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THE LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

FROM our Report elsewhere of the proceedings of the Lodge of Benevolence on Wednesday, it will be seen that the unusually large number of fifty-six cases of distressed Masons, &c., &c., was submitted for the consideration of the brethren. Four of these were deferred, and one was dismissed, while in the other fifty-one cases relief was voted, or grants were recommended to the extent of no less a sum than £1,630. As the number of applicants was about twice as large as it usually is, it is not surprising the aggregate of the grants and votes should be proportionately great. We have frequently expressed our entire confidence in the wisdom and discretion of the body charged with the administration of the Grand Lodge Fund of Benevolence. We are well satisfied that every case which is brought under its notice is most carefully inquired into, and that the amount of each vote is strictly in accord with the needs of the applicant. At this meeting, the Lodge sat for five hours and a quarter—a fact which fully bears out the opinion we have just expressed. Yet it is impossible to record this opinion and the facts as they are stated elsewhere without experiencing some sort of feeling that the remarkable numerical increase in our ranks which has been made during the last few years is not entirely the subject of congratulation which many are inclined to believe it is. All is not gold that glitters, and among the 10,000 initiates per annum of 1875-81 there must have been a very large number who could not have spoken the exact truth when they asserted, as they were bound to do, that it was with wholly disinterested motives they sought enrolment in our Fraternity. We are well aware there has been very serious depression in almost every branch of trade and commerce throughout the whole country for an unusually lengthened period, and it is in the order of things that Masons should have their share in the general suffering as well as the rest of the community. Moreover, under the most favourable circumstances, increased strength must of necessity entail an increase in the demands made from time to time on the resources of Grand Lodge for the purposes of benevolence, as well as on those of our Charitable Institutions. But when we have made every allowance for the inevitable, the vast amount of help of every kind that is being sought is hardly to be explained by existing circumstances. The number of those who are now on the strength of our several Institutions is quite fifty per cent. above what it was about the time when the Prince of Wales was installed G. Master. There is a capital sum of £50,000 available for the Fund of Benevolence, which the administrators very wisely refrain from trenching upon, and will leave undiminished, except under the severest pressure. A glance, however, at the Grand Lodge accounts will show that the Income of the Fund has latterly been insufficient to meet the heavy demands made upon it. Of course, when applications for help are made, they must be met to the fullest extent commensurate with their respective merits. It is no fault of the Lodge of Benevolence if the number of cases brought under its notice is excessive. Lodges, however, will do well to be more than

ever on the alert in respect of the admission of candidates. It is unnecessary to enlarge on the merits of Caution, that virtue which is so strongly impressed upon our attention at the very threshold of our Masonic career. It is desirable, however, we should from time to time remind our readers, in general terms, of the great necessity there is at all times, but more than ever now we have become so numerous a Society, that this said virtue of Caution should be most scrupulously and religiously observed.

BENEVOLENT FUND OF D.G.L. NEW SOUTH WALES.

ITS PROPOSED EXTENSION.

FROM the Reports of the Quarterly Communications of this District Grand Lodge, held at Freemasons' Hall, Sydney, on Monday, 16th May, and Monday, 15th August, we are pleased to learn that the brethren in the colony working under the English Constitution are about taking steps to enlarge the sphere of operations of their Fund of Benevolence, so as to be able "to extend permanent assistance to indigent Freemasons and their widows." From the reports it would seem that the subject was mooted in District Grand Lodge in consequence of a proposal having been made that the brethren of the three Constitutions (English, Scotch, and Irish) working in the colony should amalgamate in order to establish a system of Alms-houses, such proposal being considered in some quarters, as stated by Brother Elkington D.G.S. of Works (E.C.), really for the purpose of making room for some gentleman as Superintendent. He further pointed out, that in his opinion the brethren who had instituted the movement, who were themselves members of the English Constitution, had ignored the privileges of their District Grand Lodge, and District Grand Master, in suggesting the amalgamation of three sections of Freemasons of the colony in the proposed undertaking. He considered that the English Constitution had no need for amalgamation, as was proved by the very satisfactory Balance Sheets set forth by the District Grand Treasurer, and further considered it must be patent to all thinking brethren that the aid of any other Constitution outside their own could only be of a negative character. Bro. Elkington, who throughout his remarks on the subject appears to have been somewhat warm, describes the original proposal as the action of a small section of disappointed and disaffected brethren, endeavouring to strike a blow at the rest of the English Constitution in the Colony. Not being on the spot, or in possession of anything like full particulars, we may perhaps err in our remarks, but we cannot help thinking that the speaker to whom we have referred has adopted a somewhat un-Masonic line of argument. Reviewing the case it would seem that certain brethren of New South Wales have suggested the establishment of a Masonic Asylum, or as they term it—system of Alms-houses—and naturally, we think—they have proposed to make the fund as cosmopolitan as possible. Hence they

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suggest that Masons of every Constitution shall have the same rights in connection with it. We certainly think it would be very un-Masonic if any distinction were to be made in a proposal of such a character. It must be remembered it is the practice of Masonic Charity that is its principal object, and at least we must ascribe the possession of that characteristic to the projectors of the undertaking. We consider that the insinuations of Bro. Elkington are most uncharitable, and, in our opinion, they should never have been allowed to pass unchallenged in District Grand Lodge. It appears all but impossible for some speakers to adopt conciliatory language when they desire to oppose any project; and yet it is well known that calm discussion, and quiet argument are more conducive to peace and harmony, and more likely to lead to the attainment of the object in view, than any amount of abuse or bad feeling can possibly do. It is apparent, from our way of thinking, that the proposal made by the so-called disappointed and disaffected brethren is really consistent; for immediately it is made public the District Grand Lodge (English Constitution) takes the matter in hand, not as we think would have been best, by combining with the promoters of the already suggested Fund, but by independent action, and that too after heaping abuse on the original movers. However, let us hope that the differences of opinion existing on the subject will not in any way delay the attainment of the desired object, but that at an early date arrangements may be made which will give to some at least of those in need of it relief in their declining days. As the matter now stands, a Committee of District Grand Lodge (E.C.), consisting of the D.G.M., the D.D.G.M., the D.G. Treas., the D.G. Sec., Bros. Simpson P.D.D.G.M., Booth D.G.S.W., F. Wright D.G.J.W., D. Mitchell P.D.G.S.D., F. B. Davidson President Board of Benevolence, and Bro. Elkington, has been unanimously appointed "to consider and report upon the best means of increasing the present Benevolent Fund," especially with the view of affording "permanent assistance to aged and helpless brethren and their widows." We await further particulars, with the hope that everything will combine to bring the proposal to a successful issue.

EDUCATION OF FREEMASONS.

IT is the mission and business of education to inform and enlighten the understanding; to instil into the mind principles of art, science, morals, religion and behaviour; and so to carry on its work that improvement shall be perceptible in everything studied.

The saying is a trite one that not to progress is to go backward, and this, if true in anything, is conspicuously so in Freemasonry.

The cosmopolitan character of the institution of Freemasonry must necessarily include minds as diversified as are the members composing it, but the toleration with which it greets both religion and politics, prevents the breeding of dissensions in behalf of either.

This being the well settled polity of Freemasonry, the person or persons who would undertake persistently to disturb it, would sooner or later be overtaken with merited condemnation, and the inherent dignity of an institution which has stood the test of ages would quickly remind the intermeddler of his lack of a high sense of propriety in the conduct of Masonic affairs.

The force of character sustained by the Institution, as applied to its own immediate interests, will, therefore, generally prevail against ignorance, and the meritorious brother will readily yield an obedience, heretofore withheld, if withheld at all, to an increase of knowledge and growth in Masonic education.

It must be apparent then that the great principles on which the superstructure of Freemasonry is erected are not endangered by ignorance, for these must abide always, but the lyings, warfares, and wrongs, which come of ignorance, do much to endanger its peace, and disturb the serenity of its character. The remedial influence of education may not always be apparent among Masons, for the good and the bad do so closely press upon each other that the former may be rudely jostled in the house of its friends, while the latter is skilful to assume the habit of disguise.

How then shall we be educated, in order that individuals, as well as the Institution, may be perceptibly benefited.

Compared with the immensity of all knowledge, the individual man is as a mere child, beginning in the simplest way to acquire a knowledge of things, and while the alphabet is before him he leaves it to prattle about the thing itself. It is not astonishing therefore to hear, as we recently did, a Knight Templar and a Knight of Kadosh also, say that he never read anything about Masonry; he liked to go to the meetings, however, as a mere pastime; but we must do him the credit of saying that he is in no sense an assassin of character, or a shirker of pecuniary claims, two important elements, and both essential to the acquisition of true Masonic education.

The philosophy of Freemasonry, its morals, its dogmas, and religion are so little understood, and indeed so little regarded, that like the Knight alluded to, there are scores upon scores who outwardly assume the garb of the Mason and the trappings of the Templar, without any higher aim than pastime. If naturally indolent, or envious,

or eager for place, he has all the internal qualities that fit him to earn the miserable name of Doctor Bartol's execration, and gradually, though surely, exhibit himself as an assassin of character.

Beyond question it is a truism, that none are qualified to teach but those who submit to learn; not as the parrot learns, to repeat words or sentences without once understanding their import, but as one gifted with knowledge and wise enough to seek to increase it.

The subjects about which one should be wise in Masonry are many. The Master should understand its history, literature and jurisprudence, as well as its ritual; the brethren should understand its morals and its religion; the neophyte should learn in advance from these that a Mason does not reproach his brother openly, nor proclaim him an offender, from a mere habit of evil speaking, and the world should see by their example that it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity. Freemasonry has had its assailants, from without no more than from within; Peter denied his Master, and the cocks have not yet ceased to crow; repentance may also come to other disciples, but the teachers of the Gospel of a common Fatherhood and a common Brotherhood should not open their mouths in vain, nor fill them with deceit. The Lodge stands to-day, as it has so long stood, the retreat of friendship and benevolence, and these should not be profaned; its four sides symbolize the cardinal virtues of Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence and Justice; its East, West and South typify Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth; its height and depth are parallel lines within which a Mason should walk, bounded by the blue arch of heaven, which represents the great circle of eternity.

Having acquired the right to be known as a Mason, it ought to carry with it the greater truth, that the name is the smaller part of the privilege. The rank of Freemason, or Knight, in either grade, is only a purchase, and the seller receives therefor a given sum, coupled with the assurance that the buyer is of good character and report; thus far the exchange is considered one of equivalents; but the further enlightenment of the neophyte can only be had by personal attention to, and a philosophical study of, the ceremonies through which he has passed. A right understanding of these leads to new and increasing knowledge, to a broader and more comprehensive view of Masonic duties, to a more manly and tolerant character, to a higher and clearer conception of Brotherhood and Fatherhood, and though "we may not agree in a statement about the Father, but believing in Him, and touching Him, we shall all be one."—*Liberal Freemason*.

During the present week the Prince of Wales has been on a visit to the Duke of Portland at Welbeck Abbey, and great indeed have been the festivities in honour of the event. His Royal Highness, on his arrival on Monday, was met by the Duke of Portland, and conducted, under an escort of the Sherwood Rangers, to the Abbey, where was assembled to greet him a numerous and fashionable gathering. On Tuesday he shot over the Portland preserves, among the party being the Duke of Manchester P.G.M. Norths and Hunts, the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., the Earl of Rosslyn Past Grand Master Mason Scotland, and Viscount Castlereagh, M.P. Yesterday (Friday) the Prince of Wales was to lunch with Earl Manvers at Thoresby Park, and to-day he leaves Welbeck on a visit to the Marquis of Bath, at Longleat.

Every one will be glad to have heard the intelligence which was announced early this week, in the *Court Circular*, to the effect that His Royal Highness the Duke of Albany is engaged to marry the Princess Helene of Waldeck, a sister of the Queen of the Netherlands, and niece to the Queen of Sweden. The Prince is so popular with all classes of Her Majesty's lieges, and especially with his brother Masons, that the news of his engagement, though not unexpected, has been the subject of universal congratulation.

On Saturday afternoon Lord Mayor Ellis was in the position of the man who killed two birds with one stone. His one journey in the direction of Sydenham enabled him to be present at the distribution of prizes in the Crystal Palace to the successful shots in the London Rifle Brigade, and also to pay his annual visit of inspection to the Royal Normal College for the Blind, at Upper Norwood. At both visits he was accompanied by the Lady Mayoress, who had taken upon herself the task of giving away the aforesaid prizes, and fulfilled that task very gracefully. The Sheriffs, Bro. Alderman Hanson and Mr. Ogg, the Under-Sheriffs, and other civic functionaries likewise attended.

Bro. Edward Clarke, Q.C., M.P., occupied the chair at the inaugural banquet of the Dulwich and Camberwell Conservative Association, held at the Greyhound Hotel, Dulwich, on Saturday evening last.

