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EARLY GRAND MASTERS.

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THE Earl of London was elected Lord Weymouth's successor, on the 24th December 1735, and was installed in office at Fishmongers' Hall in April 1736. He constituted sundry Lodges, and granted three Provincial Deputations for New England, South Carolina, and Cape Coast Castle. On 6th April, on the motion of Deputy Grand Master Ward, a series of new regulations for the better government of the Society were passed. These were subsequently incorporated in the Book of Constitutions, and were also adjudged to be so worthy that Dermott accepted them with his code of regulations, which he drew up for the seceding section of the Craft, known as the Ancients. But though the events that occurred in England during the year 1736 were few in number, there occurred in it one event of the greatest importance in Scotland. The activity of Freemasonry in England had naturally enough created a great stir north of the Tweed, and on the 30th November (St. Andrew's Day), in the presence of representatives of thirty-two Lodges, William Sinclair of Roslin, hereditary patron of Masons, resigned for himself, his heirs and successors, the patronage so long enjoyed by his family. A Grand Lodge was then constituted, William Sinclair being unanimously chosen to fill the office of Grand Master, Captain John Young being appointed Deputy Grand Master, and John Macdougall Grand Secretary. Thus by the end of the year we find that Freemasonry was firmly established in the three Kingdoms, constituting the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

The Earl of Darnley was installed Grand Master at Fishmongers' Hall on 26th April 1737, and was extremely active and energetic in the performances of his duties. Preston says that over sixty Lodges were represented at each of the Communications held during his tenure of office, while the number of Deputations issued by him greatly exceeded those issued by his predecessor. According to Thory, George Hamilton was appointed Provincial Grand Master for Geneva, James Watson for Montserrat, Prince Henry William of Prussia for the circle of Upper Saxony, and Captain Richard Rigg for New York and other countries. Two of these Deputations are mentioned by Findel, while Preston enumerates the whole four. But, after all, the principal event which marks the administration of this Grand Master is the initiation of Frederick Prince of Wales. This took place at an occasional Lodge, held at the Palace of Kew, and presided over by Dr. Desaguliers—to whose influence we are very possibly indebted for this honour; Lord Baltimore, Colonel Lumley, and other brethren being present. The Prince was passed to the second degree in the same Lodge, and was raised at another occasional Lodge, held at the

same place for the purpose. An event so remarkable, of course, drew public attention towards Freemasonry to even a greater extent than before, though in some parts of Europe the notice bestowed upon the Craft was not always favourable. In Tuscany, for instance, where, under the benign influence of Francis of Lorraine, it subsequently, except for a brief interval, fared well, John Gaston, the last Grand Duke of the House of Medicis, published an edict against Freemasonry. His death, however, occurred shortly afterwards, and his successor, the aforesaid Francis, accorded his protection to it.

At the Quarterly Communication held in January 1738, the new Book of Constitutions was submitted and approved, and orders were given for its being printed. Meanwhile, however, a new Grand Master, the Marquis of Carnarvon, afterwards Duke of Chandos, had been elected and installed at Fishmongers' Hall, 27th April 1738. The new chief displayed great assiduity in the performance of his various functions, and, in token of his esteem, presented to Grand Lodge a gold jewel for the use of the Grand Secretary, the device being two cross pens and a knot, the knot and points of the pens being curiously enamelled. He also issued two Provincial Deputations for the Caribbee Islands, and the West Riding of Yorkshire, the latter step, according to Preston, still further widening the supposed breach between the Lodges at York and in London. To this, however, I shall have occasion to refer in detail another time. The event which most distinguishes the Marquis's Grand Mastership is, the publication, in June of this year, of Dr. Anderson's New Edition of the Book of Constitutions. The work was dedicated to Frederick Prince of Wales, while there is a guarantee in the names of Anderson, Desaguliers, and Payne that the alterations made from the ancient traditions and charges were of a very trifling character. Indeed, of the latter, only Charges I., II. and IV., Section 2, were slightly altered, as will be seen by referring to the passage in Findel's history, which refers to it, or better still by comparing together the different versions. We must note, however, that while the events we have recorded show that Masonry was every year obtaining a stronger hold on the community, there were grounds for dissatisfaction existing within the Craft itself, which very shortly led to something more serious still. The picture which Preston draws of Masonry in this country is not comforting. He says in reference to a later period: "Irregularities continued to prevail, and several worthy brethren, still adverse to the encroachments on the established system of the Institution, seemed to be highly disgusted at the proceedings of the regular Lodges. Complaints were preferred at every succeeding Committee, and the Communications were fully employed in adjusting differences and reconciling animosities. More secessions took place, and more stringent measures were taken against them, so that these violent feelings became more and more embittered, until at length they broke out into open warfare. For a time, however, through the influence of Bro. John, afterwards Lord, Ward, these bitternesses were temporarily softened down, but the reconciliation was only temporary, and, very speedily, as shown by the passage I have just quoted from Preston, the opposing sections became more antagonistic still."

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Before, however, we bring the reign of Carnarvon to a close, we may mention that on the 15th August 1738, the Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia, afterwards Frederick the Great, was initiated into Freemasonry, unbeknown to his father, in a Lodge secretly held at Brunswick, this place being chosen, according to Fin del, as it was fair time, and there being so many strangers present it was hoped the annual gathering would the more easily escape the observation of the Prince's father.

But against this successful initiation of so important a personage as the young Crown Prince of Prussia, must be set the tremendous blows which were thus dealt out to Freemasonry, and notably by the Romish Church. On 20th April 1738 Pope Clement XII. issued a bull, forbidding all members of the Catholic Church from being Freemasons under the most tremendous penalties. In France but little notice was taken of this measure. In Tuscany the Grand Duke Francis permitted the Craft to enjoy liberty to observe their rites. In Spain and Portugal great cruelties were afterwards practised towards Freemasons, even torture being employed in the hope of extracting their secrets. Even in Protestant Sweden a Royal Decree was issued, interdicting Freemasons from meeting together on pain of death; but this interdict was speedily removed, and now there is no country in Europe in which Freemasonry is more at home than in Sweden. These were the principal events under Lord Carnarvon as Grand Master. In May 1739 he was succeeded by Lord Raymond, and there for the present we must digress from the regular path of our story, in order to treat of a special subject. It will be noted, however, that during the period I have gone through, the progress has been steady. The initiation of Francis of Lorraine in 1731 was a great gain; that of the Prince of Wales in 1737, may be looked upon, at least, as regards this country, as having exercised even greater influence over the Craft while that of the Crown Prince Frederick of Prussia in 1738, must be deemed well-nigh equally fortunate. But against these gains and the advantage of a new Code of Laws, published in 1738, with the government of the society reduced to a better system, we must place as a set-off, increasing internal dissatisfaction with the measures of our Grand Lodge, and the more and more determined hostility of the Romish Church. Our chief consolation in these conflicting fortunes is, that Masonry was making fresh progress throughout the world, and that in Germany, Russia, Poland—perhaps—Sweden, Italy, Switzerland, France, America, and even in Africa, the balance as between gain and loss, inclines most certainly towards the former.

(To be continued).

UNITY! HOW BLESSED ART THOU!

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

AS it is well known that the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico has manufactured pretexts for presuming to arrest the charter of Silver City Lodge, and for severing fraternal intercourse with Missouri, and has hurled her edict against each with as great nonchalance as a cyclone destroys all in its path, it is merely requisite to state these acts are the text for the subjoined remarks.

Assumption is not fact, dictation is not law, and usurpation is not sovereignty.

New Mexico assumes to be sovereign, but that does not make it so, and its dictums against Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri really have no greater potency than "the Pope's bull against the comet."

The charter of a legally warranted Lodge is an inalienable title, so long as actual *malfeasance* does not exist. Aye, more, it is a guarantee of the enjoyment of inalienable rights and privileges among which are those of equality, liberty, fraternity, and perfect equity, all of which have been violated by the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico in its usurpation of sovereignty over Silver City Lodge.

Exercising inalienable rights and privileges is not *malfeasance*, and, therefore, Silver City Lodge is blameless in this matter, since it simply and only has exercised its free will and accord as to the disposition of its allegiance.

Fiat justitia, ruat cælum, is not less applicable in this case than in others. This will not be disputed, but what justice can there be in striving to deprive a Lodge of its rights, privileges and existence at the mere *ipse dixit* of a man, or a body of men, who originally possessed no superlative prerogatives, and who by combination gained no additional powers or privileges?

Is forming Grand Lodges so necessary that every Masonic right and privilege must be trampled in the dust to accomplish it? Is it so essential that all concurrent rights of Grand Lodges and Lodges must be destroyed to effect it? YEA is the answer of every one who defends the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico in her usurpation

of supreme power, and NAY is the reply of all who demur to her gross un-Masonic doings.

If the three-Lodge-majority-Lodge theory of forming Grand Lodges is correct, and the New Mexican exemplification of it is its legitimate practical effect, then it is plain that Masonically the re-enactment of *Magna Charta* is a necessity, as without it, minorities have no guarantee of the enjoyment of their rights and privileges, and have but the alternative of submitting to their dictators, or being crushed out of Masonic existence.

FREEMASONRY, the glory of the ages, is it possible that in thy name such wrong as this can be done? Is it possible that in thy behalf two brothers, can assume to absolutely control a third, wholly regardless of his will or wish, and put him out of existence if he dissents? Is it possible that the majority of thy devotees, all of whom theoretically glibly prate of friendship, morality and brotherly love, and peace and harmony, practically sweep those disagreeing with them with a besom of destruction? Verily, it thus appears, else the three-Lodge-majority-Lodge theory of forming Grand Lodges never would have found an advocate, and the UNITY theory would have perfectly prevailed.

UNITY! HOW BLESSED ART THOU! What oneness, what concord, what agreement, what symmetry, and what harmony are thine! How excellent and how desirable is thy supremacy! In all thy realm no discordant voice is heard, and no unbrotherly deed is done! wherever thou art honoured and loved, there peace and harmony prevail, and FREEMASONRY is the synonym of all that is great and good! Wherever thy influences soothe the passion and tone conduct there love reigns and man is to his fellow wondrous kind! Ah! well did the sweet singer of Israel exclaim:

Behold! How pleasant and how good it is for BRETHREN TO DWELL TOGETHER IN UNITY! It is like the precious ointment upon the head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went down to the skirts of his garments: as the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the mountain of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

Oh, that the spirit of unity had descended into the hearts and ruled the conduct of those over-ambitious and far "too previous" craftsmen in New Mexico, whose assumptions of sovereignty have indelibly stained the Masonic escutcheon, and whose usurpations have trailed the Masonic banners in the dust! Oh, that UNITY, as a precious ointment, had been poured upon their heads and ran down their garments and persons until their every pore was saturated with it, and until not one thought of aught else, Masonic, could penetrate their brains or move their hearts! And, oh, that such DEW had covered all the mountains and filled all the valleys of that region, and thus that the Masonic Institution had been saved from the terrible evil which now rolls upon it from that territory.

The contrast between the two theories is great, and yet we have not too blackly painted the one, nor too sublimely portrayed the other. Which is the better is easily discerned; that let us choose and for ever sustain.

