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OUR INSTITUTIONS.

THE official particulars respecting our Institutions which we published last week deserve something more than a passing comment. There is no doubt as to the liberal—we may say, rather, the munificent—support they meet with from the Craft all round. Yet the record for last year, handsome as it undoubtedly is, shows a very formidable decrease as compared with the year 1880, while it figures unfavourably to the extent of not far short of £1,300 as compared with 1879. Fluctuations are of course to be expected, but a falling off of, in round figures, £6,500 as between one year and its immediate successor cannot be treated lightly, and will go far towards convincing the Fraternity generally that the policy we have more than once advocated in these columns of strengthening the permanent resources of our Charities is a wise one, and should be followed, for some time at least, in preference to the policy of extension, or, in other words, of committing ourselves to an annually-increasing expenditure on their behalf. The munificence of the Craft is indubitable, but there is such a thing as over-taxing the powers of a willing horse, and it strikes us as being only reasonable that the marked decrease we have just noted should be made the text of a brief homily on the advantages of consolidation.

We cannot too seriously regret the increasing demands that are being made on the resources of our Charities, but there is a limit even to Masonic Benevolence, especially when it seems that the demands on our breeches pocket more than keep pace with the amounts that are paid out of it annually. We speak subject to correction, but we believe we are correct in stating that, for all the additions that have been made during the last few years to the number of beneficiaries, the number of candidates is larger than ever it was. Thus, there are forty-six old men candidates for the fourteen vacancies in May next, and 66 old women candidates for the then seven vacancies. It is intimated there will be fifteen vacancies in April for the Boys' School, and the number of candidates is set down at a possible seventy-two. The Girls' School is better circumstanced, as there are only twenty-eight candidates for the twenty-one vacancies that will occur in the spring. Now there are 155 old men, and 160 widows on the Benevolent Fund, 215 pupils in the Boys' School, and 233 in the Girls' School; or, to put the case moderately, quite fifty per cent. more than there were in 1875, and yet the cry as regards the candidates is "Still they come," in ever-increasing numbers.

There are those who think the candidates will become more numerous as the number of recipients is increased, and the experience of the past few years would appear to bear out this view. At all events, with a drop of £6,500 from 1880 to 1881 it seems to be reasonable that, for the present, and in spite of the overwhelming number of candidates, steps should be taken to increase the invested moneys of the three Institutions. In the case of the Boys' School this policy would seem to be most imperative, the amount received in respect of "dividends and interest" being only £510, while the grants from Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter are only £160 10s, together, and the

permanent expenditure is, in round figures, not less than £9,500 per annum. The same, but to a less conspicuous degree, is the case with the Girls' School and Benevolent Institution, and hence we commend these remarks especially to our readers. However, we trust the support to our Charities during the current year will be worthy of the Craft, as well as commensurate with the demands that are being made on their resources.

MASONIC PRESENTATION TO H.R.H. THE
DUKE OF ALBANY.

ON the 9th instant, Prince Leopold, accompanied by the Hon. A. Yorke, crossed from Osborne to Portsmouth in the Alberta royal yacht, and on landing at the Dockyard was received by His Royal Highness Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar, K.C.B., commanding the southern military district, who was attended by Lord Albert Seymour and Major Brunker. His Royal Highness at once drove to the Government House, Portsmouth, to receive a deputation from the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, which was formed a few months since, Commander Lord Charles Beresford being its first Master. The Officers attended, and were introduced to his Royal Highness by Brother A. Leon Emanuel, the Secretary of the Lodge. The acting Master presented the following resolution, which had been handsomely illuminated and enclosed in a gilt frame:—

At a meeting of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903, held on the 7th December 1881, it was unanimously resolved that the brethren of the Lodge, having learned of the approaching nuptials of R.W. Brother H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, with H.R.H. the Princess Helena of Waldeck, beg to offer to his Royal Highness the expression of their most respectful congratulations on the happy event, and they pray that the Most High may grant to his Royal Highness and his august bride many years of domestic felicity and happiness.

Prince Leopold made the following reply:—Acting Worshipful Master and Brethren of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge,—From my heart I thank you for your address of congratulation and for the sentiments expressed therein towards me and my future bride. Being now on my way to visit her in her German home, I shall bear with me that expression of your goodwill. I can wish for no greater happiness than that on her coming to this country she may find a new home in the hearts of the English people. His Royal Highness, who consented to become an honorary member of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, afterwards left for London.

We regret to hear that Dr. Bedford, the founder of the Bedfordian system of Astronomy, has met with a severe accident. Our talented brother was crossing the Strand on Monday week, when he was knocked down by a reckless driver, and had his left arm dislocated, his left leg crushed, and was otherwise fearfully injured. Dr. Bedford is seventy-two years of age, but he can boast of an excellent constitution, and it is to be hoped it will not be long before he recovers. Meanwhile, his many friends will be gratified to learn he is going on favourably.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

OUR SCHOOLS — NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENTS.

THE usual entertainment to the pupils of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys who remain at headquarters during the Christmas holidays took place on Wednesday, in the presence of a numerous body of Visitors, among whom may be enumerated Bros. C. F. Matier, H. Goodall, Thomas W. C. Bush, W. S. Lyons, Derry (Birmingham), J. E. Ryan (Landmark Lodge, Chicago), John Constable, W. W. Morgan, Edward Baxter, Ford, Dr. Conolly, Charles Godtschalk, Alfred Durrant, George Motion, H. N. Taylor P.M. and Mrs. Taylor, H. Tapley P.M., G. H. Stephens and Miss Stephens, Mrs. and Miss Meyers, and H. Massey. Bros. Dr. Norris, Head Master, and F. Binckes Secretary, with Miss Hall, the Matron, were also in attendance, together with sundry non-Masons, amongst whom were Messrs. T. Warren and S. Nichols. The arrangements had been entrusted to our worthy Bro. George Buckland, and it is scarcely necessary to say that under his auspices they were carried out most satisfactorily. Of this, however, our readers will be all the better assured when we present to them the following as the programme of the day:—

PART I.

Introduction: Treatment of the Subject; an anecdote of Real Life.
Descriptive Song: "The Main Track"—Bro. George Buckland.
Duet: the "Keel Row"—Miss Blanche Paige and Master Frank Tebbutt.
Solo Pianoforte: "Le Reveil du Lion"—Miss Agnes Binckes.
Ballads of the Nursery: "Spare the Rod and Spoil the Child;" "The Naughty Little Boy"—Bro. George Buckland.
Song: "Should he upbraid"—Miss Blanche Paige.
Historical Romance: "William Tell"—Bro. George Buckland.

Selections—By the Band of the Boys' School.

PART II.

Instruction and Amusement—Humour and Harmony.
Duet: "The Singing Lesson"—Miss Blanche Paige and Bro. George Buckland.
Song: "Cherry Ripe"—Master Frank Tebbutt.
Solo Pianoforte: Selections from "Les Cloches de Corneville"—Miss Agnes Binckes.
Extravaganza: "Mrs. Somebody Swallowed a Fly"—Bro. George Buckland.
River Ditty: "Twickenham Ferry"—Miss Blanche Paige.
Characteristic Song: "Sofo, sofeta, Kianka"—Bro. George Buckland.
Duet: "I know a Bank"—Miss Blanche Paige and Master Frank Tebbutt.
Domestic Scene: "Little Bincks;" "Matrimony;" "Let's Haste to the Wedding"—Bro. George Buckland.
National Anthem.

This was supplemented by recitations given by Bros. Binckes (from "Macbeth" and "Othello"), and Morgan ("Brought to Light," and "William Tell"), whose efforts to add to the general pleasure of the gathering were as warmly appreciated as they were worthy of appreciation. As for Bro. Buckland, the applause that was showered upon him was of the most hearty character. A pleasant little cold collation followed, at which every one reciprocated to every one else hearty good wishes for the new year.

The annual Twelfthnight Entertainment to the children in the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was given on Thursday. The House Committee, who provided the entertainment, were present, and with the assistance of a select party of visitors rendered the evening a perfect success. Punch and Judy, from Messrs Cremer, of Regent-street, and a skilful wizard from the same establishment, added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening.

The annual supper of the Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, will take place on Thursday, 26th instant, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C., under the presidency of Brother Charles Taylor, Worshipful Master of the mother Lodge. Brethren attending are requested to appear in Masonic clothing. Tickets for the supper, price three and sixpence each, may be had of Brother C. F. Goodenough, the Honorary Secretary.

MARRIAGE.

PONSFORD-EVERETT.—On the 12th instant, at St. Marks, Kennington, by the Rev. H. H. Montgomery, Vicar, JAMES BAZLEY PONSFORD to MABELINE MARY, eldest daughter of GEORGE EVERETT, of Clapham-road. No Cards.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS.—No. V.

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OUR EARLIEST NOBLE G. MASTERS.

Read in the Confidence Lodge of Instruction, in 1876.

THE brethren present are, doubtless, well aware of the circumstances attending the installation, in 1721, of John Duke of Montagu, who heads the long list of noble and princely Grand Masters who have presided uninterruptedly from that year over the interests of the Craft in England. They may not, however, be so well posted in the services he rendered to the Fraternity. Be it, therefore, the object of this paper to describe them, as well as those of his immediate successor, the eccentric Duke of Wharton. To the Duke of Montagu we are indebted for the establishment of the Deputy Grand Mastership, for no sooner had he been placed in the chair of Grand Lodge than he appointed, without apparent premeditation, Dr. James Beal to be his Deputy. This, however, is but a trifle by the side of the interest which he exhibited in the compilation of our Laws. Bro. Payne, during his two years of office, had already exerted himself with laudable assiduity in securing the collection of all the old Masonic documents that were procurable; and when the Duke of Montagu was Grand Master orders were issued for the compilation of what are known as our Constitutions. This important task was assigned to Drs. Anderson and Desaguliers, who had the further advantage of being assisted in their labours by Past Grand Master Payne. So energetically did these brethren pursue their task that, at the Grand Lodge held at the Queen's Arms, St. Paul's Churchyard, on the 27th December in the same year, the new Constitutions were handed in in manuscript, and entrusted to a Council of fourteen Brethren to examine and report upon. Within three months this Committee delivered their report, to the effect that they had carefully examined the digest submitted for their inspection, containing the Laws, History, Charges, and Regulations, and having made sundry amendments, expressed their approval. Orders were then issued, with the sanction of the Grand Master (the Duke of Wharton), for their immediate publication, when they were re-submitted to the consideration of the representatives of twenty Lodges connected with Grand Lodge, and on their acceptance and approval were finally issued to the Craft in the year 1723, as the Book of Constitutions of the Freemasons. This, which is the first, and of course the rarest edition of our Constitutions, contained a succinct history of Freemasonry from the earliest ages, as derived from the various legends of the old Operative Guilds; what are known as the Ancient Charges, and the regulations compiled by Bro. Payne, together with the approval of Grand Lodge, and four Masonic Songs. As to the genuineness of these laws and regulations, there is no question whatever. We have, in the first place, the solemn assurance of the learned Desaguliers and Anderson that they embodied all that was really valuable and authentic in the old Constitutions, and the more recent examination of equally learned experts, and notably of Kloss, is confirmatory of this. It should likewise be added, that these Constitutions, with such amendments and modifications as the wisdom of different Grand Masters has from time to time suggested, are the same Constitutions which now govern our Fraternity. If not unalterable as the laws of the Medes and Persians in the letter, they have been, and are so, in the spirit. Moreover, they form the basis on which rest the laws and regulations of all other Masonic bodies in the world. There is no doubt then of the wisdom of the eminent brethren to whom was in the first instance entrusted, by the Duke of Montagu, the duty of compiling them, and the names of Anderson and Desaguliers will be remembered by successive generations of Craftsmen with respect and veneration. Their task was a difficult one, and they discharged it faithfully and with marked ability.

