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MASONIC BENEVOLENCE IN 1881.

DURING the year 1881, which closed on Saturday last, the three great Masonic Charitable Institutions, viz. the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, received from all sources a total sum of £43,294 14s. The term "all sources" includes donations and subscriptions from Lodges, Chapters and individuals, dividends and interest, and donations by Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter. In the case of the Boys' and Girls' Schools it also includes the sale of old stores, fees for musical instruction, and some other small items; and in the case of the Benevolent Institution, the rent of £18 received for a meadow attached to the Asylum at Croydon. For the year 1881, the Benevolent Institution, the youngest of the three Institutions, heads the list with the sum of £17,738 19s 6d, the Boys' School, the second in age, is second on the list with the sum of £12,998 9s 11d, and the Girls' School, the earliest founded of the Institutions, is third on the list with £12,557 4s 7d. The total amount is less than that of 1880 by £6,467 17s 5d, and less than that of 1879 by £1,288 17s 9d, but the amounts for those years were so exceptionally large that it was not expected they would be equalled, when the depression in trade was taken into consideration. The position of the three Institutions varies from year to year. In 1880 the Girls' School headed the list with the sum of £17,787 10s 11d, the Benevolent Institution was second with £16,301 4s 10d, and the Boys' School was third with £15,673 15s 8d, while in the year 1879 the Benevolent Institution was first with £17,781 12s 10d, the Boys' School second with £13,923 4s 4d, and the Girls' School third with £13,025 12s 1d. From these figures it will be seen that the receipts of the Benevolent Institution for the last three years have varied in amount less than those of the other two Institutions; but as the Boys' School has less invested funds than the Benevolent and the Girls' Institutions, and thus receives only £510 in dividends and interest to the Benevolent Institution's £1,824 14s 6d and the Girls' Schools £1,365 1s 8d from the same source, and the Benevolent Institution's annual grant of £800 from the Fund of Benevolence, the difference is not so marked. On the funds of the Benevolent Institution there are more than 300 male and female annuitants, the males receiving £40 a year each, and the females £32 a-year, besides some widows of deceased annuitants who, according to the Rules of the Institution, each receive £20 a-year, or half their late husbands' annuities, for three years after their husbands' death. These widows are even then eligible for the Widows' Annuity of £32. For the next election in May there are 112 candidates, viz.—46 men and 66 widows, but there will be vacancies for only 14 men and 7 widows, unless the subscriptions at the next Festival, on the 21st of February, should be large enough to justify the Committee in adding to the number. In the Boys' School there are 215 boys, who are housed, boarded, clothed, and educated, from eight to fifteen years of age. The list of candidates for the next election in April will not be closed

till Saturday, but the probable number of candidates will be 72, and the vacancies only 15. In the Girls' School there are 233 girls, who are housed, boarded, clothed, and educated, from eight to sixteen years of age, and the candidates for next April election are in number 28, and the vacancies 21. In addition to the large sums named above as subscribed to the Institutions, the Lodge of Benevolence, which meets on the last Wednesday but one in every month to relieve cases of distress, has in the year 1881 voted £9,813 to 328 cases. The largest sum given at one sitting was in November, when £1,630 was voted to 55 cases. The smallest was in September, when £365 was given to 16 cases. The votes in 1881 were larger than in any previous year. The next largest were in 1880, when £9,223 was voted to 308 cases. It is a remarkable coincidence that without any design the proportion of cases to the amount of money in the two years is the same within a fraction of one, the extra £590 in 1881 being the fair grant, according to the former year's gifts, to the additional twenty cases. This, however, is not a rule which is followed, as every individual case is considered entirely on its own merits. In its grants the Lodge of Benevolence, in 1881, exceeded the annual income of the Fund of Benevolence, and on the recommendation of the Board of General Purposes, Grand Lodge at its Quarterly meeting, on the 7th of December, ordered the sale of £3,000 out of an invested sum of £50,000, the accumulated surplus of former years.

The following are the accounts of the receipts of the respective Institutions from 1st January to 31st December 1881:—

ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

	£	s	d
Donations and subscriptions	14,946	5	0
Dividends and interest	1,824	14	6
Grand Lodge	800	0	0
Grand Chapter	150	0	0
Rent of meadow	18	0	0

£17,738 19 6

Number of Candidates—46 men and 66 widows. In all, 112.

Vacancies—14 men and 7 widows. In all, 21.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

Gross receipts for year ending 31st December 1881, including

	£	s	d
Grand Lodge	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	10	10	0
Dividends and interest	510	0	0

£12,998 9 11

Boys in School, 215.

Candidates to 31st December 1881 for April Election 1882 . . 60
Probable addition by 7th January 1882, when list closes . . 12

Candidates 72

Probable vacancies, 15.

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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

Donations and subscriptions	-	-	-	-	10,838	18	11
Paid direct to bankers	-	-	-	-	19	9	0
					10,858	7	11
Dividends	-	-	-	-	1,365	1	8
Grand Lodge Donation	-	-	-	-	150	0	0
Grand Chapter	-	-	-	-	10	10	0
Sale of Old Stores	-	-	-	-	3	3	0
Musical Instruction, &c.	-	-	-	-	169	1	0
Gift to Prize Fund	-	-	-	-	1	1	0
					£12,557	4	7

Number of Girls in School, 233.

LODGE OF BENEVOLENCE.

Month of Meeting	No. of cases relieved	Total sum granted
January	19	£520
February	35	813
March	44	1,435
April	20	535
May	30	760
June	23	960
July	19	735
August	16	500
September	16	365
October	24	810
November	55	1,630
December	27	890
	328	9,953
Less the balance of grant of £150 revoked on reconsideration of case, ordered by Grand Lodge of 7th Dec.		140
		£9,813

FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

WARRINGTON 1646.

AN article bearing the above title, from the pen of Bro. Rylands, appeared in the December number of the *Masonic Magazine*.* It is one of the most interesting and valuable contributions to Masonic literature which it has been our privilege to read for many a long day, and as such, it is impossible to give it too much publicity in the columns of the Masonic press. Our readers will remember that it was at Warrington that, on the 16th October 1646, the Antiquarian Elias Ashmole and his cousin Colonel Henry Mainwaring of Karincham or Kermincham were made Masons, Mr. Richard Penket being the Warden of the Lodge. The question has often been discussed as to the character of the Lodge into which these brethren were admitted. Was it a Lodge of Operative Masons, in which case it would follow of necessity that Ashmole and Colonel Mainwaring were the first gentlemen in England who were received into the Fraternity. On the other hand, many have inclined to the belief there were Speculative Masons, as it is the custom to describe them, already in such Lodges as existed at the time. With the evidence now furnished by Bro. Rylands it would seem as though the Warrington Lodge contained no Operative Masons at all, or, at least, that none were present at the initiation of Ashmole and Mainwaring. If this can be shown to be the case, it will go a long way towards proving that Speculative Masonry existed in this country for very many years anterior to the date usually ascribed to its birth, namely, 1717. It is of course a most reasonable argument to adduce in favour of this view that, as the Warden and brethren of the Warrington Lodge who were present when Ashmole and Mainwaring were received by them into the Fraternity were not Operative Masons, the old limits of the Mason Guild must have been extended some time pre-

viously to the year 1646. How long previously, however, they had been so extended, it will be difficult to ascertain, having regard to the present sources of information that are open to investigation, with anything like an approach to certainty. Further inquiries may possibly result in the acquisition of further knowledge on this interesting question, and some day we may wake up to the pleasing fact that the Speculative system of Freemasonry is, in truth, much older than it is generally supposed to have been. For the present we must be content to remain as we are; but, in the meantime, it will be worth while to give some idea of Bro. Rylands's article, for the reason we have stated, viz. that it throws so much light on the great Masonic event of 1646, and the individuals who took part in it.

Bro. Rylands's researches have been most ample. The sources of information to which he has had access, and which includes Ashmole's own Diary, have been ransacked with a will, and in a manner which testify to his great ability as a student of antiquarian lore. He shows in this article that he possesses great tact in formulating his opinions; and consequently his judgment, whenever he feels justified in giving one, may be accepted as trustworthy, at least to the extent of its having been most carefully weighed and considered. He begins, in the article which forms the text of this paper, by noting the records of the two events referred to in Ashmole's Diary, as signalling that gentleman's connection with the Craft. They are probably well known to our readers, but as they are given in fuller detail than usual, they will bear to be reproduced here. They are as follow:—

(a) "1646. Oct. 16, 3.30 P.M.—I was made a Free Mason at Warrington in Lancashire, with Coll. Henry Mainwaring, of Karincham in Cheshire. The names of those that were then of the Lodge [were] Mr. Rich. Penket: Warden, Mr. James Collier, Mr. Rich. Sankey, Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer.

(b) "March 1682.—10: About 5 P.M. I rec^d a Sumons to app^r at a Lodge to be held the next day, at Masons' Hall London.

"11: Accordingly I went and about Noone were admitted into the Fellowship of Free Masons.

"Sir William Wilson Knight, Capt. Rich: Borthwick, Mr. Will: Woodman, Mr. Wm. Grey, Mr. Samuel Tylour, & Mr. William Wise.

"I was the Senior Fellow among them (it being 35 years since I was admitted). There were p^rsent besides myselfe the Fellowes after named.

"Mr. Tho: Wise, Mr: of the Masons Company this p^rsent year, Mr. Thomas: Shorthose, Mr. Thomas: Shadbolt, Wainwright Esq^r, Mr. Nich: Young, Mr. John Shorthose, Mr. William Hamon, Mr. John Thompson, & Mr. Will: Stanton.

"Wee all dyned at the halfe Moone Taverne in Cheapside, at a noble dinner prepared at the charge of the New-accepted Masons."

Bro. Rylands, taking the statement in Bro. Kenning's *Cyclopædia* to the effect that "recent researches have proved that Ashmole was not a member of the Masons' Company, though almost all the persons he named were," and consequently that it is "clear that the 'Fellowship of Freemasons' was a Lodge of separate Freemasons more or less speculative," goes on to argue that, under these circumstances, "the meeting, although held in 'Masons' Hall,' could not be 'a meeting of the Masons' Company.'" Otherwise, he very pertinently remarks, "Why was Ashmole, the 'Senior Fellow' present, 'summoned' to, and present at, what must have been a private meeting where a number of gentlemen were admitted Fellows?" He also is careful to point out that, although Ashmole "was first admitted to the 'Fellowship' at Warrington, he was summoned thirty-five years afterwards to a Lodge held in London, is particular to specify that Mr. Thomas Wise was the Master of the Masons' Company, and is equally particular to call the 'Fellowship' that of the 'Freemasons,' except where he writes 'New-accepted Masons.'" Taking these and other circumstances into account, Bro. Rylands says: "If I were asked to express an opinion on the Warrington Lodge of 1646, I should feel obliged to say that,

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so far as I am able to judge, there is not a scrap of evidence that there was a single operative Mason present on the afternoon of the 16th of October 1646; in fact, the whole of the evidence seems to point quite in the opposite direction."

We pass over the details of Ashmole's life which are given by Bro. Rylands, as not directly helping to elucidate the principal point, except so far as to note that Ashmole was on terms of intimate acquaintance with the astrologer William Lilly, and also that he notes in his Diary the following facts in connection with the Antiquaries and Astrologers, to wit:

1647, Feb. 14.—The Mathematical Feast was at the WHITE HART in the OLD BAILY, where I dined.

1649, Aug. 1.—The Astrologers Feast at PAINTERS-HALL, where I Dined.

1649, Oct. 31st.—The Astrologers Feast.

1650, Aug. 8.—I being at the Astrologers Feast, two *Hor. Post Merid.*, I was Chosen Steward for the following Year.

1654, Aug. 22.—Astrologers Feast.

1656, Aug. 29.—This Day the Astrologers Feast was held.