Relative to New Mexico's charge against Missouri of inconsistency we must say, errors in pleading, or mistakes in admission, cannot affect the equities of the case, since they neither rest upon nor are decided by any of the technicalities of law, but are founded on and governed by the eternal principles of righteousness and Freemasonry, as written in the *Great Light*, without which no Lodge or Grand Lodge can exist.

It follows, then, that despite Missouri's errors in handling this case Silver City Lodge's rights and privileges, in equity, are unimpaired, and "the life given it by the Missouri Grand Lodge" has neither been forfeited nor ended. It is still a regularly warranted Lodge, whose jurisdiction is coextensive with the limits of the territory in which it exists, and it may receive petitions and confer degrees precisely as if no action toward the formation of a Grand Lodge had ever been had. This is so because only by assent of all of the Lodges interested can a Grand Lodge be formed, and no such action has ever been had in New Mexico, and, in fact, there is no Grand Lodge there.

The reputed Grand Master admits that originally the territory was "common to all Grand Lodges," but denies that it is so now. That is, he concedes that *concurrent jurisdiction* prevailed there up to the time that *three of the seven* Lodges interested assumed to form a Grand Lodge, but contends that it then ceased, because the territory then became occupied. In other words, just so far as it serves his selfish purpose he admits the truth, and, for the remainder, sets up a fallacy.

Missouri having chartered all of the Lodges then existing in New Mexico, had not only the common right there, possessed by all Grand Lodges, but also that of sole occupancy, which certainly entitled her to a voice in the matter of forming a Grand Lodge. The jurisdiction of each of her Lodges was co-extensive with the territorial limits, and their rights and privileges were joint, or concurrent, and hence could not be abridged nor taken away by the action of any THREE, nor even four of the seven, nor indeed by anything short of THE ASSENT OF ALL. Hence, *only by the concurrence of ALL of the Lodges interested could a Grand Lodge be formed*, that is it had to be UNITY, or no Grand Lodge, and the latter it is. Consequently, instead of Silver City Lodge or Missouri transgressing, all of the wrong is on the other side.

The first duty of the aggressors, then, is to recall their un-Masonic edicts, and next to strive Masonically for that UNITY which commands the blessing of the LORD, which is life for evermore.

THE LITTLE FOLKS' HUMANE SOCIETY.—We are glad to learn that this scheme, inaugurated by the Editor of *Little Folks*, with a view to inculcating in the minds of children kindness towards animals, is being most cordially supported. Within a few days of the publication of the January number of *Little Folks Magazine* (in which particulars as to membership are given), upwards of one thousand children have enrolled themselves, and the number is daily increasing.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE month of January once more brings us to the celebration of the annual meeting of the Gladsmuir Lodge, held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, which has now completed ten years of its existence, and which can only be characterised as one of the most successful Lodges. Situated within a short distance of the metropolis, it is truly a Provincial Lodge, and unlike many that—though coming under the rule of a Provincial Grand Master—are little else than assemblies of London brethren. We think indeed we may describe it as the nearest "country" Lodge to the great centre of English Freemasonry, and as such it possesses a certain attraction among very many of the members of the Craft—more especially so on the occasion of its annual gathering—which is not to be found in London Lodges, or indeed in those of any large city where the noise and bustle of business life cannot wholly be disassociated from the meeting. Celebrated in the "good old days" as the first stopping place, out of London, of the north country coaches, Barnet possesses many points of interest, the mere name of the Lodge calling to mind the closing struggle of the War of the Roses, it being on Gladsmuir Heath that the deciding battle between the rival forces was fought, and where the famous Earl of Warwick met his death. On the occasion of the eleventh installation of the Lodge, which took place on Friday, the 27th ult., everything was done by the W.M. elect and members to maintain the reputation the Lodge has acquired, and to give to their Visitors the heartiest of receptions, and there can be no question but that success attended these efforts. The Lodge was Officered, at the opening, as follows:—Bros. J. Enerby W.M., J. G. Yolland (W.M. elect) S.W., C. W. Allen J.W., R. Fisher Young P.M. Hon. Sec., James Cutbush P.M., Charles Gray P.M., G. Askew P.M. S.D., J. Brittain J.D., D. Schmidt M.C., F. W. Durham Organist, W. Lewis and Thomas F. Fillary Stewards. Bro. James Terry, Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, who is an honorary member of the Lodge, was also present, as were a large assembly of visitors, among them being Bro. C. C. Keyser W.M. 401 J.G.W. Herts, E. Francis J.W. 403, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, C. Miskin J.D. 1479, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, C. W. Reynolds S.W. 1479 Prov. G.A.P., F. Bryant, John Duden 179, R. Biggar 820, W. R. Crawford 172, G. H. Chambers W.M. 175, C. S. Ewen 475, John Lee S.W. 404, J. Cussans W.M. 403, and others. The Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, it was advanced, and Bro. Mitchell was raised by Bro. Enerby, who deserves the greatest praise for the manner in which he carried out the work. Resuming in the second degree, the W.M. elect was presented, and he received at the hands of his predecessor the benefits of installation, Bro. Enerby carrying out this ceremony also in a most commendable manner. Having received the congratulations of the assembled brethren, the appointment of Officers was proceeded with by the new W.M., the following being invested with the respective collars, viz. Bros. Allen S.W., Askew J.W., Young Sec., Brittain S.D., Schmidt I.G., Lewis and Fillary M.C.'s, Durham Steward, R. W. Goddard Tyler. Brother Lewis was also invested with the collar of Organist. Bro. T. S. Carter was elected by the Lodge to serve, on its behalf, on the Provincial Audit Committee, and other business in connection with the Lodge was transacted. The Worshipful Master, in appropriate terms, presented the I.P.M. with a P.M.'s jewel, and in doing so referred to the pleasure he felt in investing Brother Enerby, he having taken an active part in the ceremonies of the Lodge at the time of the initiation of their Immediate Past Master. He considered that Brother Enerby's conduct of the Lodge during the past year was of such a nature as to merit the testimonial the brethren had been pleased to present him with, even if his work that evening had not alone been sufficient cause for some special mark of appreciation. He hoped Bro. Enerby would be present on many occasions in the future to give the Lodge the benefit of his experience, and assist in the mutual enjoyment of the brethren. Bro. Enerby suitably replied, after which the Lodge was closed. We must not omit to refer to the remarks which Bro. Yolland addressed to each of his Officers at the time of their investiture; if not exactly an innovation, it was at least a departure from the regular course, and one which we think might be followed with advantage. It should be an easy matter for any Master who desires to do so to find in the ritual of the Order some points to which he may fairly refer on such occasions, and we think the Officers of a Lodge are more likely to attend to their duties if some few words of encouragement accompany their investiture than otherwise would be the case. Business being concluded, the brethren sat down to banquet, which was served in most excellent style. The new Master presided, and in due course proposed the toasts of the Queen, the Grand Master, the Grand Officers, and the Provincial Grand Master. The W.M. felt it was only stress of business that prevented the attendance of Bro. Halsey, who, it might be said, took particular interest in the Gladsmuir Lodge. He had frequently visited it in the past, and doubtless the brethren would have many opportunities in the future of welcoming him among them. The toast having been honoured, that of the Deputy Prov. Grand Master and the rest of the P.G. Officers was given. Of the Officers of the past in Hertfordshire Bro. Yolland, the W.M., who was himself a member of that body, felt he need say but little. They had endeavoured to do their duty, and how well they had succeeded remained for the brethren to say. Of the present ones Bro. Keyser, the J.W. of the Province, could perhaps tell them something. He felt it an honour to number among their guests a brother so high in rank, and was pleased to couple his name with the toast. Bro. Keyser first expressed his regret that Bro. Iles, the Deputy Prov. Grand Master, was not present. He felt his absence was due to some cause over which he had no control, as it was well known that he always tried to attend the annual meetings of the several Lodges of the district. Speaking on behalf of the Provin-

cial Grand Officers generally, he could only say how pleased they were to attend so successful a gathering as that of the Gladsmuir had been. It was, indeed, a privilege to be ranked among the Prov. Grand Officers, if only to have the opportunity of witnessing such work as had that night been performed in the Lodge. Bro. Terry assumed the gavel, and proposed the health of the Founders of the Lodge, of whom he was pleased to see at least two present—the Worshipful Master and Brother Carter. He hoped they might be spared for many years to be present at the various meetings of the Lodge, in which they must of necessity feel particular interest, and that whenever opportunity offered they would avail themselves of their right to take a share in its proceedings. We may remark that the present Master would have been elected to the chair seven years since had he not then expressed a desire to be passed over. Since that time he has a second time served most of the junior offices. Bro. Carter replied, expressing the pleasure he had experienced in being present. It had been some trouble to him to attend, but he felt he could not resist the kind invitation of the W.M., who had particularly desired the support of a brother founder. Looking at the Lodge under its present conditions, he thought he and the others who had been instrumental in starting it could not but feel proud of what had sprung up from the seed they had sown. The Master next gave the toast of the Visitors. He considered it a very important toast, as without guests their meetings would be less interesting than was the case when friends were present from all parts. On the present occasion they were honoured with Visitors from the north, east, south, and west; Hertford, Watford, Luton, and St. Albans being each represented, as was also the Great City, and he felt particular honour in being thus welcomed into the chair of K.S. The Lodge was at all times proud of entertaining guests, and the members hoped they might always be able to afford some entertainment to such as honoured them. Bros. Lee, Chambers, Cussans, Reynolds, and Bryant replied. Bro. Chambers, who felt he had suffered some loss in the past through not having attended the Gladsmuir meetings, referred to the particularly quiet, gentlemanly way in which the ceremonies had that evening been conducted by the I.P.M. Not, he said, with that bluster and feeling of self-importance which sometimes characterised Masters, even when less entitled to claim it than was the I.P.M. of No. 1385, but in a manner which could be appreciated by all who heard it. Bro. Enerby proposed the health of the W.M., which he looked upon as the toast of the evening. The brethren had already had sufficient proof of the way in which their new Master could carry out the work of Freemasonry, and he had little doubt but that in the chair he would be able to fulfil every duty required of him as ably as he had done in the minor offices. The Master tendered his hearty thanks; he felt it a great honour to be placed in the chair of K.S., and assured the brethren it would not be from want of desire on his part if he did not succeed to their satisfaction, but rather from want of ability. Having been present at the birth of the Lodge, he hoped it would prosper, and trusted he might be a member of it and have the pleasure of being present at its meetings for many years to come. He next gave the health of the Installing Master, who he considered that night held a very proud position. Initiated in the Gladsmuir Lodge, he had served every office in it, and was now numbered among its Past Masters. It was indeed a proud thing for so young a man to attain the position he then occupied. If they considered not only how he had that night worked the third degree, but had also admirably installed his successor, they must admit he was worthy of it. The members of the Lodge welcomed him most heartily among the number of the Past Masters, among whom they could not wish to find better men than he who had that night assumed this rank. The I.P.M. heartily thanked the W.M. and brethren. Bro. Keyser assumed the gavel and proposed the health of the Past Masters, who he understood had done their duty well in the past, and had each contributed towards the success of the Lodge. Bros. Cutbush, Young, and Gray responded. Bro. Cutbush then assumed the gavel and gave the toast of the Charities. Knowing how strongly he felt in regard to the Charities, those present might imagine the older members of the Lodge would not require to hear much from him; they had had frequent opportunities in the past, still they would honour the toast, while the younger members might perhaps hear something which would touch them, and induce them to do what lay in their power for the Charitable Institutions of the Order. He might say that the three Institutions stood out in bold relief, a credit to the few who supported them, but a discredit to the many who did not. He had a proposition to make to the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge, and one which some of the visitors might also make a note of, it was this: He would suggest that each of them should put away each Sunday during the current year the sum of one shilling on behalf of the Charities. To any who would promise to thus support them, he should be most happy to present a box, and from the fact that the first day of the year was a Sunday, it would not be a bad thankoffering from those who had lived to see it. The proposal appeared to be well received, and we think it really rests with Brother Cutbush to prove that no inconsiderable sum may be realised in this way. The speaker referred to his connection with the three Charities, and more particularly acknowledged the honour paid him by the Committee of the R.M.B.I., which had conferred on him the rank of Honorary Life Governor. This he considered a compliment far in advance of any other he had or could receive in Freemasonry. Bro. Terry replied. He could have wished that his two colleagues—the Secretaries of the other Institutions—had been present to personally acknowledge the kindness displayed by the Gladsmuir Lodge in the past. Ever since its formation it had been a worthy supporter of the Charities, and from the fact that one of its P.M.'s was working as Steward for the Benevolent, and another member of that body had offered himself in a like capacity for the Girls, there was little fear but that its reputation would be maintained, at least in the more immediate future. The brother who proposed the toast was the owner of a name which would ever be remembered in connection with the Benevolent Institution at Croydon, so long as that establish-