An Amateur Dramatic performance was given at the Town Hall, Twickenham, on Saturday evening last, in aid of the funds of St. John's Hospital. The programme included the late Tom Taylor's "Plot and Passion," the part of Marie de Fontanges being most admirably rendered by Lady Monckton, wife of Sir John B. Monckton, President of the Board of General Purposes.

ROYAL ARCH.

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OPENING OF A ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER AT FOLKESTONE.

THE Consecration of the Temple Chapter, No. 558, attached to the Temple Lodge, at Folkestone, took place in the Chapter Room at the Town Hall, on Friday, the 18th November, under the most favourable auspices, and with great success. There were present the following Provincial Grand Officers and Companions:—Excellent Companions P.Z.'s James S. Eastes 503 709 P.G.H. Kent, Thomas Wyles 20 P.G.J. Kent, T. S. Warne 20 P.G.S.E. Kent, R. Kelly Thorpe 709 P.G. Treasurer Kent, James D. Terson 199 P.P.G.S.W. Kent, Felix Kite P.G.Reg. Kent, Horatio Ward 586 622 P.P.G.H. Wilts; Comps. H. H. Green 709, F. H. Cozens 907, A. C. Frederickson 199, G. Willson Janitor; E. Comp. James Terry P.Z. 174 228 975 1366 P.G.D.C. Herts, and the following Companions as founders of the Temple Chapter, viz.: M.E. Comps. R. H. Baynes P.Z. 254 Z. designate P.P.G.C. Warwickshire, S. H. Knaggs 7 and 1503 H. designate, Francois Klatt 709 J. designate, J. Kennett 709, A. H. Holbein 79, R. White Z. 723, R. Philpott 199, J. N. Rogers 1503. The Chapter was opened by the Consecrating Officers E. Companions Jas. Terry as M.E.Z., Jas. S. Eastes as H., Thos. Wyles as J., T. S. Warne as S.E., and H. Ward as D.C. The Companions being admitted, the petition of the Founders and the warrant of Grand Chapter having been read, and agreed to, the M.E.Z. called upon the Rev. Canon Baynes to give the inaugural address. The Rev. Canon, after expressing his surprise at being unexpectedly called upon to deliver an address, proceeded to give a most able oration on the advantages of Masonry in general, and R.A. Masonry in particular, in the course of which he described the R.A. as the culminating point of Masonry, which united in one vast bond of brotherhood many thousands of the human race. In Masonry, and R.A. Masonry in particular, men met together irrespective of all religious or social differences, in one bond of unity, and though in all ranks and grades of society there must and will be men who do not act up to their obligations, Masonry, though it cannot make a bad man good, tends to make a good man better. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to consecrate the Chapter in his usual incomparable style, Companion Cozens presiding at the organ, and the anthems and chants being rendered in an admirable manner. The ceremony being completed, the acting M.E.Z. next installed the three First Principals of the new Chapter, viz.:—Companions the Rev. R. H. Baynes Z., S. Knaggs H., F. Klatt J. This being done, the M.E.Z. invested his Officers as follow:—Companions James Kennett S.E., A. H. Holbein S.N., Richard White Principal S., Richard Philpott First Assistant S., J. N. Rogers Treasurer, G. Willson Janitor. Numerous brethren were then proposed for exaltation and joining. The Chapter being closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the Leeds Hotel for the banquet, which was excellently served by the host, Mr. Marchant. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been given, Companion Eastes, in responding to the health of the Prov. Grand Officers, congratulated the Companions upon the formation of the Chapter, and the favourable conditions under which it had started. What he had observed from the Officers selected to preside over the Chapter, he augured well of its success, and on behalf of Lord Holmesdale Provincial Grand Superintendent, himself, and the Provincial Grand Officers of the Province, he wished it every success. In responding to the health of the Consecrating and Installing Officer, Companion James Terry again expressed his pleasure on receiving a vote of thanks from the Companions for the way in which he had performed the ceremony, and in a most emphatic manner impressed upon them the faithful discharge of the serious obligations they had that day taken upon themselves. The health of the Principals and other Officers having been drunk and responded to, the Companions separated in love and harmony.

Patriotic Chapter, No. 51.—The annual meeting of this Chapter, for the installation of Principals, &c., was held on the 10th inst., at Colchester, when there were present E. Comps. A. Welch M.E.Z., W. Richey H., T. J. Ralling J., E. H. Crate P.Z., W. P. Lewis P.Z.; Comps. W. Sowman E., E. Hennemeyer P.S., S. Munson Janitor, R. Little, C. Gunner; Visitors, E. Gassner (Ara Chapter), T. M. Richey (Zetland Chapter), E. Dorling P.Z., and W. Hoare. The Principals were installed by E. Comp. E. Dorling P.Z. as under:—E. Comps. W. Richey M.E.Z., T. J. Ralling H., E. Hennemeyer J., and the other Officers were invested as follow:—E. Comp. A. Welch I.P.Z., Comp. W. Sowman S.E., E. Comp. W. P. Lewis P.Z. Treas., Comp. J. E. Wiseman P.S., Comp. S. Munson Janitor. Two candidates were then exalted, and there were two propositions for next Chapter. The Companions subsequently adjourned to the festive board, and spent a happy evening.

Alexander Chapter, No. 1631, Newark-on-Trent.—On Thursday, the 17th instant, a Chapter of the Supreme Degree of Holy Royal Arch Masons was consecrated and dedicated at the Town Hall, Newark. The Officer appointed to consecrate the Chapter was M.E. Comp. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke P.Z. G.S.E., who was ably assisted by M.E. Comps. Major W. H. Smyth P.Z. Grand Superintendent Linc. as H., Ensor Drury P.Z. P.P.G.H. West Yorks. as J.; Comps. J. C. Lazenby P.G.R. Linc. as D.C., Charles Harrison P.Z. P.P.G.J. Linc. as S.E., C. G. Wragg P.Z. 47 as S.N., M. Vowles P.Z. 47 as P.Soj. Among the Companions present we noticed Sir Henry Bromley, Bart., 402, F. D. Marsden P.G.S.E. Linc., H. W. Maleham P.Z. P.G.P.Soj. West Yorkshire, John Watson, J.P., Deputy Prov. Grand Master Notts (Craft) Z. 402; P.Z.'s George Housham 422, James Fowler P.P.G.H. Linc., C. B. Truman 47, Arthur Stubbs H. 402, W. M. Hewitt J. 681, Alf. J. Field J. 47, H. Hitchman 540,

E. D. Pidd 602. The Chapter is attached to the Newton Lodge, and takes its name, "The Alexander" from Bishop Alexander of Lincoln, who built the well-known old Castle of Newark during the reign of King Stephen. The ceremony concluded with the installation and investment of the following Officers:—Comps. the Rev. F. Vernon Russell M.E.Z., Major Newton H., R. F. H. King J., Henry George S.E., W. Curtis S.N., Henry Walton Treasurer, J. H. Tomlinson Principal Sojourner, C. Johnson, and W. Kelly Assistant Sojourners. There is no doubt but that the Alexander Chapter will progress as prosperously as the Newton Lodge, to which it is attached, there being sixteen founders, and no less than six propositions for new members to be balloted for at the first regular meeting. In the evening the Visitors were entertained by the Founders of the new Chapter at a banquet, when the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were duly honoured, cheerfully interspersed with songs, glees, &c., in which the Chapter Choir was greatly assisted by Comp. E. D. Pidd, of Retford.

THE LATE DR. DENHAM, OF SOUTH SHIELDS.

THE funeral of Dr. Jacob Sanderson Denham took place yesterday afternoon, at St. Hilda's Parish Churchyard, South Shields. The deceased gentleman having been surgeon to the D, E, and F Divisions of the 5th Durham Rifle Volunteers, the funeral was a military one. The cortege proceeded from the residence of deceased, in Chapter Row, by way of Waterloo Vale, Smithy Street, Russell Street, King Street, and the Market Place, to the churchyard. The procession was headed by a firing party, 32 in number, of the 3rd Durham Rifles, under the command of Capt. W. Bewicke, followed by the band of the corps, playing the Dead March in "Saul," and the coffin (covered with the Union Jack), surmounted by the hat and accoutrements of the deceased, borne upon the shoulders of six sergeants. Then followed the Masonic brethren of deceased, among whom were Bros. J. T. Wilson W.M., J. H. Morton W.M., John Hinde, P.M. (Treasurer), J. S. Wilson P.M. (Secretary), James Roddam P.M. D. of C., George Lawson P.M., Thomas Coulson P.M., J. H. Thompson J.W., G. Davison J.D., G. Wilson Organist, G. Robson I.G., W. Harwood S., J. Brown Tyler 240, John Hareness P.P.S.G.D. Northumberland, T. Haswell P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, A. Mustart P.P.G.S.B. Northumberland, A. McDougall W.M. 1119, C. F. Shotton, R. Schwartz, W. Smith, T. Gentles, John Brown, R. H. Evans, T. E. Davidson, W. Smith, F. Mackey, H. Stokes, J. F. Taylor, John Hunter, Kirby, J. E. Smith, W. E. O. Scott, G. Johnson, J. King, G. C. Whitfield, W. Ross, R. T. Thomson, C. B. Hall, J. C. Broom, G. McGregor, and — Whitehead. Next came the mourners—Messrs. J. L. Hall, W. S. S. Hall, W. T. Hall, Dr. James Robson, Dr. Young, Mr. W. S. Young, and Mr. J. Thompson. Immediately afterwards were the Mayor of South Shields, Alderman H. Nelson; the Town Clerk, Mr. J. M. Moore; Aldermen James, Readhead, and Donald; Councillors Lightfoot, Mabane, Imrie, Owen, Thomas Robson, Kirkley, Bowman, Wardle, Dale, Weir, Thornton, Cousins, Smith, Drake; Dr. Dalziel, medical officer of health. There were also present Drs. Legat, Frain, Armstrong, Crease, Gowans, Crisp; Mr. John Henderson, chairman of the South Shields Board of Guardians; members of the Board and Union offices, including J. Binks, R. Dobby, T. Ramsay, and Craik; Messrs. T. S. Blues, J. Hornsby, W. Robson, Lawson, J. Turner, J. Pollard, members of the Burial Board; Mr. T. Bincks (clerk), and Mr. B. Cowan (superintendent of the cemetery), Mr. J. Crisp, chairman of the Free Library Committee, and Mr. L. Inkster (secretary). The rear of the procession was brought up by about 150 members of the 5th Durham Rifles, under the command of the following Officers:—Major Proctor, Captains Graham, Guthrie, and Bewicke, and Lieutenant Sutherland. The burial service was read by the vicar of South Shields, the Rev. Canon Chester. After the coffin, which bore the following inscription:—"Jacob Sanderson Denham, died 18th November 1881, aged 50 years," had been lowered into the vault, the members of the Masonic brotherhood, according to ancient custom, each dropped in a sprig of acacia. The funeral was one of the largest which has ever taken place in South Shields.—*Newcastle Daily Journal*, 23rd Nov.

A FUNERAL IN WEST YORKSHIRE.

IT is our painful duty to record the death, after a long illness, at the early age of 47 years and ten months, of Bro. Henry Day, J.P., of Hyrst Cottage, Dewsbury, a very successful woollen manufacturer, well known and highly esteemed by a very large circle of friends in the West Riding. He was initiated in Lodge 251, now 208, Dewsbury, on 18th November 1858, served many offices, and was Worshipful Master in 1866; was appointed Provincial Grand Warden under the Marquess of Ripon, K.G., in 1871; was exalted in Royal Arch Chapter 208, 6th December 1860, elected Z. in 1870 and appointed Provincial G.J. in 1875. He was Vice President of the three Masonic Institutions, and had served the office of Steward at sixteen of the Annual Festivals. At all times, he was ready with his purse to assist every benevolent institution in his native town and neighbourhood; and many poor and distressed, as well as his relatives and numerous friends, have deep cause to deplore his death. Bro. Henry Day was never married. By will he leaves his ample fortune to his two surviving brothers, and one sister, with legacies to his nephews, nieces, housekeeper, late partner and executors. His remains were interred in the Dewsbury Cemetery, at noon on Saturday last, the 19th instant. A large number of Freemasons, from all parts, awaited the arrival and joined the cortege at the Cemetery gates, where also a great many of the work people had assembled, to pay respect to the memory of their late employer.

J. E. SHAND & Co., Wine Merchants (Experts and Valuers). Well fermented old Wines and matured Spirits. 2 Albert Mansions, Victoria-street, London, S.W.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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CITY OF LONDON LODGE, No. 901.