The initiatory steps in the compilation of our laws constitutes the chief glory of the Duke of Montagu's Grand Mastership. His Grace was highly popular with the Craft, as, indeed, he was with all classes of the community. So beloved and respected was he by the former, that when the appointed time came for the choice of his successor, he was re-elected for another term of office. This, however, gave umbrage to the eccentric Duke of Wharton and his friends, who had conceived the idea of putting him in nomination

for the Grand Mastership, and so far did these brethren carry their opposition to Montagu's re-election, that a most irregular meeting was convened at Stationers' Hall, at which the Duke of Wharton was proclaimed Grand Master. Thus, at the very outset of its career as a speculative body, Freemasonry saw its house divided against itself, and ran the risk of perishing through internal dissensions. But though this irregular meeting gave great offence to the majority of Craftsmen, the Duke of Montagu, with a rare self-denial, which must commend itself to the admiration of all lovers of our Society, publicly resigned office in favour of his rival, in order to summarily stamp out a quarrel, which he foresaw must involve the ruin of the Craft. Thus it came about that in 1722 our Grand Mastership passed to the Duke of Wharton. Before, however, we enter upon a fresh reign, it will doubtless interest you to have some few particulars as to the public career and general character of the first nobleman who presided over Grand Lodge. You must bear in mind that his Grace of Montagu was not only one of the highest official dignitaries in the kingdom, but he was also one of the kindest and best of men. He was singular perhaps in what he did at times, but the motives which prompted his actions were the purest and noblest that can animate and direct our erring nature. He was not only by birth and titularly a nobleman; he was a nobleman at heart, and the memory of certain of the many and great kindnesses he rendered to others, as well as of frolicsome humour, has been in some instances preserved to us. The following is a brief sketch of his career.

He was born in 1688 or 1689, and in 1705 married Mary, the fourth and youngest daughter and co-heir of the illustrious John Duke of Marlborough. He succeeded to the title in March 1708-9. At the coronation of George I., on 11th October 1715, he acted as Constable of England. Subsequently he became Colonel of the 1st Regiment of Foot Guards. In 1718 he was made a Knight of the Garter, and on the revival of the Order of the Bath in 1725, the King constituted him Grand Master. He likewise held the office of Master of the Great Wardrobe, an office in the Royal household which had been settled on his father, by patent, with remainder to himself. He was further distinguished as Lord Proprietor and Capt.-General of the Islands of St. Lucia and St. Vincent in America"—probably, says Lodge, by virtue of grants which reverted to the Crown at his death. In August 1733 he was appointed Governor of the Isle of Wight, and in June of the following year, Captain of the band of Gentlemen pensioners. In 1736 he was summoned to the Privy Council. Though in his lifetime he held many military appointments, the Duke never saw any active service. He received his Commission of Major-General in 1735, and became Lieut.-General in 1739. In May 1740, he was appointed Master of the Ordnance, and Colonel of the Queen's Regiment of Horse. He was also in this year, and again in 1745 and 1748, one of the Lords Justices appointed to administer the Government during the King's absence in Hanover. On the outbreak of the Jacobite Rebellion in 1745, his Grace raised a regiment in the counties of Northampton and Warwick, of both which he was Lord Lieutenant; and in acknowledgment of his loyalty was appointed General of Horse. Sir Charles Hanbury Williams says of him—

"Three Regiments one Duke contents
With two more places you know;
Since his Bath Knights
His Grace delights
'In tria junct' in 'uno.'"

He died of a fever at his house in Privy Gardens, Whitehall, on 16th July 1749, without male issue, but leaving two daughters, his co-heirs. One of these—Isabella—married (1) William Montagu Duke of Manchester, and (2) Edward Hussey; the other—Eleanor—married George Brudenell, fourth Earl of Cardigan, who, in 1766, assumed the family name, and in whom the titles of Marquis of Monthermer and Duke of Montagu were revived, only again to become extinct on his death, without male issue, in 1790. Lodge speaks of Montagu as an eccentric humourist, but with a heart overflowing with kindness and generosity; and his irresistible affection for the surprising and the ridiculous seldom failed to insinuate itself even in those noble acts of beneficence which ought to immortalise his name. The neighbourhood of Boughton, his favourite seat in Northamptonshire, still cherishes abundant traditional anecdotes of his singular disposition; for it is

chiefly to the perhaps safe evidence of tradition that we owe our knowledge of it. His tenderness was extended to (possibly the truest test of its genuineness) every class of animated nature. His tenants and dependents were strictly charged neither to work nor to kill the old and disabled cattle, but to bring them to his park, a portion of which was set apart for their reception, which he called the "reservoir," and on which they remained till their natural death. We gather from the Memoirs of the Kit-Kat Club that "he was constantly seeking for objects whereon to exercise his benevolent propensities, and was remarkable for performing acts of charity and kindness with a singularity and dexterity of achievement which at once astonished and confounded the persons on whom his favours were lavished; and he used to declare it was this very surprise in the party which afforded him so much delight and amusement; and that the pleasure with which he bestowed a benefit on a deserving individual was precisely in proportion to the opportunities he had of making the reverse so much the more extraordinary and unlooked for. He is elsewhere described as "a fellow of infinite mirth," somewhat eccentric, but withal possessed of an excellent heart. We are also told that he kept a dog, the ugliest creature ever beheld, and that he used to say he was kind to the animal because it was too hideous to have claims upon the kindness of any one else. As regards his personal appearance, he is described as having been of middle stature, but inclining to be tall, with a dark complexion and very expressive eye.

I pass now to the Grand Mastership of the Duke of Wharton, who having obtained his position in a manner that was most irregular, nevertheless so far did homage to the high sense of decorum entertained by the Craft generally as to admit and apologise for the irregularity of his election, and the impropriety of which he and his partizans had been guilty. He was formally installed by Montagu in the presence of five and twenty Lodges, and by his zeal and attention to the duties of his new office, very quickly effaced all recollection of his irregular conduct. He appointed Dr. Desaguliers as his Deputy, and under his patronage the Craft made considerable progress, his Grace constituting no less than eleven new Lodges during his Grand Mastership. It was during his reign that the office of Grand Secretary was constituted. In 1723 the Earl of Dalkeith, afterwards Duke of Buccleugh, was installed Grand Master by proxy, in presence of some four hundred brethren. Dalkeith was succeeded by Charles Duke of Richmond, in whose reign the Committee of Charity, now known as the Lodge of Benevolence, was suggested, by his predecessor, supported by several other distinguished brethren.

We learn also that this year a rule was passed to the effect that no brother, except he were a member of a foreign Lodge, could belong to more than one Lodge in London, though he was eligible to visit all. It was further laid down that no visitor, however experienced he might be, should be admitted into a Lodge unless he were personally known, approved, and recommended; and also that a Lodge which discontinued working for a period of twelve months should be struck off the roll, with accompanying loss of rank in the event of its reopening its labours. In this year also was published an authorised list of Lodges constituted since the Grand Mastership of Payne. It was also, we believe, during this Grand Mastership that, owing to certain brethren having been guilty of excesses, a rule was established to the effect that the Stewards should supply no wine before dinner, or after eight of the clock.

In 1725, Lord Paisley subsequently the Earl of Abercorn, became Grand Master. He, too, was installed by proxy, and appointed Desaguliers as his Deputy. During Lord Paisley's Grand Mastership a new and important regulation was passed, by which it was ordained that "the Master of a Lodge, together with his Wardens and the requisite number of Brethren, assembled in due form, can create Masters and Fellow-Crafts," the conference of these degrees having been previously reserved to Grand Lodge itself.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—The members met on the 11th instant, for the first time since the recess. Bro. Musto acted as W.M., Stewart S.W., Anderson J.W., Hand I.G., D'Ardenne Treasurer. There was little business done, but the W.M. expressed a hope that the brethren would muster in good numbers next Wednesday, the 18th instant, when Bro. Stewart will preside.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ROBERT BURNS LODGE, No. 25.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 2nd inst., at Freemasons' Hall, and was numerously attended. The Lodge was honoured by the presence of the Grand Secretary and Bro. J. Lewis Thomas P.A.G.D.C., and many other visiting Brethren. The retiring W.M. Bro. J. S. Hodson stated that before leaving the chair it was his pleasing duty to announce that Bro. Lindner P.M. had presented to the Lodge a very elegant set of silver jewels, and he proposed that the thanks of the Lodge to Bro. Lindner for his handsome present be recorded on the minutes. Bro. J. S. Hodson the retiring W.M. then performed the ceremony of installation upon his successor, Bro. Marcus D. Loewenstark, in a most impressive manner. The following brethren were appointed to office, namely—Bros. C. Wynne S.W., G. J. Moorcroft J.W., J. W. Harvey S.D., T. Hawkins J.D., J. J. Wilson Treas., J. Dyte P.M. Secretary, H. G. Batson I.G. The W.M. then in felicitous terms presented Bro. J. S. Hodson I.P.M. with a jewel, previously voted by the Lodge, for his very efficient services during the past year, which gift Bro. Hodson acknowledged in a most eloquent speech. The brethren adjourned to a *récherché* banquet provided for them in the Crown room of the Freemasons' Tavern. After the usual loyal toasts had been given, Miss Edith Samuel favoured the brethren with a brilliant pianoforte solo, entitled "Robert Burns' Selections," which had been specially composed for the occasion, and which was most enthusiastically received. The W.M. in proposing the health of the Grand Officers, remarked that it was not only an honour but a pleasure to be entitled to attend the meetings of Grand Lodge, because the Grand Officers, in addition to being most competent in the exercise of their duties, were most affable and courteous in manner; he believed that the G.M. was thoroughly well supported by his Officers, and particularly by the Grand Secretary Bro. Shadwell Clerke, who had honoured the Lodge by his presence that evening. The Grand Secretary not only had the confidence of the G.M. in his Masonic capacity, but also enjoyed H.R.H.'s personal friendship, and this he considered must tend to enhance the prospects of Freemasonry. He was delighted to find that two Grand Officers had been able to spare time from their numerous duties to attend that evening, and in the name of the Lodge he begged to thank them for so doing, and trusted that the Lodge might be honoured by their presence on many future occasions. Brother Lieut. Colonel Shadwell Clerke responding observed that the W.M. had set them a good example in the brevity of his speeches, and he would lose no time in thanking them for the very cordial reception that had been accorded to himself. The toast just given was undoubtedly a very important one, comprising as it did so many brethren who had done good suit and service to the Craft. On behalf of the Grand Officers he might say, that they were at all times pleased to visit various Lodges, not only to watch the progress of Freemasonry, but because they invariably met with a similarly cordial reception to that which he had experienced that evening. It was not the first time he had visited the Robert Burns Lodge, and he trusted to be present at many future meetings. Of course the brethren must be well aware that from the numerous calls upon the M.W.G.M.'s time it was impossible that he could give much attention to Freemasonry, but he could answer for it that His Royal Highness took the greatest possible interest in the Craft, and inquired closely into all matters connected with it. In conclusion, he thanked the brethren for the hearty welcome accorded to himself and Bro. Lewis Thomas, and said that he should carry away with him a most pleasant recollection of the hospitality of the Robert Burns Lodge, and heartily congratulated Bro. Loewenstark upon the proud position to which he had that day arrived as W.M. Mrs. Loewenstark then sang, "Come buy my flowers," in which she was accompanied by her sister, Miss Eugenie Samuel. Bro. Hodson I.P.M. then proposed the health of the W.M. in very complimentary terms, and Bro. Loewenstark in responding thanked the brethren for the hearty way in which they had received the toast, and Bro. Hodson for the flattering terms in which he had proposed it; if he deserved all the kind things that had been said of him he felt that it was because he had endeavoured to do his duty conscientiously; of course he had looked forward to the reward that had that day been given to him, and he felt that it was a great distinction to be the W.M. of such an ancient and honourable Lodge, and it would be his earnest study to prove, during his year of office, that in electing him to be their W.M. the confidence of the brethren had not been misplaced. The W. Master favoured the brethren with a violin solo, "Selections from Der Freischütz," accompanied on the piano by Miss Ida Samuel. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, which toast was responded to by Bro. J. Lewis Thomas and Bro. F. G. Baker, the able instructor of the Robert Burns Lodge of Instruction. Miss Eugenie Samuel then sang, "Some day," accompanied by Miss Ida Samuel—this song was most enthusiastically received. The W. Master proposed the health of the I.P.M. Bro. Hodson, and observed that it was gratifying to him to have been installed by so able a Mason; the work in the Robert Burns Lodge was always well performed, but never in his recollection had the beautiful ceremony of installation been more ably rendered; he should never forget the impressive manner in which Bro. Hodson had delivered the addresses to the brethren. Bro. Hodson, in returning thanks, said that as brevity had been described as the soul of wit, so he felt it to be the essence of discretion, more particularly as on the present occasion he was far from well, and, indeed, had had some difficulty (for that reason) in performing his duties that evening; he was gratified to think that his efforts had met with the approval of the brethren, and he should at all times be most happy to assist the Lodge in any capacity; he thanked the W.M. for his flattering remarks, and the brethren for their warm reception of the toast. Miss Ida Samuel then played a pianoforte solo, "Mendelssohn's Capriccioso." The W.M. next pro-