ment existed. The brother of the proposer—himself a Past Master of the Gladsmuir Lodge—when on a visit to the Asylum remarked, there was a something wanting; a shade for the Old People, which they might enjoy, in addition to the other comforts provided for them at Croydon. He accordingly sent a large number of trees, which were planted at the time, and now afforded to the residents the shade which Brother William Cutbush considered they stood in need of. That first gift was not the only one they had received from Brother William Cutbush, and now that he had been called away, his brother James had filled up the gap death had made, and endeavoured to follow in the footsteps of his worthy brother. There was not a season but the old people had to thank Brother Cutbush for either bulbs, flowers, trees, or something, and for all this the Institution had really to thank the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Terry referred to the proposal to set aside one shilling per week, and proposed that the boxes, which Bro. Cutbush had promised to provide, should be placed in front of the room on the night of the installations; they would form one of the grandest ornaments that ever graced an installation banquet, while the small amounts put aside would total up to no inconsiderable sum. Brother Terry hoped that every one present would do something to support Bro. Gray at the Festival of February next. What was required was for every brother to get his name on the books, and if that were done, the work of carrying on the Institution would be a much easier one than it was at present. He referred to the general liberality of the Hertfordshire brethren, mentioning particularly the case of Bro. Keyser, the Junior Warden of the Province, who, as Master of his Lodge, had given one hundred guineas to each, in order to endow the chair of his Lodge as Vice-Patron of the three Institutions. This he considered a grand example, to be followed by Worshipful Masters whenever they were in a position to do so. The Officers of the Lodge having been toasted, the Master proposed the Press, which was replied to by Bros. Morgan, Cussans, and Cowing. Several songs were given during the evening, and the festivities were continued until a late hour.

LANGTHORNE LODGE, No. 1421.

THE installation meeting of the above named Lodge was held on Thursday evening, 26th ult., at the Swan Hotel, Stratford, Bro. J. F. Dix W.M. in the chair. The Officers and brethren of the Lodge present were—Bros. R. W. Biggs S.W. and W.M. elect, J. Hunt J.W., T. S. Taylor Treasurer, G. Ward Verry Secretary, C. Lacey P.M., B. Cundick P.M., H. M. Taylor P.M., J. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, A. Myers S.D., J. Bullwinkle J.D., C. Mansfield I.G., W. Buckle D.C., T. Loane W.S., C. Hopson Organist, W. March, W. Hope, F. England, S. Y. Waterer, R. Miles, J. G. Stevens, D. R. Hurst, C. H. Bardoleau, S. Darley, J. Wilkes, T. Keith, W. G. Padwick, A. Furness, R. J. Middleton, and J. Simkins. The Visitors who signed the attendance book were as follows:—Bros. E. W. Walter P.M. 554, J. Boulton S.W. 1056, T. J. Barnes P.M. 554, W. Musto P.M. 1349, T. Godwin P.M. 1343, J. W. Freeman S.W. 147, J. Rogers 1508, H. Conolly 1508, A. Symes 554, G. A. Payne S.W. 933, H. Cushen 933, D. R. Bye 1507, K. Smith Organist 1829, J. Everett J.W. 1781, W. Allaway D.C. 1598, G. J. Hilliard P.M. 174, J. K. Job W.M. 1076, J. F. Frazer S.W. 174, E. H. Page 55, J. W. Simpson 907, J. Jones 1085, and H. Tapley P.M. 1076. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Secretary Bro. Verry then read the report and balance sheet, which proved very satisfactory, inasmuch as the Lodge was out of debt, and the arrears but £1 19s. On the motion of the W.M. the balance sheet was accepted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, when the ceremony incident to the occasion was commenced. Lodge was next opened in the third degree, when the ceremony was continued, and all brothers below the rank of W.M. had to leave the room. Bro. Dix then installed Bro. Biggs in the chair of K.S. in a most impressive manner, most of the P.M.'s present remarking they had very seldom seen the ceremony more ably worked. The brethren having been re-admitted into the Lodge, it was resumed to the first degree, when the three charges were impressively delivered by Bro. Dix. After the usual compliment had been paid to the newly installed W.M. Bro. Biggs, he presented to Bro. Dix a splendid 18 carat gold jewel, which bore the following inscription:—

“Presented by the brethren of the Langthorne Lodge, No. 1421, to W. Bro. George Frederick Dix P.M., as a mark of esteem, and for his efficient services as W.M. 1881-82. January 26, 1882.”

Bro. Dix acknowledged the gift in suitable terms, and the Lodge was closed in the usual manner. The brethren then sat down to a most excellent dinner, provided in first-class style by Mrs. S. Watkins, the worthy hostess. After the cloth had been removed, the W.M. proposed the Queen and the Craft, and in doing so said that no society of men honoured the Queen and Royal Family more than did the society of Freemasons. The toast was most loyally drunk, and the National Anthem sung. The W.M. proposed H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, and bore testimony to the many excellent qualities of His Royal Highness. This toast also received musical honours, “God Bless the Prince of Wales” being sung. The following toasts were also proposed and cordially drunk—The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past. Bro. G. F. Dix I.P.M. said he had to propose the toast of the W.M., and he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the duty was a most agreeable one. He was glad that Bro. Biggs had followed so closely in his footsteps. Bro. Biggs had entered upon his term of office when the Lodge was in a very prosperous state; this he hoped would continue for many years to come. He was sure that nothing would be wanting on Bro. Biggs' part to make the Lodge a still greater success. He would ask them to drink to the health of their W.M. in bumpers. The toast was most enthusiastically received. The W.M., in respond-

ing, thanked the brethren for having placed him in the position of Worshipful Master of the Lodge, and he assured them he would do all he could to carry out the duties of the Lodge in a manner satisfactory to them and to himself. He would not promise too much; he hoped his deeds would speak more eloquently in the future. The W.M. next proposed the Past Masters of the Lodge; he did so with a great amount of pleasure, for the Past Masters who had preceded him in the chair were very good men and had worked hard in the Craft. He was sorry to say they had not a long list of Past Masters, but it arose from the fact that the Langthorne was only a young Lodge. What, however, they lacked in quantity, they gained in quality. When they looked at Past Master Bro. Lacey they ought to be thankful they had such a brother connected with them. No one was more ready and willing to work hard on behalf of Freemasonry than was Bro. Lacey, in that or any other Lodge. He would also thank Bros. Cundick and Taylor for the kind assistance they had always rendered him, as well as for the material help they had given the Lodge. The services that Bro. J. F. Dix had rendered to the Lodge were so fresh in their memory, that he need say very little about him, but would commend him for the very excellent manner in which he had fulfilled his duties during his year of office. Bro. Dix had left the chair with a balance in hand. He thanked him for the able manner in which he had performed the installation ceremony that evening, and firmly believed it could not have been possible to have worked it better. The toast was enthusiastically drunk. Bro. Past Master Lacey, in responding, said he did so with a great deal of pleasure, inasmuch as on the present occasion he had a brother standing on his right hand whom he had some years ago initiated into Freemasonry. When he saw him that night occupying the exalted position of Immediate Past Master he felt proud of him. As he had the good fortune to be the first Worshipful Master of this Lodge, he had watched its progress with some amount of anxiety. The early days of the Lodge had been of a rather unfortunate nature, but at the present time, thanks to the brethren who had followed him, it was in a prosperous state. He hoped Bro. Biggs's term of office might prove as prosperous as was Bro. Dix's. These brethren, who were the promoters and founders of the Lodge, began by displaying a great amount of earnestness on its behalf as well as for the welfare of the Craft. That was the great object they had in view when they called it into existence, and he hoped that such a spirit would continue to be fostered by all the brethren connected with the Langthorne Lodge. Bro. G. F. Dix remarked that Bro. Lacey had left little for him to say. When he was initiated, in 1874, he felt great interest in Freemasonry, and had continued to feel it ever since. When Bro. Lacey installed him twelve months previously, he said he hoped that he (Bro. Dix) would be enabled to conduct his duties to the advantage of the Order, the satisfaction of the brethren, and his own lasting credit. He hoped most earnestly that he had fulfilled Brother Lacey's wish to its end, to the satisfaction of the Lodge, and to the welfare of Freemasonry. After thanking the brethren for the support they had rendered him during his term of office, Brother Cundick P.M. acknowledged the compliment, and said that after Bro. Lacey he was the next P.M. of the Lodge, and had helped a little, as had Bro. Lacey, in getting it out of the slough of despond into which it had fallen. Bro. Lacey had helped the Lodge in every way, and had done an amount of good scarcely to be expected from him. Mainly under the direction of Bro. Lacey a Benevolent Association had been formed in connection with the Lodge, and in four years £1,000 had been subscribed to the Masonic Charities. He hoped that during the Mastership of Brother Biggs the Lodge would enjoy a still greater amount of prosperity. Bro. Taylor also responded, thanking the brethren for their kind appreciation of his services. The W.M. next proposed, in a telling speech, the Masonic Institutions, observing how gratified he was at the presence of Bro. Terry, the Secretary to the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Terry said he had much pleasure in responding to the toast. He was exceedingly gratified to hear that in connection with the Association attached to the Lodge they had been enabled to subscribe £1,000 to the three Masonic Institutions. Many of the brethren had consequently been enabled to take up a Life Governorship which otherwise they could not have done. After treating on other matters, Bro. Terry said he had come down to the East-end that night, where he was so well known, to plead the cause of the Benevolent Institutions, which was sadly in need of funds. From 1880 to 1881 the subscriptions to these Institutions had fallen off £7,000. For the elections in May next 112 applications had been sent in, 46 being from men, and 66 from widows, all of them deserving cases. The most lamentable part of the matter was that there were only vacancies for 14 men and 7 widows. He hoped they would do all they could to help the Institutions. The W.M. next proposed the Visitors, whom he was pleased to see numbered over twenty. He would associate with the toast the names of Bros. Barnes, Musto, Godwin, Cushen, and O'Callegan. Each of the brethren named responded to the toast, thanking the W.M. and the Lodge for the kind welcome they had received. Bro. Barnes additionally remarking that he had seldom been in a Lodge where the general working was so good, or where the installation ceremony had been so well performed. The other toasts were the Officers of the Lodge and the Tyler's toast. The brethren then separated after a most enjoyable evening's profit and pleasure.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382. — On Monday, the 30th ult., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Bro. E. Cotton took the chair. Bros. Nicholson S.W., Brooks J.W., Taplin S.D., Gray J.D., Duffin I.G. After the usual formalities, the ceremonies of passing and initiation were rehearsed, Bro. Taylor being the candidate for both. Bro. Nicholson S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the meeting on the 6th February, when a good muster is expected, to hear a lecture which is to be delivered by Bro. W. W. Morgan Sec. No. 211.