THE annual meeting of this proverbially urbane Lodge, which has long maintained the reputation of being one of the most efficiently worked in the metropolis, was held on Monday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, under the presidency of Bro. Charles Beaumont, the Worshipful Master. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, who were subsequently joined by a sprinkling of Visitors, and altogether the proceedings were of a very hearty and unanimous description. The Wor. Master was supported by Bros. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., George A. Cundy S.W., John Hughes J.W., Henry Darcey P.M. Treasurer, George Darcey P.M. Secretary, David Hughes S.D., T. McClelland J.D., H. Harbord D.C., E. D. P. Harris I.G., Ernest C. T. Hand Organist, J. Lawrence P.M., W. Lewis P.M., A. Griffiths P.M., H. Danco P.M., John Hoddinott, J. W. Farne, A. J. Pritchard, D. W. Hughes, R. Pittam Stevens, George Gross, C. Huish, W. R. Haylock, H. Souter, P. Newmar, Robt. Diamond, John Vale, Stephen Roberts, George Smith, F. Eade, R. Gillard, Edwin Venner, W. Venner, Geo. Brittan, Henry Bardell, Thomas Hosking, George Chivers, G. Rubardt, J. Balcomb, W. B. Smith, C. G. H. Bisley, W. H. Easey, Henry Smith, William Little, J. Corkhill, H. Gordon, P. J. Walker, P. C. Rogers, E. W. Cundy, Thomas James, Alfred Parker, and J. Woodstock Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Thomas 1853, J. Timsdale P.M. 1507, G. J. R. Tribbell W.M. 1287, E. C. Massey P.M. 1297, J. Pardoe 1505, George Steer 831, George Messenger 1525, T. Bramley P.M. Leigh Lodge, and others. After the customary rites, Lodge was advanced, and Bros. Faux and Diamond having replied satisfactorily to the test questions, were duly passed to the degree of F.C. by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in a most creditable manner. On the Lodge being further advanced, Bros. P. C. Rogers and H. Souter were raised to the sublime degree, the Worshipful Master delivering the impressive charges in a style that afforded considerable interest, as well as edification, to all present. The working was watched throughout with keen and critical interest, and all admitted that in the almost closing act of his official career as ruler of the City of London Lodge, Bro. Beaumont displayed the requisite wisdom to discern, and judgment to execute, the functions of his exalted post. At the conclusion of the practical work on the agenda, the brethren proceeded to vote for a successor to Bro. Beaumont as W. Master, and the choice fell unanimously upon Bro. George A. Cundy, who as S.W. had been exceedingly popular, and had earned his prerogative for promotion by the efficient manner in which he had discharged the duties of the minor offices through which he had passed. The result of the ballot was hailed with the liveliest satisfaction, and Bro. Cundy acknowledged in a few happily-chosen sentences the compliment which had been paid him. Bro. Henry Darcey P.M., was unanimously re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. J. Woodstock Tyler. Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren adjourned to the throne-room of the hotel, where a sumptuous banquet had been provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, the arrangements, under the personal supervision of Bro. Henry Mills, giving the most unqualified satisfaction. After dessert, the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, the Worshipful Master observing it was a source of congratulation to them to know they had the first gentleman in the land to be the ruler of the Craft, and he felt assured that none were more loyal to the Prince of Wales than were the body of Freemasons of England. In proposing the health of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and other Officers of Grand Lodge, the W. Master said the City of London Lodge was not often honoured by the presence of Grand Officers at their festivities, but he hoped from the way in which they were progressing they might soon deserve and receive attention at the hands of the rulers of the Craft. Bro. Alfred Ginger I.P.M., on rising to propose the next toast, said, when the gavel was given into his charge the brethren well knew the pleasant duty which accompanied it. During the time he had been I.P.M. of the City of London Lodge he had not been absent from one of its gatherings, and it had ever afforded him the utmost pleasure to propose, as he did to-night, the health of the Worshipful Master. He would not detain them by any repeated eulogiums of the brother who had so well held the reins of office in the Lodge during the past year, with the exceptional remark that Bro. Beaumont had gone through the work really better than he had done before, which was a proof that the further he went in Freemasonry the better he liked it, and the more was he capable of carrying out his duties. The W. Master, who was most cordially received, said this was the last time on which he should have an opportunity of addressing them from the chair at the festive board, and he should like to take advantage of it to thank them for the very kind manner in which they had supported him during his year of office. He could assure them the City of London Lodge had always been his hobby; he loved the Lodge, and he had done all he could to promote its welfare. As in the past, so in the future, he should strive to advance its interests to the utmost of his power. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master elect, he congratulated the brethren upon the choice they had made, and he felt assured the City of London Lodge would have, in Bro. Cundy, a Master of whom any Lodge might well be proud. His abilities were already known, from the very efficient way in which he had carried out the duties appertaining to his office as S.W. His kindness and urbanity were also known, for he had made himself beloved to the City of London Lodge. Therefore, it was with much pleasure he asked them to rise with him and wish Bro. Cundy every source of happiness and health, and might his year of office be the most prosperous in the annals of the Lodge. The toast was received with prolonged applause, and Bro. Cundy, in reply, said he felt great difficulty in accepting the office, though he did so with a great deal of pleasure, as he was a true lover of Masonry. He took great interest in the work of this Lodge, and he felt it a great honour to have been

elected to the chair he was to fill next year. He trusted he might be able to discharge his duties to his own satisfaction; and if he did that, he knew it would be to the satisfaction of the brethren. He should do his best for the good of Freemasonry in general and for this Lodge in particular, and all the duties entrusted to him should have his very best attention. There should be no effort spared on his part to add to the success which had attended the City of London Lodge, or to the enjoyment, harmony and pleasure the brethren had experienced in the past. He again thanked them most cordially for the hearty way in which the toast had been received. The Worshipful Master then gave the Visitors, whom the City of London Lodge was always most happy to welcome. The toast was acknowledged by Bros. Tribbell, and Bramwell, the latter of whom delivered himself of some humorous sentiments. The W. Master next proposed the Past Masters, with thanks for the kind and able assistance they had rendered him during his year of office. He regretted the absence, though indisposition, of P.M. Bro. Salisbury, who desired to be kindly remembered to all the brethren. Bro. Ginger I.P.M., in responding, was sorry to have joined the ranks of Past Masters; he would rather remain I.P.M. He felt now, however, he must take a seat at the back, but he should endeavour to attend as often as he could and assist, or augment at all events, the Past Masters of the Lodge. Bro. Griffiths P.M. also replied, he never came to this Lodge but he appreciated the kindly heartiness of the brethren. He had been a member of the Lodge many years, and was gratified to see it in such a prosperous condition; he trusted its success might be continued and increased under their W.M. elect, and that the prosperity it had hitherto enjoyed was only the drops before the shower. Bro. Lewis P.M., in reply, said he had been a member of the Lodge 16 or 17 years, and as to the way in which their W.M. had done his duty not a word had been spoken more than he deserved. It was not right to retire immediately they had passed the chair, but if they wished to see the Lodge prosper, they must attend as often as they conveniently could. Bro. Lawrence P.M. was loudly called for; he said he did not think the dictionary was printed yet that could afford him language adequately to express his thanks for the manner in which they had received the toast. He was sorry that many of the Past Masters were absent, especially the father of the Lodge, Bro. Samuel Osborne, though they all thoroughly appreciated the high position this Lodge had attained. He was exceedingly glad to see the City of London Lodge in its present state of prosperity. The W.M. next gave the health of the Officers of the Lodge, thanking them for the able assistance they had rendered him during his year of office. He concluded by expressing the hope that they might successively and successfully occupy the chair he had now the honour to fill. Bro. John Hughes J.W., in responding, expressed the hope that the Officers of the Lodge had done their duty to the best of their ability, and that they had given the satisfaction which the W.M. had described. If so, the satisfaction to themselves would be immense. Several complimentary speeches followed, and the official programme was closed with the Tyler's toast. During the evening there were some capital recitations and songs. Bros. Easey and Souter lending efficient assistance at the pianoforte.

It was arranged that the annual ball in connection with this Lodge should take place at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday the 11th of January, and several Officers and brethren volunteered their services as Stewards.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, on which occasion Bro. Jonathan L. Jones was installed as Master for the year. The great popularity of this Lodge draws to it a very large number of gentlemen who desire to enter the portals of Freemasonry, and, judging from the agenda paper, the flow of new members is likely to be maintained. Previous to this annual gathering there were no less than thirteen candidates who had been accepted and were awaiting initiation, accordingly it was decided to hold a Lodge of Emergency, which was done on Monday, the 21st inst., and on that occasion Messrs. T. Jefferies, A. H. Cole, J. Bishop, W. Clements, and W. N. Nadaula were initiated. On Tuesday the Lodge was called for 3.30, and shortly after that time business was commenced. There were present during the evening, Bros. Francis H. Clemow W.M., John Douglass I.P.M., J. L. Jones S.W., T. Hyland P.M. S.W., J. Willing jun. P.M. Treas., W. M. Stiles P.M. Sec., W. Cook S.D., G. H. Deller J.D., John W. Smith and W. Jaques D. of C., C. Smith Organist, F. W. Sillis Steward. The Lodge having been advanced, the ceremonies of raising and passing were worked. Bros. H. Ward, E. L. Jewell, J. Saddington, and J. T. Knowles, of the Royal Savoy Lodge, and Bro. Medway, of the Domatic, No. 177, receiving the former, and Bros. J. T. Buston, J. Plowman, and J. C. Lorns the latter. The W.M. elect was then presented, obligated, and installed; he afterwards invested the following brethren as Officers of the Lodge: Hyland S.W., Cook J.W., Willing Treasurer, Stiles Secretary, Deller S.D., Holt J.D. (by proxy), J. W. Smith I.G., Jaques and Sillis D. of C., F. Johnson Steward (by proxy), J. C. Smith Assistant Steward, P. F. Callaghan Organist, H. Dickey Assistant Secretary, C. Koester Tyler. The addresses having been given, the W.M. proceeded to initiate Messrs. H. Zabell, W. H. Barling, and F. G. Riley into the mysteries of Freemasonry, and then, amid expressions of approval, invested his predecessor with a gold Past Master's jewel. He was quite sure there was no brother more deserving of the honour the Lodge conferred than Bro. Clemow, to whom he and every member of the Lodge desired to express their thanks for the services he had rendered. It was not possible for him adequately to express his thanks. Bro. Clemow briefly acknowledged the presentation. Some formal matters of business having been disposed of, the Lodge was closed, the brethren proceeding to the large hall of the Freemasons' Tavern. The banquet was well served by Bro. Best, and at its conclusion

the usual toasts were given. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. Clemow, that of the Past Masters generally following from the chair. To this each of the brethren who have passed the chair of the Lodge replied, and then Bro. Willing assumed the gavel. The W.M. had kindly commissioned him to propose the health of the Visitors, perhaps feeling that it required some one of greater assurance than he to do justice to so glorious an assemblage of guests. The presence of so many Visitors was a particular pleasure to the founders of the Royal Savoy Lodge, for it must be remembered that it was but three years since that it numbered but seven founders, and the attendance now of so many distinguished members of the Craft was an assurance to those seven brethren that what they had done was looked upon with favour. He tendered them all the heartiest welcome the Lodge could afford, and trusted they and others would be present from time to time at the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. W. H. Rohrs W.M. 946 was the first to reply; he tendered the thanks of himself and brother visitors to the brethren of the Lodge for their hospitality. Bro. H. Stiles W.M. 1732 followed. He had visited the Royal Savoy Lodge on several occasions, and had seen each of its Past Masters occupying the chair. The welcome accorded to visitors under the rule of each had been most cordial, there appeared to be one feeling entertained by all as regarded the guests. They each strived to outdo the other in the warmth of their reception, and the invariable invitation was, Come again, we are always pleased to see you. Bro. Michael W.M. 1107 also spoke to the toast, as did Bro. Burgess Worshipful Master 1472, Mursell Worshipful Master 35, Garrod Worshipful Master 754, and others. The toast of the Initiates followed; each of the newly-admitted brethren replying. Brother Willing gave the next toast. As time was rather short, the W.M. had desired him to adopt a somewhat informal course, namely, to propose in one toast success to the Masonic Charities and the Masonic Press. He looked upon these two Institutions as two of the most important adjuncts to Freemasonry. In Brother Mason, the representative of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, they had a thorough support of the Charities, and one who seemed to do everything it was possible for man to do to add to the success of the Institutions connected with the Craft. He ably represented Bro. Terry, the Secretary of the "Old Folks," to whom the brethren of the Royal Savoy Lodge were under some amount of obligation, as he had at the time of the foundation of the Lodge, rendered great service by acting as its Consecrating Officer. His absence on the present occasion was owing to his presence being required elsewhere, but he had sent a very good deputy, and one who could speak to the toast with ability. He thought the best recommendation he could give Bro. Mason personally was to say that he was a somewhat dangerous man to know, as he seemed to possess the knack of advocating the cause of his Institution so well as to compel brethren to support it. He had that evening induced the Past Masters to promise that one of their number should act as Steward at the next Festival of the Benevolent, and it now only remained for the brethren to do their part to render Bro. Mason's work worthy of the reception it should receive. He could not omit to mention also, that he materially assisted the Lodge that evening by acting, first in one capacity and then in another at the earlier part of the evening. As representative of the other portion of the toast, he was glad to again welcome Bro. Morgan jun., and he hoped that at many future meetings of the Lodge these two brethren would again be present. Bros. Mason and Morgan having replied, the W.M. proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and each of those brethren having spoken, the Tyler was called and the concluding toast honoured. The Past Master's jewel presented to Bro. Clemow, bore the following inscription.