posed the health of the P.M.'s, and particularly referred to Bro. Lindner, who had that day bestowed upon the Lodge the handsome gift of a set of silver jewels, the value of which was still more enhanced by the fact that they were his own workmanship, and he hoped that the brethren having this in mind would give a specially warm reception to the toast. Mrs. Loewenstark sang, "Across the Ferry," accompanied by Miss Ida Samuel. Bro. Lindner responded on behalf of the Past Masters, and said that with regard to the jewels referred to by the Worshipful Master, he was pleased to find that they met with approval. He did not require any thanks, for the gift was far too trifling; he had found that during his term of office there was no jewel for the I.P.M., so it came into his head to make one, and having made it, he thought he might as well make jewels for the other Officers also; he was more gratified by the Lodge accepting the present than the brethren could be by the gift itself, and he thanked them cordially for the way in which the toast of the P.M.'s had been received. Song, by Miss Eugenie Samuel, "The Better Land." The health of the Officers of the Lodge was then proposed, and ably responded to by the S.W. and J.W. Mrs. Loewenstark then played a pianoforte solo, "Selections from Tamboour Major." The Tyler's toast having been given, Bro. Hodson proposed a special vote of thanks to the ladies, for the beautiful music with which they had favoured the brethren that evening. He observed it was but seldom that Masonic Lodge meetings were honoured by the presence of ladies, and the Lodge ought to be specially grateful on this occasion, when they bore in mind that the W.M.'s wife and her two sisters had taken the trouble to visit the Robert Burns Lodge for the musical entertainment of the brethren. The toast was eloquently responded to by Bro. Dyte P.M. and Secretary.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, and proved one of the largest meetings ever held in connection with this celebrated Lodge. Bro. Richard Baker, the Worshipful Master, presided, and was supported by Bros. L. M. Myers S.W., J. Benjamin J.W., E. P. Albert P.M. Past Grand Pursuivant Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, P. E. Van Noorden Organist, and the following Past Masters:—Bros. L. Alexander, M. Alexander, H. M. Levy, Israel Abrahams, A. G. Dodson, H. Hymans, L. Lazarus, S. Hickman, Obed Roberts, and others. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed, after which the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. B. Blaiberg and I. Isaac, both of whom were unanimously elected. The first-named gentleman being in attendance, he was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. I. Myers, No. 205, was unanimously elected as a joining member. The reports of the Audit Committee and of the Benevolent Fund having been read and approved, a Board of Installed Masters was opened, Bros. Lieutenant-Colonel Somerville H. Burney Past Grand Deacon and A. J. Duff-Filer Past Grand Sword Bearer occupying the Wardens' chairs, and in due form Bro. L. M. Myers, the Worshipful Master elect, was duly installed into the chair, there being upwards of thirty brethren present during the ceremony. Bro. Baker, the retiring Master, performed the ceremony in a very perfect and impressive manner. In due course the following brethren were appointed the Officers, and invested with the respective collars:—Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., Albert Secretary, Lyon Treasurer, Bean S.D., Hunt J.D., L. Wall I.G., Van Noorden Organist, L. Lazarus P.M. Director of Ceremonies, Dewsnap Assistant Director of Ceremonies, S. B. Alexander and J. Wynman Stewards, Woodstock Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Baker for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation. Bro. H. M. Levy proposed, and Bro. Hickman seconded, that the sum of five guineas be voted from the Lodge to be placed on the list of the Worshipful Master, who is a Steward at the next Anniversary Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Two propositions for initiation were handed in, and letters of apology for non-attendance recorded from Bro. Colonel F. Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Lord Headley, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Denzil Onslow, M.P., Rev. C. J. Martyn Prov. Grand Chaplain, Baron Henry De Worms, H. G. Buss, and several others. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren repaired to the large Hall, where a most enjoyable banquet was provided. The newly installed Master occupied the chair, and at the conclusion of the repast proceeded with the customary toasts. In response to the toast of the Grand Officers, Brother Lieutenant-Colonel Somerville H. Burney, whose name was associated with it, returned his most sincere thanks for the honour done the Grand Officers that evening. He considered very little need be said on the subject of the toast, as the Earl of Carnarvon was too well known to need any commendation from him, while as regarded the Grand Officers generally, the reception at all times accorded to them was the best evidence of their popularity. There was a little anecdote which he might relate to show the universality of Masonry. It might be in the recollection of the brethren that last year a young man, employed by the Government in New South Wales, on the Geometrical Survey, disappeared, and the boat in which he sailed, with two assistants, was found on the beach, but no bodies were discovered. The parents of this young man, whom he (Brother Colonel Burney) had initiated in Masonry in the Bayard Lodge, wrote to him to inquire if he could suggest any means of ascertaining his fate by instituting inquiries among the Craft. He considered the matter, and he wrote a letter, which was forwarded to all parts of the world, asking the W.M.'s and Secretaries of Lodges to do their utmost to endeavour to throw some light on this poor young man's fate, as the idea was that he had been kidnapped, and perhaps carried away to slavery, to work in mines, or undergo some dreadful existence. These letters were sent out, and as a result, there was hardly a post arrived without he (Col. Burney)

received a newspaper from some foreign country publishing the whole correspondence. This showed that Masons did not neglect their duty, and would tend to show the world the advantages of Masoury. Bro. L. Alexander P.M. replied to the toast of the Joppa Benevolent Fund, reviewing its progress from the time of its foundation. In 1819, some two or three years before he (Bro. Alexander) had the honour of being a member of the Lodge, the late Bro. Dr. Canstaett, had some idea that it was not so well always for poor brethren to go to the Lodge of Benevolence for relief. He, therefore, proposed and carried into effect, a Benevolent Fund of their own, and Dr. Canstaett for many years was the President. Since that time, as the brethren saw by the figures, they had progressed; but he must tell the brethren who were not aware of it, that within the last three or four years they had given a large amount away—some £300 or £100 in one year. Fortunately this last year they had not had so many calls, nor were the circumstances of the cases which came before them such as to justify them in giving beyond a certain amount. The committee had never been sparing when applications were made, but they had always been cautious, and considered the cases well before they awarded an amount. They had in very many instances given as much as £100 to an applicant, and he was happy to say that in some cases it had done a great deal of good. The number of years he had had the honour of being President he had always found the Committee and Vice-President ready and willing to give him all the assistance that lay in their power; and, while they were cautious in doling out sums to applicants, they were at the same time, when circumstances rendered it necessary, very liberal indeed. Notwithstanding the many calls they had had on the fund, they still—thank God—had nearly £1000 in the funds, and he hoped and trusted that that amount would remain, and collect and amass to an almost unmentionable sum before they had another application; but, at the same time, however frequent the applications might be, the Committee would always—however melancholy—be pleased to assist where it was necessary. Having said this, he would for a moment digress and speak of himself. The brethren had heard from the worthy Secretary that he (Bro. Alexander) had resigned the Presidentship of the Fund. He had had every reason to believe that so long as God spared his life and he was able to attend he might be President of that Fund; but it was once suggested to him that there would be something dignified in the Master of the Lodge presiding at the meetings of the Fund. He took up the idea, and at the very first opportunity he made the proposition in Lodge that the Master for the time being should be President of the Benevolent Fund. He was now pleased that that proposition was carried, and he was glad to say the present W.M. would succeed him in the President's chair. He hoped that he (Bro. Alexander) might have the opportunity on very many occasions of being among the Vice-Presidents or Past Presidents, whichever it might be—where he might have the pleasure of addressing the brethren. Bro. Baker I.P.M. felt great pleasure in being once more entrusted with the gavel of the Lodge, more especially as it was to propose what he deemed the toast of the evening. They had all known Bro. Myers for a long time, and they all admired and esteemed him; he felt assured that in placing him in the chair they had put the right man in the right place, and that he would carry out the duties and uphold the dignity of the chair to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. He felt that from the manner in which Bro. Myers had already discharged the duties that had been allotted to him in the various offices he had filled, that if he performed the duties of W.M. in the same manner the brethren would be amply rewarded. The W.M., in replying, said it was very kind of the I.P.M. to speak of him as he had spoken. Ever since he had had the honour of being a member of the Lodge, and held office, he had striven to do his utmost, and it was a cause of gratitude in him to know that unless he had done his duty he should not have been elected to the chair by the unanimous vote of the Lodge. It was no sinecure to be Master of a Lodge, more particularly the Joppa Lodge. There were many P.M.'s who had done so much in the service of the Craft that it made a man a little nervous in climbing up the ladder; he hoped the brethren would have no cause to regret placing him in the W.M.'s chair. All he required was that they should assist him during his year of office, and he hoped that time twelvemonths they would say he had done well, and that he might be proud of having been Master of the Joppa Lodge. In proposing the health of the Initiate, the W.M. said he hoped Bro. Blaiberg would be an ornament to the Lodge. He had commenced well, by being very attentive to the ceremony, and he had already shown that great ornament of a Freemason—Charity—by presenting a donation to the Benevolent Fund. He hoped he would strive to be a good Mason, and in some few years he might be elected W.M. He would tell him he might do it by attention, and by visiting Lodges of Instruction, one of which was attached to their Lodge. Bro. Blaiberg responding said, that from his boyhood he had wished to be a member of the Order, and to-night his wishes had been fully realised. In time he hoped to attain to the dignity which the W.M. had now arrived at. The W.M. proposed the Immediate Past Master, complimenting him and congratulating the Lodge on the fact of his so far finishing his work for the year in installing his successor with such faultless precision. He also presented him with a magnificent gold P.M.'s jewel, bearing the following endorsement:—"Presented to Bro. Richard Baker, by the members of the Lodge of Joppa, No. 188, in appreciation of his services during his year of office as W.M., January 1882." He hoped Bro. Baker might be spared many years to wear the jewel, which was not to be looked at for its intrinsic value, but for the hearty feelings with which it was presented by the brethren. There was no brother who had passed through the ordeal of Master of the Lodge with greater credit than Bro. Baker, and the Past Masters were very pleased to receive him into their ranks. Bro. Baker I.P.M., in replying, said there were times in a man's life which one could never forget, and that evening would be one of his. If he failed in words to thank the brethren sufficiently, he hoped they would take the will for the deed, but as some of the brethren present had passed through