DUKE OF CONNAUGHT LODGE, No. 1524.

THE members of this Lodge celebrated their seventh anniversary on Thursday, 26th ult., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. where Lodge was opened under the presidency of Bro. Brasted. He was supported by the following Officers:—Bros. Neville Green P.M., E. Dignam S.W., C. Lorkin J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, C. W. Smyth S.D., J. L. Payne J.D., R. Polak M.C., Arthur Ferrar I.G., Robert George Steward, and a large attendance of members and Visitors, among the latter being Bros. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.P., T. G. Harris 1278, E. J. Spencer 1366, Harry Waynforth 1766, W. S. Darnell 192, Henry Potter 1541, J. W. Wardell W.M. 95, F. M. Wenborn, Fred. Trindler D.C. 704, W. F. Rogers W.M. 704, G. Smith 901, E. A. Farrow 172, Busher 933, H. Tallent 318 (I.C.), W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, A. Eldridge 1585, C. A. White 1777, Jesse Stevens 742, W. H. Wallington P.M. 860, Fred. Carr J.W. 1607, G. Weige P.M. 860, Louis Hoing 1319, John Noble I.P.M. 975, and others. The customary formalities having been observed, the Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Hart was passed to the degree of F.C. The Worshipful Master elect was then presented, and, according to ancient custom, installed into the chair of K.S. After receiving the salutations of the brethren, he appointed the following as the Officers for the year:—Bros. C. Lorkin S.W., C. W. Smyth J.W., W. H. Brand P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Lee P.M. Secretary, J. L. Payne S.D., A. Ferrar J.D., R. Polak I. G., F. Bonner M.C., G. Ferrar and W. J. Watkins Stewards, W. Simpson Organist, and J. J. Marsh Tyler. The usual business of the installation was then completed, before doing so five guineas was voted from the funds for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls—to be placed on the joint list of the Treasurer and W.M., who are acting as Stewards for the next anniversary Festival of that Institution. At the conclusion of the business of the evening the brethren adjourned to the banquet room, where, under the presidency of the newly installed Master, a most enjoyable evening was spent. The customary loyal toasts having been given from the chair, Bro. Brasted I.P.M. proposed that of the Worshipful Master. He considered it the toast of the evening. If there was one thing which could gladden the heart of a Master, after his having been elected unanimously to the chair, it was the prospect of a bright future being before him. The speaker considered he might declare the Lodge as being in a prosperous condition; he did not mean as regarded its financial position alone, although in that respect they were to the front—they had a balance in hand, and had supported the Charities by a donation to the Masonic Benevolent Institution—but also as regarded its social position. There was a good feeling and an amount of good fellowship among the members, which was an essential qualification in every Lodge, he hoped that the Master would enjoy a pleasant year of office, as he had worked hard for some time past to acquire a knowledge of the duties, and had qualified himself for the position. After a song by Bro. Weige, the Worshipful Master replied. He appreciated the kindness of the members. He had been anxious to attain the position of Master for some time past, and he begged to thank the brethren generally for having elected him to the position so unanimously. Soon after his initiation he had felt a desire to attain the rank appertaining to the chair, and was now very pleased to say he had reached that distinction. He had particularly to thank Bro. Brasted for the way in which he had installed him that evening. As long as he was in the chair he should do the best he could for the Lodge, and endeavour in every way to uphold its dignity. He next proposed the toast of the Installing Master. The members of the Lodge had had the opportunity of seeing his working for some time past, and were in a position to judge of the efficiency with which he carried out the duties of the chair. He was one of the worthiest Masters the Lodge had had. The Worshipful Master considered that a very pleasing duty now devolved upon him—the presenting to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel which had been voted by the Lodge. In doing so he hoped Bro. Brasted would live long to wear it. He must not value it for its intrinsic merit only, but for the kind feelings which accompanied the gift. Bro. Brasted tendered his thanks. Twelve months since he first had the opportunity of addressing the Lodge as its Worshipful Master. He then said he should endeavour to carry out the duties of the chair to the satisfaction of all. He had done all that lay in his power to fulfil his promise, and he hoped he had acted in a manner that had won the approval of the members. It had been a very pleasant year of office to him, for two or three particular reasons—the Past Masters had been ready and willing to render assistance at all times, he had been blessed with a good staff of Officers and, more particularly, he had had the cordial co-operation of the brethren. He felt that however good his intentions, they would have been of very little avail without the support of the members. He felt he must have given some satisfaction, or the members would not have presented him with the handsome jewel he had just received at the hands of the W.M. It would ever remind him of the pleasant year he had passed as Master of the Duke of Connaught Lodge. He hoped he might be spared for many years to be among them, and always enjoy the kind feeling that was now evinced towards him. The Master next proposed the health of the Visitors, to which Bros. Wallington and Fieldwick replied, availing themselves of the opportunity thus afforded them of dilating on the merits of the respective Lodges of Instruction with which they were connected. The toast of the Charities, given from the chair, was coupled with the name of Bro. Brand Treas., who is joint Steward with the W.M. for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls. The Master in proposing it referred to the past services of the Lodge in the direction of Masonic benevolence, and urged the brethren to do all in their power to maintain the good name the Lodge had already secured. The Master next gave the toast of the Past Masters, who he designated a most useful body of men. They had each done well while ruling the Lodge, and since that time had given their assistance in every way that lay in their power. He referred more particularly to the working of each,

and the part they took in the conduct of the Lodge. Bro. Weige, being called upon for a song, favoured the brethren with "Old Simon the Cellarer." It was remarked by one of the company that the song was particularly applicable to the toast of the Past Masters, as they doubtless "know where many a flask of the best does go." Bro. Chapman replied. He felt that no master of the Lodge would ever ask for assistance from Past Masters—so far as they were able to give it—which would not be given with the greatest cordiality. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given from the chair. The W.M. considered the brethren whose health they were about to drink were really the hardest worked members of the Lodge. The Treasurer had a great task to accomplish in collecting the several amounts due, while the Secretary, whose duties were to keep up the correspondence of the Lodge, had little, if any, less to devote his attention to. They fulfilled the duties of their respective offices most efficiently, and the members could but thank them for their services. Bro. Brand the Treasurer was the first to reply. He thanked the Master and brethren for their reception of the toast. The W.M. had said that the duties of the Treasurer were somewhat onerous. Although there might be some labour attached to the office, he might say he looked upon it as a labour of love, more particularly when it was carried out in connection with the Duke of Connaught Lodge. Bro. Lee followed. He had been associated with the Lodge since its consecration, which took place at Dalston seven years since; there were now but three or four of the founders left, and as one of them he thought the brethren who had established the Lodge could shew by its present position some little proof of care and attention during the earlier years of its existence. Like all other institutions it had experienced some of the drawbacks, and had suffered from some of the ills of infancy, but it was, he thought, now in a most satisfactory condition. He felt it was not so much a monetary balance that was required to prove the efficiency of a Lodge, but rather the existence of a good feeling among the brethren associated with it, who should act in a way towards each other likely to prove them regular practitioners of all that was taught by the ritual of the Order. The toast of the Officers was heartily received, and acknowledged by the two Wardens, after which the Tyler was summoned, and he brought the proceedings to a conclusion.

EUPHRATES LODGE, No. 212.

THE annual installation meeting was held on Wednesday evening, 25th ult., at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall Street, E.C., under the presidency of Bro. Peter Henry Recknell the W.M. of the past year. The Lodge having been formally opened, the W.M. initiated Messrs. J. Gobby and G. Wallduch into the mysteries of the Craft. Bro. Stean P.M. then installed Bro. Charles Droscher as W.M. for the ensuing year, and in due course that brother appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Glasse S.W., Martin J.W., May P.M. Treasurer, Coverley P.M. Sec., Cooper S.D., Millett J.D., Sergenberger I.G., Rushton P.M. Steward, Marsh Tyler. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. The usual toasts were given, and responded to. Some excellent songs, and a really first rate ventriloquial entertainment, by Bro. Sinclair (an old P.M. of the Lodge, but on this occasion a visitor) enlivened the proceedings. Besides those already mentioned there were present, Bros. Bannister P.M., Franks P.M., Cutler P.M., Carter P.M., Halsey P.M., Bassett P.S.W., Bros. Moss, Copson, Levy, Wagstaff, Medcalf, Benabo, &c., and a goodly attendance of Visitors.

LODGE OF REPOSE, No. 802.