"Presented to Bro. F. H. Clemow P.M., by the Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, as a mark of esteem, and in recognition of his valuable services as W.M. 1880-81."

Among the Visitors were Bros. W. Fountain 879, A. Hayman 375, H. Speedy P.M. 742, Henry Stiles W.M. 1732, J. Garrod W.M. 754, C. H. Mursell W.M. 35, R. J. Taylor P.M. 144, H. Medway 177, G. L. Moore P.M. 169, W. Birrell 1310, B. Kanffmann D.C. 1732, T. Batt P.M. 700, J. J. Michael W.M. 1107 P.P.G.P. Kent, W. Knight S.D. 87, J. Mason P.P.S.G.D. Middlesex, J. E. Thomas I.G. 619, J. Knowles 1744, C. G. Brown 1589, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, W. R. Davis I.G. 87, T. Pinn 860, J. H. Grant 1507, A. Wingrove 3, E. Storr J.D. 167, C. Harris 79, C. Baker 201, W. J. Burgess W.M. 1472, W. Abrahams 201, J. Paul 1287, W. H. Rohrs W.M. 946, &c.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday afternoon the brethren of this flourishing Lodge assembled at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect Bro. J. R. Richards, and also to transact other important matters connected with this Lodge in particular and the Order generally. As on former occasions, the Lodge was opened in due form to a minute, all the Officers being in their respective positions previously thereto. This is as it should be. After the minutes of the preceding meeting had been read and confirmed, and some minor matters of detail settled, Bro. Walter John Brooks was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft, the interesting and impressive ceremony being performed by the W.M. Bro. Bryant. The installation ceremony was then proceeded with, in the presence of a board of twenty-three installed Masters—a most unusual occurrence, in South London at least. Bros. Bryant and R. J. Voisey conducted the proceedings, the latter with much tact and efficiency acting as Director of the Ceremonies. There was not a hitch throughout. Bro. Bryant had, moreover, been called upon at a short notice to undertake the labours, as likewise had Bro. Voisey, P.M. Nairne having been called away into the country. At the conclusion of the protracted ritual, Bros. A. Lester, H. Griffiths, J. H. Asman, A. Stribling Organist, and R. J. Voisey sang the anthem, "Behold how good and

joyful," and immediately afterwards the whole of the brethren rendered the hymn commencing "O God our hope." The solemn manner in which this noble composition was rendered had a most pleasing effect, and demonstrated that in addition to many other "gifts and graces," a vast amount of musical talent is cultivated by the brethren of this popular Lodge. The labours associated with the evening were then resumed, under the direction of Bro. Voisey, and the salutations in each degree given in due form. These being concluded, the W.M. proceeded to appoint and invest his Officers for the ensuing year. This part of his duty was performed in a most effective, courteous, and impressive style. The respective charges were given in a manner peculiarly winning. We annex the names of those honoured to hold office. Bro. B. C. Bryant I.P.M., G. S. Mansell S.W., A. Middlemass (P.M. 957) J.W., J. C. Reynolds sen. Treasurer, J. Hirnaman Secretary, J. C. Reynolds jun. S.D., J. J. Brinton J.D., P. A. Nairne P.M. D.C., A. Stribling Organist, G. W. Marsden I.G., H. Forbes Steward, J. H. Woodward Assistant Steward, and W. Harrison Tyler. The W.M. then invested the I.P.M. with a jewel, and in so doing in eloquent terms referred to the manner in which he had discharged the duties which appertained to his office as Master. The past year had been one of unclouded prosperity. The Great Architect of the Universe had shed His benign influence on them, for which they one and all returned the homage of grateful hearts, at the same time renewing their fidelity and allegiance, and hoping the same blessings would be vouchsafed in the future. Continuing, the W.M. said that all the brethren felt under deep obligation to Bro. Bryant for the judicious, able, and exemplary manner in which he had filled the chair during his tenure of office, and the intimacy he had exhibited with all that became a Master Mason in a position of responsibility. He (the W.M.) hoped that he would be long spared to render assistance in that Lodge, for the good of Freemasonry generally, and for the edification of the members in particular. The I.P.M. acknowledged the compliment in a modest speech, characteristic of himself. The report of the Audit Committee was then taken as read, and that portion having reference to the Charities adjourned for consideration until next year. The Lodge was then closed in due form. We may state here that owing to defective ventilation, the heat was almost insupportable. The following members of the Lodge were present:—Bros. P.M.'s Sugden, Lyon, Bickerton, and Bickerstaff; G. P. Britten, C. H. Turner, F. G. Lewin, C. Lyle, C. F. Cockle, F. Armstrong, H. Chabot, R. Irvine, S. H. Goldschmidt, A. W. Hammond, J. W. Turney, J. O. Bradley, C. Cornes, J. A. Thornhill, C. Stevens, C. Wilson, C. J. Tyrell, J. S. Asman, D. D. Mercer, R. Strong, J. P., T. E. Webb, R. J. Voisey, T. T. Brooks, J. B. Noble, T. C. P. Anstey, W. T. Brooks, W. L. Permewan, W. Farmer, and several others. Among the Visitors were Bros. C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., J. Terry P.M. Secretary of the Benevolent Institution, F. Birckes P.M. Past Grand Steward, T. Poore P.M. 720, M. S. Larham P.M. 1216, W. C. Davey J.D. 1512 Treasurer of the Lebanon Chapter, J. Duckett P.M. 507, and Hon. Secretary, H. Vickey P.M. 1475 and 1622, J. H. Botley P.M. 22, W. Arnold 818, O. H. Cohen, F. Dering W.M. 1314, J. G. Loughborough P.M. 140, Rev. H. W. Turner 1347 Chaplain, H. M. Penny 1679, H. Griffiths 18, Alphonso Estoclet 1641, J. Faulkner 1641, J. F. Quatly 228, G. H. Kilson 518, J. Garner P.M. 975 and 1622, H. W. Turner 1347, C. A. Wells W.M. 15, W. H. Mully P.M. 256, M. W. Goss P.M. 176, F. Hilton S.D. 174 Preceptor, D. Rose 73 P.M., R. J. Vincent 1641, G. Cotton 1641, O. H. Cohen 58 S.W., C. S. Scales P.M. 1707, S. Payne S.D. 1669, A. Lester 1309, C. Bickerton, and several other country members. An adjournment to the banquetting-hall, which Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had decorated for the occasion, and in which he had also in readiness a *recherche* banquet, which was served in a most superior manner, and elicited the commendation of all present, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, grace having been sung, the Worshipful Master remarked that, owing to the time occupied in the Temple being of a long duration, and as the brethren who had so kindly proffered their musical services would have to retire at an early hour, he would suggest that the speeches should be as brief as possible. The first toast he should propose would be the Queen and the Craft. Our gracious Queen had truly loyal subjects in the Craft, all of whom desire that she may long continue to hold the sceptre over a prosperous and contented people. The toast was then pledged, and the National Anthem was sung. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, prefacing the toast with some exceedingly eloquent remarks. Following the toast, "God Bless the Prince of Wales" was given, with chorus. The Worshipful Master remarked that as loyalty existed in other minds towards Her Majesty apart from the Order, so also there was fealty therein towards the Grand Lodge, the several members of which had the welfare and interests of Freemasonry at heart, proof of which would recur to the recollection of all who heard him. In the history of Masonry there never had been more efficient members in Grand Lodge than at that moment. He was sure that it afforded the brethren great pleasure to see several members of the Grand Lodge on his right hand on that occasion, and he would avail himself of the opportunity to express his thanks to those brethren who, at much personal inconvenience, wore their jewels from Grand Lodge that evening. He then gave the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, coupling the name of Bro. C. Greenwood Past Grand Sword Bearer, whose merits they all knew and appreciated. After the glee "Strike the Lyre," had been sung, Bro. C. Greenwood responded. He remarked that owing to the pressing nature of his daily avocations he had been unable to take part in all the labours of the afternoon, a circumstance he much regretted. He had on former visits received so many acts of kindness and courtesy from those present that he felt perfectly at home among the members of the Sphinx Lodge, and it afforded him great pleasure that his name should have been associated with the toast, for the reason that an opportunity presented itself to express his opinion, both as regarded the Grand Lodge, and

the position he himself stood before them in. As to the former, they were not to regard the Grand Lodge as being a body merely ornamental to their Order. It was something beyond that. There was a vast deal of work to be done in Grand Lodge, which work moreover was not passed over in a perfunctory manner. Quite the contrary; everything that came under the notice of its members received attention, and he need scarcely add, that being the fact, it had a beneficial influence on the Order. His observations extended not only to what might be termed the Grand Officers, but also to the rank and file. In addition, the labours were readily carried out, and that with more despatch than if transacted by a mere paid staff. He was last year present at the installation of their outgoing Master, and remembered with pleasure how well he did his work on that occasion. There were initiations, passings, and raisings, all of which labour he performed in a manner that on no similar occasion had been surpassed. He had been informed that their Past Master had filled every office in the Lodge. In his progress, therefore, he had been enabled to acquaint himself with all that appertained to the ritual, so that when he arrived at the chair he was perfect, and as a Master Mason possessed that knowledge that but few seemed to care to acquire. But, when acquired, what edification and pleasure was the outcome! Every initiate should resolve to become Master of a Lodge; and, in order to attain that proud position, he should devote all possible time, care, and attention. He could not do better. The goal sooner or later would be reached; but if not, at least he would be a wiser and a better man. Their W.M. elect he had no doubt would emulate the action of his predecessor. The tongue of good report had already been heard in his favour, and if during his year of office matters continued to progress as they had during the past year, their Lodge would stand foremost in South London. He hoped that health and prosperity would attend the Officers, and that all would discharge their duties readily and attentively, as had their predecessors. Bro. Bryant then, in a neat speech, proposed the health of the W.M. who was esteemed by them one and all. He had no apprehension as to the manner in which he would fill the chair, inasmuch as he was conversant with, and equal to any amount of work he might be called on to undertake during his year of office. The W.M. in responding said it was a source of much pleasure to him to know that he should be supported by able and judicious Officers, and that if counsel were needed the Past Masters of the Lodge would co-operate with him whenever their services might be required. The health of the Visitors followed, to which Bros. Cohen and Turner responded. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, which evoked an excellent rejoinder from Brother Bryant. The Past Masters were also given from the chair, to which Bro. Sugden responded. The Treasurer and Secretary, the Charities, the Officers, and the Stewards were the next toasts. Bro. Forbes, as Steward, which office he had held for several years, made a forcible speech, in the course of which he alluded to the fact that Bro. Brinton and himself had conjointly been Stewards for four years. That brother, however, had forsaken him, and gone up higher. However, time alone would reveal whether or not he should occupy the chair before him. The race was not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong. He would do his duty without fear, favour, or dissimulation, and at all seasons, whatever demands they would make on his time and labours, a ready response would be made by him, and he would not (if possible) be found wanting. The Tyler's toast concluded the interesting proceedings. We cannot forbear mentioning, that the selection of vocal music, under the direction of Bro. A. Stribling, by Bros. A. Lester, H. Griffiths, J. H. Asman, and R. J. Voisey, contributed in no small degree to the pleasures of the evening. Their musical ability is of a high order, and all of them were in excellent form. The coming year of this Lodge indicates prosperity, financially and numerically.

LODGE OF ISRAEL, No. 1502.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday evening in the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. The Lodge was established about eight years ago, chiefly for the accommodation of Hebrew brethren. It has met with deserved success, and its usefulness will be still farther extended in the course of a few days, when a Chapter in association with the Lodge will be Consecrated by the Earl of Lathom. At the installation there was a large muster of members and visitors, amongst the latter being Bros. J. P. Platt P.P.G.J.W. Cheshire, H. L. Alpess P.G. Sec., W. A. Clayton P.G.J.W., J. S. Beauford P.P.J.G.W., Dr. Bailey P.G.S., Councillor J. Ball W.M. 673, Dr. H. Pitts W.M. 1620, W. Marquis W.M. 537, &c. Bro. Maurice Aronsberg the W.M. elect was ably installed by Bro. Samuel J. Henochsberg I.P.M. The following Officers were invested:—Bros. the Rev. Professor J. Prag Chaplain, Dr. W. Stern Deputy Chaplain, S. Schoustadt P.M. M.C., M. P. Tieski S.W., Joseph Sabar J.W., M. Hart P.M. Treasurer, H. F. Wright Secretary, D. Gabrielsen S.D., H. M. Silver J.D., M. Baum I.G., P. S. Levy, S.S., H. Archer J.S., E. Capstick A.S., and J. Ball Tyler. At the close of the ceremony the newly-installed W.M. initiated two brethren in an efficient manner. A banquet followed, under his presidency, and in the course of the evening a valuable P.M.'s jewel (the work of Bro. B. Levy, South Castle-street) was presented by the brethren to the I.M.P. Bro. Henochsberg, in acknowledgment of his zealous services to the Lodge. Several musical brethren contributed to the enjoyment of the evening, including Bro. Hargreaves Gill, who played his popular "Fairy Bells."