1659, July 2.—Was the Antiquaries Feast.

1659, Nov. 2.—Was the Astrologers Feast.

1682, July 13.—The Astrologers Feast was restored by Mr. Moxon.

1683, Jan. 29.—The Astrologers Feast was held at the THREE CRANES, in CHANCERY-LANE. Sir EDWARD DEERING and the TOWN-CLERK of LONDON were Stewards.

Nor need we dwell on the particulars he gives, interesting as they undoubtedly are, of Colonel Henry Mainwaring's family and career. We pass, therefore, to the personages mentioned as having been present at Ashmole and Mainwaring's reception into the Warrington Lodge. It appears that "from the Heralds' visitation of Lancashire, made by St. George in 1613," a "Richard Penketh, of Penketh, who died circa 1570, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Sonkey, of Sonkey (gent.), and had a son, Thomas Penketh of Penketh, county Lancashire, who married Cecilye, daughter of Roger Charnock, of Wellenborough, county Northampton, Esq., whose son Richard (dead in 1652), married Jane, daughter of Thomas Patrick, of Bispham, in the county of Lancaster." This, no doubt, was the R. Penketh who was a Freemason at Warrington in 1646. There is much else respecting the family of the Penkeths, but we need only note that Mr. Beaumont writes to Bro. Rylands that "when the list of seats in Warrington Church was made in 1628, Richard Penketh's name does not appear among the Parishioners; but, in January 1642, when the protestation was signed to maintain the Protestant religion, &c., &c., Richard Penketh was one of them who subscribed to it, and we hear of him again in the entry in Ashmole's Diary," &c. This confirms Bro. Rylands in his opinion already referred to, that the Richard Penketh who was dead in 1652, was the Warden of the Warrington Lodge in 1646.

Of Mr James Collier who is next mentioned, Brother Rylands has been able to discover little. He conjectures he was the James Collyer of Newton-le-Willows, county Lancaster, who married Ellen, the eighth daughter of William Bretherton, of Hey, the then (he died about 1640) representative of that well-known ancient Lancashire family, by Margaret, daughter of Richard Winston, of Lostock, co. Lanc." Moreover, in "the register of the old church of Winwick, situated only a mile and a half from Newton-le-Willows," it is recorded thus—

1673-4, Jan. 17.—Mr. James Colliar buried.

1678-9, Jan. 4.—Mrs. Ellen Collier, aff. [idavit that she was not buried in Linen, according to the Act of Parliament.]

He also in the appendix to the article gives the will of a "James Colliar," endorsed "Captin James Colliers," dated April the 18th 1668," and proved 21 March 1673[4]," which is as follows:

IN THE NAME OF GOD, AMEN, This is my last will and testament, My body to the earth to be decently buried there, To my WIFE ELLEN COLLIAR my house &c. and land in the township of Newton. All that is remaining at her death, to my BROTHER WILLIAM POWELL, and his issue male, in default, then to the next kinsman I have of the Colliers, [H:] appoints his wife sole executrix.] "I charge you not to trust YOUR BROTHER BRETHERTON nor any of his, for you and I have found them bad, God forgive them, so with my dear love to you I rest yours.

Signed JAMES COLLIAR [good signature].

[Small red seal. A cross creslet fitchée, a martlet in dexter chief. Crest: A cross creslet fitchée between two wings.]

WITNESSES

Peter Leigh,
John Wilson,

Bro. Rylands says:—"Of course it is impossible to state positively that these entries, or the will given in the Appendix, refer to the Mr. James Collier, Freemason, mentioned by Ashmole; but there seems to be every probability that such is the case. Mr. James Collier, or Captain James Collier, as he is called in the endorsement of his will, must be the same as the one entered in the pedigree. He holds lands in Newton-le-Willows; his wife is named Ellen, and 'her brother Brotherton' is mentioned," and further, "although the will is endorsed as being made 18th April 1668, it was not proved until 21st March 1673-4, which agrees with the entry of his death from the parish registers of Winwick."

Respecting Mr. Richard Sankey, he appears to have belonged to an old family of landowners near Warrington, that held Little Sankey and Great Sankey, the former in the parish of Warrington, and the latter in that of Prescott. The following, from the parish register of Warrington, relate to the Sankey family:—

1621-2, Feb. 3.—Edward, son to Richard Sankey, Gent.

1628, Aug. 10.—Margaret, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent.

1631, Sep. 4.—Eleanor, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent.

1636, April 19.—Alice, dan. to Richard Sonkey, Gent.

1639, May 27.—Sen John [St. John], son to Richard Sankey, Gent.

And also

1635, June 11.—Ellen, dau. to Richard Sankey, Gent., Buried.

At a later period of the same registers there appears:—

1634, Mar. 25.—Chas., son to Richard Sankey, baptised.

1635, Ap. 30.—Chas., son to Richard Sankey, buried.

And finally:—

1667, Sep. 28.—Buried, Mr. Richard Sankie.

Of the four others named in Ashmole's Diary—Henry Littler, John Ellam, Richard Ellam, and Hugh Brewer—we have some particulars of the Ellams, a good yeoman family bearing that name having been long resident in the parish of Winwick and the neighbourhood, and Bro. Rylands says they "were doubtless members of this family, a probable branch of which had apparently settled at Lymm, a village in Cheshire, about four miles from Warrington. The wills of "Richard Ellam, Freemason," and "John Ellam, husbandman," are given in the aforesaid Appendix, but Bro. Rylands very properly guards himself against asserting that the latter refers to the person mentioned by Ashmole. They are as follow:—

The 7th day of September. Ano. Dom 1667.

IN THE NAME of God Amen, I RICHARD ELLOM of LYME [LYMME] co CHESTER FREEMASON, being sick and weak of body. My body to the earth to be buried in Christian Burial at my Parish Church of Lyme, or otherwise it shall please God to appoint the same. Whereas I have an estate of the messuage and tenement wherein I now dwell by force of one Indenture of Lease heretofore made by Richard and Maria Domvill late of Lyme aforesaid Esq. deceased, bearing date 16 Feb. 16. Charles II. [1664] for the term of 99 years, if the said RICHARD ELLOM and WILLIAM ELLOM his son or either of them, so long live. I assign all my said messuage &c, immediately after my decease, unto my BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM for the use, education &c of ALL MY CHILDREN until the youngest is 18 years of age. My will is that MY ELDEST SON WILLIAM shall have all my said messuages &c for his life, paying unto MY SAID BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM or their Executors £10 within 2 years after he shall enter the said messuage &c, and the said £10 to be employed to the use of the youngest child or children of the said Richard Ellom then living, All my goods, cattle, &c, I give unto MY SAID BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM, for the bringing up of my said children And I ordain MY WELL BELOVED BROTHERS JOHN ELLOM and PETER ELLOM Executors, and desire my well beloved friend William Leigh of Rushgreen and MY LOVING BROTHER IN LAW RICHARD RATLIFE to assist my said Executors. Dated 7 Sep. 19. Charles II. 1667.

(Signed) RICHARD ELLOM [in a shaky hand].

Before the sealing of the within written deed THE SAID RICHARD ELLOM DID GIVE TO HIS SON WILLIAM the dishboard in the house to stand as an heirloom, and then signed and sealed in the presence of

Margaret Moose her A

William Leigh.

PROVED 17 Jan. 1669-[70]

The Inventory was taken on 10 Oct. 1667 by John Leigh and Peter Martin. Total 77li 16s. 00d.

IN THE NAME of God. Amen. 7th June 1. William [1689] I JOHN ELLAMS of BURTON co. Chester husbandman, being of perfect memory.

First. My body to be buried in Christian burial, at the discretion

of my Executors hereafter mentioned. Item. I leave one half of my tenement in Burton, now in the possession of MY SON IN LAW SAMUELL LIGHTFOOT, with half the housing thereunto belonging to MY WIFE ALSE [OR ALICE] ELLAMS after my decease, so long as she liveth, if the lease so long last.

Item, All the rest of my household goods, husbandry ware, cattle, &c I leave to MY DAUGHTER ELIZABETH INCE, and MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS, and MY DAUGHTER ALSE ELLAMS after my decease, to be equally divided amongst them, paying my funeral expenses, debts &c, only I leave to MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS, one colt that is 2 years old, and also one other colt that is 2 years old, I leave to MY DAUGHTER ALSE ELLAMS. Leaving MY WIFE ALSE ELLAMS, and MY DAUGHTER ANN ELLAMS my sole Executors, revoking all other wills by me made.

(Signed) JOHN ELLAMS, his mark [in a very shaky hand].

Witnesses.

John Cawley, Robert Mouldsdaie.

PROVED, 27. July. 1689.

A True and perfect Inventory of JOHN ELLAMS of Burton late dead. both of goods and cattle made the 6th day of July, 1689. by Thomas Bruen, Richard Ince, and Robert Mouldsdaie. Total 165li 02s. 08d.

We will simply add that Bro. Rylands has stated his case lucidly, and that, as far as we can judge, his facts justify the position he has taken up.

THE WORLD'S TEMPLE.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

ARISTIDES styled the edifice at Eleusis, Greece, where the Eleusinian Mysteries were celebrated, "the common Temple of the whole world." This Temple, like that of King Solomon at Jerusalem, has long since been destroyed, so that not one stone remains upon another, but it has had its place supplied by a worthy successor, that completely fulfils the purpose of its being. Freemasonry now furnishes "the common Temple of the whole world," a Temple open to all "good men and true," of every religion that acknowledges the one ever living God, of every shade of political belief, of every nation under heaven. Nowhere, except "upon the square," can the whole world, or representatives therefrom, meet without heartburnings, without bickerings, without jealousies. Freemasonry is "a centre of union;" it has in its Temple the loadstone of truth, and attracts to it the lovers of truth, no matter what may be their sectarian creed, or political shibboleth, or social rank. The President meets on the level with the private citizen, the King with the subject, the Bishop with the layman, and the Christian with the Jew. The home of the Freemason is wherever there is a Lodge of Freemasons, and where, in the civilized world, is there not one? Even in time of war, and in the midst of moving armies, we find travelling Lodges. Everywhere the Lodge follows Masons, everywhere there is a Masonic home for the members of the universal Craft.

The world does not value, as it should, this binding effect of Freemasonry. Kingdoms and republics have not been able to long include a single people, speaking one language, under one government; nor have different governments been able to live at peace with each other; but Freemasonry unites all peoples, and all languages, and war is a thing unknown in Masonry. The only places where the millennium is now exemplified is in the Lodges of Freemasons. If Anti-Masons would take knowledge of us that we have been diligent students of the holy mysteries of the Grand Architect of the Universe, and learned of Him, they would lose their venom, and instead of vainly persecuting us as peacebreakers, they would respect and love us as peacemakers. When the scales drop from the eyes of anti-Masons (for they are very scaly fellows), they will first see Freemasons as trees walking, and then as good Samaritans, and finally they will petition us to receive them into our fraternal fold. After we have seen them do works meet for repentance, we may report upon their applications favourably.

In no single particular is the power of Freemasonry more wonderfully displayed than in its language. The languages and dialects now spoken in the world are numbered by thousands. True, they have been developed from a few, if not from a single source, but they are now distressingly diversified. Not so with the language of Freemasonry—it is an universal language. The Englishman, Frenchman, Italian, and Arab, the Swede, Russian, Spaniard and Turk, provided they are Freemasons, all can understand each other. Neither appeals in the presence of the other in vain. French to the Turk is gibberish, Russian to the Arab is verbal insanity, but let a Freemason of any nationality speak Masonically in the presence of another Freemason, and he is instantly understood.