THE anniversary of the above Lodge was celebrated on Thursday, 26th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby, under satisfactory conditions. There was a large and influential gathering, and the proceedings of the occasion were altogether harmonious and profitable in character. The brethren assembled at six o'clock, to transact the business of the Lodge, the principal feature of which was the installation of the W.M. for the ensuing year. The suffrages of the brethren having fallen upon the S.W. Bro. Wm. L. Ball, the outgoing occupant of the chair of King Solomon, Bro. George Cay, undertook the duty of installing him in ancient and solemn form. The interesting ceremony was most impressively conducted, Bro. Cay receiving the valuable co-operation of Bros. Thomas Cox Past Provincial Senior G.W. and F. Champion Past Provincial Senior G.W., who respectively delivered the charges to the Wardens and Officers. Upon the conclusion of this important work, the W.M. invested his Officers for the ensuing year, in the following order:—Bros. E. Belfield S.W., T. Smith J.W., S. Steele Treasurer, W. J. Piper Secretary, A. J. Waller S.D., T. Owen J.D., W. Butterfield Master of Ceremonies, W. Parker I.G., F. Bryant and E. Smith Stewards. Thereupon, the W.M. presented to Bro. Cay, in the name of the brethren, an exceedingly handsome Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the assiduity and sound judgment with which he conducted the affairs of the Lodge during his year of office. Bro. Cay, who was cordially received, acknowledged the gift suitably, and the proceedings (which had derived a welcome point and emphasis from the efforts of Bro. P. Wallis in the capacity of Master of Ceremonies) soon afterwards closed, and were followed by an admirably-served banquet, Bro. Steele's efforts in catering for which received the unqualified approbation of the brethren. The health of the newly-elected and retiring Worshipful Masters was drunk with enthusiasm, and in connection with these and other toasts testimony was freely borne to the greatly improved position, and highly encouraging prospects of the Lodge. The visiting brethren were numerous, and included the following:—Bros. G. T. Wright P.P.J.G.W., Cox, Champion, Edwards P.P.G.A.D.C. (Yorkshire), J. E. Russell W.M. 1085,

W. Whittaker W.M. 731, Wallace W.M. 850, A. Frazer P.M. 731, Lytle W.M. 787, W. F. Ellis P.M. 432, John Brown P.M. 731, W. L. Dodd P.P.G.O., Maleham (Sheffield), G. Bull 624, E. Horne P.G.O., R. Broughall 1085, F. Bennett J.W. 787, J. Bland J.W. 731, Fitchett (Malton), T. Goddard 731, C. J. Whitehurst 923, and Henry Henderson 615.

CECILIA LODGE, No. 1636.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge took place on the 30th ult., in the Masonic Room, Royal Pavilion, Brighton. The Officers and members present were Bros. A. J. Hawkes W.M., W. H. Gibson S.W., E. Broadbridge J.W., H. Payne Treasurer, W. R. Wood jun. Secretary, G. Cole S.D., H. S. Gates J.D., W. Smithers D.C., W. Roe Organist, G. L. Fenner Steward, H. Cox I.G.: I.P.M. W. T. Nell, P.M.'s J. Eborall, F. Harrison, J. Hurst; Hemming, Wolsey, Sir Charles Bright, Walter Harford, J. C. Colborn, J. Jefferies, W. B. Isworth, J. H. Stephens, C. J. Heald, J. Lelen, J. E. Stafford, H. Evans, J. Reynolds, J. Lewis, T. Hughes Tyler, and H. Hughes Assistant Tyler. The visitors included Bros. J. Henderson Scott, L. H. L. R. Burrell, J. T. Francis Howard, W. Skindle, F. Duke, J. Hill, F. Robinson, W. Webb Turner, H. B. McCarrick, H. W. J. Abell, W. W. Lord, C. W. Hudson, L. H. A. Dowell, H. Fieldns, G. S. Godfree, T. Packham, J. B. Hannay, J. T. Whatford, R. Willard, M. Kidd, J.W. Staples, R. Turner, J. Large. The Lodge having been opened in solemn form, with a musical service arranged by Bro. E. Broadbridge, the first part of the business comprised the initiation of newly-elected candidates. Next Bro. E. Broadbridge was installed W.M. for the coming year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. A. J. Hawkes. The retiring W.M., Bro. Hawkes, received a P.M.'s jewel. The Officers chosen by Bro. Broadbridge to assist him during his year of office were Bro. W. H. Gibson S.W., W. R. Wood jun. J.W., G. Cole Secretary, H. S. Gates S.D., W. Smithers J.D., F. Marks Master of Ceremonies, W. Roe Organist, J. Lelen Steward, and G. L. Fenner I.G. These with Bros. H. Payne Treasurer, and T. Hughes Tyler, were duly installed into office. Bros. J. C. Colborn, W. Harford, and J. Sayers were elected on the General Purposes Committee, while Bro. J. Eberall was re-elected Charity Steward. The Lodge having been duly closed by Bro. Broadbridge, the brethren sat down to an excellent banquet. The newly-installed W.M. presided. The usual loyal toasts, given from the chair, were followed by that of "The Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master; Right Worshipful Bro. the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master; and the Officers of Grand Lodge Present and Past," Brothers J. Henderson Scott and W. Kuhe to reply. The Worshipful Master proposed the Right Worshipful Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, Baronet, M.P., Provincial Grand Master Sussex, and Officers of Pro Grand Lodge Present and Past. Bro. H. Scott, in acknowledging the toast, expressed the gratification he felt in always being so well received whenever he visited them. He regretted that he could not do so oftener, but there were now so many Lodges in the town that it was impossible for him to be continually visiting. Holding the position he did, it behoved him not to show preference to any one Lodge, but he always made a point of attending meetings of installation. He trusted the custom which now prevailed of inviting the W.M.'s of other Lodges would long continue. The time would come when the Lodges of the Province will become so numerous that this might be out of the question. But time had not yet arrived—at any rate it would be long before there would be so many Lodges in Brighton that any one of the Lodges would risk to invite the W.M.'s of the sister Lodges to their banquet. Next to the carrying out of the three great principles—Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth—hospitality was the life and soul of Freemasonry. Bro. A. J. Hawkes gave the next toast, the Worshipful Master, and spoke in eulogistic terms of the manner in which Bro. Broadbridge had performed the work undertaken by him during the past year. He predicted for him a most prosperous term of office. Bro. Broadbridge responded, and then gave the Visitors. Bros. G. Nash and T. Peckham responded. The Worshipful Master proposed the Past Masters. Bros. Kuhe, J. Eberall, W. T. Nell, and A. J. Hawkes responded. Bro. Broadbridge then gave the Officers of the Lodge, to which Bros. W. H. Gibson and W. R. Wood jun. responded. The Worshipful Master gave the toast of the Initiate. Bro. Stafford responded. The Tyler's toast completed the programme. At the request of Bro. J. H. Scott, on behalf of the brethren, Bro. Broadbridge sang, "Thou art so near," to the accompaniment of Bro. W. Kuhe. The various toasts were most agreeably interspersed with songs, duets, and part songs, finely rendered by Miss Bertha Moore and Bros. W. Roe, J. Large, G. Cole, and H. Evans. Miss Bertha Moore, who, though young, is making rapid strides in her profession, made a very favourable impression by her refined vocalisation. Bro. Kuhe, the first Worshipful Master of the Lodge, played Liszt's "Rhapsodies Hongroise," and was warmly applauded. Bro. W. Roe Prov. Grand Organist, who superintended the musical arrangements, accompanied with great skill. Bros. Sayers and Marks supplied the banquet, which was capitally served.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—The first dinner took place on the 24th January, at the Champion Hotel, 15 Aldersgate-street, E.C. Lodge was opened as usual, at 7 p.m. Bro. J. Hick W.M. in the presence of a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, who afterwards sat down to an excellent banquet, served in Host Chillingworth's well known style. Brother A. G. Dodson P.M., President of the Lodge, occupied the chair. After the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, Bro. Hicks gave The Health of the President, Bro. Dodson P.M., commenting upon his strenuous efforts to raise the Lodge to the highest pinnacle, and also on the great efficiency of his working as displayed in the Lodge. Bro. Dodson

replied, and afterwards proposed The Mother Lodge, Joppa, No. 188, which was received with great pleasure, and replied to by Bro. Wall. Several other toasts followed, and the evening was further enlivened by some capital songs, very ably rendered by Bros. Dodson, Hughes, McKinley, and others.

West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction, No. 1612.

On Thursday, the 19th of January, at Bro. Stephens', the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing. Present—Bros. J. Green, W.M., C. Bellerby S.W., G. Coop J.W., Cunningham S.D., Fisher J.D., T. Smith I.G., H. E. Tucker Treasurer and Preceptor; also Bros. Pitt, Porter, Owen, Seward, and Titley, of the Belgrave Lodge 749. The Lodge was opened in due form. On account of the sudden and serious illness of the Secretary, Bro. Wells, the minutes of the two preceding meetings had not been entered. The W.M. opened the Lodge in the first degree, and Bro. Porter having been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Pitt having then been entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. The Lodge was then closed in the third and second degrees. The brethren expressed their sympathy with Bro. Wells, and trusted that his illness would prove but temporary.

On the 26th January, present Bros. C. Bellerby W.M., G. Coop S.W., T. Smith J.W., W. Seward jun. S.D., F. Green J.D., J. Owen acting Secretary; also Bros. A. Jones, E. C. Porter, C. W. Pitt, Woolmer, Walker. Visitors—Bros. Nicholson and Cotton, of the Royal Union Lodge 382. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the three preceding meetings were read, confirmed, and signed. The Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Porter candidate. Bro. Alexander Jones delivered the ancient charge of the degree. Bro. Pitt answered the questions leading to the second degree. The Lodge was opened in the second, and the Worshipful Master rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Pitt candidate. The Lodge was resumed to the first degree. In the absence of Bro. Tucker, through illness, Bro. Jones kindly acted as Preceptor. Bro. George Coop was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Farringdon Without Lodge, No. 1745.—This Lodge met for the despatch of business on the 30th ult., when there were present, amongst others, Bros. Lardner W.M., Strugnell S.W., Young acting J.W., in the unavoidable absence of Bro. W. Williams, T. C. Walls I.P.M., W. Ramsey P.M. Treasurer, W. H. Jackson P.M. Secretary, Goodenough S.D., T. Simpson J.D., H. B. Marshall V.P. of the Three Institutions I.G., Richards D.C. The minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, Bros. Almond, Ablett, and Cross were passed. The ballot was taken on behalf of Mr. Louis Lardner, and it proving unanimous, he was duly initiated. The ceremonies were performed most excellently by the W.M. Several communications from absent members having been read, Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren separated.

Bro. James Stevens gave his lecture, explanatory of the First Degree, at The Great City Lodge of Instruction, No. 1426, at Masons'-avenue, City, on Thursday. There was a large gathering of members and visitors, who expressed unqualified satisfaction with the lecture. We shall report this meeting more fully next week.

The members of the Oakley Lodge, No. 691, Basingstoke, will, by permission of the R.W. P.G.M. Hants and Isle of Wight, Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., hold a Masonic Ball at the Town Hall, Basingstoke, on Wednesday, 15th February. Early application for Tickets—Gentlemen's 12s 6d; Ladies 10s 6d; should be made to Brother E. P. Conran Hon. Secretary, Basingstoke. The following brethren comprise the Board of Stewards:—

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We have great pleasure in announcing that a concert will be given by the City Choral Society, at the Morley Hall, Hackney, on the evening of Tuesday next, the 7th instant, the proceeds to be handed over towards that most useful Institution the German Hospital, Dalston. A very attractive programme is announced—Spohr's "God, Thou art Great," with a choice selection of songs constituting the opening part, and selections from Mozart's Twelfth Mass, with a series of numbers, vocal and instrumental, the second. Bro. Edwin Moss will wield the bâton as conductor, and Bro. Herr Leipold will preside at the organ, with Miss E. Milsted at the pianoforte and Herr Rudersdorff as violoncellist. From the character of the programme, and the recognised merits of the artists, we anticipate the concert will prove a great success, and we doubt not the funds of the German Hospital will be materially benefited.

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MASTERS OF CEREMONIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Under this head I last week addressed a letter to the Freemason as follows:—

"To the Editor of the Freemason.