the same ordeal, he had no doubt they would understand his feelings. Referring to the jewel which they had presented him, he said it showed they appreciated his humble services during the time he had been a member of the Lodge. To the best of his ability he had tried faithfully to perform the duties allotted him, and it was the consciousness of that that made him set the higher value on their testimonial. The brethren of the Lodge had also done their duty, and done it nobly; for a Lodge might have the best Worshipful Master in the world, and without the support of the brethren his efforts would be barren of fruit. As it was, the brethren might congratulate themselves on having had a most successful year. Whenever he should look on that jewel it would remind him of very, very many happy hours he had spent among the brethren of the Lodge of Joppa, and when it should please the Almighty Architect to take him over to the majority, he hoped it would go down as an heirloom in his family, and stimulate them to a course which would merit the same esteem as that in which he was held by the brethren of the Joppa Lodge. Bro. Cohen, P.M. 205, and several other brethren replied to the toast of the Visitors. Bro. L. Alexander, in responding to the toast of the Past Masters, said it was usually considered that when a Brother became Master of a Lodge he became wedded to the Lodge. That being so, this day was his silver wedding, for it was twenty-five years that night that he was installed Master of the Joppa Lodge. He was truly thankful to the brethren for honouring the toast, and also truly thankful to the Great Architect of the Universe for having spared him for so many years, in good health, to attend regularly at the meetings of the Lodge. Bro. Lyon, in responding to the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, said he hoped both of them would be spared to do their best for the Lodge. The office of Treasurer he had found hitherto to be a rather difficult one, but he hoped, with the aid of the brethren, it would not be so hereafter. He had tried to make things smooth and easy. As to taking care of the Lodge funds, he thought it was the duty of every man who undertook office to perform the duties of that office to the best of his ability. He should strive to do so, and he hoped that at the end of his year the brethren would have the same pleasure in honouring him with re-election as they had this time, and that he would be able to give them the same satisfaction. Bro. Benjamin S.W. and the other Officers responded to the toast of the Officers, and the Tyler's toast concluded the proceedings. The banquet, provided by Bro. Jennings, was superintended by Bro. M. Silver. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. H. Shead 1366, W. H. Baker 180, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., W. H. Gardiner I.G. 1000, J. Becket, B. S. Woolf 185, A. J. Duff Filer P.G.S.B., A. Clifford Eskell 117, Geo. P. Nightingale 193, G. Penn P.M. 1642, W. S. Lyon 185, B. Kauffman 1732, Henry Mask 205, F. Croaker 185, J. E. Ryan 422, A. E. Myers 185, H. Massey P.M. 619, W.M. 1928, C. W. Meither 1671, G. A. Fletcher W.M. 180, J. Baker W.M. 1471, Thomas Cubitt P.G.P., J. S. Salomons I.P.M. 1017, W. H. Welshman 599, H. S. Somerville Burney P.G.D., F. R. Hales 34, H. J. Phillips W.M. 205, F. H. Schweiser 185, Edgar Bowyer P.P.S.G.W. Herts, W. Oldey 1642, John Measor 315, P. E. Vanderpump 1507, Louis Bamberger P.M. 1366, G. J. Vanderpump 1507, I. P. Cohen I.P.M. 205, H. J. Tallentia 1330, F. Hallows 1662, John H. Dodson 55, J. B. Edwards 861, S. Jewell 1559, &c. During the evening a charming selection of vocal and instrumental music was performed, under the direction of Bro. P. E. Van Noorden Organist of the Lodge, by Madame Liebhart, Madame Osborne Williams, Bro. Arthur Thomas, and Herr Max Gonzava (cornet).

ST. JAMES'S UNION LODGE, No. 180.

THE installation meeting of this ancient Lodge, celebrated for its excellent working, was held on the 10th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, and was numerously attended by the brethren and Visitors. The Lodge was opened by the W.M., Bro. C. J. Wade; Bros. G. B. Fletcher S.W., J. Wood J.W., W. C. Parsons P.M. Sec., Baker S.D., Maxted J.D., Chester I.G.; P.M.'s Stonor, E. Farwig, Pillin, Robinson. Visitors—Bros. Lord Headley, R. Baker P.M. 188, F. J. Baker J.W. 1608, S. Brooks P.M. 1608, W. Hammond 569, J. F. Lathom 1714, C. W. Hobson P.M. 700, W. Bolton, J. Piercey 172, S. Dicketts 193, H. Dicketts P.G.S., Skinner S.W. 538, Langton 1, C. W. Duke P.P.G.D. Sussex, E. B. Hobson W.M. 700, F. Brewer S.W. 1603, Wallis Mackay 1319, J. I. Cantle P.M. 1257, E. Coleman 192, C. Townley 201, Farley 1470, Bellamy 25, Hodgkinson 1196, Way 55, R. Hovenden 21, Capes 190, R. Mason 203, Treacher 96, E. R. Terry, W. S. Ogle W.M. 256, Honeyball S.W. 1681, C. Barker P.M. 834, F. Leigh, H. M. Levy P.M. 183, Hartley 1608. After the confirmation of the minutes, Messrs. R. Westrop, G. F. Moresley, White, and J. J. Shout, for whom ballots had previously been taken, were duly initiated into the Order, the W.M. ably conducting the ceremony. Bro. J. Vicary, Joppa Lodge 188, was elected a joining member. The Auditors' report was read and adopted; it showed a balance of £18 12s in favour, while the Benevolent Fund, after disbursements of £50 6s, showed a balance of £142 10s 6d. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. G. B. Fletcher S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge, and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. Wade, whose perfect and impressive rendering of the ceremony was most creditable to him for so young a Mason. There were sixteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. On the re-admission of the brethren, the W.M., in appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bro. C. J. Wade I.P.M., J. Wood P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Miles Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Maxted S.D., Chester J.D., Denno I.G., Staden W.S., E. Farwig P.M. D.C., Gilbert Prov. G.T. Middlesex Tyler. Bro. E. Farwig P.M. efficiently acted as D.C. At the conclusion of the ceremony Bro. Wade was deservedly commended by all present. The resignation of two brethren was accepted with regret. Bro. Staden W.S. proposed, and Bro. J. Huy seconded, that the annual ball of the Lodge take place. This was carried

unanimously. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren, seventy-five in number, sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bro. A. Best, and superintended by Bro. E. Dawkins. Grace having been sung, the W.M., in eloquent and appropriate terms, proposed the Loyal and Masonic toasts. In proposing the toast of the Most Worshipful the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of England, he spoke of those distinguished brethren in high terms of praise. At this stage of the evening, the W.M. referred to the fact that in the Lodge, Bro. Past Master Pillin had requested him to urge the brethren to give their votes for the Boys' School in favour of a son of an old member of the Lodge, Bro. Francatelli. The child had not yet been nominated, but he (the W.M.) in the midst of this pleasant gathering, had to announce the sad fact that the widow of the late Bro. Francatelli had died the previous night, and he would ask their sympathy for the poor orphan. Bro. Wade I.P.M. proposed the toast of their highly esteemed W.M. He said they could not have a better one to preside over them; Bro. Fletcher had worked his way from the junior offices with such ability that the brethren unanimously voted him to the chair; he was sure they would drink to his health, and wish him prosperity to carry out the duties of the chair he was so eminently qualified to fill. The W.M., on rising, was loudly cheered; he thanked Bro. Wade for his kind expressions, and for speaking of him in such eloquent terms. He felt it an honour to be W.M. of this influential Lodge. True, he had worked his way through every office, but to-night he had received his reward in being installed W.M. of the St. James's Union. He hoped at the expiration of his year of office the Lodge would be in every way as prosperous, and also that he might hear a repetition of such kind expressions. The W.M., on again rising said, a most pleasant portion of his duty was to propose the toast of the Initiates, who now were not only their brethren, but their friends. He felt assured they would prove true, honest, and good hearted brother Masons. Bro. Westrop, in a very sensible and appropriate speech, returned thanks, and he was followed by Bro. Shout, whose remarks proved the Lodge had reason to be proud of so desirable an acquaintance in its initiates. The W.M. then said he had great pleasure in proposing the toast of I.P.M. and Installing Master. Bro. Wade had worked hard in the Craft, while in his social position he was well known. In presenting him with the jewel voted him, he trusted he might live many years to wear it, with honour to himself and credit to the Lodge. The Past Masters would be proud to receive him into their ranks. The I.P.M. in reply, thanked the W.M. It gratified him to say he had rarely heard this toast so enthusiastically received; when told the jewel would be presented him he felt proud, but still more so now he was wearing it. He hoped to be among them, to assist in the future as he had done in the past. He should always think of the words of the installation ceremony. He hoped to be among them for many years to come. He would now say a word or two on another theme. This Lodge had supported the Charities; the members had done their duty. He (Bro. Wade) had consented to serve a Stewardship for the Girls' School at the next Anniversary Festival. He hoped the brethren would support that noble Institution. Again he thanked them for the manner the toast had been received. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, who were nearly as numerous as the members. He extended to them the right hand of friendship, in which sentiment he was sure every brother of the Lodge would reciprocate; he would call on Bros. Smith, F. Brewer, Hobson, and Lord Headley to respond. The several brethren named paid just compliments to the I.P.M. for the able manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, and to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided over them. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. The brethren knew it was only by their hearty co-operation the Lodge could hope to prosper. No Lodge could boast of better Past Masters. He would call on Bro. Robinson to respond. Bro. Robinson said it was twenty-five years since he was initiated into Freemasonry, by the late Bro. Gurton. He regretted the absence of many of their P.M.'s, but he saw around him many that in future would make good P.M.'s. Any service required of him that would be for the prosperity of the Lodge would readily be granted. Bro. Robinson was followed by Bro. Stonor. Bro. Wade I.P.M. rose and said he had to thank the brethren for their response on behalf of his list for the Girls' School, as no less than twenty guineas had been handed to him. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer; those brethren would be a credit to any Lodge. To the Secretary all praise was due, while the Treasurer was one who always looked after the interests of the Lodge. He would ask them to give both a hearty greeting. Bro. Miles Treasurer, in a very humorous speech, responded; he was proud to wear the collar of Treasurer. Although not a Past Master, he had been with them twenty-three years, and his heart and soul were for the interests of the Lodge. He could not have had a more congenial and business-like condjutor than their worthy Secretary. Bro. Parsons also responded; this was his fifth year of office as Secretary; the honour of being selected for this post was duly appreciated by him. He would do all in his power for their interests. The health of Bros. Wood P.M. S.W., Baker J.W., Mayfield, Chester, Staden, &c., came next. The W.M. said the proficiency shown by them in their several offices would qualify them to fill the chair in due course. Bros. Wood, Baker, and Staden severally responded, and then the Tyler gave the parting toast. The W.M. provided a capital musical mélange, under the direction of Bro. E. R. Terry, Miss Amy Romaine, Bros. Walter Belton, Faulkner Leigh, Wallace Mackay, and Townley, rendering good service.

The Upton Lodge of Instruction has removed to Bro. Gray's, the Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch. The first meeting in the new quarters will take place on Wednesday the 18th instant.

ROYAL NAVAL LODGE, No. 58.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Hall. The chair was taken punctually at 4.30 p.m., by Bro. W. George Hanson W.M.; among the Officers present being Bros. S. B. Wilson P.M. Treasurer and W.M. elect, John Healey P.M. Secretary, H. W. Homanns S.D., J. Hart J.D., G. R. Onsey I.G., J. Nicholson P.M., with Bros. Titl, Thomas Jennings, &c., &c., and among the visitors Bros. A. Woods 1153, D. M. Dewar P.M. 1415, George Britton W.M. 22, C. Fitzgerald Matier P. Grand Warden Greece, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, and E. Soppet P.M. 1627. Lodge having opened with the usual formalities, and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Hanson in a most able and impressive manner raised Bro. Heinrich Titl to the sublime degree of M.M. Bro. James Macintosh having been ballotted for, and elected a joining member, the W.M. elect Bro. Stephen Barton Wilson was, for the third time, installed into the chair of K.S. The ceremony was to have been performed by Bro. Healey, but illness intervened, and his place was taken by Bro. C. F. Matier, who, it is needless to say, fulfilled his duty most admirably. The following brethren were then appointed and invested as Officers for the year, namely, Bros. W. Homanns jun. S.W., J. Hart J.W., Healey P.M. Sec., G. R. Onsey S.D., W. Winnett J.D., Russell I.G., T. Barnden M.C., and J. Beckett (for the thirty-second time) Tyler. One proposition for a joining member, and one for initiation having been handed in, a vote of thanks was passed unanimously and with acclamation to Bro. Matier for his services as Installing Master. Bro. Matier in acknowledging the compliment, stated that Bro. Wilson was the 204th brother he had had the honour of inducting into the Master's chair, and he trusted, if he lived long enough, he might have Bro. Wilson as a witness at his 408th fulfilment of the same ceremony. An excellent banquet followed, after which the usual toasts were given and duly honoured, many just and well-deserved compliments being paid to Bro. Wilson, while the Visitors severally returned thanks for the toast with which their names were associated.

LODGE OF HARMONY, No. 309.