Does any one ask, why it is that there is this wonderful unity in the Craft; that while mountains, oceans, and even rivers, separate nations, nothing can separate Freemasons from each other? The answer is contained in the one word, Love. Freemasons love each other. They are a fraternity, and the only genuine fraternity in the world. It has been badly copied, but never reproduced. There is but one Freemasonry, and every other secret society, of kindred purpose, is but a poor imitation.

What is to be the outcome of the unity of Freemasonry? Who can tell? We discern a magnificent possibility. We peer into the ages

beyond, and see an united people, war abolished, sectional strife a curiosity of antiquity, and men everywhere clasping hands in fraternal grip, opening their hearts in fraternal sympathy, and practising deeds of fraternal affection. We see no fratricidal conflicts, no irreligious persecutions, even no hard or harsh words spoken in envy or anger. And why? Because everywhere there is "the common Temple of the whole world," and the whole world going up thereto! This may be a phantasy, but it is a lovely one. It inspires hope of humanity; it betokens the triumph of civilization, humanity and the gospel of love; it promises the realization of millennial bliss. If it come to pass, the world will not have been created in vain, the divine will have prevailed over the animal in man. We believe, with Milton, that Truth came into the world perfect; and although her lovely form has been hewn into a thousand pieces, and scattered to the winds, that the friends of Truth will again restore it to its pristine beauty. FREEMASONS ARE THE FRIENDS OF TRUTH. They speak the truth in love, and to them, if to any, is committed the trust of restoring unity among the nations of the earth.

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OCCASIONAL PAPERS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Allow me, as one who may claim to have taken some interest in the reading in Lodges of Instruction of these Occasional Papers, to express my satisfaction at the result that has followed the discussion of the question in your columns. Still I had hoped that more would have been done by this time, and that what a little while ago was an innovation would now have become a pretty regular custom. No doubt the preparation of the Papers must occupy some time, but as to reading them, only a small amount of moral courage is necessary, and once the feeling of diffidence has been overcome, the task is simple enough. As to subjects there is no end to the choice that may be made. For instance, the events that occurred during the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Cumberland, or George Prince of Wales, would alone furnish matter for half a dozen papers.

Some papers might be of a biographical character, others statistical. Those who are fond of generalising will find scope in treating of the principles of Freemasonry, while no great time would be occupied, with Findel's excellent history at hand, in sketching the rise and progress of the Craft in some foreign States. In short, the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE might fill its pages with nothing else than Occasional Papers for the next half dozen years, and still have a wealth of matter to fall back upon for future use.

Yours faithfully,

T. E. I.

VOTING IN GRAND LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—As you invite the opinions of your readers on the subject of "Voting in Grand Lodge," allow me to make the following suggestion. The question I know is a difficult one, and I do not see how it would be possible to adopt the parliamentary system of voting unless Freemasons' Hall were almost entirely reconstructed. Moreover, as you suggest, the voting in vogue among Masons is that of the ballot, it being rightly thought desirable that brethren should remain in ignorance of the side which each supports. But if the principle of the ballot is to be observed in Grand Lodge, as in our private Lodges, what necessity is there for any disturbance of the brethren in the former? Let the tellers hand round ballot boxes with the necessary supply of black and white beans, care being taken to indicate clearly that into one side of the box marked "For the motion," "Yes," or in some other way, must be put white beans only, while into the other side, marked "Against the Motion," or "No," must be cast the black. Or, simpler still it would be if beans of only one colour were used, there being written over the slits in the ballot boxes "For," over the one, and "Against" over the other. Some such plan as this would determine the results accurately without causing any confusion or disturbance.

Fraternally yours,

London, 28th December 1881.

OLD STAGER.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—Weak Stomachs.—The distressing symptoms arising from enfeebled digestion are almost numberless, and all of them can be readily dispelled by these admirable Pills. They clean the furred tongue and remove all unpleasant tastes from the mouth, with flatulency, and constipation. Holloway's Pills rouse the stomach, liver, and every other organ, helping digestion to that healthy tone which fully enables it to convert all we eat and drink to the nourishment of our bodies. Hence these Pills are the surest strengtheners and the safest restoratives in nervousness, wasting, and chronic debility. Holloway's Pills are infallible remedies for impaired appetite, eructations, and a multitude of other disagreeable symptoms, which render miserable the lives of thousands of our fellow creatures. These Pills are approved by all classes.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT AT THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

AMONG the various festivities it is our pleasure to take part in, which are associated with one or other of the Masonic Institutions, there is none more enjoyable than those given at the Old Folks' Home at Croydon. There we look forward to meeting some of the worthiest brethren it has been our good fortune to make the acquaintance of during the time we have been associated with the Craft; and, furthermore, we have the opportunity of seeing a few of the worthy recipients of the annuities the Benevolent Institution is enabled to offer; to have a chat regarding olden times, and to hear from them the expressions of approval they so profusely bestow on all connected with the Institution. The usual New Year's Entertainment took place on Wednesday last, and it was made the occasion of inaugurating the newly enlarged Hall. This enlargement may really be said to be the outcome of these festivities, which were inaugurated some years since by Brother Terry, the worthy Secretary of the Institution; it was in consequence of the number of subscribers to the Entertainments—which are provided out of the funds given specially for the purpose—so greatly increasing, and the number of those who desired to be present also increasing, that the enlargement was first thought of. Since then other claims for better accommodation have arisen, and we can now point to a Hall in every way worthy of the noble Institution at Croydon we are proud to refer to as the outcome of Masonic Benevolence. The alteration is in itself a very great improvement. The Hall is upwards of double its former size, while retiring rooms, a lavatory, &c., have been erected outside. A new staircase has also been provided, and some additional rooms on the ground floor. The appearance, on entering the main door, will at once strike the visitor, who has been accustomed to the form in which the Institution had previously existed, and must impress him with the wisdom which has been displayed in the enlargement. We only hope that the Old People, for whose benefit the additions have really been made, will live to enjoy the comforts of the new Hall for many years to come, and that Bro. Terry and those more intimately concerned in the work will have frequent opportunities of witnessing that their efforts are appreciated, and that the alteration may prove a benefit to the Institution, as well as to its inmates.

The banquet was provided at two o'clock, at which time the residents and lady friends were seated, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. Strong, the honorary surgeon of the Institution, Bros. J. Terry, Raynham Stewart and T. Cubitt occupying the Vice-chairs. Bro. Stewart, in the name of the House Committee, then stated that the Hall had been enlarged for the comfort and convenience of the residents and supporters of the Institution, and duly proclaimed it open, at the same time removing a curtain, which concealed a tablet, placed over the doors, which records the date, &c. of the enlargement. The viands provided were then served to the Old Folks and lady visitors, brethren assisting in the work of providing all with whatever they might desire, and general enjoyment was the result. At the conclusion of the repast, Bro. Dr. Strong gave the toast of the Queen and Craft, followed by that of the Founders of the Feast, with which the name of Bro. Edgar Bowyer was coupled. After a reply from that Brother, the Chairman gave the health of the Warden and Matron of the Institution, Bro. and Miss Morris. Only those who had visited the Institution frequently could have any idea of the high estimation in which their Warden and Matron were held. Their services to the Institution had been most advantageous, as they had contributed greatly to the comfort and happiness of the annuitants who were residents there. The thanks of all were due to the Matron for what she had done at all times; the banquet that day was a fair specimen of her ability, it was under her superintendence alone that it was prepared, and considering the nature of the appliances at her command, it was wonderful how well she had succeeded with it. Bro. Norris replied, and speaking especially on behalf of his daughter said, she deserved every kind thing that could be said of her. Perhaps he might look at her through a coloured medium, but still he could not help saying she had been a treasure. Respecting himself, it was scarcely necessary to say he had been a resident at the Institution for twenty years, and having attained the position of Warden, he endeavoured all he could to promote the welfare and happiness of his co-inhabitants. He believed he had, in some measure, succeeded; at least, the proposition of his health in such kind words made him believe it. All the residents had but one common feeling—of gratitude, and affection, and respect for the Committee, and the kind friends who looked after them so tenderly. They were really like children there, for there was scarcely a thing they could ask for that they did not get. Bro. Raynham Stewart proposed "The Health of Dr. Strong," who he said was really at the beck and call of the old people of the Institution. He took a great interest in it, and the Committee and the subscribers of the Institutions were proud of him. His services were invaluable. He received nothing for those services, which were given entirely for the love of Masonry and of the Institution. Dr. Strong said it was one of the most pleasing duties he had to perform to look after the inmates of this Institution. He trusted he had studied their welfare and happiness. In fact, he knew he had done so, by the kind expressions which had fallen from the brethren in time past and on the present occasion. He only trusted he might have health and strength to follow in the same course he had hitherto pursued. The old people and the several lady visitors then retired, the ladies spending the afternoon in visiting the old folks and taking tea with them, while the brethren, who had devoted their attention to the comfort of the annuitants, partook of a repast, Bro. Raynham Stewart on this occasion taking the head of the table, faced by Bro. Terry. The toast of the Queen was dispensed with at this second gathering, the Chairman first proposing "Success to the Masonic Charities;" in doing so, he said it must have been gratifying to everybody to have perused the reports which had just been published in the daily papers relative to the various Institutions in connection with the Craft. During the

past year they had endeavoured to do the best they could for each of the Charities, and he trusted that in the future those exertions would not only be continued but increased. He must say that considering what the Institution was now doing, and what it had done in the past, it was most gratifying to him, as Chairman of the House Committee, to watch the progress which the Charity had made. They had been favoured to-day with the presence of the Secretaries of the two other Institutions, but as they were assembled especially to celebrate the anniversary gathering of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, he could only express the hope that Bro. Terry might be spared many years to continue his powerful advocacy of that Charity, and that he might be well supported. There was only this feeling of rivalry between the three Institutions, that each vied with the other in its endeavours to benefit the class for whom it was designed, and it would be admitted that there was always a cordial and friendly feeling between them, based upon the five points of fellowship. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. James Terry. Bro. Terry, who as usual was received with the heartiest demonstrations of welcome, after acknowledging the cordiality with which the toast had been accepted, said they met that day under somewhat exceptional circumstances, inasmuch as they were assembled for the first time in a room in connection with the Benevolent Institution which he ventured to think was worthy of its guests. They had had ample evidence of its capacity by the numbers who had partaken of the hospitality of the various donors to the fund for the day's entertainment. But when they came to speak of the success that had attended the Masonic Institutions, he ventured to say they had touched a chord which was very dear to him and the hearts of all around that table. Allusion had been made to the report which had just been issued, and he could not speak but with a certain amount of pride upon the fact that the Benevolent Institutions occupied the premier place, so far as the donations and subscriptions was concerned, during the past twelve months. That was to have been looked for at the commencement of the year, because they owed much to the chairman who presided over their Festival, and the number of Lodges under his supervision. They anticipated he would bring an amount of money worthy his reputation, and they were not deceived. West Yorkshire came nobly forward with its £3,500, and the total of their donations and subscriptions during the past year had been £14,900. He only announced £14,100, so that they were £800 in excess of the grand total published. The aggregate amount received on behalf of the Institution, during the year, had been £17,738. Bro. Binckes, representing the Boys' School, had hard work to do to follow two successful Festivals, but no doubt when 1882 was ended, a very grand result would have taken place in connection with that Institution. He (the speaker) fully anticipated he should have to change places with Bro. Binckes (not for the first time, and he hoped not the last by many) in regard to this position of honour. He confessed he looked upon the year 1882 with some amount of misgiving, for he saw there must be a drop of £3,000. Last year, as he had said, the Benevolent Institution received £3,500 from the Province of West Yorkshire, whereas from the Province whence their next President hailed they could not expect more than £300. He could only say, none the less was he grateful for the vote which took place in Grand Lodge, which gave a permanent additional £800 to their coffers, which should enable them to extend their scope very materially. He reminded them that there were 112 applicants for the benefits of the Institution, whereas they had only 21 vacancies, and he believed such a list had never been presented to the Masonic world. The claims upon the Boys' and Girls' Schools together could not touch this. The Boys' had 72, and the Girls' 28 applicants, whereas the Benevolent had 112. That being so, he ventured to assert there was no Charity connected with the Craft so worthy of support as was the Benevolent Institution. He took the opportunity of saying this, as they were met together under the roof of that Institution, and the toast wished success to it in particular. What were they to do in the future? Only to urge upon the increased generosity of the Craft. The Boys and Girls could take care of themselves, and the brethren ought to look to the Old People who in former years had kept the young folks going. Let them render homage and honour to whom it was due. Whatever might be the varying fortunes of the three great Charities, he hoped that, by the generosity of the Craft, the Benevolent Institution might prosper in the year of grace 1882, and he had no fear but that it would do so.