Dear Sir and Brother,—

Allow me to point out a grave mistake often committed by Masters of Lodges in appointing the M.C., they using the word *Director* instead of the legitimate one of *Master*. Your reporters and correspondents also fall into the same error. In the reports of meetings in last week's *Freemason* is reported several times that the W.M. appointed So-and-so D.C., instead of M.C.; but I have no doubt, after this is pointed out to them, they will cease to do so. A *Director of Ceremonies* is an Officer of *Grand Lodge*. A *Master of Ceremonies* is an Officer of a *private Lodge*. And the sooner Masters conform to this rule the better it will be for the perfect working of the Lodge.

Last year, a W.M. of a Lodge I am connected with appointed an *Assistant M.C.* (I was absent through illness at the time), and at the following meeting I pointed out the clause showing the Officers he could appoint, and that he had gone beyond the Book of Constitutions. On being convinced of this error, he at once rescinded the appointment, and had it entered on the minutes that he had done so. I know one or two Lodges that should follow his example."

I find in your reports of this week the following Lodges appointed D.C.'s instead of M.C.'s—namely, Nos. 201, 901, 1017, and 651. Will you kindly therefore allow me, by inserting the above, to call the attention of your readers to this important subject.

Yours fraternally,

MAGNUS OHREN,

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28th Jan. 1882.

LECTURES IN LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is eminently satisfactory to note that a further step in the direction suggested by you, and endorsed by sundry of your correspondents, has been taken by our worthy Brother James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., &c. Your suggestion, which was to the effect that occasionally the routine of working sections and rehearsing ceremonies should be varied by the reading of a lecture or paper on some interesting Masonic subject had borne fruit to a limited extent, and in one direction only. Still it is, in my opinion, and considering the inertness which characterises the ordinary working attendant at Lodges of Instruction, a great achievement that any result at all should have followed; and now that Brother Stevens has shown that he likewise takes an interest in the movement, we may look forward to some permanent departure from the ordinary routine of work may become an established usage.

Bro. W. W. Morgan has read sundry papers, and the reception he has met with has been most encouraging, while Bro. Stevens has already repeated, at the Great City Lodge of Instruction, the lecture on the Ceremonies of the First Degree which he gave a short time previous. From the "Occasional Papers" you have latterly been publishing, at frequent intervals, I gather that other lectures have been delivered a few years since, and I feel confident, if the present innovation is strenuously followed, that the course of study pursued at our Lodges of Instruction will prove to be vastly more attractive than in the old days of ceremony and lecture repeated without variation or change from one year's end to another.

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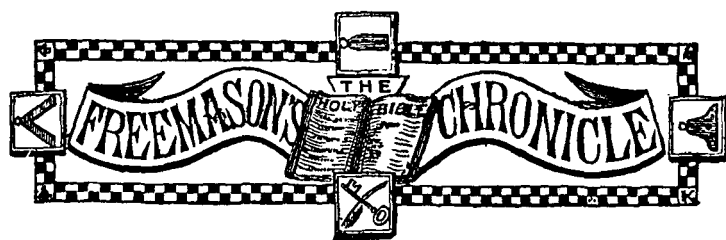
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THE Quarterly Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. There were present Companions S. Rawson as M.E.Z., J. A. Rucker as H., Colonel Creaton as J., Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke S.E., Montague Guest, M.P., as S.N., Robert Grey as P.S., Reverend Ambrose W. Hall 1st A.S., J. Sampson Peirce 2nd A.S., H. C. Levander, Magnus Ohren, James Glaisher, Thomas Fenn, Rev. C. W. Arnold, A. J. Duff-Filer, W. F. Nettleship, Wilhelm Ganz, J. M. Case, A. Bott Cook, C. A. Murton, H. G. Buss, W. H. Perryman P.Z. 1348, Frederick Newton Z. 5, L. P. Catterson J. 548, A. A. Pendlebury P.Z. 1056, W. H. Lee P.Z. 1524, William Dodd P.Z. 1194, Neville Green P.Z. 1524, H. Massey P.Z. 619, E. F. Storr Z. 1044, Thomas Cull J. 1365, H. E. Frances P.Z. 652, J. H. Cussans Z. 1366, B. Lyons H. 1329, Orlando Lell Latreille J. 1260, John Dixon Z. 1489. Charters were granted for the following new Chapters:—The Goulburn Chapter of Australia, No. 1762, Goulburn, New South Wales; the Chapter of Rectitude, No. 502, Rugby; and the Eccleston Chapter, No. 1624, London. A Charter of Confirmation was also granted to the Stanhope Chapter, No. 1269, Anerley, the original having been lost. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke G.S.E. informed Grand Chapter that during the recent search which had been instituted in the muniment room of Grand Lodge, among various old books and papers they came across an original document which they supposed to be connected with Grand Chapter. On examination it was found to be no less than the original Charter of Compact under which Grand Chapter was constituted, and under which they were assembled this very evening. That Charter of Confirmation bore date 1767, and it appeared to have been the result of an understanding that was come to by various Royal Arch Masons on the Modern side to form themselves into a Body, having regularly constituted government, and therefore they drew up this document. It was signed by Lord Blamey and several other distinguished Masons of the period. Under that Charter of Compact Grand Chapter had ever since existed. He lost not a moment in having this Charter repaired and cleaned, and suitably framed and glazed, and it was now hung on the wall of the room in

which they were at present assembled. It was well worthy of the inspection of the Companions.

Grand Chapter then confirmed the following recommendations of the Committee of General Purposes:—

The Committee also recommend that the Rules and Regulations relative to Centenary Warrants and Jewels now in force in the United Grand Lodge of England be adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter; and that Chapters who can prove their uninterrupted existence for one hundred years, be granted Centenary Charters, with permission to wear a distinctive jewel of uniform design, and that the fees payable by Chapters for such Charter be five guineas.

The Grand Lodge having recently resolved that three additional Offices should be created therein:—The Committee recommend that in conformity with this arrangement,—and as the Offices in Grand Chapter have hitherto numbered somewhat less than in Grand Lodge,—four additional Offices be now created in Grand Chapter, to be named:—

Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies.

2nd. Grand Standard Bearer.

3rd. Do. Do.

4th. Do. Do.

Grand Chapter was then duly closed.

JOPPA CHAPTER, No. 188.

THE regular Convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday, the 30th ultimo, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C. In the unavoidable absence of Companion Gulliford M.E.Z., who has recently sustained a sad family bereavement, the chair was filled by Comp. L. Lazarus P.Z., he being supported by Companions H. P. Isaac H., S. M. Lazarus P.Z. J., J. Lazarus P.Z. Treasurer, M. J. Emanuel P.M. S.E., H. M. Levy P.Z., W. Littaur P.Z., P. Dickinson P.Z. Among the visitors were Companions B. Lyon, Howard, Brall, Dewsnap, Davis, Smith, Hobinstock, McNaughton, Quincey, J. S. Lyon, Botibol, and others. The Chapter having been opened, and the minutes confirmed, sundry matters of business were disposed of. The acting Z., in most feeling terms, proposed that a letter of condolence be sent to the M.E.Z., Companion Gulliford, expressing the sympathy of the Companions with him in the great loss he had just sustained in the death of his wife. This being seconded by Companion Dickinson, the proposition was put to the Chapter, and carried unanimously. The acting Z. stated that he had heard in a Masonic Lodge mention of a fund that was being raised for the relief of the members of the Jewish faith who had suffered by the outrages in Russia, and he thought that the Joppa Chapter might take the subject into consideration. Comp. Dickinson thereupon proposed that the sum of two guineas be voted from the funds of the Chapter to be applied to the object in question, to be forwarded to the Lord Mayor of London as a contribution for the list opened at the Mansion House. This was seconded by Companion Grove Ellis, and carried unanimously. A distressed Companion having been relieved from the funds of the Chapter, it was proposed that a letter be sent to Companion Henochsberg, conveying the sympathy of the Companions with him in his present illness, and wishing him a speedy recovery to health. This being carried, the report of the Audit Committee was brought forward, read, and adopted. Chapter was then closed, and the Companions sat down to banquet, which was served under the superintendence of Companion M. Silver. The usual Loyal and R.A. toasts followed, Companion Littaur giving that of the acting M.E.Z. The Companion who had that night acted as First Principal of the Chapter had, he thought, a great claim to the esteem and regard of the Companions. He had knowledge and ability, which enabled him to perform the work appertaining to every office in the Chapter. He (the speaker) felt the greatest regret at the cause which led to the absence of their M.E.Z., but they must all be gratified to know they had such a Companion in their midst as L. Lazarus, who could fill the vacancy as creditably as he had that evening. The acting Z. tendered his thanks; he trusted the time might be far distant when he should again have occasion to fill the chair under such mournful circumstances as those which had given him the position that day. He then proposed the health of the H. and J., the former of whom was present. The Companions all knew the ability possessed by these two Officers in the work of the Chapter, and he could but hope they would have an opportunity of witnessing a display of it during the coming year. Companion Isaac briefly responded. Companion Lyon returned thanks on behalf of the Visitors, and the acting M.E.Z. proposed the toast of the P.Z.'s. Each had nobly done his duty in the past, and he doubted not was still ready to undertake any work in the Chapter that might be required of them. Companion Dickinson replied. The toast of the Junior Officers concluded the proceedings.

METROPOLITAN CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT.

THIS eminent school of Instruction for Royal Arch Masons, seeking to profit by the teaching here to be obtained, meets regularly every Tuesday evening, at half-past six, at the Jamaica Tavern, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Its meetings are attended by some of the most eminent members of Royal Arch Masonry, and under the able Preceptorship of Comp. F. Brown, the pure ritual of this supreme degree can here be obtained. At the meeting on Tuesday evening last, the ceremony of exaltation was most ably rehearsed, Comps. Crowder presiding as Z., J. Payne H., Rowe J., Darcey S.N., Fraser P.S., and Comp. Crump candidate. There were several other Arch Masons present; amongst whom were W. Fraser H., Thompson M.E.Z. 619, Edmonds Metropolitan, and several others. The exalta-

tion ceremony was well performed, but the particular excellence of the working of Comp. Payne as H. is deserving of special notice. As one of the constant attendants at this Chapter, he has well profited by the instruction which is here to be obtained.

The Earl of Carnarvon Chapter of Improvement, under the able Preceptorship of Companion Davies, J. 185, met at the Ladbroke Hall, Notting-hill, on Tuesday evening last. This new Chapter of Improvement should be a great boon to Companions generally, its place of meeting being directly opposite the Ladbroke Grove Station, Metropolitan Railway, where the Companions meet every alternate Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock.

PROVINCIAL GRAND LODGE OF DEVONSHIRE.