Neptune Lodge, No 22.—There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of this Lodge, held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the presidency of Bro. George Britton, the Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. Thomas P. Collings I.P.M., John Harper Ph. D. S.W., John

James Slater J.W., Isaac Wilcox P.M. Treas., T. R. Eames P.M. Hon. Sec., Henry Povey S.D., R. W. Coulcher J.D., W. Cook I.G., E. F. Storr P.M. D. of C., C. W. Neats W.S., J. Parkinson Tyler, H. F. Griffin (Master of the Fan Makers' Company), and about 50 other brethren and visitors. Having transacted the business on the agenda, the brethren unanimously selected Bro. John Harper Ph. D. as W.M. for the ensuing year, and the compliment was suitably acknowledged by the W.M. elect. Bro. Isaac Wilcox again accepted the responsibilities of the Treasurership, and Bro. J. Parkinson was re-appointed Tyler. On the motion of Bro. E. F. Storr P.M., five guineas were voted to each of the Charities, and it was resolved to present a jewel to Bro. Britton on his retirement from the chair. The installation will take place on the last Thursday in January. Lodge having been closed in form, the brethren were joined by a numerous party of visitors at a well-served banquet. Pressure on our space compels us to reserve our report for next week.

Gihon Lodge, No. 90.—The annual meeting of this Lodge, for the election of officers and other business, was held on Thursday evening, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a goodly muster, under the presidency of Brother James Moore W.M. Brother John Walter Moore was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, Bro. James Stilwell was re-appointed Treasurer, and Brother G. T. Longstaff was again entrusted with the post of Tyler. At the conclusion of Lodge business the brethren partook of an excellent banquet, and the evening was spent in the pleasant manner usual amongst Masons.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the meeting on Saturday last, at Bro. Fysh's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, there were present Bros. C. Weedon W.M., Giller S.W., Wolf J.W., D. Moss Acting Preceptor, A. W. Fenner Secretary, Spencer S.D., Brasted J.D., G. Ferrar I.G.; also Bros. R. Defriez, G. Lorkin, Carter, Gribbell, Marks, R. M. Jones, Fysh, Lardner, Forge, Davidson, Mitchell, Glass, A. Winborn, &c. Lodge was formally opened, and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Lodge advanced, when Bro. R. M. Jones answered the usual queries, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened up, when the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, Bro. R. M. Jones being the candidate. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. Winborn, of the New Concord, No. 813, and John Glass, of the Chigwell Lodge, No. 453, were elected members. Bro. Giller was formally elected to preside at next meeting, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. Fenner, P.M. of 1277 and W.M. of 1693, will rehearse the ceremony of installation at the next meeting, when he hopes to have a numerous attendance of the old members.

Euphrates Lodge, No. 212.—The annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, when there was a numerous attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Ricknall Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. C. Drosber S.W., D. Glass J.W., J. R. Martin S.D., W. J. Cooper J.D., R. Milleit I.G., James D. Coalville P.M., Thomas Rushton P.M., J. Halsey P.M., Louis Stean P.M., Henry Wood P.M., J. C. Franks P.M., Joseph Coates P.M., James Coverly P.M., Joseph J. Marsh Tyler; J. Benabo, R. McLean, J. B. Copson, Alfred Colson, W. J. Bassett, S. Moss, S. J. Fisk, C. Wills, R. Medcalf, C. H. Evans, and others. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. J. Blundell W.M. 742, Richard T. Cook S.D. 435, J. MacGregor J.D. 1445, and W. R. Davis I.G. 87. Lodge having been opened in form, and the business on the agenda satisfactorily disposed of, the voting took place for W. Master for the ensuing year, in succession to Bro. Ricknall. The choice of the brethren fell unanimously upon Bro. C. Drosber, who had efficiently discharged the duties of the Senior Warden's chair during the past year. Bro. Drosber received the hearty congratulations of the brethren, and suitably acknowledged the compliment which had been paid him. Bro. Thomas Rushton P.M. was elected Treasurer, and Bro. Joseph J. Marsh was re-appointed Tyler. At the conclusion of business, the brethren sat down to a sumptuous repast, provided in excellent style by Messrs. Wood and Romaine, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the numerous party elicited universal expressions of approbation. The customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and amidst an abundance of capital music and singing a most enjoyable evening was passed.

New Concord Lodge, No. 813.—The members of this Lodge assembled on Thursday, 17th inst., for an "off-night," at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present:—Bros. W. Pierpoint W.M., L. C. Haslip S.W., Henry Tiddiman J.W., Rev. C. Stevens Chaplain, John Stilwell Treasurer, R. R. Harper Secretary, Alfred J. Potter S.D., Peter Harnett J.D., J. Boulton Steward; P.M.'s Bros. Sampson George and Thos. James Cusworth; Bros. F. W. Swales, J. Wicks, Frederick Perl, A. Perl, F. M. Wenborn, H. L. Alladice, H. Millson, W. Potter, C. Weedon, C. Smith, and C. T. Speight P.M. 27 Prov. G. Tyler Surrey Tyler. Lodge having been opened in form, Bro. F. M. Wenborn proved himself worthy, and was passed to the F.C. degree by the W.M. There being no other business, the brethren adjourned to a light supper, and the evening was passed in fraternal amity.

Islington Lodge of Instruction, No. 1471.—About 30 members of the above Lodge of Instruction met at the Moorgate Tavern, on Tuesday, 15th inst., to hold the annual supper of the Lodge, under the presidency of Bro. J. L. Mather P. Prov. G.D.C. Heats the Preceptor. On the withdrawal of the cloth the usual Loyal

toasts were given and duly responded to. Bro. Binckes, the Secretary of the Boys' School, responding to the toast of the Charities, made an eloquent appeal on their behalf, observing that from the frequency of his utterances on this subject a great deal of ingenuity would be required on his part to say anything new. He could only reiterate what he had so often said on previous occasions, and lay the several Charities before the brethren for their support with all the earnestness he could command, asking those who had assisted to continue their efforts in the cause, and those who had not yet contributed to give the matter their very earnest consideration. Bro. Binckes' remarks were listened to with much attention by those present.

St. Dunstan's Lodge, No. 1589.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, on Wednesday, evening, under the presidency of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Anthony Woodbridge P.M. No. 1194, amongst those also present Bros. G. M. A. Low, Alfred Tisley Sec., W. Farrington Organist, W. Clemow S.D., F. Farrington J.D., W. E. Farrington I.G., J. W. Benningfield Steward, J. Gilbert Tyler, Henry Turner I.P.M., Walter Wellsman P.M., H. W. Dalwood P.M., J. C. Dwarber P.M., John Dodson P.M., A. H. Jenkins, F. J. Elliot, M. W. Edwards, C. G. Brown, John Waller, E. Symons, J. A. Harrison, H. G. Harris, David R. Lowe, John Jones, John Esson, W. H. Longman, Robert Skelton, John Giseard, A. Dickinson, and F. J. E. Young. Visitors—Bros. John Bertram P.M. 742, George Hollington P.M. 933, T. Walls P.S.B. Middlesex, J. B. Marshall Treas. 1777, E. Blake 507, W. Abbott 507, H. E. Joyce 1601, and Walter P. Story 1865. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and having been advanced, Bros. F. J. Elliot, J. A. Harrison, and David R. Lowe, were raised to the sublime degree, by the Worshipful Master, who performed the ceremony in a perfect and impressive manner. This being the only business on the agenda, Lodge was closed in form, and the brethren partook of an excellent repast, served by Bro. Clemow, in a style for which this old establishment and reputed Hotel is proverbial. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and interspersed with some excellent harmony, the evening was passed happily.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting was held on Thursday, the 18th instant, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Bros. J. Green W.M., H. E. Tucker S.W., W. Seward J.W., Cunningham S.D., Jones J.D., C. Andrews P.M. I.G.; Bros. Bellerby, Walters, Smith, Clarke, Balysey. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Bellerby candidate. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Balysey candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree. The W.M. delivered the charge.

PRESENTATION.

Lodge Sincerity No. 1019, Wakekeld, West Yorks.—At the usual monthly meeting of the above named Lodge, Bro. Joseph Matthewman was chosen W.M. for the ensuing year. Mr. Matthew Samuel Walker was initiated into Masonry, and at the close of business Bro. William Henry Gill, J.P., P.P.G. Warden, presented a full set of Provincial clothing and jewel to Bro. Henry France P.M. P.P.G.D. of C., which had been purchased by a few members of the Lodge, as a recognition of long and valued services. Bro. France was initiated in Lodge Wakefield, 727, now 495, 14th May 1861, and was a founder of Lodge Sincerity, No. 1019, in 1864. He served the office of W.M. in 1866, and was appointed Provincial G.D. of C. by Bro. Bently Shaw, and invested by the Marquess of Ripon in 1872. Bro. France has a son a member of the Lodge. Bro. France's father occupied the office of Prov. G.D. of C. from 1830 till 1849, when he was made S.G. Warden, and was held in high esteem by the Craft.

WHAT IS MOST NEEDED.—We declare the foundations of Masonry imperishable, because they rest upon Divine command. We know that they are no more to be disturbed by open designing enemies than by the amount of their denunciation; nevertheless we may impose upon them a structure that obscures their origin, only to insure a want of respect for our pretensions. If we do this, there is not any escape from merited obscurity. Our Institution, with all others, will be commended or condemned as it adheres to or deviates from its professions. If a Lodge is to command the respect of the community in which it exists, it must insist upon truest manhood from its members. Practical life is the demonstrator of personal character. What a Mason does is the true index of his value to humanity. The same rule applies to men in their associated capacity. Professions are not of any importance in presence of a disregard for obligations, and the more exalted our official or other Masonic attainments the more vivid and damaging our insincerity. Our Fraternity should have men rather than professional theorists who can coolly administer a ritual, become eloquent in discussing the fundamental ideas and demands of the Lodge, and the next moment jubilant in associations that do not have a remote relation to respectability.—*M.W. Wm. Scott, G.M. of Illinois.*

The Installation ceremony will be rehearsed in the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, held at The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Wednesday next, 30th November, at 7 p.m., by Brother W. H. Myers, P.M. 820 and 1445, Preceptor. Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Earl Cowper, K.G., Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the Countess Cowper, left Dublin for Belfast on Tuesday morn-

ing. The Vice-regal party were met on their arrival by the Mayor and Corporation, when a procession was formed, and the distinguished visitors were conducted to the Town Hall, where an address of welcome was presented to his Excellency. The party afterwards left for Clancuboy House, where they were the guests of Sir Thomas and Lady M'Clure. On Wednesday His Excellency received sundry deputations, all of which were highly pleased with the reception accorded them.

Monday, being the forty-first anniversary of the birth of Her Royal and Imperial Highness Victoria Princess of Great Britain and Ireland and Crown Princess of Germany, the new Museum of Art Industry at Berlin was opened, with much pomp and ceremony, by the Crown Prince Frederick William, Deputy Protector of the Grand Lodges of Prussia. Among the speakers was Bro. Sir P. Cunliffe Owen, Director of the South Kensington Museum. A State banquet was held in the afternoon, in the Round Hall of the Imperial Palace, in honour of Her Royal and Imperial Highness's birthday, at which the members of the Imperial Family, the higher Court officials, and the British Ambassador were present.

We regret to announce the continued indisposition of His Majesty the Emperor of Germany, Protector of the Grand Lodges of Prussia.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master of Ireland, with the Duchess of Abercorn, the Hon. Sidney Herbert, M.P., &c., &c., left Baron's Court last week on a visit to Sir John and Lady Leslie, at Glasslough, county Monaghan.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has signified his intention of taking part in the proceedings of a meeting which it is in contemplation to hold in the Chapter House of Westminster Abbey, on Monday, 12th December, under the presidency of Dean Bradley, for the purpose of raising a memorial to the late Dean Stanley.

H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught has consented to preside at a dinner, to be held towards the end of February next, for the benefit of the Royal Association in aid of the Deaf and Dumb, St. Saviour's, Oxford-street.

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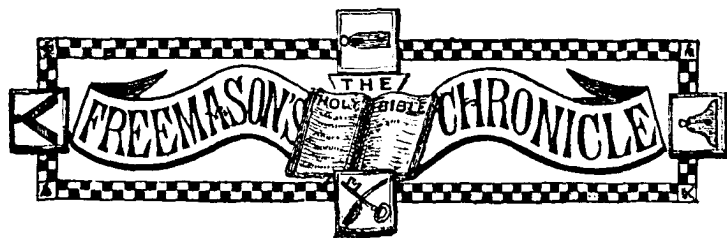
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NEARLY thirty years ago we spent a brief period in Connecticut. The occasion was the dedication, at Danbury, of the monument erected to the memory of General David Wooster, 27th April 1854.