They had the promise of 210 Stewards, who were working energetically in the cause; and however much he might have to deplore being lower on the poll than the Sister Institutions, he thought the Benevolent would not be a very bad second. In conclusion, he hoped he might have health and strength for many years to discharge his duties to the satisfaction of the committee, and for the advantage of the Institution.

The toast, "Success to the Boys' School," having been given from the chair, and most heartily received,

Bro. Frederick Binckes observed that during the 25 years he had advocated the support of that Institution, he had endeavoured to place them all on a common platform. Looking back over the last quarter of a century, the Boys' School had not lacked support, or a place in the estimation of the brethren of the Craft. The Girls' School was always the pet; the very sentiment which attached to the weaker sex would always maintain for it a prominent place in the affection and sympathies of the Craft. However, he had great confidence that the Institution he represented would always receive a large share of support, and so long as the brethren were convinced that their Institutions were managed with efficiency, so long would they continue to receive the cordial and substantial support of the Craft generally.

Bro. John Constable, in proposing the House Committee, referred in eulogistic terms, to the grand and necessary alterations which had been effected in the great Hall, in which they were then assembled. They all knew how arduously the Committee always worked for the benefit of the Institution. He associated with the

toast the names of Bros. Raynham Stewart, T. Cubitt, C. J. Perceval, and Farnfield.

The Chairman, acknowledging the toast, said that the work which had been accomplished during the year was a source of the greatest gratification to himself and his colleagues. Starting from the proposition of their excellent Treasurer Colonel Creton, they had carried the building back to the last inch of their ground, and by enlarging the Hall, and providing all the requisite accessories, they had done all they could for the comfort and convenience of everybody connected with the Institution. If the brethren were satisfied, and sanctioned what had been done, the Committee were amply rewarded.

The toasts having been purposely cut short, the visitors were afforded ample time to pay their customary complimentary visits to the residents in their quarters, which are fitted up in the most comfortable—not to say, in many instances, artistic—fashion. Relics of bygone and better days adorn the walls of many of the apartments, and family heirlooms appear amongst the darkling holly and evergreen, which have been set up in honour of the festive season. With graceful courtesy the "Old Folks" invite their visitors to inspect their cosy domiciles, and allude, with just pride and gratitude, to the happiness which has been secured to them in their declining years through the agency of this beneficent Institution. Thus an hour or so was wiled pleasantly away, until the bell sounded for the re-assembling of the company in the great Hall, where a pleasing entertainment had been provided. The Royal Criterion Handbell Ringers and Glee Singers, under the direction of Bro. Tipper, gave a capital selection of pieces, which were much admired, and in the intervals volunteers were not needed to maintain the interest of the proceedings. Notable amongst these were Miss Constable, who gave an excellent pianoforte solo; Miss Strong, a neatly executed solo on the violin; Bro. C. J. Perceval a humorous reading in broken Dutch; and Bro. Frederick Binckes, who recited the "Apology" from "Othello."

In the course of the evening Bro. Terry announced he had received a telegram from Manchester, to the effect that the Old Folks of East Lancashire were at that moment enjoying a similar treat, and had just drank to the health of their "Fellow-annuitants at the Croydon Institution." This intimation, which was in response to a telegram sent by Bro. Terry, recording the meeting at Croydon, was received with great acclamation.

THE LIFEBOAT SERVICE IN 1881.

THE frequency, determination, and gallantry of the Lifeboat Service during the storms of the year that has just closed have been unparalleled in the annals of the National Lifeboat Institution; and no one, surely, can peruse the record of rescues without instinctively experiencing feelings of gratitude and of satisfaction at the great amount of success which continues to accompany, day and night, the operations of the Lifeboat Institution. The number of services rendered by the boats of the Institution are more in number than in any previous year, while each one of them has a history of its own, the Lifeboat-men having, on more than one occasion, sacrificed their own lives in the performance of their duty. The actual result of the year shews a total of 965 lives and 33 vessels saved by the Lifeboats. Besides these services, the Institution granted rewards last year for saving 155 shipwrecked persons by fishing boats and other means, making a grand total of *One thousand one hundred and twenty-one* lives saved during the year. Since its establishment in 1824, the Lifeboat Institution has contributed to the saving of 28,721 lives from various shipwrecks, a number equal to one-half of what is required to man the British fleet. It is therefore manifest that a Society like the Lifeboat Institution, possessing so national a character, and dependent entirely on the support of the public for the maintenance of its life-saving fleet of 270 boats, must necessarily have a large annual income, if its beneficent work is to be carried out with the same amount of success which has hitherto fortunately characterised the services of its Lifeboats. We will only add that contributions are received for the Lifeboat Institution by all the London and Country Bankers, and by the Secretary, Richard Lewis, Esq., 14 John Street, Adelphi, London.

The Prince of Wales presided on Tuesday at the meeting of the General Committee of the Dean Stanley Memorial Fund, when it was announced that a sum of £3,350 had already been subscribed.

We understand that Messrs. Meitzler and Co., of Great Marlborough Street, are, by command of Her Majesty, preparing for publication a complete collection of the Musical Compositions, Sacred and Secular, of H.R.H. the Prince Consort, the whole being produced under the able supervision of Mr. W. G. Ousins, Her Majesty's "Master of Musick." The first idea was that this collection should be printed for private circulation only, but on its having been represented to Her Majesty that such a work, if publicly issued, would command universal interest, both at home and abroad, assent to such publication was at once accorded, and the collection will shortly be issued, at the moderate price of One Guinea.

DEATH.

HITCH.—On the 31st ult., at Swiss Cottage, Loughton, Bro. ALEXANDER HENRY HITCH, aged 41, of the St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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PRIORY LODGE, No. 1000.

CONTINUING his visits to the Essex Lodges, Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., attended at Southend, on Thursday, 29th ult., for the purpose of installing Bro. J. F. Barrett W.M. elect of the Priory Lodge, No. 1000. Lodge was opened at 2.30 by the retiring W.M. Bro. Berry. Bros. J. Barrett and Merrett occupying the Wardens' chairs. The W.D.G.P.M. was escorted into the Lodge room by a goodly array of present and past Prov. G. Officers, and on assuming the gavel, Bros. F. Wood P.M. P.P.G.S.W. and G. F. Jones P.M. P.P.G.S.W. were appointed acting Wardens, and Bro. A. Lucking P.M. P.G.D.C. as D.C. The ceremony of installation was then proceeded with, and performed in Bro. Philbrick's usual impressive manner. The Officers for the year were invested as follows:—Bros. George Berry I.P.M., Merrett S.W., Grayson J.W., Rev. H. Hayes Chaplain, F. Wood P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treasurer, J. A. Wardell P.M. P.P.A.D.C. Secretary, Brighton S.D., Dawson J.D., Norman I.G., Marten Tyler, Brightwell and Beechey Stewards. At the close of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Philbrick, for the able manner in which he had performed it, and for his kindness in attending that day, which the D.P.G.M. briefly acknowledged. The W.M. then, in the name of the Lodge, presented to Bro. Berry a P.M.'s jewel, as a token of esteem on his leaving the chair, an honour for which the I.P.M. duly thanked the brethren. About forty brethren afterwards dined together at the Terminus Hotel, a sumptuous repast being provided by the host. After dinner the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, that of the D.P.G.M. and present and past Prov. G. Officers being especially so. The D.P.G.M. responded in his usual genial way, expressing his pleasure at being present on so interesting an occasion, and wishing the W.M. a happy and prosperous New Year.

WINDRUSH LODGE, No. 1703.

THE Anniversary Festival of this Lodge was held at the Marlborough Arms Hotel, Witney, on Wednesday, the 4th instant. In addition to the members of the Lodge, who attended in good numbers, there were present Bros. W. P. Ellis W.M. 599 P.G.S.D., G. Salter W.M. 1399 P.G.J.D., R. Pocock W.M. 1770, G. Tarrant 1770, J. H. Whadcoat 418, &c. Bro. W. Whadcoat Past Prov. Grand Sword Bearer, the Senior Warden of the Lodge, was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being very ably and impressively performed by Bro. J. S. Palmer Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant, Immediate Past Master of the Marlborough Lodge 1399, and Senior Warden of the Cherwell Lodge 599. The Worshipful Master then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. Coles Past Prov. Grand Superintendent Works I.P.M., W. Atkins Past Prov. Grand Superintendent of Works S.W., A. T. Matthews J.W., J. M. Clinch Treasurer, H. Robins P.M. Past Prov. Grand Pursuivant Secretary, F. H. Clappen S.D., Dumbledon J.D., J. Bartlett D.C., G. Owens Organist, J. H. North I.G., S. Smith Tyler. The Officers and brethren afterwards sat down to a dinner, which was supplied in the excellent manner for which the Marlborough Arms is noted. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and heartily responded to.

St. John's Lodge, No. 70.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Wednesday, 28th ult. There was a very large attendance to welcome and do honour to the unanimously-elected Master, Bro. James Griffen, who was installed. The ceremony was very impressively performed by Bros. E. Tout the retiring Master, E. A. Lean P.M., S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.T., R. Pengelly P.M., L. D. Westcott P.M. P.P.G.S. Works, and J. B. Gover P.M. P.P.G.A.D.C., in a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were upwards of thirty-three other brethren. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. E. Tout I.P.M., Francis B. Westlake S.W., John D. Barker J.W., L. D. Westcott Treasurer, J. B. Gover Secretary, Thomas King sen. S.D., Thomas King jun. J.D., W. H. Symons I.G., George Sercombe D.C., W. T. Dennafor A.D.C., Matthias Watts O., T. W. Hoppin S.S., T. Cook J.S., Phillips Tyler. The Secretary read letters from many distinguished brethren who were prevented from attending; also a communication from the P.G. Secretary, asking that the Lodges would send particulars of their donations to the Huyshe Memorial Fund before the meeting of the committee in Exeter on the first Tuesday in January. The meeting of the Committee of Petitions will also be held in Exeter on the 24th Jan. Regret was expressed that it had not been arranged to have the two meetings on the same day. Bro. J. D. Barker was unanimously elected as the Charity Steward. Other business, consequent on the close of the year, having been satisfactorily transacted, the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel for the annual banquet. This was admirably served, and gave unqualified satisfaction. Bro. J. Griffen W.M. presided, and proposed the usual toasts. The V.W. Bro. J. Hughan, replying for the Grand Lodge, expressed his satisfaction at the progress of Freemasonry under H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. He asked the brethren to remember that, in proportion as they were faithful or faithless to the principles of the Order, so they would reflect honour or dishonour on the Institution. He was glad to know that in Lodge 70, of which he was proud to be a member, the landmarks of the Order were well preserved. In the name of the Lodge, and by request, Bro. Gover presented a very handsome gold jewel to the I.P.M., engraved as follows:—"Presented to Bro. Edwin Tout, on his vacating the chair of St. John's Lodge, No. 70, December, 1881." A very pleasant evening finished an instructive day.