THE meeting of the Committee of Petitions of this Province was held on Tuesday, 24th ult., at the Masonic Hall, Gandy-street, Exeter. There was a large attendance. Bro. W. G. Rogers, the chairman, presided. The minutes of the former meeting having been confirmed, the Secretary reported that there had only been two elections since the last meeting of the Committee, and the number of votes sent through them by the Province was in excess of last year by about fifty. This, though a great improvement, was still not quite satisfactory, there being no reason why all the votes should not be sent to the Committee, thus vastly improving their position. The report of Bro. C. Godtschalk showed exhaustively how much had been done with these resources. He regretted to have to announce that there was the largest number of petitions for relief ever presented at any previous meeting. This report having been adopted, Bro. Godtschalk, the representative of the committee in London, presented his report as follows:—

Devon owes to the Province of Worcestershire, 457 boys' and 309 girls', repayable April 1882. To Monmouth, 326 girls', repayable October 1881. To Cheshire, 29 boys'. To Bro. Linzell 33, and Bro. Constable, on behalf of Bro. Hughan, for Cornwall, 200 boys', repayable October 1881; to these 1,354 votes add 850 girls' votes borrowed of Monmouthshire, October 8th last, repayable as circumstances will permit, over a space of three years, and so stated on IOU given for the votes, the use of which will be shown in this report; thus giving a total of 2,204 votes owing by Devon to other Provinces. As a set-off against the foregoing figures I have lent as follows:—The Province of Warwickshire owes Devon 866 boys'. Monmouthshire owes Devon 535 widows'. Bro. John Constable on behalf of Bro. Hughan, Cornwall, owes 444 aged Masons'. Westmoreland and Cumberland owes Devon 104 aged Masons'; giving 1,949 votes due to Devon. Add to this number 300 boys' votes I have to receive under written agreement for the boy Sidney Sowden, and will not be used for him, but made available for other purposes. Thus making a total of votes due to Devon of 2,249, all repayable for the April and May Elections 1882, or in other words there is a balance of votes due to Devon of 45, with the advantage of our having to receive payment for the April and May elections of this year, while a large portion of our debts are spread over three years for repayment. The Committee will observe, that during the time the borrowed votes shown in this report have been used, that Devon has succeeded in electing on the funds and into the Great Masonic Charities no less than seven candidates, viz.:—Two Boys, three Girls, one Aged Mason, and one Widow; a number out of all proportion to the votes possessed by the Province from all sources. I having used for the elections of the seven successful Devon candidates named, 7,523 votes, whilst out of that number Devon has found 4,055, and from sources entirely outside the Province, by advantageous exchanges and gifts of votes, 3,468 votes have been obtained for the benefit of Devon candidates, for which our Province incurs no liability whatever, neither have the 3,468 votes to be returned. I have therefore the gratifying fact to report that our Province is not only out of debt, but with the several IOU's we hold from sister Provinces when the settlement of these votes takes place in April and May next, *pro and con*, Devon has a balance of 45 votes to receive; to this fact I ask special attention of those Lodges and Brethren of the Province who at times are apt to cavil at the organization and the good work of the Committee of Petitions. Without this organization nothing could be done or accomplished, and those who stand aloof from taking part in thus co-operating with the Committee should be reminded, that if their isolated system of using votes individually and without combination were adopted, they would require from the present time to that of eternity (whenever that may be), to Elect Seven Candidates into or upon the funds of the Great Charities. This has been done during the time only the votes shown in this paper have been used. Pointing the moral that sensible men organize for the greatest good to the largest number, and when the outcome of this organization results in the relief and bettering the condition of our aged and distressed brother, the widow and orphan, it becomes almost divine. The only Elections that have taken place since my last Annual Report, of 6th August 1881, were those of the Girls and Boys respectively, 8th and 10th October 1881. For use at these Elections, I received from Bro. Gover 159 Province girls' votes; from the Prov. G. Master, Lord Ebrington, 5 Province girls' votes; and from others in Devon, 10 girls' votes; making a total of 174 girls' votes from Devon. Cornwall sent me for the use of Devon, on loan, 99 girls' votes, and on the day of Election of Girls (October 8th), a Province presented me, as a personal gift, with 300 girls' votes, in return for what they considered a service rendered. This will be explained later on in this Report. I thus held from all sources 573 girls' votes for the October Election 1881. For the Boys'

Election, 10th October 1881, I received from Bro. Gover 187 boys' votes; from the Prov. G.M., Lord Ebrington, 49 Province Craft boys' votes, and 6 Province Chapter boys' votes, and from others in Province, Lodges and Individuals, 9 boys' votes; making a total of boys' votes for use at this Election (10th October) of 253; to these, add 100 I received in repayment from the Province of Dorset, 100 from Bro. Terry in repayment, and from Bro. Hacker, a friend of the selected Boy Candidate (Sidney Sowden), 364 boys' votes, with 155 from Cornwall on loan to Devon; making a total of boys' votes in my possession for use at this Election of 972. Referring back to the Girls' Election on the 8th, and adding these 972 boys' votes to the 573 girls' votes, giving a total of boys' and girls' votes combined, of 1545; with these I at once commenced paying our debts to other Provinces, with whom we not alone work in unison, but with the mutual knowledge and feeling that we are doing what good is in our power for the various candidates in our respective Provinces. Beginning with Monmouthshire, I repaid that Province 326 Girls' votes,—to Cheshire 29 Boys'—to Bro. Constable 200 Boys', on account of Bro. Hughan for Cornwall. Total votes repaid, Girls' 326, Boys' 229, for which repayments I here hand in the cancelled IOU's, leaving in hand 247 Girls' and 743 Boys', together 990 votes; to these add 123 Boys' votes obtained by me from private friends, giving a total of 1213. In the foregoing report I have given a statement bringing the work up to the actual elections of October 1881. The Committee will remember, at our last meeting in August, the boy Sidney Sowden was selected to receive the votes of the Province until elected; to do this, as will be seen by this report, I held 743 Boys' votes, when the highest candidate at this election polled 2227, and the lowest elected polled 1948; therefore thinking it not good policy to incur greater liabilities by borrowing so large a number required (1200) at least, which, in addition to the 743 in hand, would have only elected the boy last on the poll. Seeing no reasonable prospect of repaying so large a number of votes I followed the plan adopted by me since I have been entrusted with the management of the Province votes. That plan is to elect the candidate the first time of asking, or not to poll a vote. I therefore did not poll a vote, but lent them to a sister Province, all to be returned for the April election this year. I here beg to hand in the IOU for 866 Boys' votes, which includes the bonus of 123 votes added to the 743 lent. The next event in connection with the October election is a remarkable one—the Committee will recollect no Girl candidate was selected for election, from the fact, we all thought, with our then liabilities, it was impossible for any Girls' votes to be at our disposal. I have to ask, however, your attention to the election of Girls' 8th October last. Having previously mentioned I held, after payment of debts, 247 Girls' votes, and that a Province had presented me with 300 Girls' votes for a service they considered I had rendered. Adding these 300 to the 247 Girls' votes I held after paying debts, making 547 Girls' votes in hand; what was I to do with them with no selected Devon Candidate? Girls' votes at this election were positively unchangeable for Boys', and bore no relative value, Boys' votes being in such demand. All votes being available for use on the actual day of the election only, these 547 Girls' votes then if not used that day would become waste paper. Therefore, I turned to the official list (issued by the Institution) of Girl candidates, of which there were 24, with 15 to be elected that day. Out of this list of 24 girls was one Edith Brown, of Brixham, the case coming from Lodge 248, "True Love and Unity." Here was a Devon Girl who had stood five previous elections, and this her last chance. At this point I took up the case, holding as I did at that moment the 247 Province Girls' votes, after payment of debts. To these I added the 300 Girls' votes that had been presented to me as a personal gift. I then went amongst my friends, while the election was going on, with the intention of obtaining sufficient Girls' votes to carry the girl's election. I fortunately succeeded by obtaining from Monmouthshire 850 Girls' votes, this made a total of Girls' votes polled by me for Edith Brown of 1310. Our present position is, Devon owes a total of 2,204 votes to the several Provinces named in this report, about half of which will have to be repaid in April and May next; the remaining half the repayment of which is spread over three years; this extended repayment is for the Girls' votes borrowed from Monmouthshire by me to elect Edith Brown in October last. For had I not been able to get the votes on such advantageous terms, I should not have taken them for use. Against the foregoing figures, showing our indebtedness, Devon has to receive from various Provinces 2,249 votes; the whole of these votes are to be repaid to Devon in April and May next; our Province will then be not only out of debt, but will have to receive a balance of forty-five votes, with, as I have shown, seven candidates elected into and upon the great Charities during the short time these votes have been used. I therefore have no scruple in asking the members of this Committee to impress upon the brethren of their Lodges, the Masters and Secretaries in particular, the great necessity of a proper organization of votes for our central great Charities, so that all and every one is brought to help the largely increasing number of our candidates, to forward these voting papers for each recurring election at the earliest day after receipt to our worthy and honorry hard-worked secretary of this committee, Bro. Gover. When I mention the fact that for the coming elections to the great Charities in April and May next, we shall have 66 widows competing for seven vacancies, 46 old men to fill fourteen places, 72 orphan boys to compete for fifteen possible admissions into the School, and 28 girls for twenty-one vacancies. These figures mean exceptionally high polling at each recurring future election, and without the system of combining all our Provincial votes is thoroughly worked and fully carried out by means of the organization of this Committee, who select the most urgent deserving cases to have the combined votes for their election to be carried at first application. To divide votes amongst individual claimants is to waste them, for under that arrangement no one gets elected.

Finally, brethren, never forget the fact that our Province, through its many candidates elected into and upon our great Charities, draw largely, annually, from their resources, and that we are in duty

bound to reimburse these truly great Institutions of our Order to the best of our ability and means. Be it remembered, these noble Charities and Temples of Benevolence are almost wholly supported and sustained by the voluntary efforts and benevolent sympathies of the Craft of England.

This report was received and adopted. There were nine petitions for relief, and the following sums were voted:—The widow of a brother of Lodge 112 £5, a brother of Lodge 159 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 230 £5, a brother of Lodge 248 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 328 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1125 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1205 £5, the widow of a brother of Lodge 1247 £2 10s, and the widow of a brother of Lodge 1550 £5. In the latter case the brethren present subscribed among themselves another £5. Other important business was discussed relative to votes, and it was generally thought that a large amount of benefit would accrue if the representatives of some of the Lodges would endeavour to induce their friends to send their votes earlier to the Secretary. Bro. W. G. Rogers D.P.G.M. was unanimously re-elected Chairman for the ensuing year, and was thanked for the invariable courtesy and tact with which he had presided for several years. Bro. J. B. Gover was re-elected Secretary for the thirteenth time. Bro. Charles Godtschalk was re-elected representative of the Committee in London, and he was warmly congratulated on the successful way in which, by his zeal and energy, he had performed the arduous duties entrusted to him.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

CHESTER, 1650-1700.