THE Provincial Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight (Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.), with his Officers, attended the annual meeting of this Lodge, at the Red Lion Hotel, Fareham, on Thursday, the 5th instant, when the Rev. A. A. Headley Prov. Grand Chaplain installed Bro. J. R. Hayman (I.P.M. of the Phoenix Lodge 257) as his successor in the Worshipful Master's chair. There was an unusually large attendance of the members of the Craft. The ceremony of installation was performed in a most impressive and efficient manner by Bro. Headley, to whom a vote of thanks was awarded. The Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers in the following order:—Bros. Rev. A. A. Headley I.P.M., E. Goldsmith S.W., W. G. Heath J.W., Rev. A. A. Headley Chaplain, J. B. Goldsmith P.M. Treasurer, J. Tayler P.M. Secretary, Rev. A. C. Hervey S.D., J. W. Gieve J.D., J. Hooper I.G., D. G. Gilmour Director of Ceremonies, W. A. Hill and H. Cook Stewards, R. Eames Tyler. The Lodge having been closed in due form, the brethren adjourned to the spacious dining hall adjoining the Lodge room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion. The banquet was furnished by Bro. George Bond P.M., whose catering gave universal satisfaction. Bro. J. R. Hayman presided, and was supported by the Prov. Grand Master, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, the Prov. Grand Wardens, and other Prov. Grand Officers, the Worshipful Masters of the neighbouring Lodges, and about fifty Past Masters and members of the Craft. Bro. E. Goldsmith S.W. was in the vice chair. The usual list of toasts was honoured, the health of the Prov. Grand Master being received with great enthusiasm. The Worshipful Master, in proposing this toast, referred to the services rendered to Freemasonry by Bro. Beach, and mentioned the fact that the present Pro Grand Master (the Earl of Carnarvon) had been initiated by Brother Beach, whose great ability in performing the ceremonies of the Craft was highly enlogised. The P.G.M., in response, congratulated the W.M. on his appointment, and the Lodge on the fact of their having elected so zealous a Mason to fill the chair. He spoke in terms of high praise of the good working of the Lodge; all the Officers were well versed in their duties. The toast of the Masonic Charities was proposed by Bro. William Edmonds, and responded to by Bro. J. Mason, an old member of the Lodge of Harmony, and Collector for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. Bro. the Rev. A. A. Headley, in enlogistic terms, gave the health of the Worshipful Master, who briefly acknowledged the compliment. The W.M. and representatives of neighbouring Lodges was proposed by Bro. E. Goble P.M. P.G.R., and acknowledged by Bro. Com. W. H. C. St. Clair, R.N., W.M. 257, Phoenix, and Bro. George Mason W.M. 1334, Duke of Connaught. The W.M., in proposing the health of the Installing Master, referred to Bro. Headley's estimable qualities, and in the name of the Lodge presented him with an exquisite P.M.'s jewel, in acknowledgment of the zeal and ability shown by him in his year of office. Several other toasts were honoured. A pleasing incident was referred to in the course of the evening. Bro. W. Gilbert Heath, who has for many years ably carried on the secretarial work of the Lodge, having consented to accept the office of J.W., the appointment of Secretary was accepted by Bro. J. Taylor P.M., who held the same office in the Lodge thirty-one years ago.

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LA TOLERANCE LODGE, No. 538.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 5th instant, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bro. E. Child W.M., E. Humphreys S.W., C. Skinner J.W., J. Kench P.G.P. Treasurer, J. B. Sly Secretary, T. Palmer J.D., Langdon I.G., J. Elvin D.C., Q. Quitman; Past Masters J. Quitman, T. W. Cooper, W. Walters, C. Burmeister, Willson, and a numerous attendance of members and Visitors, amongst whom were Bros. R. Pierpoint J.D. 177, F. G. Baker P.M. 753, H. J. Bell 404, S. A. Cooper P.M. 1637, W. J. Crump J.W. G.S. 58, W. B. Date P.M. 34, J. C. Smith 1744, A. Price 1608, Hine 1677, P. J. George 957, E. Farwig P.M. 180, Crump G.S., A. J. Altman P.M. 1657 C.C., T. Prieday 907, H. Venn P.M. 23, O. Latreille W.M. 1260, Verity, C. Wentworth I.G. 101, J. Speller 1677, Liddall W.M. Bedford Lodge, J. T. Wimperis G.S. P.M. 91, J. Hurdell J.W. 1348, Rogers 1670, G. A. Barclay J.D. 1608, Arnold 1670, A. S. Harrison 1269, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After due observance of preliminaries, ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. C. J. Bishenden and W. S. Vorley, who were unanimously accepted and duly initiated into the Order in a very efficient and perfect manner. A Board of Installed Masters was in due course opened, and Bro. E. Humphreys S.W. and W.M. elect was presented and duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M. Bro. Child. On the re-admission of the brethren the customary salutations were given. The W.M. in eloquent and appropriate terms appointed and invested his Officers: E. Child I.P.M., Skinner S.W., Bauman J.W., J. Kench P.G.P. Treas., J. B. Sly Secretary, Palmer S.D., Langdon J.D., J. Elvin I.G., Schott D.C., C. Quitman W.S., P. Bale Organist, Church Tyler. Bro. James Kench P.G.P. acted efficiently as D.C., applause following each investiture. The report of the audit committee was accepted. Hearty good wishes were given and Lodge was closed. The brethren then sat down to a sumptuous and recherché banquet and dessert that gave great satisfaction. The W.M., who ably presided, proposed the Loyal toasts. Proposing that of the R.W. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers, he would associate with it the name of a brother, a member of this Lodge, Bro. James Kench P.G.P., who had received Grand honours. Bro. James Kench P.G.P. Pursuivant was pleased and proud to respond. This was his mother Lodge, and he felt great pride that he had won the Grand honours conferred on him. Bro. Child I.P.M. then said, when the I.P.M. takes the gavel the brethren know that it is to propose the health of the W.M., who in this case was in every way qualified to fill the chair. The Visitors had not seen his working; he however had, and knew it was perfect; a more worthy Master they could not have. Strict he might be in the duties of the chair, but a more urbane ruler they could not meet. He would ask them to give the toast a hearty reception. Bro. Child's remarks were heard with loud applause. Bro. Oswald sang the Toreador song, so successfully that the last verse was repeated. The W.M. in reply said he felt at a loss for words. Having been elected the W.M., it was a pleasure to him to follow such worthy Masters. He had been but a few years in Freemasonry, but he could say his efforts would be for the welfare of the Lodge, and he hoped to have their assistance in carrying out the duty required of him. The W.M. then said, what he had next to propose was the toast of the evening,—the newly initiated brethren. He was sure they had been impressed with the ceremony, and felt respect for the noble Order they had entered. He hoped Bros. Vorley and Bishenden would eventually become lights in Freemasonry. Bro. J. Kench P.G.P. sang the E.A. song. Bro. Vorley thanked the W.M. for his kind expressions, and the brethren for the enthusiastic manner they had responded to them; he was sure he should never regret his introduction into Freemasonry. Bro. Bishenden followed, in a brief but appropriate speech. The W.M. next complimented the Visitors, the Lodge was always proud to see them; he would call on Bros. Crump, Latreille, Liddall, Wimperis, Venn, and Hurdell, who severally replied. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master Bro. Child, who had in every way upheld the dignity of the Lodge. He had pleasure in presenting him with something in a tangible form, and that was a jewel. No brother who had passed the chair had better earned it. It was by a unanimous vote it had been given him, and while placing it on his breast, he (the W.M.) hoped he might live long to exhibit it. The jewel is of elegant design, beautifully mounted, and bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Bro. R. Child P.M. by the members of La Tolerance Lodge 538, in recognition of his services as W.M. 1881-1882." Bro. Child thanked the Worshipful Master for presenting him with the jewel; he should wear it with pride. The toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge followed, coupled with the name of the oldest member of that body, Bro. Wilson. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, and to these a hearty response was given. The Officers were not overlooked, and the W.M. trusted the selection he had made had given satisfaction. The Tyler's toast followed, and the brethren departed, after expressing to the W.M. the great gratification they had experienced. Bro. Powis Bale, P. Foster, Schott, Arthur Oswald, A. R. Rogers, and Bishenden contributed to the harmony.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, on Saturday, the 7th inst. Present—Bros. R. P. Forge W.M., A. Ferrar S.W., H. Hall J.W., Pearcey Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, F. W. Jones S.D., A. W. Macks J.D., Osborn I.G., Bros. I. P. Cohen, D. Moss, Catling, C. Lorkin, &c. Lodge opened and minutes were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Catling candidate. Bro. Ferrar was duly elected to preside at the next meeting. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded the W.M. for the excellent manner he had discharged the duties for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. A letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the family of the late Bro. Fysh. All business being ended, Lodge was closed.

St. Michael's Lodge, No. 211.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street, on Tuesday the 10th instant. Bro. W. Radcliffe I.P.M. occupied the chair in the unavoidable absence of Bro. Dr. Waters W.M. Amongst the Officers present being Bros. Usher Back S.W., W. E. Young J.W., Chas. Greenwood P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, F. J. Hentsch S.D., T. H. Peirce J.D., A. Withers P.M. as I.G., C. T. Speight Tyler, T. H. Lavers P.M., A. Green P.M., Crappor, Nash, and Martin Organist. Lodge having been opened and minutes of the previous meeting read and confirmed, Bro. Croft was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The bye-laws of the Lodge having been read, Bro. Usher Back S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year, and suitably acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Greenwood was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight re-appointed Tyler. A vote of condolence with the family of Bro. Hitch, who was present at last meeting, but had died in the interval, was passed, and the other business having been disposed of, Lodge was closed. It should be remarked that Bro. Hitch was a promising young Mason. He took a leading part in connection with the recent vote of condolence to the family of the late Bro. Douglas Drysdale P.M., and these circumstances make his death the more conspicuous as well as the more regrettable.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—On Tuesday last, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road Dalston. Present:—Bros. Dignam W.M., Edwards S.W., Wardell J.W., Smyth S.D., Christian J.D., Thos. Clark I.G., F. Carr Hon. Secretary, P.M. Wallington Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Baker, Glass, Floyd, Darnell, Robinson, Allen, Jones, C. Lorkin, Bunker. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Baker, a candidate for passing, was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Baker was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, and then resumed to the second. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wardell, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation in a most excellent manner, placing Bro. Dignam in the chair of K.S. This brother invested the Officers. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. Bro. Edwards was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Wardell was ordered to be entered on the minutes for the satisfactory manner in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, for the first time. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.—The weekly meeting was held at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, on Thursday, 12th instant. Bros. Jones W.M., Green S.W., Bellerby J.W., Coop S.D., Smith J.D., Owen I.G., Tucker Preceptor; also Bros. Pitt, Hewlings, Walter, Millsom, and Woolmer. Lodge was opened in due form. The W.M. rehearsed, in his usual effective manner, the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Walter candidate. The W.M. delivered the Ancient Charge of the degree. The Lodge was opened in the second, when the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Pitt candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Bro. Coop, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Green was unanimously chosen W.M. for the following Thursday. Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

THE THEATRES, &c.

DRURY LANE.—At 7.15, ROBINSON CRUSOE. On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 1.30 also.

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GLOBE.—At 7.30, ADVICE GRATIS. At 8.15, THE CYNIC.

GAIETY.—At 7.5, OPERETTA. At 7.20, FARCE. At 8.30, ALADDIN.

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

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, MARRIAGE BELLS. At 8.15, THE HALF-WAY HOUSE, &c.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, PLOT AND PASSION. At 10, A LESSON.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, A HAPPY PAIR. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

ROYALTY.—At 8, THE FISHERMAN'S DAUGHTER. At 8.30, PLUTO.

COMEDY.—At 7.30, SEEING FROU-FROU. At 8, THE MASCOTTE.

SAVOY.—At 8, MOCK TURTLES, and PATIENCE.

ST. JAMES'S.—At 8, COUSIN DICK. At 8.20, THE SQUIRE.

CRITERION.—At 8, WITHERED LEAVES. At 8.45, THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, BLACK CROOK.

COURT.—At 8, AWAKING. At 8.15, ENGAGED.

OLYMPIC.—At 7.45, THE RUSTIC MAIDEN, and THE MEMBER FOR SLOUGH.