Fortitude Lodge, No. 105.—The annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 21st December, at the Haysho Masonic Temple, Plymouth, when Bro. H. J. Kitt was installed as W.M., the very interesting ceremony being efficiently performed by Bro. C. H. Cooper P.M. and S., in a large board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were Bros. S. Jew, Twose, Bignell, Aitken-Davies, Clemens, Browning, Russell Lord, Michell, Miller, Wescott, Baxter, Box, Cawse, James, Browning, Embden, Hearder, Moysey, Nicholson, Pearce, Harris, Lean, Osborne, Crossley, Elliott, Cornish, Thomas, Johns, Gidley. The following Officers were appointed for the ensuing year: Bros. Hearder I.P.M., Lyons S.W., Gifford J.W., Bignell Treasurer, Cooper Secretary, Pillar S.D., Horsewill J.D., Hayes I.G., Gray D.C., Harris Organist, Parsons S. Steward, Sloggett J. Steward, W. H. Phillips Tyler. The W. Master was appointed to represent the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions P.G. Lodge, and Bros. S. Jew, G. Bignell, C. H. Cooper, J. Browning, and H. J. Kitt the members of the Associated Lodges' Committee. The banquet will be held on Thursday, 19th proximo, at Bro. Walter's Farley Hotel.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday, 3rd inst, at Bro. Smyth's, Sister's Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Present:—Bros. S. Clark W.M., Dignam S.W., Edwards J.W., F. Carr Secretary, Wardell S.D., Smyth J.D., Goslin I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor. Also Bros. Brasted, Baker, Darnell, Christian, Robinson, &c. The Lodge was opened in due form and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Robinson acting as candidate. Bro. Christian gave the lecture on the tracing board, and the W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, the Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

St. Anne Lodge, No. 970.—The annual meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, East Loos. The W.M. elect, Bro. R. Olver, was installed by Bro. G. Roseveare P.P.G.S. Works, who was assisted by the following P.M.'s:—Bros. J. Hill, J. Crossman, J. Dawe, G. Kerswill, J. Henwood, J. Johns, and T. Harding. The W.M. then invested as his Officers Bros. J. H. Dawe I.P.M., T. Cook S.W., A. Hunter J.W., G. Kerswill Treasurer, G. W. Martin Secretary, J. Marshall S.D., W. Lawry J.D., S. White I.G., and R. Edgecumb and S. Pearce Stewards. The brethren afterwards reassembled at Bro. T. Cook's, Ship Hotel, where a very pleasant evening was spent.

Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1602.—A meeting was held at the Crown and Woolpack, St. John Street Road, on Wednesday the 3rd instant. Present Bros. Osborn jun. W.M., Williams S.W., Glass J.W., Dearing acting Sec., Weedon S.D., Oppenheim J.D., Gyer I.G., Pearey Preceptor; Isaac, J. Greenfield, Ditton, Hirst, Gibbs and others. Lodge having been opened in due form and minutes read, Bro. P.M. Payne proceeded to rehearse the ceremony of installation, which he did in a satisfactory manner. Bro. Osborn jun. then rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hirst acting as candidate. After which Bro. Dearing very promptly answered the questions for the third degree. An animated discussion took place upon the subject of Bye Laws, it being the unanimous opinion of the brethren that some ought to be framed, but at the suggestion of Bro. Hirst, it was agreed that the matter should stand over until the Secretary, Bro. Osborn, was present. Votes of thanks to Bros. Payne and Osborn, and of condolence to the representatives of Bro. Fysh deceased, having been passed, Bro. Williams was elected W.M. for the next meeting. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—A meeting of the above Lodge was held at the Feathers Hotel, Ealing, on the 5th inst. Present—Bros. T. Smith W.M., Alex. Jones S.W., Green J.W., E. C. Porter S.D., Botley J.D., Charles Bellerby I.G.; Hewlings, Owen, Clark, Stephens, Pitt, &c. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hewlings candidate; after which the S.W. delivered the charge of the degree. This being the first occasion on which Bro. Smith had occupied the chair of K.S. A vote of thanks was passed, and ordered to be recorded in the minutes, for the excellent and able manner in which he had discharged the duties of that position. Bro. C. W. Pitt of the Zetland Lodge was elected a member of this Lodge of Instruction.

The Southgate Lodge, No. 1950, will be consecrated on the 19th inst., at the Railway Hotel, New Southgate. The proceedings will commence at three o'clock. Bro. R. P. Forge, of the Beadon 619, Kingsland 1693, and the Selwyn 1901, will be installed as the first Master.

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THE MASONIC SECRET "FIGURED IN THE CONSTELLATIONS."

"Please explain what is meant in Melville's 'Veritas,' by the Masonic secret being 'figured in the Constellations.' How figured? What constellations?"—G.WYLLIEM.

"**VERITAS**" is a remarkable compilation of rules and directions, by a strict and intelligent adherence to which the author of the work, the late Mr. Henry Melville, claimed to have discovered the esoteric meaning of many mysteries, "Biblical, historical, and social." The interpretation of the word "figured" referred to in the question is this. Mr. Melville stated that, after many years of study, he had constructed a system of astro-Masonry which would prove to an initiate—using that word in its fullest sense—that all Masonic secrets, ceremonial as well as otherwise, are accurately depicted by the various constellations shewn in ancient charts of the heavens. It is obviously impossible to give an exhaustive explanation of the subject in these pages, but the following instance will sufficiently indicate the general scope of the work. The celestial sign Antinous is taken by the author to represent a Masonic aspirant about to receive the first degree. By the use of certain mathematical instruments, in a manner dimly shadowed forth in the book, but yet according to laws declared by the author to be as unalterable as those of the Modes and Persians, various parts of other constellations, such as a slipper, a cable tau, a sharp-pointed sword, are brought into immediate connection with Antinous, who thus becomes, according to modern Masonic parlance, "properly prepared." In the same manner other constellations are, so to speak, placed under contribution to designate the passing of the neophyte through the Lodge, and his final emergence as a Master Mason in full possession of the third degree. These proceedings are therefore asserted to be "figured in the constellations." It may be mentioned that the first edition of "Veritas" was published in 1874, during the lifetime of Mr. Melville, who printed, amongst other documents, a certificate signed by Mr. McIntyre, the present Grand Registrar of the Masonic Order in England, to the effect that "the symbolic representations on the plane projection of the heavens are accurately pointed out by a system of laws which I at present cannot understand.—The Oracle.

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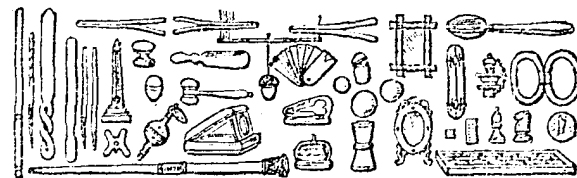
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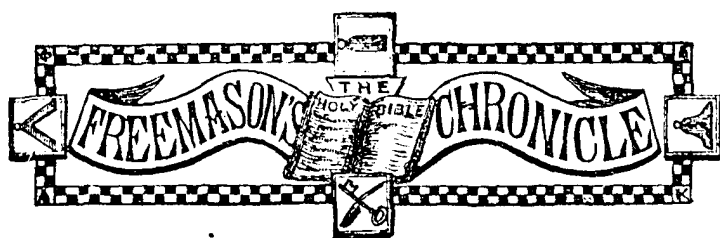
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GIBRALTAR.

Lodge of Friendship, No. 278 (E.C.)—The annual installation meeting of this popular and prosperous Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane, on Tuesday, 27th December, and was, as usual, attended by a very large number of members and visitors. The Lodge was opened at 8 p.m. by the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. F. Cottrell, supported by Bros. C. Johnson I.P.M., P.M.'s T. J. Haynes, J. H. Haynes, and A. Gomez. There were also present Bros. W. D. Kennedy P.M. acting S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, J. A. Speed Treasurer, W. F. Roberts Secretary, Rev. W. H. Bullock Chaplain, H. Schott D.C., Dr. J. H. Bryant I.G., James King Organist; H. W. Carden, G. D. Twigg, R. M. Eden, A. Morrison, W. Stevens, James Melrose, B. Culatto, F. R. Hemphill, E. Thornton, G. B. Paton, J. Pim, F. Griffin, W. T. Monkhouse, and W. Thornton. Visitors—Bros. J. Franceri District Grand Secretary, Rev. R. S. Patterson District Grand Master for Morocco, P. Lyons W.M. 153; P.M.'s J. Cunningham 153, W. Glassford 278, E. Barker 153, F. Ashton 376 (S.C.), R. Jackson 325, J. J. R. Morgan 576 (S.C.), H. Cavanna 115, E. Valerino 115, and Alexander Ross 325 (I.C.); J. Button P.J.W. 153, E. Silva W.M. elect 576 (S.C.), C. E. Dawson 1768, A. Patterson 278, R. C. Healy 620 (I.C.), S. Worth 77, J. Ghio 153, H. Pereyca 576, and J. Morrilla 115. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the last regular and emergency meetings, the ceremony of installing the Worshipful Master for the ensuing year was proceeded with, Bro. William Fowlkes Cottrell I.P.M. and District Grand Senior Warden performing the duties of Installing Officer most ably. During the whole of the ceremony his manner was so impressive, earnest, and sincere, and his adherence to the beautiful ritual so perfect, that, after he had given the addresses to the Worshipful Master and Wardens, and the final charge to the brethren, he was greeted with genuine and well merited marks of approval from all present. The new Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Kennedy, in a few well-chosen words, thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred upon him in electing him to the chair of such an old and influential Lodge as the Friendship, No. 278. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. Rev. W. H. Bullock S.W., W. F. Roberts J.W., J. A. Speed Treasurer, W. F. Cottrell I.P.M. Secretary, J. King Organist, J. H. Bryant S.D., J. Melrose J.D., B. Culatto D.C., T. Haynes P.M. Steward, F. B. R. Hemphill I.G., Peterkin Tyler. Bro. Cottrell I.P.M. proposed, and Bro. Kennedy W.M. seconded—That a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to the Past Masters who had so kindly graced the Lodge with their presence that evening. He (Bro. Cottrell) had never seen so large a number (eighteen) on any former occasion, it was a great compliment to the W.M. and the Lodge. Carried by acclamation. Bro. Dr. Bryant S.D. proposed, and Bro. Roberts J.W. seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes of the Lodge to Bro. Cottrell P.M., for the very able and impressive manner he had performed the ceremony of installation. Carried by acclamation. Several propositions for candidates for initiation, and joining members were then made, and the Lodge was closed. After a short interval, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet, provided in capital style by Bro. J. Canoras, in the large hall, which was, as usual, artistically decorated for the occasion, a life-size transparency of the Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales being affixed in the East above the canopy of the W.M. The Queen and the Craft having been proposed and duly honoured, the health of the three Grand Masters followed, and was received with the usual enthusiasm. The W.M. then proposed the District Grand Master and District Grand Officers. Bro. Cottrell P.M. D.G.S.W. said, that he rose with much pleasure at the call of the W.M. to return thanks for the District Grand Officers. There was a fair number present that evening, but he very much regretted the absence of the R.W.D.G.M., through indisposition, and his Deputy, as he thought that the beautiful ceremony of installation was not the least important item of the Institution. The I.P.M. then asked permission to propose the next toast, which was that of the Worshipful Master, Bro. W. D. Kennedy. He congratulated the brethren on electing such a worthy brother to the chair of the Friendship Lodge. They had seen his ability in the little work he had to do during the past two years, and he had no doubt that during the year their good opinion would be confirmed. The W.M. in reply said, that there were few events in a Mason's life which impressed him more than being again elected to fill the chair of W.M.; it had been his good fortune to have occupied the same position in the Royal Standard Lodge at Halifax, Nova Scotia, when, during his year of office, he had passed nearly three score candidates into the Craft, of course he did not expect to be so successful in numbers, but he would do his best, and endeavour to rule with firmness and moderation, which he thought was the only way to win the approbation of one's fellow men. The W.M. then proposed the Past Masters of No. 278, which was suitably responded to by P.M.'s Bros. Cottrell, Jones, and Glassford. Bro. Johnson P.M. then proposed the Past and Wor. Masters of other Lodges in Gibraltar. Bro. Thos. Haynes, as the oldest P.M. of No. 115, replied on behalf of that Lodge, Bro. Lyons W.M. on behalf of No. 153; both spoke in high terms of the cordiality and good fellowship that existed between the different Lodges, and paid a well deserved compliment to the