David Clark was then Grand Master, a noble man and Mason, as well as a most efficient workman in our Temple mysteries. The Hon. Henry C. Deming, one of Connecticut's most gifted sons, was orator of the day, while the talented Mrs. Sigourney laid her tribute of poetry upon the altar of her country's hero. It was the only time we ever saw Mrs. S., but shall never forget her noble, calm, dignified motherly appearance. Deming and Clark and the "sweet singer of Connecticut," Mrs. S., have now all "passed over the river," while the writer survives to place their names on record in the VOICE, for others of the Craft to read when he shall have gone to join his earlier co-labourers where the "weary are at rest."

In the early history and biographies of Masons on this Continent is also involved the history of Masonry. Indeed we should know little of the latter if we were not familiar with the former. The elders of the Order are rapidly being numbered, and soon there will be but few living left to tell the story of the fathers. The younger brethren we feel sure will be glad to read these items of the past, especially when involving the character and achievements of one "who fell a martyr to his faith," and gave his life for the freedom and happiness of his country. The story is true, though it may have been long forgotten, or never heard of by those who shall read the present number of the VOICE OF MASONRY. When he is in the grave they may think of the writer, and recall with grateful recollection the noble names he has "placed upon perpetual record."

David Wooster, Master of the first Lodge organized in Connecticut, was born in Stratford, 3rd March 1711. He was the son of Abraham and Mary Wooster, and was reared in the Puritan principles of that era; the discipline of his early years was severe and sober. He had but just reached his twenty-seventh year, when England declared war against Spain. The protection which the English flag extended to smugglers and pirates compelled the people of the colonies to organize for their own protection. To provide for this, the General Assembly of Connecticut, at its May session in 1740, ordered a sloop of war to be built and equipped. The sloop was launched at Middletown and named the Defence, of which Bro. Wooster was appointed Lieutenant and afterwards Captain, and here commenced his long career in defence of his native land against foreign aggression.

In the Defence we find him from 1741 to 1743 cruising between Cape Cod and the Capes of Virginia. As he passed the rock-bound shores of Connecticut, he ran into New London for supplies, and into New Haven on a stolen visit to Mary, who was yet to be his bride.

While Wooster was employed in this humble service the question of colonial commerce grew into a general struggle of Europe. The Pragmatic Sanction which settled the throne of Austria upon Maria Theresa, was solemnly guaranteed by all the principal powers of Europe. But the crown was hardly placed upon her brow before Frederick of Prussia, and Louis of France conspired to despoil her of her hereditary dominions,—one whose sex, youth and beauty presented the strongest claims to their protection. England remained true to the house of Hapsburg. Both hemispheres were plunged in war, and as one of the direct results of royal perjury, thousands in the remote valleys of Connecticut, who would otherwise have descended in green old age to where

"The rude forefathers of Hamlet sleep,"

shed their young life-blood on battle-fields from Detroit to Louisburg, and found early graves in the snows of Canada and the sands of the West Indies.

Louisburg, on the Island of Cape Breton, was the camp and arsenal of France in America, and the scourge of the English. It became necessary, therefore, to destroy this nest where war and outrage was fostered to the injury of the English, and the destruction of the commerce and industries of the colonists; and the New England States, backed up by New Jersey and Pennsylvania, were ready to undertake the task, however formidable it might prove.

Into this scheme Wooster entered with all the zeal of his ardent and unselfish nature. He was the first to volunteer, and the first to receive a Captain's commission, and among the earliest to have his command ready for the field. The month previous to his departure on this expedition was that to which his mind reverted in after years, with the tenderest emotions, for 6th March 1745 he was married to Mary, the daughter of the Rev. Thomas Clap, President of Yale College,—a wife who, from the date of nuptials, never failed to cling to him with all a true woman's constancy and devotion. He purchased the old homestead in New Haven, on the street which bears his honoured name, and there established his household gods for the remainder of his days.

The English and Colonial fleet sailed for Cape Breton, 11th April 1745. The powerful French stronghold held the English squadron at bay for a long time, but finally the want of provisions, and the incompetency of the French commander, induced the latter to surrender, and the English gladly embraced the opportunity to obtain possession of the enemy's fortress without farther bloodshed. There were not many laurels won on either side during the siege, and Wooster seems to have won the brightest. A British Captain had ventured to apply his rattan to one of Captain Wooster's men, and Wooster remonstrated with him for abusing his authority. The Briton resented in unmeasured terms, and drew his sword to chastise the adviser on the spot. Wooster parried his thrusts and disarmed him, and compelled him to ask pardon and promise that he would never again disgrace with a blow any soldier in the service. The terms were accepted, and while Wooster won the title of the soldiers' friend and protector, the aggressor was glad to retire from the army.

Captain Wooster, in consideration of his gallantry, was entrusted with the command of a cartel ship to convey the trophies and prisoners to England, where he was received with extraordinary exultation—for England just then was in want of victories and heroes. He was presented at court, and a Captain's commission in the service awarded him; thus the future commander-in-chief of the Connecticut rebels was fêted, feasted and rewarded with a royal commission from the British crown. The French surrendered their citadel 17th June, and just 30 years afterwards was fought the battle of Bunker Hill. In this opening conflict of the revolution, Col. Gridley, Seth Pomeroy, Col. Fry, Wooster and Whiting were present, and they had all shared in the campaign against Louisburg, where they had borne the English flag to victory. So early was Providence marshalling the forces and forging the thunderbolts of the revolution.

While abroad Wooster became impressed with the importance of some tie that should bring manhood into closer affinity, and make brothers of those who would otherwise have remained strangers. Whether Wooster was made a Mason previous to the siege of Louisburg or while in England, whither he had gone in command of the cartel with trophies and prisoners, we cannot tell, but suspect that while he was in England he became a Freemason. One thing we know, that soon after his return to Connecticut, he procured from the Provincial Grand Lodge of Massachusetts a charter under which Hiram Lodge was organized in 1750—the first Lodge organized in Connecticut, and of which Wooster was appointed first Master. That Lodge is still at work, and prospering, after more than 130 years of labour and experience.

But the fourth inter-colonial, called the French and Indian war, followed in a few years, in which Washington, Gates, Putnam, Stark, Wooster, Prescott, Montgomery, Lee, Mercer, and a host of others, were educated in part and disciplined for the fiery ordeal of the revolution. Into this new struggle Wooster entered with all the ardour of his younger years. In 1756, as colonel of the third regiment of Connecticut, he joined the army at Albany, consisting of ten thousand regulars and provincials—the finest army yet seen in America. For the following seven years Wooster was engaged in active service with the army, but the story, brilliant as it is, would require too much space for this article. In 1763, at the return of peace, Wooster enjoyed for twelve years the quiet and repose of a luxurious home, with the wife and family he almost worshipped. He engaged in mercantile pursuits, which yielded quick returns and large profits. He and his wife had both possessed an ample fortune, which was largely increased by his salary as Collector, and his half-pay as Captain. His home was one of opulence and hospitality. The hickory blazed on his hearth in winter, while the summer's breeze from the Sound fanned the feverish brow, and filled his house and ground with odours and perfumes as though they came from the "groves and gardens of Araby the blest." Mrs. Wooster was a heroine of the revolutionary type, with a presence and manners dignified and imposing. In the earlier years of her married life, the only drawback to her happiness was that she could not share her husband's danger in the field, but having once more recovered him from the battle-field, she exerted her rare accomplishments to enhance the charms of home, while two children, a son and a daughter, added to the sunshine surrounding the princely old homestead in New Haven.

But now comes the final struggle, and the old soldier who had won renown on many a battle-field in defence of "the meteor flag of England," must now prove recreant to the land of his birth and the principles he had imbibed from his New England education and home and instruction, or resist to the death the oppression of Old England. He participated in the first aggressive act against the crown, by uniting with others to capture Fort Ticonderoga.

In May 1775, Connecticut ordered one-fourth of its militia to be armed and equipped for immediate service, and the now venerable Wooster was appointed major-general and commander-in-chief, with Joseph Spencer and Israel Putnam as brigadiers, and immediate active service followed the appointment.

He was now sixty-five years of age, and was not unprepared for the casualties of battle. In early youth, before his mind was distracted with the cares and vexation of manhood, he had brought his reason and faith to accord with the claims of divine revelation. As a true Mason he accepted the Holy Scriptures as the only safe rule in this life, and the only sure guide to the next. When but twenty-two years of age, in the church of his birthplace, by a profession of Christianity, he publicly assumed its vows and acknowledged its hopes. This allusion to the religious element in Wooster's character will serve as an introduction to the following incident. The statement is from the lips of a venerable citizen of New Haven, an officer of the patriot forces.

"The last time I saw General Wooster was in June 1775. He was at the head of his regiment, which was then embodied on the green in front of where the centre church now stands. They were ready for a march, with their arms glistening, and their knapsacks on their backs. Colonel Wooster had already despatched a messenger for his minister, the Rev. Jonathan Edwards, with a request that he would meet the regiment, and pray with them before their departure.

He then conducted his men in military order into the meeting-house, and seated himself in his own pew, awaiting the return of the messenger. He was speedily informed that the clergyman was absent from home. Colonel Wooster immediately stepped into the deacon's seat in front of the pulpit, and calling his men to attend prayers, offered up an humble petition for his beloved country, for himself, the men under his immediate command, and for the success of the cause in which they were engaged. His prayer was offered with the fervent zeal of an apostle, and in such pathetic language that it drew tears from many an eye. When he had closed, he left the house with his men in the same order they had entered it, and the regiment took up its line of march for New York. With that prayer on his lips, and welling up from his great patriotic heart, he entered upon the Revolution."

The best and purest of men have their sorrows, and it is because they are men and not angels. Under the colonial organization Connecticut was entitled to one major-general, and that position Wooster had won by thirty years of faithful service in the army. Under the new arrangement by Congress, Putnam was assigned the first place in the army; while Wooster was compelled to accept the position of brigadier under Putnam, or retire from the service. The former he could do, though at the sacrifice of feeling and position; the latter he could not do, especially while his country was calling upon her children for aid in the grand struggle for freedom.

He laid aside his personal grievance, however, and marched with his command to the front, where he was met by the insults of Schuyler—such as would have driven any other man from the army; but Wooster's patriotism was of too noble and lofty a type, and the insulting letters and remarks of such men as Schuyler only elevated Wooster in the estimation of every true love of his country. But Schuyler's conduct became such at last, that even the high-toned, gentlemanly and forbearing Wooster could endure it no longer, and he appealed to Congress for relief. He was, at his own request, recalled, and within one month afterwards the army was driven out of Canada.

Wooster returned to Connecticut with the undiminished respect and confidence of his fellow citizens; and as the Assembly had recently raised six brigades for home defence, he was promptly appointed the major-general and commander-in-chief. With zeal unchilled either by age or misfortune he again entered the service of the commonwealth. When General Wooster was again called to lead the Connecticut troops he was compelled to draw upon his private funds to pay both officers and men, for which he took receipts. The vouchers for these disbursements were all destroyed by the British in 1779, and his venerable and accomplished wife was, in her declining years, actually imprisoned for debt from the impossibility of recovering the money her husband had advanced to his suffering country; while the self-conceited Schuyler, who had been sure to keep out of harm's way, was revelling in wealth obtained by marriage with one of the old English aristocratic families!

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This day (Saturday) the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Derbyshire, will address his constituents of the North Eastern Division of Lancashire, in the Amphitheatre, Blackburn. As may well be imagined, the demand for tickets has been very considerable.

The Duke of Marlborough left Thomas's Hotel towards the end of last week for Blenheim Palace, where he and the Duchess purpose receiving a succession of visitors.

Among the guests at the annual dinner of the Botley and South Hants Farmers' Club was Bro. W. W. B. Beach Prov. Grand Master Hants and the Isle of Wight.

It is very satisfactory to hear that Lord Sherborne Past Provincial Grand Master of Gloucestershire, who had been somewhat seriously indisposed, is in a fair way of recovery.

The Earl and Countess Granville have returned to Carlton House Terrace from Walmer Castle.

"Grand Day" of Michaelmas term was held at Gray's Inn, on Tuesday, on which occasion H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught took his seat for the first time since his election as a Master of the Bench.

A meeting of upwards of fifty magistrates of county Wicklow was held at the International Hotel, Bray, on Saturday last, for the purpose of passing resolutions in favour of the measures taken by the Government for the restoration of peace and tranquillity in Ireland. The chair was taken by the Earl of Meath, Lord Lieutenant of the county, and among those present was Viscount Powerscourt P.G.M. Wicklow and Wexford, who seconded the first and principal resolution.

The same day a meeting of the Deputy Lieutenants, magistrates, and land-owners of County Leitrim was held at Carrick-on-Shannon, under the presidency of Lord Harlech Provincial Grand Master of North Connaught, when, among other resolutions that were passed, was one expressing the determination of those present to support the Government in its efforts to restore order.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF OXFORDSHIRE.