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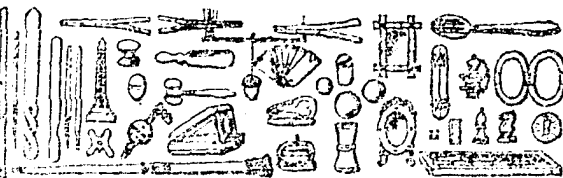
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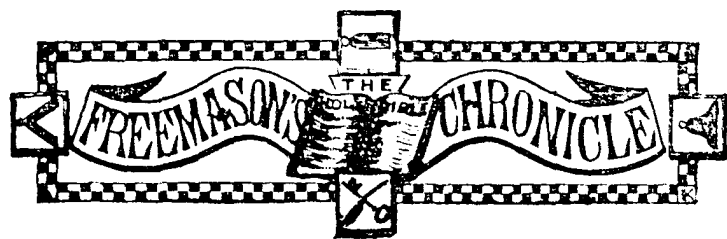
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I NEVER neglect to read everything between the two covers of the Proceedings—or as they are officially termed, The Annals—of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, and I have never found anything that was unnecessary, for Brother Parvin has the good judgment of publishing what is staple information. In the Annals for 1881 is a synopsis of the Returns of Lodges, and I was somewhat surprised to observe the uniformity of sentiment existing among the Iowa Craftsmen with respect to the time of their stated communications—all but 24 of the 369 Lodges mentioned in the synopsis having their meetings fixed by the lunar changes.

Freemasons are frequently asked by profanes why Lodges in many localities assemble on or near the full moon? and appear to experience much disappointment when informed that no Masonic significance attaches to the custom, and that it grew out of the convenience of having moonlight in which to attend the Lodge.

In the history of the creation as given in Genesis, the moon is mentioned simultaneously with the sun, and they are said to have been created "for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years." Superstitious people appear to have given these words a literal interpretation, and we have, in consequence, innumerable fancies connected with the moon, which, it is believed, exercises great influence upon both material and immaterial things.

In the countries of the Orient the moon shines with greater brilliancy than we are accustomed to, and exposure to its rays and the heavy dews occasions much suffering at times. Thus, in Psalm cxxi. 6, we read, "The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon by night." Brother Rob Morris mentions the dews in his *Freemasonry in the Holy Land*, page 500, in this manner: "The frequent and copious dews and fogs of Palestine—much more abundant than one would suppose in such an arid climate—have furnished the inspired writers with many of their beautiful and expressive figures. Our readers will of course recall the beautiful extract from Psalm cxxxi., introduced into our ceremony of Entered Apprentice: 'As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountains of Zion,' &c. In the summer the dew of Palestine is so copious as to supply to a considerable extent the absence of rain, and becomes important to the farmer. * * * Every traveller remarks upon this subject of dew. Coming to Shannem on Saturday night, my coat was nearly wet through with dew. Like the person in Canticles v. 2, 'My head was filled with the dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.' * * * I observed at the mouth of Dog River how the dampness of the dew on the rocks brings out the remarkable figures and inscriptions delineated there. At Tiberias I noticed the tents of a party encamped there, drenched with dew. They looked as if they had been exposed to a fall of rain during the night. This is the same effusion so often referred to in Scripture, that 'descended upon the mountains of Zion,' recalling the expressions in Psalm cxxxiii., and others."

That so brilliant and comfortable a satellite should have been honoured by the early nations is no matter of surprise to us, in view of the fact that superstition still exists among us, and in Egypt the moon was revered, under the form of Isis, as one of the deities of that nation; the Syrians adored it as Ashtoreth, and the Greeks as Diana. Brother Dr. George Oliver sums the subject up in his fifth lecture on signs and symbols, as follows:—"All these legends owe their origin to Noah and the Ark; for the foundation of every known system of idolatry was the worship of the Great Father and the Great Mother, symbolised by the sun and moon."

Among the Hebrews, the first day of the lunar month was regarded as a holy day, and offerings, in addition to the usual daily sacrifices, were made; it was respected with all the sanctity of a Sabbath, all trades and handicrafts were suspended, public services were held in the Temple, and trumpets were blown for the special sacrifices of the day, the same as on special solemn festivals. The civil year began with the seventh new moon of the religious year, at which time the Feast of Trumpets was celebrated as it is to this day by the chosen people.

No information is now possessed of the method practised by the Jews at the time of Moses for determining the beginning of the lunar month, and the earliest system of which we have any knowledge is that employed by the Sanhedrim, which was to establish watchmen on the eminences around Jerusalem, on the last day of the month, to observe the heavens. As soon as one of these observers detected the new moon, he hastened to the place in the city, which was provided for the purpose, and was interrogated by the President of the Sanhedrim; these reports and examinations were continued until the President was satisfied that the new moon had indeed appeared, when he arose and proclaimed it by saying: "It is consecrated." It is obvious that much uncertainty existed in this Rabbinical practice, especially when the heavens were clouded, and when the appearance was manifested late in the day. It is well known that the Jewish day begins at six o'clock in the afternoon; if, therefore, the important utterance of the President of the Sanhedrim was not made until after dark, the following day was the first of the month; if be-

fore dark, the day it was pronounced. When the day was determined, the information was at once sent throughout the country, from the Mount of Olives, by lighting fires on the tops of the hills.

The potency of the moon in all sorts of divination, sorcery, &c., such as casting magic bullets, manufacturing divining rods, &c., is well established—in the minds of the superstitious. Seed planting, weaning children, and innumerable actions are all regulated by the moon's changes. It is said that crabs caught during the full of the moon, burned alive and ground to powder, will cure hydrophobia, yet this dread disease prevails—and no one ever tries the remedy.

Savage nations invariably greeted the new moon with reverence and fear, mingled with joy and adoration, but such manifestations were not confined to barbarians. An old English custom was for women to sit astride a gate or stile, on the appearance of a new moon, and interrogate her:—

"All hail, new moon, all hail to thee!

I pry thee, good moon, declare to me

This night, who my husband must be."

It was considered unlucky to kill a pig in the wane of the moon, as the flesh would waste in boiling, and the slaughter of the hogs was delayed or hastened to accomplish it during the increase. Seeing the new moon over the left shoulder or through glass was unfortunate for the seer, an opinion that is yet held by many, and these same persons cultivate the moon's favour by courtesying to her, and turn the silver in their pocket for luck. The prevalence of greenbacks for so many years has certainly accomplished some good in having caused this senseless belief to become obsolete.

In Westphalia a superstitious method of avenging oneself upon enemies has a wide-spread belief, and were it successful nothing but "dwelling together in unity" would save the entire population from periodical disability. This spell can be practised only when the moon falls on Tuesday. Having previously selected a club or stick for the castigation, the avenger must go to it before daybreak and address it, "Stick, I grasp thee in the name of the Trinity;" a knife is then produced, with the words, "Stick, I cut thee in the name of the Trinity, that thou mayst obey me and chastise any one whose name I mention." Two places are then made in the stick by removing the bark or skin, to cut these words upon it, *abia, obia, sabia*. It is then ready for its work, which is done by placing a garment on the threshold of the house, and striking it hard with the stick, at the same time speaking the name of the person who is to be beaten. It is believed that although he may be at a great distance, he will suffer as much as if he were receiving the blows from the hands of the operator.

A charm for toothache in Snabia is, when the crescent moon is first seen, to look at it steadily, while these words are thrice repeated: "I see the moon with two points; my tooth shall neither shoot nor ache until I see the moon with three points."

In the Alpine districts of Europe, especially in Switzerland, Savoy, and Tyrol, as well as in certain regions of the Andes and Himalayas, the inhabitants are afflicted with a swelling of the throat known as goitre, and it is believed that if the sufferer will face the moon, when on the increase, for three consecutive evenings, and touch the swelling with a stone, and then cast the stone over the left shoulder, that the goitre will disappear, but the virtue of the remedy is destroyed if a word is spoken.

Persons with freckles may, if they desire, try the Tyrolese method of removing them, which is to wash them in water in which the moon is shining. In antagonism to this recipe, in some parts of Europe it is thought dangerous to bathe or drink water in which the moon's rays fall, or to sleep in moonlight. Agricultural implements left out of doors in moonshine will have the timbers broken, and linen must not be left hanging in the moonlight. It is also dangerous to dance in the moonlight because the surface of the earth is then as thin as a cobweb, and the spirits from the lower regions are lured upwards by the music.

The Suabians consider it a great crime to spin or knit by moonlight, for the reason that it does not give sufficient light for any work, and any one who ventures to spin weaves a rope for the neck of a relative, and many stories are related illustrating the danger of doing so; I venture the remark that the idea may have arisen from a desire to shelter relatives from justice. One of their stories is, that a poor woman who supported herself by spinning, spent whole nights at her distaff, and, when the moon was full, saved the expense of oil by working in the moonlight. As she was thus employed one night, the clock struck twelve, when the door opened and a stranger entered. He had his arms full of distaffs, and said, "If thou dost not spin all these full this night, it will all be over with thee;" he then vanished, leaving the poor woman in a terrible fright. Fortunately she betthought herself of spinning the distaffs one over, and in this way accomplished her task before daybreak. The stranger, who was the Evil One himself, reappeared at the appointed time, and silently took the spindles away with him, but never again did the old lady encourage his visits.

The new moon is also supposed to indicate, by her horns, the state of the weather during its continuance; unfortunately, the signs do not harmonize, and respect for them is weakened in the minds of sceptics. Some contend that if the horns are upright, so that the moon has the appearance of holding water, it will be a dry moon; but the Indian, whose weather observations are entitled to as much respect, invariably accepted such a crescent as indicating a wet moon, as it invited him to hang up his implements of hunting.

Another weather sign is—

A Saturday moon,

If it come once in seven years

Comes once too soon.

And yet there is at least one Saturday moon in each year; indeed, in 1876 and 1879, there were three Saturday moons; in 1875 and 1880, two; and in 1882 there will be two, while in this year, 1881, there is one, and, up to the present writing, three comets.

Among the ancient Greeks and Romans the crescent was regarded as a protection against the wiles of the Evil One, and small metal crescents were worn around the neck of man and beast as amulets. This custom has not yet entirely disappeared in Italy and the East, and some years ago the Neapolitan ladies wore silver crescents on their arms as preservations against epilepsy. The talismanic crescent has ever been the badge of Islam, and Masons are familiar with the distinction between the Believer and the Infidel. How the crescent became the Turkoman's standard is not well established—indeed, like many Masonic observances, its history is legendary. The Koran says that Mahomet broke the disc of the moon, and as the crescent fell from heaven, he caught it in his sleeve, and made it the symbol of his divine authority. It is related that Othman, the Conqueror, founder of the Turkish Empire, had a dream, in which he saw the crescent moon waxing in splendour, until it illumined the whole world, when he adopted it as his standard, with the legend, "until it fills the world." Still another account is that when Philip of Macedon was engaged one dark night, in undermining the walls of Byzantium, a new moon suddenly made its appearance and discovered his operations to the besieged, who in gratitude for its timely light erected a temple to Diana, and adopted her crescent as a symbol of the state. The crescent was a religious symbol, however, long before the Turkish empire began; old statues of Diana represent her with the crescent over her brow, attesting that it was a familiar symbol to the worshippers of that deity.

All nations seem to have had a desire to account for the spots on the moon, and as they were unable to do so in scientific manner, their lively imaginations soon fashioned an accepted theory. Among the heathen nations the hare is said to inhabit the moon and to be the cause of the spots. In Ceylon it is related that when Buddha was a hermit on earth, he one day lost his way in a forest, and after long wanderings met a hare, who proffered his services as guide out of the wilderness. Buddha thanked him for his kindness, and stated his inability to requite him for the service, as he was poor and starving. The hare replied to light a fire, kill and eat him, whereupon Buddha lit the fire and the hare immediately leaped in: here Buddha displayed his power and magnanimity by taking the hare from the flame and placing it in the moon. A French traveller mentions this story, and says his telescope was frequently borrowed by the natives in order that they might inspect the hare in the moon. The Hottentots have a hare legend somewhat different; they say that the moon once sent the hare to man to inform him that as she died and rose again, so should man die and rise again. But the hare forgot the purport of the message, and said to man that as the moon died and did not rise again, so should man die and not rise to life again. When the hare made report to the moon, the latter became so angry that she struck at him with a hatchet and slit his lip, whereupon the hare fled, and is still fleeing; others assert that the hare flew at the moon and almost scratched her eyes out.