installing Officer. Bro. Lyons said he had been present at many an installation, but he never attended one with greater pleasure than the present; the ceremony he had rarely seen approached, certainly never excelled. It had been done faultlessly, and with an amount of energy and feeling which made it deeply impressive, and all must admit, that the closing act of Bro. Cottrell's official career as a ruler of the Friendship Lodge, had been maintained with that marked ability which has characterised his past two years of Office as W.M. P.M.'s Bros. Ross and Ashton then replied for their respective Lodges, No. 325 I.C., and No. 576 S.C. The Toast of the Visitors was then proposed by Bro. Rev. W. H. Bullock S.W., who said they were always most welcome to the Lodge of Friendship; he was pleased to see such a good muster, which was an evidence to him that a good feeling existed between the Lodges in the city, and that they were going on the rule of brotherly love, which was one of the guiding principles of the Order. Bros. Stewart Patterson, Andrew Patterson and Capt. Healy suitably replied on behalf of the visiting brethren. Several other toasts were proposed, that of the Tyler bringing a most thoroughly enjoyable evening to a close. A selection of music was given by the string band of the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, under the direction of Bro. J. Campbell, Bandmaster, and some excellent songs were rendered by Bros. Cottrell, Dr. Bryant, Roberts, and the W.M.

The Empress of Austria is expected to arrive at Combermere Abbey, the seat of Viscount Combermere, on the 20th instant, for the hunting season.

To-day will be held, at the Royal Albert Hall, South Kensington, under the patronage of the Prince of Wales, the great concert in aid of the fund that is being raised in aid of the sufferers by the terrible destruction by fire of the Ring Theatre, Vienna.

The Prince of Wales inspected the Smoke Abatement Exhibition, at South Kensington, on Wednesday, after which His Royal Highness went by rail to Cumberland Lodge, Windsor, on a visit to the Prince and Princess Christian. On Monday next, he will visit the Earl of Stamford, at his seat, Bradgate House, near Leicester.

The Earl of Dalhousie was present at the banquet given by the Liberal Reform Club to the Earl of Derby.

It is said the Prince and Princess of Wales will shortly open a new wing and chapel which have been added to the Sea-bathing Infirmary, Margate, by Sir Erasmus Wilson P.G.D., at a cost of close upon £30,000.

The Duke of Abercorn, K.G., Grand Master of Ireland, presided at the great meeting of nearly 4000 noblemen and gentlemen connected with the landed interests in Ireland, which was held on Tuesday, in the large Concert Hall of the Exhibition Palace, Dublin. Among those present on the platform were the Marquiss Headfort G.S.W. Ireland, and the Earl of Donoughmore; while among those from whom letters of apology were received for their inability to attend were the Marquess of Londonderry, K.P., P.G.M. Durham, the Earl of Meath, and Viscount Lifford.

The foundation stone of a new Masonic Hall, at Durban, South Africa, was laid with great ceremony on Wednesday, the 7th December ult.

The Duke of St. Albans, P.G.M. Nottinghamshire, has sustained a loss by the death of his father-in-law, Mr. R. Bernal Osborne, formerly representative in Parliament at different times of the different constituencies. The sad event occurred on Wednesday, at the residence, at the Duke's seat, Bestwood Lodge, near Nottingham, there the honourable gentleman had been staying during the recent Christmas festivities.

Viscount Holmesdale, Prov. G. Master Kent, has been entertaining a number of distinguished guests at Riddlesworth Hall, Thetford, during the present festive season.

The Earl of Jersey, P.G. Warden England, returned thanks for the House of Lords at the Annual Dinner of the Druids, which was held at the Corn Exchange, Oxford, on Monday evening.

The Bishop of Winchester has conferred an honorary Canonry in Winchester Cathedral on Bro. Rev. George Raymond Portal, Past Grand Chaplain England, and Past Grand Master of the Mark Grand Lodge of England and Wales.

Bro. E. Clarke, Q.C., M.P., addressed his constituents at Plymouth on Monday evening.

The Earl of Kimberley was expected to arrive in town from Kimberley Hall, Norfolk, in the course of yesterday (Friday).

The Earl and Countess of Carnarvon have left Biarritz, for Pau, where they propose spending about two months.

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, 7th JANUARY.

- 108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham.
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY.

- 5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 29—St. Albans, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Hotel
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Gregorian Arms, Bermondsey
 1603—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredgar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1790—Old England, Masonic Hall, New Thornton Heath
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, 148 Bow-road, Bromley
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 431—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 599—Druids of Love and Liberality, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltham-by-Sea
 R.A. 148—Elias Ashmole, Chapter Rooms, Warrington
 R.A. 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 R.A. 306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 R.A. 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 R.C. 12—Red Cross, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 R.C.—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 10th JANUARY.

- 46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 549—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 890—Dalhousie Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1350—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1552—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1602—Sir Hugh Meddleton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W
 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
 93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Kent
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, M-in-Ridge, Boston.
 284—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 496—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-st., Newc.-ou-Tyne (Instr.)

- 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Cleckheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesbury
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport
 1120—St. Milburga, Tontino Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert Greenhall, Masonic Rooms, Saukey-street, Warrington
 1314—Acacia, Bell Hotel, Bromley, Kent
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Cuckfield, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1673—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool
 R.A. 265—Juden, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 M.M. 6—Adams, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th JANUARY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 533—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 920—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Counts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1306—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
 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.)
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1305—St. Marylebone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 291—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 483—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 753—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1242—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Browrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull. (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1693—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hobburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas
 R.A. 462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
 M.M. 115—Constantine, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester.
 M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 12th JANUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 531—P'ish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 840—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 870—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 902—Burgovne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1076—Capner, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1154—Southern Star, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1349—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—H-de-Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1611—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, James Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Lambrook Hall, Notting Hill
 173—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Cr. saders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 R.A. 734—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 R.A. 1471—New London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter

- 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 208—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at S. (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 544—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 781—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 915—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Chceetham, Lancashire.
 1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1141—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Acerington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1204—Roya, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Coleshill.
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield.
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 13th JANUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domatie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up, George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Onse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beaumont, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street

SATURDAY, 14th JANUARY.

- Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Cavenc, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 199—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

ROYAL JUBILEE LODGE, No. 72.

THE brethren of this ancient and deservedly popular Lodge assembled on Monday afternoon, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, for the purpose of installing the W.M. elect, and also to transact other and important duties associated with the Lodge, which was opened in due form at three o'clock prompt by the W.M., Bro. A. Darch. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. T. G. Craddock, T. S. E. Townsend, and Bros. Morris and Vidal Portman, Mozart Lodge, 1920, were then raised to the sublime degree of Master Masons. The latter brother is now on his voyage to the Continent, where he has been appointed to hold a Consular office of great responsibility under the Government. Then followed the passing of Bro. J. W. Hartley to the degree of Fellow Craft, which was supplemented by the initiation of Messrs. John Horton, W. Haswell, and John Robert Cottrell. The entire working was performed by the W.M. Bro. Darch with readiness and impressiveness. The solemn ceremony of the installation of Bro. F. Thurston as W.M. thereupon commenced; it was conducted by Bro. J. Nunn P.M. When we mention that for thirty-five consecutive years Bro. Nunn has installed the Masters of this Lodge, and that during that period he has filled the chair thrice, we need add no more as to the manner in which this crowning ceremony was performed. Bro. Past Master Nunn was initiated in 1847, and as his pen is that of a ready writer, we should be pleased to peruse a history of this Lodge, which he well can furnish, inasmuch as he has materials at hand in abundance for that purpose. We trust he will act on this hint. After the installation the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thurston, proceeded to invest his Officers, as follow:—Bros. A. Darch I.P.M., J. M. Bate S.W., L. Walker J.W., H. Salter S.D., N. Turner J.D., G. F. Jenkins I.G., L. Dodson P.M. D.C., H. Webb

P.M. W.S., W. J. Morgan A.W.S., Fox Organist, H. Webb Treasurer, J. Nunn P.M. Secretary. We should not omit to mention that, as Director of the Ceremonies, Bro. Dodson P.M. proved himself equal to the occasion, as he has, indeed, at very many similar celebrations in past years. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present, namely:—Bros. Dunn, Hines, Carr, Dann, and Roads; also the annexed members:—Bros. Fox, Hartley, Richardson, Simmonds, Russell, Lloyd, Abrahams, Cox, Gifford, Burgis, Baund, Whiffen, Stokes, Craddock, Williams, Morris, Boyton, Hiscock, Rooney, Tear, Haswell, Williams, Murrell, Lewcock, Brown, Yardley, Horton, Read, and Tear. Among the visitors were Bros. Hammond P.P.G.D. Middlesex, Lott P.P.J.W. 245 1766 and 1929, Frances P.D.C. Surrey 857, Farthing P.M. 55, Woodward P.M. Wellington 543, Enock P.M. 11, Voisey Crichton P.M. 1641, Dixon Temple Bar, P.M. 1728, Bellis Selwyn P.M. 1902, Foster Worshipful Master 1441, Nicholl Past Master 1714, Ayton 10 P.M., Hayne 27 Egyptian, Davey J.D. Harmony 1512, C. Wise and J. Turnbull Southern Star 1275, H. Allen J.D. 261, H. W. Wright S.W. Alliance 1327, A. Reed Great Northern 1287, W. Bennett S.W. Domestic, F. Tovey United Pilgrims, W. J. Bernard 1815, J. Carrington Paxton, J. J. Brinton J.D. Sphinx 1329, T. Biddle Confidence, and J. Rand Friends in Council 720. Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the banquetting room, in which a sumptuous repast awaited their arrival. The W.M. Bro. Thurston, who presided, said grace both before and after refreshment. On removal of the cloth, the Queen and the Craft, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers past and present, were given from the chair as Loyal and Masonic toasts, and duly honoured with all fealty. The Immediate Past Master Bro. Darch then proposed the health of the Master elect. He remarked that it afforded him much gratification in discharging that duty. They were all acquainted with their Master, who had been among them holding offices in their Lodge which he had filled with great ability. They all knew that he would fill the chair during the ensuing year with credit to himself and with great advantage to the Lodge also. A Master of a Lodge should possess an intimate knowledge, not only of the duties appertaining to his own position, but relatively those allied to every office therein. It had been a source of much pleasure to him to know that their Master had been unanimously elected. That fact deserved special mention, having reference as it did to such a Lodge as the Royal Jubilee, indeed, it was a very significant fact. He hoped that his successor would have a successful year of office, and in addition, that no untoward circumstances would cast a gloom over any of them during that period. Their Master had taken office with all the best wishes of the members, all of whom respected him for his many excellent qualities and abilities. The toast, he was assured, would be pledged in the manner peculiar to the Lodge. The Worshipful Master, in acknowledging the compliment, said that it was very gratifying to him to know that he had the respect and entire confidence of the brethren. He was initiated in this Lodge six years since. At that time he was asked, "Do you intend to go forward?" His answer was in the affirmative; and as they were all aware, he had "gone forward." The result was patent to them at that moment. Perhaps some might deem what he was stating somewhat egotistical. He did not intend that what he stated should convey such a meaning. Why he so spoke was, because there were many young brethren present, and he wished to incite them to action, so that they, by care, attention, and earnest endeavour, might also reach the goal, become Masters, and then pass to dignified ease. He could not too strongly impress on their minds the necessity of possessing an intimate and practical knowledge of all that appertained to their Order. It would be a source of pleasure and comfort to them if they did so, and why should they not become conversant with duties which every Freemason should know perfectly? A short time since he was visiting a Lodge which had continued in a state of stagnation for several years. In fact, nothing had been done; the even tenour of their way had been undisturbed, when it was resolved to receive an initiate. But the members had so forgotten themselves and their duty to the Order, that they were unable to admit him themselves for that very cause! He had no fear that the Royal Jubilee Lodge would suffer such a lapse for a single moment. He merely adduced an instance, in passing, to show what would ensue when duties were omitted. He thanked them with all sincerity for having placed him in the chair, and in order to prove that he fully appreciated the honour conferred on him, he would strive to do his duty. He was conscious of the fact that he should be supported by efficient and diligent Officers, who would on all occasions render him ready aid and co-operation. The past year had been one of uninterrupted success, a success, he hoped, that would continue. He was succeeding a Master, who had—he did not speak invidiously—filled the chair with more ability than his predecessors, and therefore he (the W.M.) would strive to maintain the prestige thereof. He thought he possessed the ability, in addition to the will, to do so, and he would endeavour to exercise it with due diligence and caution. It would cause him unfeigned sorrow if, through his unworthiness, the Lodge should, under his direction, lose its good name. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. A. Darch, who had filled the chair with so much ability and success during the past year. He (the W.M.) felt that if he himself imitated their Past Master he could not fail to succeed. As the Lodge had unanimously voted him a jewel, the fitting moment had arrived when he should be invested therewith, and in affixing it on Bro. March's breast, he was confident that no Bro. under any circumstances had more merited such a "token of esteem and appreciation of valuable services," than had Bro. Past Master Darch. All present would endorse that assertion. He hoped that he would be spared to wear that jewel among them for a long series of years to come, and that every possible blessing might accompany him through the remaining portion of his pilgrimage. Bro. Past Master Darch, in responding to the toast, was deeply affected. He said that his tongue failed to give expression to his manifold