WE are glad to see that Bro. Rylands is pursuing his researches into the subject of Freemasonry in the county of Cheshire. He has already done more than many Masonic investigators in elucidating the connection of Ashmole with the Fraternity, and his success in this particular would seem to have whetted his appetite, and with renewed ardour he is carrying his inquiries still further, the results being carefully recorded in a brace of articles which have appeared consecutively in the *Masonic Magazine* for January, and this current month of February. The basis of these articles is a curious heraldic work, entitled "The Academie of Armory, or a Storehouse of Armory and Blazon, &c. By Randle Holme, of the City of Chester, Gentleman Sewer in Extraordinary to his late Majesty King Charles 2. And sometimes Deputy for the Kings of Arms. Printed for the Author, Chester, 1688," folio. This work is thus described, writes Bro. Rylands, by Dr. Ormerod, the historian of Cheshire:—

The author's object appears to have been the formation of a kind of encyclopædia in this awkward heraldic form; and in the rest of the present book he proceeds through all the range of creation, treating the reader with the strangest jumble on Natural History, Mineralogy, and Surgery, occasionally diversified by Palmistry, Hunter's terms, the Cock-pit laws, Diseases, an Essay on Time and on Men punished in Hell. Introducing each subject successively as the fancied bearing of an armorial coat.

Bro. Rylands, from personal examination of the work, confirms this description, while Moule is quoted as writing to the effect that "it is considered to be one of the most scarce of heraldic books, and that not more than fifty copies are to be found in the United Kingdom.

The Holme family, it appears, was one of some antiquity and distinction in Cheshire, this particular Randle Holme, the author of the "Academie of Armory," being great-grandson of Thomas Holme, of Chester, who was living in the "fifth year of King James I. (1607-8) *Smith*." "Like his father and grandfather before him," he was a herald and deputy to Garter King of Arms for Cheshire, Lancashire, Shropshire, and North Wales." He was "prosecuted at the Stafford Assizes, 20 Charles II. (1668-9) by Sir William Dugdale, then Norroy King of Arms, for his irregularity in marshalling the funeral of Sir Ralph Assheton, and a verdict was obtained against him, with £20 damages. He died 15th March 1699-1700, and was buried at St. Mary's.

Bro. Rylands then goes on to quote from Randle Holme's work the following definition of a Fraternity, namely:—

A Fraternity, or Society, or Brotherhood, or Company; are such in a corporation, that are of one and the same trade, or occupation, who being joyned together by oath and covenant, do follow such orders and rules, as are made, or to be made for the good order, rule, and support of such and every of their occupations. These several Fraternities are generally governed by one or two Masters, and two Wardens, but most Companies with us by two Aldermen, and two Stewards, the later, to receive and pay what concerns them.

and also in respect of the Mechanical Sciences that "the third is Architecture, or the skill in Building, Framing, and Erecting of Temples, Theaters, Pyramides, Castles, Forts, Bastilions, Pallaces, Houses, and all sorts of Edifices: which is divided into Cementurie, or Masonrie, and Carpentary, the first working in Stone or Brick; the latter in Wood." Later on he gives the following, which he suggests has "never before been noticed," and on the importance of which he very justly lays great stress, the italics being his own:—

"I cannot but Honor the Fellowship of the Masons because of its Antiquity; and the more, as being a Member of that Society, called Free-Masons. In being conversant among them I have observed the use of these several Tools following some whereof I have seen born in Coats Armour."*

Other quotations were made in relation to Masons' Tools and the "Order of Columns and Pillars," and then much that is highly interesting is collected from so much of Randle Holme's second volume in MS. as the author had prepared. From this, which is in the British Museum, after referring to a copy it contains of the Old Constitutions without date, but assignable to 1650, Bro. Rylands quotes the following, written on a small piece of paper:

There is seuerall words & signes of a free Mason to be revealed to y^e w^{ch} as y^e will ans^r: before God at the Great & terrible day of Judgm^t y^e keep secret & not to reveale† the same in the heares of any pson or to any but to the M^r. & fellows of the said Society of free Masons so help me God, &c.

And likewise lists of persons made Freemasons, with the initiation Fee, in one of which is the name of Randle Holme himself.

* I shall remark on this interesting sentence of Randle Holme at the end of the extracts from his book.

† The word *signes* erased here.

‡ Here some portion of the text is interlineated.

(To be continued.)

THE DRAMA.

TWO circumstances gave additional interest to the revival at the Haymarket, on the 24th ult., of the comedy of "Ours." In the first place the rights of the Haymarket Management in this and other comedies of the late Mr Tom Robertson will very shortly expire, and this revival series therefore is the last in which the public will have the opportunity of witnessing the performance of Mr. and Mrs. Bancroft and their admirably-trained company in this class of piece. In the next, Mrs. Langtry was to make her first appearance as a professional actress in the character of Blanche Haye. That the revival was a complete success may almost be taken for granted. Mrs. Bancroft never played the part of Mary Netley better, and the Hugh Chalcot of Mr. Bancroft was a finished impersonation without being over-elaborate. Mr. Arthur Cecil, than whom there is no abler representative of old men's characters, played the Russian Prince Perovsky most artistically. Mr. Conway as the impassioned lover, Angus MacAlister, acted to perfection, while the Sir Alexander Shendryn of Mr. Pinero, the Lady Shendryn of Miss De Thiere, Mr. Smedley's Captain Sampsey, and Mr. Stewart Dawson's Houghton harmonised capitally with the other characters. We have said, however, that the chief interest of the evening centred in the appearance of Mrs. Langtry as Blanche Haye. That she has much to learn before she will be entitled to rank as one among our foremost actresses is undeniable; yet has she many qualities that go towards forming one. She has a sympathetic voice that is capable of very delicate modulation; her presence is charming, her style composed, and at times she displays a certain amount of emotion. She certainly succeeded in producing a very favourable impression on the audience of Saturday evening, and though there was nothing phenomenal in her portrayal of Blanche Haye, her delineation of the character was tender and touching, and as a whole sufficiently commendable.

Bro. James Francis, of the Mohawk Minstrels, announces his tenth annual benefit, for the 8th of February, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. A programme of novelties has been prepared for this occasion, and in addition to the numerous company engaged, several talented artistes will appear.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Indisputable remedies.—In the use of these medicaments there need be no hesitation or doubt as to their cooling, healing, and purifying properties. The Ointment stands unrivalled for the faculty it displays in relieving, healing and thoroughly curing the most inveterate sores and ulcers, and in cases of bad legs and bad breasts they act as a charm. The Pills are the most effectual remedy ever discovered for the cure of liver complaints, diseases most disastrous in their effects, deranging all the proper functions of the organs affected; inducing restlessness, melancholy, weariness, inability to sleep, and pain in the side, until the whole system is exhausted. These wonderful Pills, if taken according to the printed directions accompanying each box, strike at the root of the malady, stimulate the stomach and liver into healthy action, and effect a complete cure.

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, 4th FEBRUARY.

- 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney, (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 6th FEBRUARY.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 69—Unity, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincolns Inn Fields
 83—United Lodge of Prudence, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)
 1319—Asaph, 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 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)
 1623—West Smithfield, Cathedral Hotel, St. Paul's, at 7 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road.
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)
 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
 156—Harmony, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
 392—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
 478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire
 1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley
 R.C.—Skelmersdale, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

TUESDAY, 7th FEBRUARY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 168—Union, Criterion, W.
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1293—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1331—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.
 1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jerryn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1571—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington
 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)

- 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
 1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 M.M. 161—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool

WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1305—St. Marybone, Eyre Arms, St. John's Wood
 1308—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
 1596—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 1791—Creston, Prince Albert Tavern, Portico-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)
 M.M. (T.I.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 R.C.—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 289—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
 758—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Stevno Hotel, Worthing.
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth.
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.
 1431—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Trickingham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1542—Llandilloes, Trewythen Arms, Llandilloes
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 192—St. Cathbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

THURSDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

- 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
 239—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 637—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1237—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1593—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1814—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)
 1873—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 8. (Instruction)
 1877—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1791—Creton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Inst.)

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill.
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge
 R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 K.T.—Salamanca, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax

FRIDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1154—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)
 R.C.—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.
 697—United, George Hotel Colchester.
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate
 1087—Beandesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgcumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 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

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Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, 28th ult. Present—Bros. G. Ferrar W.M., W. Williams jun. S.W., A. Mallord J.W., Percy Prec., Fenner Sec., R. M. Jones S.D., Wolf J.D., A. M. Marks I.G.; Bros. Powell, Brasted, Defriez, Moss, Williams sen., Forge, Parkes, Archer, &c. Lodge opened, and minutes were read and confirmed. Bro. Forge answered the questions leading to the second degree. Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forge being the candidate. Bro. Powell answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history, Bro. Powell acting as candidate. Both ceremonies were rehearsed in an excellent manner. Bro. Percy worked the third section of the lecture. Lodge being resumed, Bro. W. Williams jun. was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 27th January, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, S.W. Present—Bros. Gunner W.M., Maton S.W. Thomas J.W., C. E. Botley S.D., F. Botley J.D., E. H. Sagg P.M. I.G.; P.M. Blasby. Visitors—Bros. Rowe 15, Nicholson 382. The work of the evening comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of raising, Bro. Nicholson candidate; and initiation, Bro. Rowe candidate. Bro. Maton was elected W.M. for next meeting.

Burdett Coutts Lodge of Instruction, No. 1278.—At the Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal-green Junction, Great Eastern Railway, 1st February. Bros. Sturtevant W.M., Jones S.W., Chitson J.W., Stewart S.D., Bonner J.D., Brittain I.G., Hand Secretary, Musto P.M. Preceptor, Clark, Hubbard, &c. Lodge was opened by the W.M., and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. Hubbard candidate. The W.M. opened Lodge in the second degree, when Bro. Hubbard answered the questions leading to the third degree, and was entrusted. The Lodge was further advanced, and Bro. Hubbard was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. Bro. Jones was elected W.M. for next week. A sum of £5 5s, to be placed on Bro. Sturtevant's list, for the Festival of the Girls' School was voted by the members. Lodge was closed in due form and adjourned.

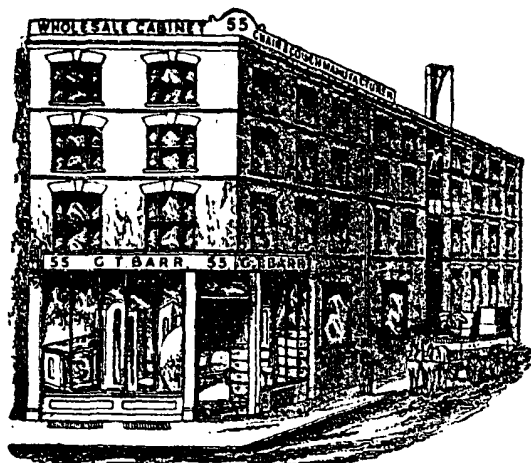
Hamer Lodge, No. 1393.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 19th January, at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool. Present—Bros. James Pilling W.M., Dr. B. Price S.W., R. J. L. Kynaston J.W., W. H. Jewitt Secretary, M. Callaghan S.D., J. J. Smith J.D., Stockton and Rainbow Stewards, T. Pierrepont I.G., W. Williamson Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. W. C. Erwin I.P.M., McCarthy, Jordan; Hankey, Crauford, Newby, Burne, Dwale, Soldat, Bank, Airy, &c. Visitors—Bros. H. Jones 1264, Wilson 1035, Morrison 182, Hermann Hon. Sec. 1547, