. Buckland I.G., F. Delevante Organist, S. H. Parkhouse P.M. Director of Ceremonies, J. H. Wood Assistant Director of Ceremonies, F. Crabb Steward, R. Whitaker Assistant Steward. The various officers having been saluted, Brother W. Stephens proceeded with the addresses, completing the ceremony of installation in most excellent form. The report of the Auditors and the balance-sheet for the year were then submitted and received. The latter showed the Lodge to be in a very satisfactory position, the balance in hand, after paying a donation of forty guineas to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and the current expenses of the Lodge, being upwards of £41 more than at the corresponding period of last year. Bro. Penn, the Treasurer, gave notice that he should propose at the next meeting of the Lodge that the sum of fifty guineas be voted from its funds to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. Letters of regret for inability to attend were submitted by the Secretary from the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Secretary, and several others. Bro. Murlis also announced that the date of the Annual Ball of the Lodge had been fixed for Thursday, 19th January, the Ball to be held at the Town Hall, Kensington. This would be their fifth annual venture. He hoped it would prove as great a success as those which had preceded it, and be the means of adding a considerable amount to the donations of the Lodge to the Masonic Charities. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren proceeded to banquet. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. gave the customary toasts. Those of the Queen and the Craft and the Grand Master having been honoured, he gave that of the Pro Grand Master, a toast worthy the heartiest reception in their Lodge, from the special distinction conferred on it by the Earl of Carnarvon. In connection with the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Reade expressed the pleasure he felt in having around him so many worthy representatives of Grand Lodge. He looked upon their support as a great compliment, both to himself and to the Lodge over which he presided. Bro. Ambrose W. Hall Grand Chaplain was the first to reply. He considered the toast he had the honour of acknowledging was one deserving the best attention that a Mason could give. He felt gratified at this, his first visit to the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, that his name should be coupled with the toast of so august a body as the Grand Officers of England. He was convinced that throughout the Craft the Officers of Grand Lodge were looked upon as brethren who did their duty, and who were worthy of the honour conferred on them. Bro. Lieut.-Col. Somerville Burney P.G. Deacon followed; he naturally took some amount of interest in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge, having been for many years associated with the district of Notting Hill. He could but congratulate the Lodge on the position it had attained, more particularly with regard to the Masonic Charities, where it had truly earned the reputation of being among the best of the London Lodges. Bro. Smout I.P.M. assumed the gavel; he had the honour and pleasure of proposing the health of the W.M. Bro. Reade was a brother well known to the members of the Lodge, who were one and all pleased to see him in their midst, and more so now that he had attained to the rank of W.M. He could but wish him health and prosperity during his year of office. The W.M. thanked all for their kind welcome. He felt it really a pleasure, as it undoubtedly was a great honour, to be elected to rule over such a Lodge as that in which he now had the gratification of filling the chair. It was particularly pleasing to him, as in the Lodge he met many of those with whom he was associated in everyday life. He had been a member of the Craft for a matter of 37 years, and was now the better able to appreciate the honour of Mastership which had been conferred on him. He next proposed what he considered the toast of the evening—that of the Initiate. He felt all would give him a hearty welcome, and he trusted that after each step he took in the Craft he would find greater interest in its working, and further, that he would never regret the course he had taken that evening. Bro. Initiate had pleasure in being admitted a member of the Craft. He should certainly strive by attention and perseverance to attain, if not the seat occupied by the Master that evening, at least one superior to that he then filled. The Master proposed the health of the Visitors, and the toast was most enthusiastically received. Bro. Firth replied. He believed the present was the first occasion on which he had been called upon to respond on behalf of the guests of a Lodge, although in the east—or he should say in the city proper—he had often had the pleasure of proposing the toast. He had been connected with the Craft for upwards of 18 years, and during that time had been honoured by election to the chair of other Lodges than that with which the W.M. had associated his name. He assured the brethren it was no common pleasure for him to be present that night and see that the Craft flourished in the west as it did in the east, and other parts of their city and country. On behalf of the visitors generally, he might say they one and all experienced the greatest pleasure in being present. Bro. Col. J. Haldane P. Deputy D.G.M. Malta followed. His experience of Freemasonry was a very extensive one, having commenced in India and extended to many other distant parts of the world. He had been Master of many Colonial Lodges, and as a visitor had much experience in the working of Freemasonry; still he could say that he had never seen the principles of the Craft more fully carried out than had been the case that day in the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge. Bro. Jordan felt that, in common with the other visitors, he could but congratulate the Lodge on its present position. He believed there was no other example of a Lodge so soon after its consecration attaining the reputation for Masonic charity which the Earl of Carnarvon members enjoyed. The W.M. proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Samuel Smout. He felt that the deeds of the past year testified more eloquently to the worth of Brother Smout than anything he could say would do. He had pleasure in presenting him with the testimonial which the brethren of the Lodge had thought he was worthy of. This, which consisted of a vote of thanks, engrossed on vellum and framed, was to the following effect:—