thoughts, so many reminiscences rushed through his mind. He had on all sides received so much kindness and sympathy that he was overpowered; he quitted the chair with regret, on that account. Perhaps they would say it savoured somewhat of selfishness, but it was so, for that reason. He was thankful that the Great Architect of the Universe had been pleased to allow his year of office to be unclouded. They all felt their indebtedness to Him for such prosperity. The jewel he had been invested with he should esteem as the most valuable of his earthly possessions, because of its associations. He should hand it down as an heirloom to his son, whom he hoped at no distant day to initiate in this Lodge, for of all the pleasant and gratifying sights possible to behold he considered that of a father and son being in one Lodge as the most pleasing imaginable. They had elected him to serve as Steward for them at the Festival of the Girls' School, to be held in April next, which would soon be approaching. What were they prepared to give him? Last year Past Master F. Dunn collected £100, and he worked hard and also successfully, and they thanked him for it. He merited thanks, but he (the speaker) would not be content with that sum; far from it. He intended to call on each brother for a contribution, and that not a small one. There must be a good list from the Royal Jubilee Lodge, for what would be said of them if they failed to do their duty? If he possessed health, it would afford him the greatest amount of pleasure to contribute towards such a noble institution. During the past week he had seen the orphan child of one who had been among them. That interesting child was delighted to tell him about the care, attention, and kindness she daily received from the mistress, and all associated with the institution on Clapham Common, and therefore, in order to extend the usefulness thereof, he should expect a response to his appeal far exceeding that of previous years. There was no reservation in what he expected, and what he must have. The Worshipful Master then proposed the health of the Initiates most gracefully, which compliment was acknowledged in the same manner. The Worshipful Master said that on all occasions when they met, for some reason or other, they were honoured with the presence of visitors, and those who were then present would come again. There was such a long list, containing nearly forty names, that they would pardon him if he did not read over the whole of them. He need not call on the brethren to greet the toast with a Royal Jubilee fire. Bro. Willey Wright responded. He observed that if the Visitors had to remain in the Temple, as they had that afternoon from three to eight, and could not glean information, it would be an ordeal. But they had obtained a vast amount of knowledge, and could adopt the language of a poet with whom they were all familiar:—

"We have been there, and still would go,"
 'Tis like a little heaven below."

On the part of the Visitors he expressed cordial thanks for the attention they had received on that occasion. No doubt the Lodge, with such Officers, would go on and prosper. The Masonic Charities, the Past Masters, the Officers of the Lodge, were then given and acknowledged, the Tyler's toast concluding the proceedings of the evening. The excellent vocalisation of Bros. J. Tear, Ford, A. J. Cox, and others contributed to the pleasures of the evening. Bro. Fox presided at the pianoforte with his usual ability.

BRUNSWICK LODGE, No. 151.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 28th December, at the Ebrington Masonic Hall, Hobart-street, Stonehouse. Bro. Charles D. Stentiford was installed Worshipful Master for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by the retiring Worshipful Master (Bro. O. Knowles), who was assisted by Past Masters W. Bros. R. Lose, G. E. Stentiford, H. J. Trethewy, and the following Board of Installed Masters:—Bros. E. Aitken-Davies 1099, H. Millar, J. H. Stephens 159 and 1847, W. D. Thomas 159, W. Amery 159, W. Trevena 159, J. C. Stephens 159, B. S. Johns 159, A. Lethbridge 159 and 1847, H. Welch 202, J. B. Gover 70, J. Gidley 166. The Worshipful Master invested the following brethren as his Officers:—Bros. Owen Knowles I.P.M., J. T. Hardy S.W., J. T. Treven J.W., J. H. Stephens P.M. Treasurer, H. J. Trethewy P.M. Secretary, R. H. Carter S.D., J. Ellery J.D., H. Mortimore I.G., R. Selman Organist, S. Chubb Director of Ceremonies, C. Marshall Senior Steward, C. F. Williams Junior Steward, James Bartlett P.M. Tyler. W. J. Trethewy the Secretary was unanimously elected the representative of the Lodge on the Committee of Petitions. In the evening the members and visitors dined together at the Lodge Hall. W. Bro. C. D. Stentiford presided. On the toasting of the I.P.M., a handsome and valuable Past Master's jewel was presented to him. It bore the following inscription:—

Presented to the
 W. BRO. OWEN KNOWLES P.M.,
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 In appreciation of his Masonic zeal.
 December 28, 1881.

LODGE OF FRIENDSHIP, No. 202.

THE annual meeting of the above Lodge (whose warrant is dated September 1771) was held on the 28th ult., the day of St. John the Evangelist, at the Lodge rooms, in St. Stephen-street, Devonport. W. Bro. William Allsford was duly installed as the Master for the ensuing year. The ceremony was ably performed by Bro. E. March P.M. P.P.G.O., and he had the valuable aid of Bros. J. B. Price, H. Welch, H. J. Trethewy, E. J. Knight, and the retiring Master Bro. R. Grills, in a Board of Installed Masters, amongst whom were W. Bros. W. H. Terrell, R. Marshall,

E. Binding, R. Jackman, E. Parnell, all of 202; Bros. Samuel Jew, V. Bird, J. B. Gover, E. Tont, W. H. Gillman, J. C. Stephens, Richard Blight, R. W. Pitcher, A. Rowe, J. R. H. Harris, J. T. Crosley, William Coath, R. Pearce, J. Pearce, Joseph Rawling, R. Lavers, T. E. Peck, H. Cameron, W. Stephens, C. A. Nicholson, M. Emdon, Thomas Gibbons. The officers appointed and invested were Bros. Robert Grills I.P.M., S. O. Elliott S.W., Joseph Viggers J.W., Henry Welch P.M. Treasurer, John D. Sandy Secretary, Charles Organ S.D., Charles Price J.D., J. F. Burns D.C., J. N. Taylor A.D.C., Richard Carter Organist, Eli Langmead I.G., John Leonard and George Bray Stewards, Joseph Benny Tyler. The Worshipful Master read the report of the Building Committee. The tenders for the new Masonic Hall in Granby-street varied considerably, the highest amount being £675, but it was unanimously resolved that the tender of Mr. Harley, of Hoegate-street, Plymouth, for £447, be accepted. It was also unanimously resolved that the thanks of the Lodge be recorded in favour of Bro. J. F. Burns, who had gratuitously prepared the plans of the new building. The brethren and visitors, numbering about eighty, then adjourned to the Royal Hotel, Devonport, for the banquet. This was well served by Bro. Parker, and having been thoroughly enjoyed, the Worshipful Master, Bro. Allsford, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which were duly honoured. His own health was especially well received, and he was warmly complimented on his elevation in this prosperous Lodge—one of the largest, if not the largest, in the Province. The toasts were interspersed with some very good vocal and instrumental music, the latter by Bro. Gibbons, who also accompanied.

TRUE AND FAITHFUL LODGE, No. 318.

THE brethren of this Lodge met at the Masonic Rooms, Helston, on Friday, 30th December, for the purpose of installing Wor. Brother A. T. Grant P.M. P.P.G.P. the W.M. elect for the ensuing year. The ceremony of installation was performed by the retiring W.M., Bro. Josiah Rowe, assisted by Bros. H. Trembath, T. J. Joyce, and R. Sedgman James. The following Board of Installed Masters were present:—Bros. J. Q. James, H. Trembath, T. J. Joyce, John Jeffery jun., R. Sedgman James, Walter Wearne, besides the Installing Master and Bro. Richard Carter, Organist of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75. The newly-installed W.M. appointed and invested the following Officers:—Bros. Josiah Rowe I.P.M., J. M. Pascoe S.W., William Ellis J.W., Rev. W. Hammerton Chaplain, W. Trevenen Treasurer, J. Q. James Secretary, John Willey S.D., R. Dunstan J.D., G. W. Roskrige Organist, J. M. Richards D.C., W. H. Eddy A.D.C., S. H. Stephens, John Ellis, W. J. Winn, and F. J. Cunley Stewards, Charles Hudson I.G., and Richard James Tyler. Bro. H. Trembath was re-elected Steward of Cornwall Masonic Annuitant and Benevolent Fund. After the close of the Lodge business, the brethren adjourned to the Globe Hotel, where an excellent banquet was prepared by Bro. John Ellis. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed and responded to. Appropriate references were made to the loss sustained by the Lodge during the year by the death of Bros. T. N. Curry P.P.G.P. and P. G. Hill P.P.G.Reg. Besides Bro. Carter, the newly-elected W.M. of Lodge Love and Honour, No. 75, the brethren were honoured by the presence of Bros. J. P. Polglaze and Price Carter Wardens No. 75, and T. C. Mack Secretary Fortitude Lodge, No. 131, and Bro. W. E. Lukies No. 131. A very pleasant evening was spent, and the prospects of the new year were declared to be encouraging.

HUNDRED OF ELLOE LODGE, No. 469.

THERE are times when the mind will wonder, and seek for parallels as new scenes flit before the eye, and the imagination is called upon to sit in judgment, and to decide upon the merits of those objects which have again produced emotion, and called forth, it may be, our deepest feelings of admiration. As we stood and gazed upon this fairy scene the other evening, our thoughts instinctively wandered back to that time of all times, when

There was a sound of revelry by night,
 And Belgium's capital had gathered then
 Her beauty and her chivalry, and bright
 The lamps shone o'er fair women and brave men;
 A thousand hearts beat happily, and when
 Music arose with its voluptuous swell,
 Soft eyes looked love to eyes that spake again,
 And all went merry as a marriage bell.
 But hush! hark! a deep sound strikes like a rising knell.
 Did ye not hear it? No; 'twas but the wind,
 Or the car rattling o'er the stony street.
 On with the dance! Let joy be unconfined;
 No sleep till morn, when youth and pleasure meet,
 To chase the glowing hours with flying feet.

How soon all was changed, and the bitter truth had once more forced itself with terrible earnestness into the very midst of that joyous throng, that pleasure and pain live far too near, and when one is invoked, the other may as often rudely intrude, as the most "unwelcome guest," to disturb the glowing interchange between loving hearts and speaking eyes. We learn that

There was hurrying to and fro,
 And gathering tears, and tremblings of distress,
 And cheeks all pale, which but an hour ago
 Blushed at the tale of their own loveliness;
 And there were sudden partings, such as press
 The life from out young hearts.
 * * * * who could guess
 If ever more should meet those mutual eyes,
 Since upon night so sweet such awful morn could rise."

Such were the reflections that pressed upon our imagination to decide how far the contrast might range between the scene before us, and "that other scene," which Lord Byron has so grandly and yet so vividly portrayed. We felt that no cloud was likely to bring its shadow over so bright a scene as that upon which we fain would love to dwell.

For Spalding's citizens had gathered there,
With beauty and with gallantry, and bright
The lamps shone on fair women and brave men.

And by the happy blending of those choice productions, which skilful hands and willing hearts had brought to bear upon the whole. In the magnificent ferns, flowers, and all that decorative design could else devise, had been done to add to the effectiveness of this "other time and scene." The imposing display of Japanese lanterns so tastefully arranged, and the draping of the walls; the pleasing effect gained from the roof, with the profuse display of bunting; the rustic work upon the gallery erected for the band, with the comfort and convenience afforded to the visitors, all combined to render the Masonic Ball a happy success. It seemed impossible that other than happy beginnings should accompany the ample programme set down for the evening. As nine o'clock had sounded and gone, smiling faces and skilled feet had mustered in good earnest, and awaited the word of command from the equally skilled M.C. Bro. H. Stanley Maples. On the word being given, the band struck up, and "on went the dance," and judging by the vigour and zest with which the response was made, plainly showed that all were pleased, and had endorsed the welcome so heartily prepared. Not only heartiness, but precision appeared to pervade both band and performers, as the former discoursed, yet once again, music with a "voluptuous swell;" and to behold the care and attention paid by the performers to its strains greatly heightened the effect. Amongst the company present there was a goodly admixture of Masonic brethren, as well as a military sprinkling, who joined freely in the festivities, representing various Lodges and corps in this and the surrounding Provinces and districts. The ample display of purple and gold, and the brilliancy of Masonic decorations, fully explained to those versed in the mysteries of the Craft that very high positions had been gained in the ancient art of Freemasonry by those worthy sons of the Order. The general arrangements appeared to meet the approval of the visitors, and the decorations were of a very striking and appropriate character. The span of the roof was festooned with vari-coloured bunting, arranged in a most artistic manner. The walls were decorated with flags in great profusion, whilst hanging Japanese umbrellas and lanterns gave a character to the scene that, we need scarcely say, was bright and cheerful. The walls were enlightened with flags and various other brightly-coloured bunting, Japanese lanterns being carried across in all possible ways to make the room appear attractive. Possibly the end walls, however, were more successfully set out than any other part of the building, for here floral decorations came in. Large masses of bunting were draped over the clock in graceful folds, and the brilliant emblazonment of the Hundred of Elloe and other Lodge banners added to the glare of the lighted room and brilliant assembly. A bank of flowers and tropical plants from the greenhouses of Bro. G. F. Barrell added to the general effect, whilst in all the corners large palms from the same place took off the bareness of the walls. At the other end of the building a stand was erected over the entrance doors, on which the band was located. This was concealed by virgin cork lent, by Mr. Augs. Maples, and a large supply of plants and flowers lent by Bro. Barrell. The supper tables were very tastefully arranged and amply stored with every requisite, and no less than 170 persons during the evening sat down to enjoy the rich bill of fare. Noted in the commissariat department as Bro. J. W. Harrison undoubtedly is, it must be admitted that he and his good wife on this occasion eclipsed all previous efforts. The supply was abundant, the quality first-rate, and the attention to visitors everything that could be desired.

Dancing commenced to the strains of Mr. Ashton's band shortly after nine o'clock, and continued without intermission until supper, which took place about midnight. Shortly afterwards business was resumed, and carried on with uninterrupted vigour until after four o'clock, when the company gradually dispersed, delighted with the exquisite enjoyment that had been afforded. The floor of the Exchange Hall being too rough for dancing, the Committee had to hire at considerable expense a large cloth, and this being fringed all round with crimson baize, made the visitors exceedingly comfortable, the latter adding not a little to the effect. Comfortable lounges were distributed round the room, and here those looking on made themselves comfortable. We are sorry to hear of the serious indisposition of the conductor of the band (Mr. Ashton) which came on during the festivities, and whose energies were considerably depressed in consequence. We hope, however, that he may soon be restored to his usual health and musical activity.

In conclusion, we ought to express the thanks of the dancing public to the Hundred of Elloe Lodge for their enterprise in providing a ball at the present juncture, and especially to the Stewards and Committee for the manner in which the arrangements were made and carried out. It will not be out of place, we are quite sure, if we add that much of the success is undoubtedly due to Bro. G. F. Barrell, whose untiring energy and intelligent assistance gave life and vigour to what some people predicted would be a serious loss. It must be gratifying to him, as well as to the Lodge, to know that it is possible, after all, to carry out a Grand Ball successfully, and so as to leave a balance in hand for the object in view.

The following gentlemen officiated as Stewards:—Bros. Benner, Perry, Mossep, Robinson, Barrell, Cammack, Captain Walter, Abbott, Carter, Bonner, Caparu (Holbeach), Dr. England (Moulton), Harper (Holbeach), Kingston, Leeds, Augustus Maples, H. S. Maples, Pennington. The committee for making the arrangements were:—Bros. Bennett, Barrell, Symes, Fountain, Robinson, Cammack, Crust, and Bremmitt (hon. sec.)—*Lincolnshire Press*.

Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on the 28th ultimo, at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, Bro. L. J. Solomon P.M. acting as W.M., in the absence of the W.M., owing to domestic affliction; Bros. M. Levy S.W., J. Syer J.W., L. Jacobs Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, G. T. Mann S.D., Benjamin J.D., Lindsay Sloper I.G., D. M. Davis Organist, N. P. Vallentino Steward; Past Masters J. De Solla, J. Lazarns, Chevalier S. Pollitzer. Visitors—Bros. P. Moore, L. Solomon J.W. 1732, J. Levy 188, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, M. D. W. Levin 1768, Latreille W.M. 1260, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the Worshipful Master had opened the Lodge, the minutes were confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. L. W. Walter, who was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. N. S. Myers was passed to the second degree, and Brother J. Walter was raised to the third degree. All these ceremonies were perfectly and impressively performed by the acting Worshipful Master. The election for W.M. then took place, and Bro. J. Syer J.W. was unanimously chosen. Bro. L. Jacobs was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Goddard Tylor. Marks of approval followed the election of these officers. Three Brethren were elected to serve on the Benevolent Fund Committee. The resignation of a Brother was accepted, with regret. Bro. Chevalier Pollitzer in eloquent terms proposed that the usual sum be given to the retiring W.M. for his excellent working, and the able and courteous manner he had discharged the duties of the chair; this sum to form a nucleus to present him with a testimonial worthy of his acceptance. The Lodge was then closed until fourth Wednesday in January. The Brethren sat down to a very excellent supper, provided by Bro. Nicols. The W.M. proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic Toasts. Bro. E. P. Albert P.G.P. responded for the Grand Officers. Bro. J. De Solla had great pleasure in proposing the health of the Brother who so ably occupied the chair that evening. He had watched Bro. Solomon's progress in Freemasonry, from the office of I.G. to that of P.M., and the members had seen his able working that evening; he was sure all would do full honour to the toast. Bro. L. J. Solomon with his usual ability and eloquence responded. The Worshipful Master then gave the toast of the W.M. elect Bro. Syer, who had always done his duty in every office he had held. He (the W.M.) was sure he would ably fill the chair. Bro. J. Syer, in response, said the honour he had received was a very pleasing one; he had aspired to the chair; he had belonged to other Lodges, and had filled several offices; but he preferred this, his mother Lodge, where he hoped to fill the chair for the welfare of the members; he hoped at the end of the year he might have to acknowledge the same good and kind expressions. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors. Bro. Latreille ably responded. The toast of the Past Masters was then given, the W.M. expatiating on their well-known qualifications. Chevalier Pollitzer replied. The Junior Warden and the rest of the Officers in due course were complimented, then the Tyler's toast was given, and the brethren separated. During the evening Bros. Dr. Chandler, Phillips, Lindsay Sloper, &c., exerted themselves to entertain the company, and each was deservedly applauded. Bro. Frikell exhibited some wonderful tricks of sleight of hand.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101, Reading.—On Wednesday, 14th ultimo, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., R. Dowsett S.W., W. G. Flanagan P.M. acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treas., W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. H. Hawkes S.D., R. C. Prickett J.D., W. Hickie Org., W. Hemming Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. Welch and Margrett; Bros. Weatherhead, Sands, Greenaway, Coates, Voles, Goff. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. Brothers Beeton, Collins and Weatherhead were appointed on the Permanent Committee. There being no further business on the agenda paper, the W.M. gave the lecture, or explanation of the tracing board of the degree. This interesting address occupied about half an hour in delivery, and was listened to by the brethren with marked attention—it was given with great precision and correctness, and was concluded amid the acclamations of those present; Brother Blackwell was also complimented by the Past Masters on his retentive memory. We doubt not this may be taken as a prelude to some admirable working during the incoming Master's year of office. The W.M. called the attention of the Lodge to a case of distress, which had been taken up by the Lodge of Union, No. 414, as will be seen by reference to a report elsewhere in our columns. The sum of three guineas was unanimously voted from the funds of the Lodge, and a subscription list opened. A joining member was proposed by P.M. Flanagan, seconded by the W.M. This completing the business, Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

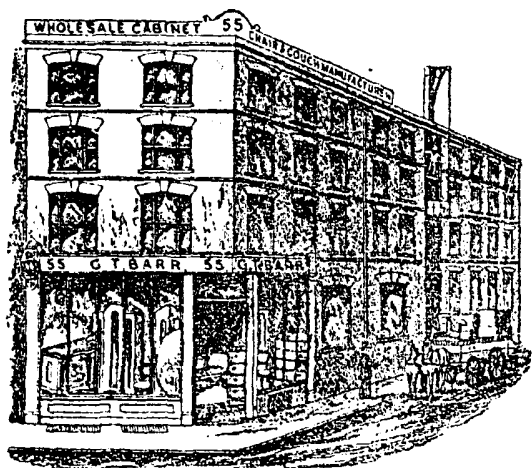
Yarborough Lodge, No. 551, Ventnor.—The annual meeting was held on Tuesday, 20th Dec., when the W.M. (Bro. Alfred Scott) installed Bro. T. H. I. Petherick W.M. for the following year. The new W.M. then invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. A. Scott I.P.M., T. Saunders S.W., Rev. James Jones J.W., Captain G. M. Burt Treasurer, F. H. Darwin, Secretary, J. Webber S.D., L. Merri-man J.D., Dr. Woodford D.C., Rev. A. J. Alloway Organist, T. Jones I.G., Clough and Houston P.M. Stewards. Subsequently, the W.M., on behalf of the brethren, presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel.

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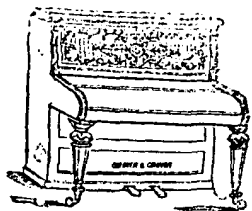
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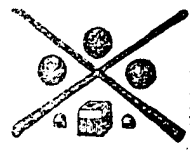
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