The most popular and harmless fancy connected with our satellite is the man in the moon, and very few persons have any idea of the meaning or origin of the phrase. In response to an inquiry what it means, the answer would doubtless be given that it refers to that faint appearance of a face that the moon presents when full. An acquaintance with folk-lore, however, invests the object with much interest, and it is known to be the resemblance to a human figure which appears in the side of the moon when eight days old, being something like a man carrying a thorn-bush on his back and climbing an elevation, while a detached object in front seems to be his dog going on before him.

In Numbers xv. 32—36, we read: "And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man that gathered sticks upon the Sabbath day. And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. And they put him inward, because it was not declared what should be done to him. And the Lord said unto Moses, 'The man shall be surely put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp.' And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him with stones and he died as the Lord commanded Moses." This circumstance is supposed to have given rise to the fancy, among the nations worshipping the true God, of the man in the moon, where the unhappy Sabbath-breaker is in perpetual purgatory, bearing his bundle of sticks upon his back, ever climbing without advancing, ever fearing a fall, and shivering as the frosty air bites his back through his thorn-rent clothing.

In Germany the legend is that an old man cut some sticks on a Sunday morning, and having gathered all he could carry, slung them in a bundle upon his back, and started homeward. He had not proceeded far when he met an elegantly dressed stranger—none other than the Almighty—who reproved him for not keeping the day holy, and asked if he was not aware it was Sunday on earth. "Sunday on earth or Monday in heaven, it is all the same to me," was the irreverent reply. "So be it," said the stranger, "bear then your faggot for ever; and since you do not value Sunday on earth, you shall have an everlasting moon-day in heaven—standing for eternity in the moon as a warning to Sabbath-breakers." As he pronounced the sentence the stranger vanished, and before the poor wood-chopper could apologize for his rudeness, he was seized by invisible hands and borne to the moon, pole, faggot and all. Another version stated that he was given the choice of burning in the sun or freezing in the moon, and chose the later. The story has various other renditions; that he was pruning his vineyard on Sunday, or had stolen a parcel of cuttings from a neighbour, and when questioned about it protested his innocence by saying, "If I have committed such a crime, may I go to the moon," which fate befel him at his death. In some localities, the man had stolen wood on Easter Day, and in others was fencing his field on Good Friday; in another, he had robbed a neighbour's garden of cabbages on Christmas eve, and this story says he turns once around with his plunder on the anniversary of his crime and detection.

The Snabians say that a man and woman are in the moon; the former for spreading thorns and brambles on the road to church, one

Sunday morning, and the woman for churning butter the same day, while some traveller in countries bordering on Eastern seas reports an idea held by the inhabitants that the man in the moon is a giant who bends down to scoop up the water to pour on the earth to cause a flood tide, and who stands upright, at rest, when the tide ebbs.

Shakespeare refers to the man in the moon in *Midsummer Night's Dream*, when Mr. Quince, the carpenter, gives description how moonshine is to be represented, and in Act V. Scene I. Moonshine says, "All I have to say is to tell you that the lantern is the man; I, the man in the moon; this thornbush, my thorn-bush; and this dog, my dog."

Some years ago an Irish acquaintance explained to me a rule for determining the age of the moon, which I have in mind as to method, but am not quite sure I can recall the doggrel verse in which the rule was told to me. It is of interest to Masons, and I do not think it has ever been in print. With these verses in mind, no one need ever consult an almanac for the moon's age:

When fifteen hundred years are past
Of Jesus' age, sure nineteen cast,
And what remains, I pray remember,
You'll surely find the golden number.
Minus one the Golden Number,
Multiply by eleven placed under,
And cast it into thirties first,
And what remains is Epact just.
Count the months, with March begin,
Unto the month that you are in,
Add to it as on you go
The Epact and the day of month;
All over thirty leave behind,
And the moon's age you'll surely find.

Now to explain the process; I am writing 22nd August 1881; deduct 1500 from 1881 and there remains 381; cast (divide) 19 in this and it goes twenty times with one remaining, which is the Golden Number, and by referring to the almanac it is found that the Golden Number for 1881 is 1. "Minus one the Golden Number multiply by eleven placed under." This gives zero, or nothing, and eleven times nothing is nothing, but we must have the Epact, and the rule is where we have nothing, to make it 30; consequently 30 must be the Epact, and the almanac says it is 30. Commencing with March and including August makes six months; add to this the Epact, 30, and the day of the month, 22, and the sum is 58; "all over thirty leave behind," and we have 28 as the moon's age. The August moon was new 26th July, so that the six days of July and 22 days of August make the twenty-eight days. Of course, being twenty-eight days old we are so near another new moon that we can look for it in two days, and the almanac says there is a new moon on 24th August. It is unnecessary for astronomers to smile and announce that the rule will not always work; the instances when it will not are so very, very rare, that it serves all practical purposes, and I gladly give it for the good of the Craft.

Obituary.

THE LATE BRO. BARNARD.

WE regret to have to record the death of an old and esteemed Craftsman, Bro. J. A. L. Barnard, who died at No. 20 Navarino-road, on the last day of the old year, at the ripe age of seventy-three. The deceased was a lineal descendant of the celebrated Lord Mayor Barnard, who was one of the members for the City of London and Lord Mayor in the year 1737, and also known as one of the most popular members for the City of London for over forty years. His statue, executed in marble, was erected in the old Royal Exchange. The deceased gentleman was educated in the Bluecoat School, and, early brought up to commercial pursuits, was for many years a clerk and cashier in the Bank of England, which establishment he left to join the disastrous British Bank. He took a lively interest in literary pursuits, and was for many years one of the Committee of the celebrated Literary Institution in Aldersgate-street; he was also an active Director of the entertainments connected with that Institution. He was for many years an active and useful Freemason, having been twice W. Master, and for a long time *Father* of the Ionic Lodge, wherein he for years appeared as Master of Ceremonies. He took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to the Craft, and was ever ready to assist in acts of charity. For many years he acted as Honorary Secretary to the Benevolent Society of Old Blues. Members of the Craft who have been accustomed to see him, not only in his own, but also in Grand Lodge, will long miss his cheery and genial countenance and kindly expressions. We regret to say that he has left a widow and two aged sisters in somewhat straitened circumstances. We are assured when this is known to the Craft there will be no lack of generous assistance brought to bear—the brethren are ever mindful of those left dependent, and especially so where those who fulfilled the duty of bread winners were the first to lend aid on behalf of the necessitous.

CORRESPONDENCE.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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CLIQUISM IN LODGES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR,—You will be conferring a great favour by inserting the following letter in your columns, having reference to the very unsatisfactory manner in which the whole internal working of my Lodge is being carried out.

I have been a member for ten years, and during that period, and up to last year, have filled the various offices below the Wardens' chairs.

It is most unfortunate for the Lodge that a formidable clique system has developed itself, and favoured members alone are appointed to fill the vacant offices. Only a few months has elapsed since a brother who happened to belong to the clique party was placed in a position that I in all fairness ought to have occupied; this office was held by him for about eight or nine months, when he left the neighbourhood. Ere I proceed farther, I would ask the following questions. Is it in accordance with the strict rules of Masoury, prior to the installation of Officers for a seeker of office to presume intimating to the W.M. that in the event of his being elected W.M. at the ensuing election, he would appoint the late W.M. his S.W.? Also, whether it is consistent for a P.M. to interrogate a brother as to his views with regard to the then coming installation, and expressing a hope he would not fail to be present at the election. Can such proceedings be looked upon by Craftsmen in any other light than that of canvassing for office?

Yet the W.M. stated at his installation that he had not himself, or had he sanctioned any brother, canvassing on his behalf.

Both chairs being vacant, the W.M. appointed the Secretary Senior Warden, and the Senior Deacon as Junior Warden. Here I would state that the Senior Warden has only been a Mason for three, and the Junior Warden for four years; in addition, both these are much younger Masons than a great many of those comprising the Lodge. Moreover, they are in no sense to be considered better qualified to fill the offices, and were only so appointed by the clique who were desirous of having the absolute control of the Lodge.

Some years since a clique (similar in all respects to the one now existing) sprang up in the Lodge, and so objectionable were its effects that at that time it was mooted to establish another Lodge, but "Masonic spirit" came with force to the front, and the result was, might conquered right. However, it is most unfortunate that the Lodge should again be in a similar dilemma. Does not an opportunity present itself for memorialising the P.G.M. with a view to the establishment of a new Lodge? I think sufficient reasons can be shown why the prayer should be responded to. The Lodge, as now conducted, cannot be faithfully worked, especially when it is considered that the clique party claims to be superior to their poorer brethren; while a fearless and outspoken brother is, so to speak, "spotted," and looked upon in the most suspicious manner.

I am pleased to know that many staunch Masons are ready to rally round their aggrieved brethren, and have promised to stand shoulder to shoulder with them in the determination neither to unbuckle their armour nor sheath the sword until justice be done.

Apologising for taking up so much of your valuable space,

I remain, Sir, your obedient servant,

H. J.

We learn that the resolution, moved by Bro. Charles Godtschalk, and carried in the Provincial Grand Lodge of Devonshire, on the 6th of August last, at Plymouth—"That five hundred guineas be raised to purchase a Life Presentation, in the name of Lord Ebrington, Prov. Grand Master for Devonshire, to be called the 'John Huyshe Presentation'—the immediate outcome of which was the nomination of a Committee—has already borne fruit. A meeting of this Committee took place on the 3rd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter, presided over by the Prov. Grand Master Lord Ebrington, M.P., when Bro. Charles Godtschalk was empowered to negotiate the immediate purchase of a Scholarship and Presentation into the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys. We understand also the selected candidate of the Province, the lad Sidney Snowden, will receive the first presentation, and, as a consequence, his name will be erased from the present list of candidates for the coming April election.

DANCING.—Bro. JACQUES WYNMAN, Professor of Dancing, gives daily instruction in all the fashionable dances to those who are without previous knowledge. Private lessons at any time, by appointment. Families attended. Balls conducted, and first class bands provided for the free.

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PROSPECTUS ON APPLICATION.

ACADEMY—74 NEWMAN STREET, OXFORD STREET, W.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BOYS' SCHOOL.

THE monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Saturday, 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present—Bros. S. Rosenthal in the chair, Donald Dewar, Frederick Adlard, Alfred Williams, William Roebuck, Leopold Ruf, Robert Berridge, Rev. Richard Morris, D.D., Head Master, C. F. Matier, H. Massey, George Read, C. E. Seppet, W. H. Saunders, W. H. Perryman, A. J. Duff Filer, Edward Baxter, and F. Binckes Secretary. Bro. Binckes reported that £1000 had been invested in Three and a Half per Cent. Stock of the Metropolitan Board of Works, as agreed to at the December meeting. Nine candidates were added to the 59 already placed on the list for the April election. There were sixty, but one of these had only been conditionally accepted, and he was now removed, his father not having subscribed five years to a Lodge when he resigned and subsequently died. Application having been made for maximum grants for the advancement in life of two former pupils of the Institution, the Committee refused the applications, but granted £20 each on condition only that the friends of the applicants provided the remaining sum which was required. The Committee recommended that the Quarterly Committee should declare sixty-eight candidates for the April election, and fifteen candidates. After which the brethren adjourned.

COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Edgar Bowyer, in the chair, W. March, James Brett, C. H. Webb, Thomas Cubitt, J. A. Farnfield, F. Adlard, W. Hilton, W. Hale, Raynham W. Stewart, A. H. Tattershall, John Charles Perceval, James Willing jun., Dr. Jabez Hogg, and James Terry, Secretary. Bro. Terry reported the death of two annuitants, and one female candidate. In the Warden's report, which was read, the Warden (Bro. Norris) expressed, on behalf of himself and the other annuitants at Croydon, their gratitude for the New Year's Entertainment on the 4th inst. A vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Bowyer, Dr. Strong, Bro. and Mrs. Terry, and others, for their presents towards the Entertainment, and to Bro. Cutbush for a present of bulbs to the Institution. The Financial Committee's Report was ordered to be received and entered on the minutes. This showed a balance of £1,144 7s 5d in favour of the Male Fund, and an over draft of £389 7s 8d against the Widows' Fund. Bro. Terry informed the Committee that the receipts of 1881 were £800 in excess of the announcement at the Festival—the announcement being £14,100, and the receipts nearly £14,900. Fifteen petitions were examined, and the candidates placed on the list for election in May next. A vote of thanks to the chairman closed the proceedings.