EARL OF CARNARVON LODGE, No. 1642.

Presented, together with a Past Master's Jewel, to Samuel Smout I.P.M., by the brethren of the above Lodge, as a mark of esteem and appreciation of his services during the period in which he has presided as W.M.

(Signed)

C. DARBY READ W.M.
S. SMOUT JUN. S.W.
F. CHARLES FRYE J.W.
GEORGE PENN Treasurer.
W. J. MURLIS Secretary.

The jewel had previously been presented to Bro. Smout. In reply the I.P.M. with great pleasure tendered his thanks. He was sure the gifts he had that day received from the Earl of Carnarvon Lodge would be prized as long as he lived, and he hoped they might be handed down to his children, by whom he felt they would be as much appreciated as they were by himself. He had always been proud of the progress made by the Lodge, and particularly so as by it they were enabled to figure so favourably as supporters of the Charities. He intended to serve the office of Steward for one of them during the coming year, and hoped the members would do all they could to make his list representative of the spirit of the Lodge. He hoped at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution, for which he was working, the Lodge would figure as well as on any occasion in the past, although he could hardly expect so large an amount as previous representatives had been able to collect. One thing he particularly desired the brethren to bear in mind, this was that anything they felt disposed to give would be well spent. He would also impress upon them that there was no charity in giving that which was needed in their own households. We may state that the list of Bro. Smout at the time of the meeting reached close on seventy guineas. Other toasts followed, the list not being completed until a late hour, when the concluding toast was proposed and the brethren separated. The following were among the visitors:—Bros. J. F. B. Firth P.M. 227, 1435, J. J. Thomas 753, J. W. Baldwin P.M. 1423 P.P.G.P., R. Fairclough P.M. 1675, T. Cabbitt P.G.P., J. N. Frye 195 Prov. J.W., J. W. Hiscox S.W. 1512, F. J. Moore 1196, Ambrose W. Hall G. Chaplain, W. Shead 1366, W. Prevost 861, H. Ruff J.W. 95, C. Davey P.M. 30, J. J. Michael W.M. 1107 P.P.G.P. Kent, L. M. Myers S.W. 188, Colonel G. Haldane P.D.D.G.M. Malta, J. E. Carpenter P.M. 284, 1196, A. Dickenson 55, G. C. Harding W.M. 1238, C. Smith S.W. 1489, Lieutenant-Colonel H. S. Somerville Burney P.G. Deacon, J. Healey 1348, C. W. Cunningham 1612, L. Bryett P.P.G.S. of Works Berks and Bucks, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, J. W. Cuff W.M. 1608, G. Davis P.M. 167, W. T. Wilkinson 115 I.C., L. Wall 188, H. Massey P.M. 619, and W.M. 1928, H. A. Spencer 733, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, R. W. Bosworth 230, F. J. Deacon 1382, G. Cooper P.M. 507, J. Jordan P.M. 4, J. Fisher 733, S. Etherington 1305, R. J. Ward S.D. 1541, W. G. Vassil 1767, J. H. Pearson P.M. 1567, J. O. Surtees P.M. 1248, J. Gillingham S.D. 1238, &c.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—On Tuesday last, at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John-street-road. Present:—Bros. C. Weeden W.M., T. J. Bird S.W., J. Field J.W., R. Percy Preceptor, J. Osborn Secretary, A. R. Green S.D., Gyer J.D., J. Cammell I.G.; C. Dearing, G. Willison, T. H. Inman, C. G. Payne, W. Hirst, R. Dillon, J. Trotman, H. L. Godolphin, S. Millin, T. Crosbie, Isaac, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Payne acting as candidate. Bros. Dearing and Cammell answered the questions leading to the second degree. The first and second sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Percy Preceptor, assisted by the brethren. Bro. J. Trotman, Citadel Lodge 1897, was elected a member. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Millin for his kindness in having the jewels of the Lodge renovated. The Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623.—A meeting was held at the Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's Churchyard, on 17th inst. Bro. Thomas Batt P.M. 907 W.M., he was supported by Bros. J. F. Van Raalte Worshipful Master 917 as S.W., T. Baker J.W., G. H. Stephens S.D., Keeble I.G., Walter Tyler; also Bros. Hiscox, McButt, Field, Laurence, W. Pennefather P.M. Preceptor. Lodge having been duly opened and minutes read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Field candidate. Bro. Van Raalte resumed the chair, and opened up the Lodge. Bro. Hiscox was interrogated and entrusted, and Lodge was advanced. The ceremony of raising was next carefully rehearsed, and a most instructive evening passed. Some discussion ensued as to the desirability of returning to the old hours of meeting, i.e. from eight to ten—the alteration to seven till nine not being deemed to have worked satisfactorily. Bro. Hiscox was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and Lodge was closed. The members of this Lodge have it in contemplation to rehearse the ceremony of consecration, Bro. J. Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has kindly consented to assist on the occasion.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—The adjourned annual meeting of this Lodge was held at St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, on Thursday, 10th instant, there being present among others Bros. W. Simpson W.M., Arthur E. Gladwell S.W., J. S. Fletcher J.W., R. D. Cummings Preceptor, C. G. Payn S.D., J. S. Tillett J.D., W. J. Goode I.G. The Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, the ceremony of passing was ably rehearsed by Bro. Simpson. This being an

off-night, the formal business of the Lodge was proceeded with. Bros. Cummings, Calderwood, and Halliday were unanimously re-elected Preceptor, Treasurer, and Secretary for the ensuing year, and the new Bye-laws were read and adopted. Bro. Arthur E. Gladwell was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week, and appointed Officers in rotation. Bro. Secretary was authorised to get the new Bye-laws printed and distributed among the members. The annual supper takes place on the first Thursday in December. On Thursday, 24th Nov., Bro. J. Terry P.G.S.W. Norths and Hunts will rehearse the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation at this Lodge, which on this occasion will be opened at eight punctually, brethren to appear in Masonic clothing.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At a meeting of the above Lodge on Monday, the 14th inst., Bro. G. Ferrar W.M., Harthan S.W., Crosbie J.W., and over thirty members, amongst whom were a great many P.M.'s. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, when Bro. Percy offered himself as a candidate for raising, and having answered the usual questions was entrusted. Lodge having been advanced, the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by Bro. Ferrar. Lodge was closed in each degree. The votes of the members were taken for Bro. Marks, of the Caxton; and Bro. Stragnell, of the Farringdon, who were unanimously elected members. Bro. Harthan was appointed to occupy the chair for the ensuing week. Bro. Secretary proposed, and Bro. Percy seconded, that Bro. Osborn W.M. of the Sir Hugh Myddelton, be invited to rehearse the ceremony of installation on the last Monday of this month. Bro. Osborn expressed himself as ready to accede to the request, and thanked the brethren for the privilege. Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned until Monday, 21st Nov., at 8.30.

Sir Thomas Brassey, K.C.B., M.P., one of the Lords of the Admiralty, will be admitted a member of the Court of Assistants, and will subsequently take part at the Livery dinner of the Shipwrights' Company, on Friday, the 2nd December. The dinner will be held at the City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street.

The Marquis of Hartington will visit Nelson, East Lancashire, on Saturday, 3rd December. In the afternoon he will open a Liberal Club at Brierfield, and in the evening will address a large meeting in the Albert Hall.

The recent visit to Canada of Sir Knight A. Staveley Hill, Q.C., M.P., Grand Chancellor of the Grand Priory of England, afforded His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, Grand Master of the Templar Order in England, the opportunity of transmitting a letter to Sir Knight Colonel W. J. B. Macleod-Moore, Great Prior of the Dominion of Canada, in which His Royal Highness offered his fraternal greetings to Knights Templars and the Masonic body generally of Canada. A special meeting of the Richard Cœur de Lion Preceptory was called for the purpose of receiving Sir Knight Hill, and due honour was done to the letter of the Prince.

Viscount Ebrington, Prov. Grand Master Devonshire, has been returned by a large majority as Member of Parliament for Tiverton, in place of the Right Hon. W. N. Massey, deceased.

We regret to announce the death, on Saturday last, of his Lordship's youngest sister, the Lady Florence Fortescue, aged seventeen years.

Bro. Alderman Smith has been succeeded in the Mayoralty of Brighton by Alderman W. H. Hallett. A vote of thanks to Bro. Smith for his valuable services was unanimously passed by the Town Council, and it was agreed that the said vote should be engrossed on vellum and presented to his Worship.



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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, 19th NOVEMBER.

- MONDAY, 21st NOVEMBER.

- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
332—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Cuthberts, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
823—Evertan, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
931—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

11—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moirs, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (2nsstruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, 19 Jernyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Huxley, Three Groves, North Woolwich, at 7.30., (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1892—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1895—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Saxe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In.)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 5 (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1916—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1939—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1975—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 153—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 1994—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

General Committee of Grand Lodge and Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, at 6

- 2 Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Groundale-ru., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
233—La Tolerancia, Morland's Hotel, 1, Lamb Street, Oxford St. at 3 (Inst.)
720—Pannauve, Ballham Hotel, 11, "at 7 (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Seven Sisters Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
781—Mermaid Ship, Silver Inn, Whitechapel, E. (Instruction)
913—New Catering, 14, Finsbury, 10, Finsbury, E. (Inst.)
1007—Whitely, 10, West End, 10, "at 7.30, Finsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1049—Victoria, Gaiety Hall Tavern, Marsham-street, E.C.
1143—Pink Ship, 10, "at 7.30, Whitechapel, 7 (Instruction)
1227—Queen Elizabeth, 10, "at 7.30, Whitechapel, 7 (Instruction)
1273—Fleming House, Lamb Tavern, 10, "at 7.30, Whitechapel, 7 (Inst.)
1283—Flamingo Hall, 10, "at 7.30, Whitechapel, 7 (Instruction)
1321—Emulation, Gent and Sons, Exeter Street, 1, and 10, "at 7.30

- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1362—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
R.A. 1503—Francis Burrell, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
31—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Phensant, Staughte, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.
1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
1658—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Lungton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
 K.T.—Plains of Maunre, Bull Hotel, Burnley

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
569—Pitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hattemersmith (Instruction)
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
1153—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)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.
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)
453—Chiswell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1335—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1433—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
R.A. 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
R.A. 212—Magdalen, Guildhall, Lancaster
K.T. 26—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
199—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
202—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Finsbury-square, Finsbury, at 7 (Instruction)
209—Henry Muggelroy, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
206—Ordnance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 1962.—Wharfedale, Rose and Crown Hotel, Pontifera
1961.—Erasmus Wilsdon, Pier Hotel, Greenhills
N.A. 178.—Harrogate, Royal Hotel, Wigan.
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Domatic Lodge, No. 177.—The regular meeting of this excellent working Lodge was held on the 11th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. Ferguson P.M., who officiated in the absence of the W.M. Bro. Harris. Bros. J. McLean S.W., Herbago J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, Morris Secretary, Foxcroft S.D., Pierpoint J.D., J. Jennings I.G. P.M.'s Ferguson, E. White, J. Willing jun., Kent, J. E. Walford, Buseall, and a good attendance of members and visitors, amongst the latter we may mention—Bros J. Buxton 1744, S. Renaut 1623, H. Peirce 211, Grant 1507, S. Walford 569, G. Lansdown 1235, C. Burley 733, F. W. Koch P.M. 820, W. Collens 766, Brasted, R. Cronsen 23, Crowther, T. Butt P.M. 700, W. H. Stiles W.M. 1507, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The death of two members was announced, and the widow of a deceased brother was relieved with the sum of £10 10s. It was proposed that a letter of condolence should be sent to the widow of the late Bro. Bird. The name of a candidate was on the paper for raising, but he was not present. After the Lodge had been closed, the brethren sat down to a capital banquet provided by Bro. Clemow. At this stage of the evening the W.M. Bro. Harris arrived, and was enthusiastically received. After grace, he very genially presided, and in brief but eloquent terms, proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft; that of H.R.H. the Most Worshipful Grand Master followed. Bro. Harris said that he knew they would drink the toast heartily and sincerely; His Royal Highness had, on the 9th instant, completed his 40th birthday; not only this Lodge, but all other Lodges wished him long life and health. After the other rulers of the Craft had been honoured, Bro. J. E. Walford P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. They had seen Masters who had done more work; but none had performed the duties of the chair with greater ability than Bro. Harris. He asked them to drink, with all sincerity, the health of the W.M. The Worshipful Master thanked Bro. Walford for his kind expressions. Whatever he had done in the past he would strive to improve on in the future. The toast of the Visitors came next; the W.M. had the pleasure of recognizing many distinguished brethren whom they were all proud to see; he would call on Bro. Stiles W.M. 1507 to respond. After a hearty response from Bro. Stiles, several of the other visitors spoke. The W.M. next complimented the P.M.'s of the Lodge. He might remind them they were assembled in the pillar room; the P.M.'s were the pillars of the Lodge; all knew their working, and all knew they were anxious to render every service. After replies from Bros. Walford, Willing, and others, the W.M. introduced the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary. The former Brother every one knows and respects, he assists the W.M. in governing the Lodge; at the banquet table he looks after our comforts; in fact no worthier Brother could be found. To the Secretary he (the W.M.) was personally indebted. Many who do not know the duties of Secretary can scarcely imagine how arduous they are. He would ask the members to drink the toast with all sincerity. Bro. G. Everett P.M. and Treasurer, who on rising was received with loud cheers, delivered a speech which the brethren fully appreciated. In his dual capacity of P.M. and Treasurer, the W.M. had stated that he had the interest of the Lodge at heart; that, indeed, was true. He was proud to say the Lodge was in a prosperous condition; it would be his province, as Treasurer, to see that every Master who left the chair should not do so with the Lodge in debt. Bro. Morris, the Secretary, followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Masonic Press, and with it coupled the name of Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, who responded. The Wardens, Junior Officers and Tyler's toasts in due course were given, and the proceedings, which throughout had been enlivened by some good singing, were brought to a close.

Camden Lodge, No. 704.—There was a numerously attended meeting of the members of this Lodge, at the Guildhall Tavern, on Tuesday evening last, under the presidency of Bro. William Frederick Rogers W.M., who was supported by Bros. Frederick Earnshaw S.W., N. Goodchild J.W., George Butler P.M. Treasurer, Edward William Young P.M. Secretary, William Blank S.D., Frederick Snee J.D., Frederick Trinder D.C.; P.M.'s Frost, Grey, Soper, Meadway; Kehl, Saunders, Bindon, Roberts, Saunders, Glenfall, Clement, Hilliard, Evers, Osborn, Miller, Law, Sayers, Webb, Very (Tyler), and others. Among the Visitors were Bros. Reynolds 1524, Thompson 1681, Earnshaw 902, &c. Lodge was opened in form soon after five o'clock, when the ballot was opened for Mr. John Byard, proposed by Bro. Frederick Trinder, seconded by Brother Kohl; Mr. Alfred Thomas Evers, whose sponsors were the same; Mr. Edmund Sayers, proposed by Bro. Kehl, seconded by Bro. Bindon; and Mr. Thomas Wilson Miller, proposed by Bro. Bindon, seconded by Bro. Kehl. The voting in each case was unanimous, and the candidates being in attendance were duly initiated by the Worshipful Master, who acquitted himself in a manner that afforded the utmost satisfaction and edification to all present. By fiat of the Worshipful Master, Mr. George William Osborne was then admitted, on the proposition of Bro. Bindon, seconded by Bro. Kehl; and Bro. Henry James Sibley J.D. of the Chigwell Lodge, 453, was accepted as a joining member, on the nomination of Bro. Latter Organist, seconded by the Secretary. The whole of the working was perfectly rendered by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, and after the transaction of some formal business, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting-room, where an excellent supper had been provided, and all the arrangements were such as to give the utmost satisfaction. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of excellent vocal and instrumental music, a most enjoyable evening was passed.

The Great City Lodge No. 1426.—The usual meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 12th November, at the Cannon-street Hotel, and was numerously attended by Officers, members, and visitors. Bro. Charles Taylor W.M. presided, and the

following Officers were present—Bros. Kibble S.W., Keeble J.W., N. B. Heaton P.M. Treas., Blackie P.M. Sec., Baber S.D., Fendick J.D., Jenkins Organist, Potter I.G., Skinner and Durrant Stewards, Potter Tyler. Past Masters Bros. Stevens, Freeman, Stanway, and Hamer. The members present were—Bros. Matthews, Davies, Greening, Parker, Lodge, Lawes, Archer, Hicks, Hartley, Keene, Cook, De Leliva, Bertram, Frost, Hooper, and Hugo, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Jacob P.M. 45, Taylor P.M. 902, Partridge W.M. Prince Leopold, Southcott 733, Clemens 1662, McAnally P.M. 1377, Deuchar Rothsay Lodge. The Lodge having been opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed, a ballot was taken for Mr. Paul Johannes Metz, merchant, a candidate for admission to the Lodge, proved unanimous in his favour. Bro. Gwyn was examined and entrusted, and subsequently passed to the second degree. A telegram having been received from Bro. Benn, who was initiated at the last meeting, stating that his absence from London prevented him from attending on this occasion, the Lodge was closed in this degree, and the initiation of Mr. Metz, was proceeded with. The ceremonies were performed by the W.M. and his Officers in a most efficient manner. Two cases of sad reverse of fortune were then brought under notice, and to one the sum of £10 10s was voted from the Benevolent Fund, the other being deferred until the next meeting, for further consideration. The W.M. announced his intention to represent the Lodge, as Steward, at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution in February next, when he hoped the brethren would support him with their liberal contributions. Bro. Heaton P.M. and Treas. explained that the absence of Bros. Bowman and Henry Thompson P.M. was owing to indisposition; hearty good wishes were evoked for their speedy recovery. The Lodge was then closed. The brethren dined together, and on the removal of the cloth the Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Bros. Partridge and Deuchar responded to the toast of the Visitors. Bros. Bertram, Stevens, Kibble, Archer, Lawes, Parker and Heaton contributed to the enjoyment of the brethren with some excellent songs and recitations, and another thoroughly pleasurable meeting was added to the already famous record of this Lodge.

Prince of Wales's Lodge, No. 1705.—On Thursday evening, 27th October, the ceremony of installing Count des Geneys as W.M. of the above Lodge took place at the Lodge-room, at the Star Hotel, Gosport. Count des Geneys has filled the chair during the past year, and by the unanimous desire of the Lodge consented to preside for another twelvemonths. The ceremony of installation was most impressively performed by Bro. Geo. Grant I.P.M., and the W.M. then appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Grant I.P.M., Thos. Batchelor S.W., W. F. Burrell J.W., Alfred Knight Treasurer, George Darby Secretary, Alfred Cave S.D., J. S. Senior J.D., W. M. Chalcraft I.G., Alex. Miller D.C., John Howell and Rodk. Fraser Stewards. Afterwards the brethren adjourned to the India Arms Hotel, where a *récherché* banquet was provided by Mr. Kingswell, Count des Geneys presiding. Amongst the brethren present were the following:—Bros. Mark E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, G. P. Arnold P.G.A.D.C., Valentine Brown P.G. Pars., George Bond, J. R. Hayman, T. P. Palsgrave, R. W. Downing, W. Tuohy, R. W. Mitchell, R. Osborne, W. Green, Staff-Captain Balliston, R.N., C. B. Whitcomb, W. Brunwin, C. J. E. Mumby, Walter Smith, Arthur Jolliffe, T. Mares, G. Dean, G. Weller, D. G. Gilmour, W. A. Hill, T. Patterson, B. E. Horn, C. A. Pates, E. Embling, H. Power, B. Briant, A. W. Leaver, S. Smith.

Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933.—This Lodge met at the Turk's Head, as usual, on the 11th inst. Bros. West W.M., Payne S.W., Moss J.W., Hopkins S.D., Richardson J.D., Siegenberg I.G., &c.; also Bros. W. Musto P.M. Sec., Candick P.M. Preceptor, Chappell, Levy, Benabo, Dupree, Musto jun., Isaacs, Nathan, Jones, Nathan, Stephens, Webb P.M., Bullwinckle, Gaskell P.M., Mitchell, &c. Lodge was opened in due form. Bro. Benabo having been interrogated, was entrusted, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Benabo candidate. Lodge was resumed, and Bro. Cohen worked the fourth, fifth, sixth and seventh sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bros. L. Nathan, E. Nathan, both of 205, M. Isaacs 511, Jones 749, were elected members of the Lodge.

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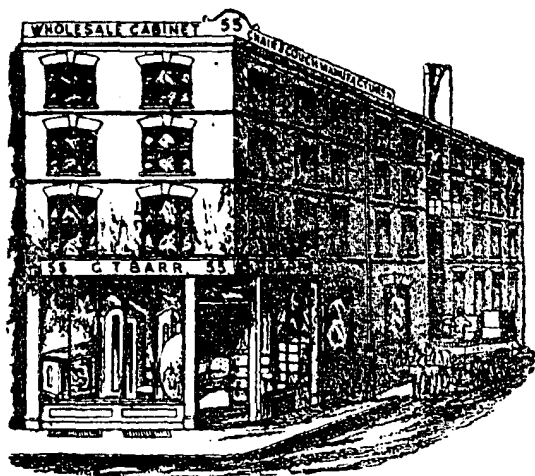


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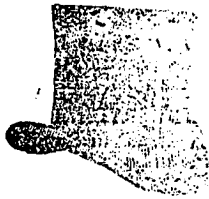
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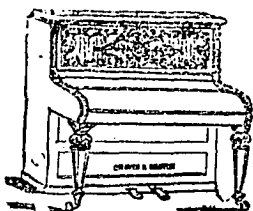
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