THE Annual Provincial Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Tuesday, 22nd inst., in the Apollo University Masonic Hall, Oxford. In the unavoidable absence of the Provincial Grand Master, H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, K.G., the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, W. Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., presided. There was a good attendance of the brethren of the Province. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the reports of the various Lodges in the Province were read, and declared to be satisfactory. The Treasurer read his report, and the usual votes to Masonic and local Charities were passed. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master alluded to the great services of Bro. Randall, who had for twenty-six years served the Provincial Grand Lodge as its Treasurer, and by the vote of the Lodge presented Bro. Randall, who was now retiring from the office, with a Past Provincial Grand Treasurer's jewel, which was acknowledged by Bro. Randall, in a very feeling speech. Bro. W. G. Emberlin was unanimously elected Treasurer. A grant of £10 10s was made to the Hervey Memorial Fund. A vote of thanks was given to Bro. G. Wyatt and Bro. Davison for services recently rendered to the Province. A pension was voted to the late Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Hobbs. Bars of the Charity Jewel were presented to Bros. Withington, R. H. Cooper Smith, Wigram, and J. Potts.

The Deputy Provincial Grand Master then invested the Officers for the ensuing year, as follows:—

Bro. J. Potts	-	-	-	Prov. Grand Senior Warden
J. J. Hughes	-	-	-	Junior Warden
F. H. Penny	-	-	-	Chaplain
W. G. Emberlin	-	-	-	Treasurer
W. H. White	-	-	-	Registrar
A. Winkfield P.P.G.W.	-	-	-	Secretary
H. Houghton P.P.G.W.	-	-	-	Assist. Secretary
W. P. Ellis	-	-	-	Senior Deacon
J. Salter	-	-	-	Junior Deacon
W. Atkins	-	-	-	Supt. of Works
R. E. Baynes	-	-	-	Dir. of Ceremonies
M. H. Humfrey	-	-	-	"
H. G. Drinkwater	-	-	-	Sword Bearer
A. Rowley	-	-	-	Organist
W. L. Morgan	-	-	-	Pursuivant
T. E. Withington	-	-	-	"
S. D. Darbshire	-	-	-	Steward
T. Lucas	-	-	-	"
A. Breakspear	-	-	-	"
C. Head	-	-	-	"
S. Sandbach	-	-	-	"
— Monckton	-	-	-	"
G. Norwood	-	-	-	Tyler
W. Biggs	-	-	-	Assistant Tyler

The brethren afterwards dined together at the Clarendon Hotel, where Mr. Attwood supplied a repast of the most *recherche* description, which was served up in excellent style. After the usual Loyal toasts the Deputy Prov. Grand Master proposed "The Grand Master," "The Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Officers of Grand Lodge," which was responded to by Bro. F. J. Morrell P.G.D., "The Provincial Grand Master H.R.H. Prince Leopold," was then proposed by the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, who explained the cause of H.R.H.'s absence that day. "The Provincial Grand Officers, present and past," came next, this was replied to by Bro. J. Potts, the Provincial Senior Grand Warden. Bro. F. J. Morrell then proposed "The health of the Deputy Provincial Grand Master," to which Bro. Bird replied. "The Masonic Charities" and the "Tyler's Toast" completed the list. By the courtesy of the Great Western Railway Company the Banbury brethren returned the same evening by a special train.

SPAIN.—At this moment Freemasonry holds a position in Spain very interesting alike to note and watch. In that country *par excellence* of opposition to Masonry, the home of the Inquisition, and the scene of Masonic persecution ceaseless and cruel, the prime Minister, Senor Sagasta, is now Grand Master. Gone, let us hope, forever, are the hindrances to, and denunciations of, Freemasonry. Ended, let us trust, are all those serious difficulties of legal recognition which have always rendered the position of Freemasonry in Spain an unenviable one, and at one time threatened to swamp it altogether. For Freemasonry cannot, and does not flourish in the dark shade of secret meetings, forbidden by law, and which almost always are metamorphosed into surreptitious and hurtful political associations. Legality and order, loyalty and charity are its ever essential characteristics, and without them Freemasonry ceases to be Freemasonry proper; and, call it what you will, degenerates either into a political club or a hurtful association. Truly speaking, Freemasonry only serenely flourishes amid the peace and stability of empires and republics, inasmuch as always obeying the laws of the land, be they what they may, Freemasons respect all forms of government, and never conspire against the State.—*Australian Freemason.*

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Though good health is preferable to high honour, how regardless people often are of the former—how covetous of the latter! Many suffer their strength to drain away ere maturity is reached, through ignorance of the facility afforded by these incomparable Pills of checking the first untoward symptoms of derangement, and reinstating order without interfering in the least with their pleasures or pursuits. To the young, especially, it is important to maintain the highest digestive efficiency, without which the growth is stunted, the muscles become lax, the frame feeble, and the mind slothful. The removal of indigestion by these Pills is so easy that none, save the most thoughtless, would permit it to sap the springs of life.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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OCCASIONAL PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I am pleased the movement that was so strenuously advocated in your columns a short time since has borne fruit, and that at least one lecture has been given since the idea was recently formulated, while two papers which had been read in different Lodges have been published in your columns. The series of "Occasional Papers" you have started, bids fair to be a useful "addition to our Masonic Literature," and when a sufficient number of them has appeared, it strikes me they should be reproduced in book form. In that case, Lodges need never be at a loss for a little variety in the business transacted. It is all very well to talk about the beauties of Freemasonry, but the most beautiful picture that man ever set eyes on must in time become wearisome to behold. Our ceremonies, when they are well rehearsed, are very impressive, but candidates for the three degrees are not always forthcoming, and I cannot see how a body of sensible men, assembled in Lodge, could spend a vacant twenty minutes more profitably to themselves than by listening to such a paper, say, as the one read by Bro. Whytehead in the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. There are those who think the "Entered Apprentice Song" is, as a poetical composition, one of the finest that was ever penned by English writer, while the music to which it is set rivals the sublimest strains of Handel or Mozart. Be it so; no reasonable being will have the slightest objection to the adoption even of the extremest or most eccentric opinions. But the same liberality should be extended to those who are not given to the same expression of extreme opinions, and are only eccentric in so far as they believe that an occasional departure from routine is not seriously to be objected to, and need not be stigmatised as an innovation that is calculated to wound the tenderest susceptibilities of the most conservative Freemason. You may depend upon it the Scottish domestics did a very sensible thing when they bargained not to dine off salmon more than so many days in the week, and you may signally depend upon it that Masons would be all the better if they occasionally indulged in some other mental pabulum than the eternal, albeit beautiful ceremony and lectures.

Faternally and faithfully,

A MILD REFORMER.

GRAND LODGES OF ENGLAND AND QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—Had I not been so closely occupied during the last few weeks, I should have written, not for the purpose of endorsing your opinions on the differences between these Grand Lodges—it would be an act of presumption on my part to entertain such an idea—but with a view to pointing out that the circumstances of the dispute are somewhat different from the ordinary run of such cases. No one objects to the broad principles laid down by the advocates of exclusive jurisdiction. If the Grand Lodge of New York issued a warrant for the erection of a new Lodge in the State of Pennsylvania, it would be the one and only reasonable course for the Grand Lodge of the latter to resent the invasion of its territory. So if Scotland took a similar step and established a Lodge in London, or if England set up one in Edinburgh, either Grand Lodge would have just grounds for objecting to such a course. But the difference which Quebec would fasten upon our Grand Lodge has arisen out of quite another array of circumstances. The Grand Lodge of Quebec is an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of Canada, as the Grand Lodge of Canada is an offshoot of the Grand Lodge of England. When England recognised the Masonic independence of Canada, it did so conditionally. It acquiesced in the secession of those of its Lodges which were desirous of affiliating with the New Grand Lodge, but it claimed for those who were not desirous of seceding the right to remain under its authority, an undertaking being given at the same time to erect no new Lodges on Canadian territory. This conditional recognition was accepted; the claim was seen to be perfectly just and reasonable; and the undertaking on the part of England has been honourably kept during the quarter of a century the Grand Lodge of Canada has been in existence. Quebec separated from Canada, if I remember rightly in 1867, since when England, acting in accordance with her original policy, and with a liberality which cannot be too highly commended, in recognising the new Masonic body, stipulated for the freedom, as heretofore, of its own Lodges. It must be remembered that true Masonic liberality consists quite as much in allowing Lodges to remain if they choose in the jurisdiction to which they owe their existence as in sanctioning their departure, and their affiliation with another body; and what cause of complaint Quebec can possibly have against the three English Lodges at Montreal clinging to their old love, the Grand Lodge of England, is beyond my comprehension. It is said they interfere with the authority of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, though what is the nature of the interference is not apparent. Lodges holding under the English, Irish and Scotch Constitutions respectively, meet side by side in the British Colonies and Dependencies, and it is found as a rule that they work together very harmoniously. It ought not to be so very difficult for the Grand Lodge of Quebec to accept a state of

things which worked well enough when there was no such Grand Lodge in existence, and which is found to work admirably in Australia, India, China, and elsewhere.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

ALPHA.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

THE monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn Senior Vice-President, James Brett Junior Vice-President, and C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P. The Lodge was very numerous attended. Amongst the Grand Officers present were Bros. Shadwell Clerke G. Sec., J. M. Case P.G.D., Col. Somerville Burney, Peter de Lande Long, Frank Richardson, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., and H. G. Buss Assistant Grand Secretary. At the Board of Masters, which was first held, the agenda paper for the next meeting of Grand Lodge was submitted to the brethren, and settled. At the Lodge of Benevolence the brethren first confirmed recommendations of grants made at last meeting of the Lodge to amount of £375. There were no less than 56 cases on the new list, a number totally unprecedented in the history of the Lodge, and more than double the average number. During a sitting of five hours and a quarter the brethren deferred four of these cases for completion, and dismissed one case. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £1630. The Lodge was then closed.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE GIRLS' SCHOOL.

THE November meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held on Thursday afternoon, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Lieut.-Col. Creaton Grand Treasurer (in the chair), John A. Rucker, Thomas Francis Peacock, Frank Richardson, the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, A. J. Duff-Filer, H. A. Dubois, A. H. Tattershall, Joshua Nunn, Arthur E. Gladwell, H. Massey, James Peters, E. Spooner, E. M. Money, C. G. Brown, C. H. Webb, T. J. Staunton, C. G. Rushworth, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, authority was given to the Chairman to sign cheques, and the Secretary was authorised to sign the new agreement for the tenancy of the offices of the Institution. Three petitions were received, and the candidates' names were placed on the list for next April election. The Committee then adjourned.

ALHAMBRA THEATRE.—After being closed for several weeks for redecoration and to undergo some structural alterations, the Alhambra Theatre will re-open on Saturday, 3rd December, with an English Version of *La Biche au Bois*, under the title of "BLACK CROOK." The Lord Chamberlain having required the Directors of the Alhambra to make a fireproof division between the stage and the auditorium, advantage has been taken to make various improvements in the Theatre, not the least of which is a widening of the proscenium, and a raising of the seats on the ground floor by means, of which a much better view of the stage is obtained. The Theatre has been newly and most sumptuously furnished, the staircases to and the seatings of the Stalls have been enlarged, and the whole of the Auditorium and the various approaches have been re-embellished in the style in which the Alhambra was originally decorated. The Dome is to be illuminated by the Electric light, the effect of which is expected to be exceptionally brilliant.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.30, YOUTH. On Boxing Day, ROBINSON CRUSOE.
HER MAJESTY'S.—At 8.15, BRONZE HORSE. At 10, IN A STAR.
COVENT GARDEN.—On Boxing Day, LITTLE BO PEEP, LITTLE BOY BLUE, AND THE LITTLE OLD WOMAN THAT LIVED IN A SHOE.
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 7.15, THE LIGHTS OF LONDON.
GLOBE.—At 7.15, CUT OFF WITH A SHILLING. At 8, IMPRUDENCE, &c.
GALEATY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.30, BUBBLES. At 8.30, WHITTINGTON AND HIS CAT. Wednesday at 3 p.m., A THREAD OF SILK.
STRAND.—At 7.15, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, OLIVETTE.
VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, THE FENWITCHERS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c. On Monday, MARRIAGE BEELS, &c.
HAYMARKET.—At 7.45, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.
PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.30, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.30, THE COLONEL.
NEW SADLER'S WELLS.—At 7.30, PEEP O' DAY.
ROYALTY.—At 7.30, FOR LEE. At 8.30, GENEVIEVE DE BRABANT.
COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEINE FROU-FROU. At 8.15, THE MASCOTTE.
SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLE, and PATIENCE.
ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, THE CAPE MAIL. At 8.15, HOME.
OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, QUID PRO QUO. At 8.30, PRINCESS TOTO.
CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.15, BRIGHTON.
COURT.—At 8.15, TWENTY MINUTES UNDER AN UMBRELLA. At 8.45, HONOUR. On Wednesday, ENGAGED.
CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, CONCERT. Open Daily. Aquarium. Picture Gallery, &c.
ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, AS YOU LIKE IT. CONCERT, &c. Open Daily.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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SATURDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Prince George, Parkholme Road, Dalston.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilsnon, Pier Hotel, Greebitho
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigau.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

MONDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7. (Inst.)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7. (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.

- 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

- 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington, (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30., (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8. (Inst.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (Inst.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8. (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30. (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 337—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Sherstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 897—Loyalty, Fleece Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Paignton
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester

WEDNESDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

- House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 1193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8. (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7. (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Peplar
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8. (Inst.)
 1694—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1692—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Grenon, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 259—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 330—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llandudno

- 758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
 M. M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
 K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster
 R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction)
 192—Lion and Lamb, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 227—Ionic, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 538—La Tolerance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction)
 822—Victoria Rifles, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1178—Perfect Ashlar, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1351—St. Clement Danes, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 1672—Mornington, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (Inst.)
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1772—Pimlico, Morpeth Arms Tavern, Millbank
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich, (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Bell Hotel, Shoreditch

- 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
 360—Pomert, Fabington Street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 636—D'Oyley, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
 702—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 816—Royd, Spring Gardens Inn, Wardle, near Rochdale
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1164—Elliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1231—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1282—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1284—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1367—Beamister Manor, White Hart Hotel, Beamister
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Starkie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1576—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Heris, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stone Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Bulth, Breconshire
 R.A. 429—Thanet, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 R.A. 531—Rectitude, Corporation Hotel, Tipping-st., Airdwick, Openshaw, Man.
 R.A. 753—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Heme Hill.
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction)
 597—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 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, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 836—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1293—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (Inst.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
 1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1842—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd., N. Kensington, at 8. (Inst.)
 1845—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 (A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C., at 8.30
 41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 401—Royal Forest, Hark to Bounty Inn, Slaidburn
 412—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 632—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 998—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1034—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh
 1333—Aethelstan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1649—Prince of Wales, Free masons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 3rd DECEMBER.

142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

St. James's Union Chapter, No. 180.—A convocation of this Chapter was held on the 22nd instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. A. L. Annett M.E.Z., E. Farwig H., Keyes J., Reed S.E., Fletcher S.N., R. Baker P.S.; P.Z.'s L. Pillin, Stonor; Comps. J. Andrews, Van Daren, Wade, E. Bateman, Harris, Smith; Visitors—H. J. Gabb H. 813, E. Bowyer P.Z. 1471, H. M. Levy P.Z. 188. The Chapter was opened and the minutes of the former convocation were read and confirmed. A ballot having been previously taken for the admission of Bro. T. S. Herbert J.D. 1139, he was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The working of the M.E.Z., Principals, and Officers was perfect. The Chapter was then closed until February, and the company sat down to an excellent banquet and dessert provided by Bro. Best and superintended by Comp. Dawkins. The M.E.Z. proposed the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts. Comp. Pillin I.P.Z. had much pleasure in proposing the toast of the M.E.Z. All who knew him respected him, and are proud to see him occupying the chair. The M.E.Z. in reply thanked Comp. Pillin for his cordial remarks; he very much appreciated the kindness of the Companions in placing him in the chair; he would do all in his power for the welfare of the Chapter, and strive to perform his duties to their satisfaction. The M.E.Z. then proposed the toast of the newly exalted Comp. Herbert, whom they were all pleased to see. He hoped he would be among them for many years. Companion Herbert, in brief but appropriate terms, responded. The M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the Visitors, for which Companions E. Bowyer, H. M. Levy, and Gabb severally responded. The toast of the H. and J. came next. The Companions had seen that evening how they had fulfilled their respective duties; their working was complete, and Comp. Annett was sure, in the course of events, these excellent Companions would eventually occupy the First Principal's chair. Comp. Farwig ably responded; he was followed by Comp. Keyes J. The M.E.Z. then proposed the P.Z.'s; they had only three present, but they could give great credit to Companion Reed S.E., who is one of the mainstays of the Chapter, and keeps it together in love and unity. Comp. Pillin is the Treasurer; they know what his duties are, and they had seen his ability in that capacity; in the past they had seen his working in the Chapter. Comp. Pillin P.Z. Treasurer responded. It was with pride he said he was the oldest Companion in the Chapter; his services were at their command, and he hoped to be spared for many years more to be among them. The toast of the S.N., Comp. Fletcher, and the P.S., Comp. Baker, came next. The M.E.Z. had great pleasure in proposing that toast, as he considered these posts as stepping stones to the chair. The proceedings were brought to a close with the Janitor's toast. Comps. Pillin, Baker, J. Andrews, and Smith contributed to the harmony.

Lodge of Prudent Brethren, No. 145.—The regular meeting was held on 22nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Dr. Wilkinson W.M., C. A. Woods S.W., Kerrell J.W., T. Bull P.M. Treasurer, Lamb as Secretary, Read J.D., Banks I.G., P.M.'s Lister I.P.M., Leggott, Haslett, G. States, and a numerous attendance of the brethren. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The election for W.M. took place, and Bro. C. A. Woods S.W. was chosen to fill that important post. Bro. T. Bull, amid great applause, was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Reinhardt Tyler. It was proposed that a jewel be presented to the W.M. for the zeal he displayed during his year of office. Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to a banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and excellently superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Lister

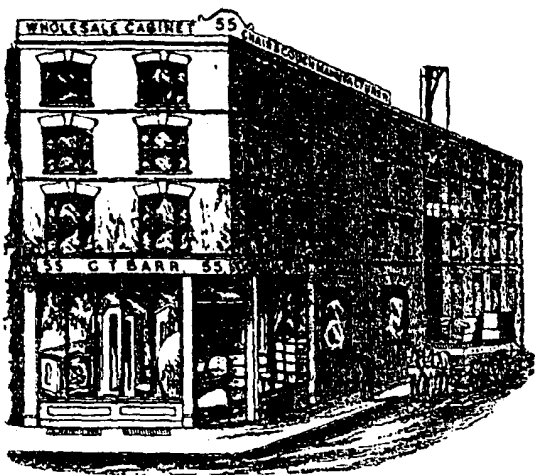
I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. The W.M. elect, Bro. Woods and the Wardens were severally complimented, after which the brethren separated. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188 was present as a visitor.

Lodge of Union, 414.—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 15th November, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Stephens P.M. Treasurer W.M., R. C. Mount P.M. S.W., F. J. Ferguson J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry P.M. Grand Chaplain Berks and Bucks Chap., S. A. Powell P.M. Treasurer, M. J. Withers Secretary, S. Wheeler S.D., A. W. Parry J.D., F. Blackwell D.C., C. G. Butler and J. W. Martin Stewards, D. H. Witherington I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s R. Bradley Prov. G. Secretary Berks and Bucks, Oades, Honnslow, Moxhay, Yetts, S. Bradley I.P.M.; also Bros. Dodd, Sydenham, Higgs, Moffatt, Hawkes, Rayner, Hayward. Visitors—Bros. Nash 1112, Blackwell W.M. 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. 1101, R. Dowsett S.W. 1101. After preliminaries, three joining candidates were elected. Bro. Conder P.M. Prov. G. Registrar Berks and Bucks gave the lecture on the second tracing board, in his usual correct and impressive manner, which called forth a unanimous vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes. The motion of the Treasurer, Bro. Pocock P.M., to vote the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge towards providing an organ or harmonium for the Lodge, was referred to the Permanent Committee, who would report thereon. The recommendation of the Permanent Committee to raise the price of the banquet tickets was also discussed, and the question adjourned. A candidate for initiation was proposed, also one for joining, after which the Lodge was closed, and adjourned to December.

St. Augustine Lodge, No. 972.—This Lodge met at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., for the purpose of installing the W.M., Bro. Samuel F. Pringner S.W. There was a very numerous assembly of brethren, including 19 Past Masters. The Visitors were—Bros. T. H. Walkley W.M. 31, H. G. Gann S.D. 1915, A. Taylor P.M. 1110 P.G.S. Sussex, John Head P.M. 1110, J. Sutton S.W. 1110, John Eastes 1110, E. Warrick Jones 1110, W. Ashenden I.G. 31, John R. Hall P.M. 31 P.P.G.A. Sec., Robert Jamblin W.M. 1837 P.G.C., H. Taylor W.M. 1273, W. W. Turner P.M. 1449, F. Fletcher 33, J. R. Reeves Sec. 1915, Charles Reeves 1915, Peter Williams S.W. 1915, C. Etheridge 1915, S. Saunders 1915, W. Coleman J.D. 1915, R. Boughton Smith W.M. 1915 P.M. 511 540 1001 P.P.G.S.D. Leicester and Rutland, H. Naylor P.M. 1449. The impressive ceremony was most ably and carefully performed by the W.M. Bro. Beer P.M. 1449. The Officers of the Lodge were then appointed and invested by the W.M. as follows:—E. Beer I.P.M., T. B. Rosseter S.W., T. Crump J.W., G. Pilcher P.M. Treas., H. F. Pringner Hon. Sec., W. Price S.D., W. Plant J.D., S. Newman I.G., J. G. Fawcett Organist, R. Westwood and — Moulding Stewards, W. Harnett Tyler, R. Ewell Assistant Tyler, C. Holtam P.M. 31 Almoner, J. Welsh P.M. Delegate to the Charity Committee and D.O. After the Lodge was closed, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Hotel, where the usual banquet was served up by Shaxby Brothers in their well-known excellent style. Fifty-one brethren sat down, the newly installed W.M. presiding. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured. The Provincial Grand Chaplain, in responding for the Provincial Grand Officers, congratulated the Masons of Canterbury upon possessing a Temple so admirably suited for the solemnities of the day, as well as the general requirements of the Craft, strongly urging them never to allow it to be used for other than Masonic purposes (an event which is not likely to take place, seeing it is at present occupied by the three Canterbury Lodges, 31, 972, 1449; St. Martin Lodge Mark Masons, Bertha Chapter R.A., Ethelbert Chapter Rose Croix, and the "Black Prince" Preceptory). To his mind there was something very incongruous in holding some frivolous entertainments in the same room that was used for a Masonic service. He was glad to find a friendly spirit existing between the several Lodges. The toast of "The Visitors" was responded to by Bro. Head, from Eastbourne, as one who had come the greatest distance, and Bro. Saunders of Whitstable as the youngest Mason. The latter alluded to the kindly feeling evinced towards him by the Canterbury brethren. Although he considered himself but a "neophyte," he seemed to have caught the spirit of the genuine principles of our Order, when he wound up by repeating some appropriate and beautiful lines of Leigh Hunt's, inculcating, by way of an Eastern Apologue the pre-eminence of "brotherly love" over all other virtues. Bro. P.M. Welsh, in responding for the Masonic Charities, pressed upon the brethren the necessity of increased subscriptions in order to keep pace with the daily increasing number of deserving cases. Bros. Plant, Moulding, Higgins and Rhodes, of the Cathedral choir, executed a choice programme of songs, glees, &c., and contributed in no small degree to the enjoyment of the evening, which was brought to a close with "Anld Lang Syne" and the Tyler's toast.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on the 18th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Gunner W.M., Blasby P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., C. E. Botley Secretary, F. Botley S.D., Goss P.M. J.D., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, Maton I.G.; Past Master Bro. E. H. Sugg. The work comprised the ceremonies of raising and initiation. Bro. Blasby was elected W.M. for 25th inst., when he stated it was his intention to work the Installation ceremony, with the assistance of the Past Masters and brethren.

Victoria Lodge, No. 1056.—The brethren of this Lodge had an "off-night" at the Guildhall Tavern, on Wednesday, when there was a good attendance, under the presidency of Bro. Frederick King, the Worshipful Master. The agenda included, among other business, five raisings, two passings, and an initiation, all of which ceremonies were well performed by the W. Master, assisted by his Officers. There was no banquet on this occasion.



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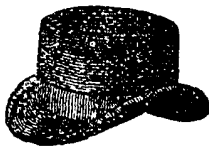


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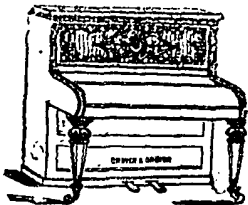
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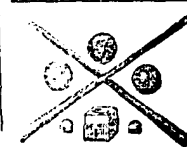
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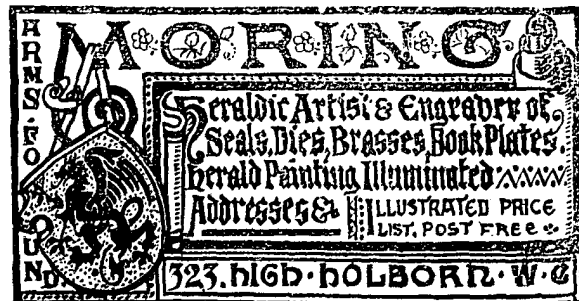
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