The Earl of Carnarvon Lodge of Instruction will meet every Friday evening, on and after the 20th instant, at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, (instead of the Mitre, Goldborne-road, North Kensington. We believe that the removal will be an advantage to the Lodge, which has been under the Preceptorship of Bro. G. Davis for the last three years, and no doubt the numbers will greatly increase when the Lodge is established in its new quarters. The brethren have arranged to commemorate the opening night with a plain supper after the Lodge is closed. Lodge will be opened on the 20th at 7 o'clock.

The Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement will also remove to the Ladbroke Hall, and meet every alternate Tuesday evening, at 8 o'clock, commencing on Tuesday next, the 17th instant.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in Favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Peacock, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See Times of July 19th, 1881. Bottle is 1/6, 2/6, 4/6, 1/1s, and 2/1s. Sold by all Chemists.

Testimonials.—Read Quarter Staff, Col. 1st, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, of Exeter, writes: "I have been able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of great service to me in relieving the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which I have suffered from for many years. Many of my patients now come to me for relief, and I can state that medicine which always relieves them, and which I can heartily recommend to your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, F.R.C.S., F.R.C.P., Hon. the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Exeter."

The Times, August 11th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian "Press," 10th July 1877. "The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian army was so bad, and I had remained there a few weeks longer, that I am sure I should have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures."

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, 14th JANUARY.

Metropolitan Council (T.I.) Allied Masonic Degrees, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, at 3 p.m.
 Quarterly General Court, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 12
 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1361—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

MONDAY, 16th JANUARY.

Quarterly General Court, Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Cannonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate. (CONSECRATION, at 3.)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland.
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 K.T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston

TUESDAY, 17th JANUARY.

Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.
 95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, at 7 (Instruction)
 1572—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (Inst.)
 1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (Inst.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1612—E. Carnarvon, Ludbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 244—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.
 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
 418—Mentoria, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.
 463—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 1006—Tregallow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1059—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
 1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.
 R.A. 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 R.A. 829—High Cross, Bull Inn, Dartford.
 R.A. 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham

WEDNESDAY, 18th JANUARY.

General Committee Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 8.
 Grand Stewards, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 140—St. George's, Trafalgar Hotel, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 190—Oak, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (Inst.)
 534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 619—Beadon, Greyhound, Dulwich
 700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shorditch, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1283—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1349—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars
 1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Gleggall Road, Cubitt Town
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 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.)
 1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
 1677—Crusaders, 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)
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
 140—St. George, Trafalgar Tavern, Greenwich
 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W.
 178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan.
 200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Landport
 423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
 451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
 537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
 581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
 591—Buckingham, George Hotel, Aylesbury
 592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
 683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells
 889—Dohie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames
 939—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 969—Sun and Sector, Assembly Rooms, Workington
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury.
 1019—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 1040—Sykes, Masonic Hall, Driffield, Yorks
 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
 1129—St. Chad, Roebuck Hotel, Rochdale
 1161—De Grey and Ripon, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
 1246—Holte, Holte Hotel, Aston
 1301—Brighouse, Masonic Room, Bradford-road, Brighouse
 1337—Anchor, Masonic Rooms, Durham House, Northallerton
 1353—Duke of Lancaster, Athenium, Lancaster
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1443—Salem, Town Hall, Dawlish, Devon
 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, Hull.
 1634—Starkie, Railway Hotel, Ramsbottom
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 R.A. 240—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 R.A. 254—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 530—Unity, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
 R.A. 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Tamworth
 M.M. 135—Hotspur, Freemasons' Hall, Clayport-street, Altwick
 M.M. 181—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham

THURSDAY, 19th JANUARY.

House Committee, Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 23—Globe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Heron's Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 55—Constitutional, Inns of Court Hotel, Fleet-street, W.C.
 61—St. Mary, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 67—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford
 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 181—Universal, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 992—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Luigate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1154—Southern Star, Pleasant, Staagate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1278—Burdett Courts, Approach Tavern, Victoria Park
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Tulse Hill Hotel, Tulse Hill
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1395—Clapton, White Hart, Clapton
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1614—Covent Garden, Nag's Head, Jakes Street, Covent Garden, at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1728—Temple Bar, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1904—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 43—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead

56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 283—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 313—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 315—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 683—Wiltshire of Fidelity, Town Hall, Devizes.
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1332—Unity, Masonic Hall, Crediton, Devon
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1512—Hemming, Red Lion Hotel, Hampton
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 R.A. 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 913—Pattison, Lord Ralgaun Tavern, Plumstead
 R.A. 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonian-road, Batley

FRIDAY, 20th JANUARY.

House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 143—Middlesex, Albion, Aldersgate-street.
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up, George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
 790—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 834—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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1704—Anchor, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 1644—Alma Mater, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 K.T.—De Fumival, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield
 K.T.—Jacques de Molay, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 21st JANUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1732—King's Cross, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1767—Kensington, Courtfield Hotel, Earl's Court, S.W.
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

PECKHAM LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1475.

THE brethren of the above Lodge assembled at the Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, on Wednesday evening, Bro. Cowly having been voted to the chair as W.M. Bros. T. D. Hilton S.W., Stone J.W., Page S.D., J. J. Brinton I.G. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, after which the sections of the second lecture were worked by Bro. Preceptor Rose P.M. and Bro. F. Hilton, who were ably assisted therein by the brethren. Lodge was then closed in due form. Afterwards some business appertaining to the Masonic Charities was transacted. Bro. J. T. Scotts, the esteemed host, intimated that as he had reached the fifty-sixth anniversary of his natal day, if the brethren consented it would afford him much pleasure to take wine with them. This was assented to by Bro. Preceptor Rose P.M., who in feeling and graceful terms proposed the health of Bro. Scotts, who for a long series of years had been associated with the Lodge, and who had, moreover, striven to do all in his power to render them comfortable. In proof of this, the room which they then occupied was an instance. Without being accused of flattery, he could assert that Bro. Scotts was respected by all who knew him, for his excellencies and sterling worth. They, one and all, wished him many happy returns of the day, and expressed a hope that the great Architect of the Universe would shed His benign influence around him, and all those near and dear to him likewise. He having been heartily pledged, Bro. Scotts acknowledged the compliment in concise but appropriate terms. He assured the brethren that he reciprocated their kindness, and would on all occasions endeavour to promote the interests of the Lodge and the comfort of the brethren. Bro. Rose Preceptor stated that Bro. Bracegirdle was about sailing once more for China, and therefore he would call on the brethren to drink to his good health, coupling therewith their hearty good wishes. Many years would elapse ere he could hope to return to his native country, and therefore, in the midst of those who knew but little or nothing about their Order, he hoped that he might prove to them in all his dealings that Freemasonry was something more than a mere name. The toast was received with enthusiasm. Bro. Bracegirdle made a feeling speech in reply. Bro. W. C. Page sang "Many happy returns of the day," and other brethren also favoured with some excellent songs. The harmony was maintained for some considerable time, fraternisation not being allowed to flag for a single moment.

The Earl of Kimberley, accompanied by the Countess and Lady Constance Wodehouse, returned to town, for the season, on Wednesday.

The Earl and Countess of Beattie have returned to Westmoreland from a visit to Headfort House, Meath.

The Prince of Wales was represented at the funeral of the late General Macdonald by Mr. A. Pepys Cockerell, one of his grooms of the bedchamber.

Sir R. Bateson Harvey's barriers met at Guy's House, Holyport, on Tuesday, and had fair sport in the neighbourhood of Bray, Fifield, and Dedworth.

The Prince and Princess of Wales have accepted an invitation to be present at a Ball, to be given on or about the 15th of February, by the Honourable Artillery Company, of which His Royal Highness is Colonel and Captain-General.

The Right Hon. J. G. Dodson left town on Wednesday for Conyborough, near Lewes.

The Marquis of Hartington, M.P., who attended the Cabinet Council on Saturday, left town on Tuesday evening for his seat at Holker.

Earl Granville has been staying at Walmer Castle since Tuesday.

The Countess of Rosebery and her infant son are both progressing most favourably.

Lord Leigh presided at a special meeting, on Wednesday, of the supporters of the North Warwickshire hounds, when it was agreed to continue the practice of advertising the fixtures for the various meets.

The accouchement of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, who is residing at Bagshot House, may shortly be expected.

The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs attended Divine service in State, at St. Botolph's, Bishopsgate-street, on Sunday last, on the occasion of the unveiling of two new windows representing the "Last Supper," and "St. Paul preaching to the Athenians on Mars' Hill."

On Wednesday the Lord Mayor visited the Marquis of Exeter, at Burghley House, Stamford, returning to the Mansion House the day following.

Monday being Plough Monday, the Lord Mayor held a court of Wardmote, in the Aldermen's Chamber, Guildhall, when the Town Clerk, Sir J. B. Monckton, reported the returns from the different Wardmotes for the election of Common Councillors. The City Marshal, the Guildhall and Mansion House Officers, the Ward Beadles, and the Constables of the different markets were subsequently sworn, in as usual.

At a meeting, on Monday, of the Nottingham Town Council, a letter of condolence was ordered to be sent to the Duke and Duchess of St. Albans, on the occasion of the death of Mr. Bernal Osborne, the Duke's father-in-law. A suitable address to the Duke of Albany on his approaching marriage was also agreed to.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

At the Prince Leopold Lodge of Instruction, No. 1445, at the Moorgate Tavern, 15 Finsbury-pavement (near Moorgate Station, Metropolitan Railway), on Wednesday evening, 25th instant, at 7 o'clock precisely. Bro. W. H. Myers (P.M. 820 and 1445) Preceptor will preside. Bros. McDonald S.W., Walters J.W., B. Candick I.P.M. First Lecture—Bros. W. J. Musto, Kimbell, C. Robson, J. Robson, Harding, Candick, and McDonald. Second Lecture—Bros. Richardson, Macgregor, Walters, Musto, and Stephens. Third Lecture—Bros. Seymour-Clarke, Hopkins, and Taylor. Bro. Seymour-Clarke Hon. Sec.

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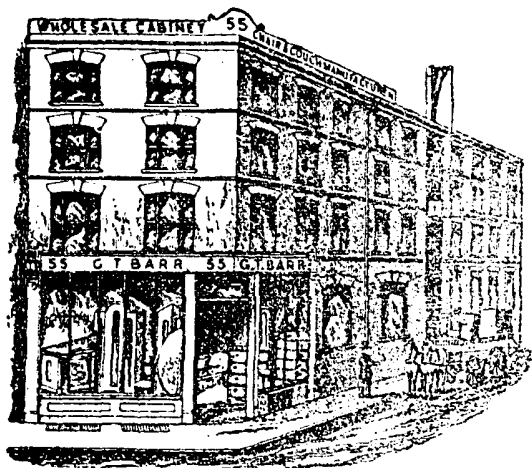
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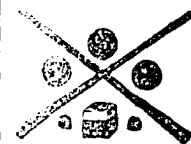
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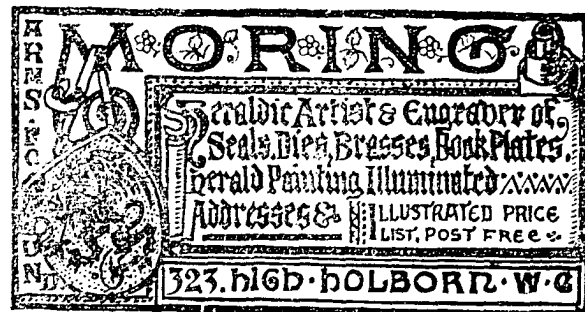
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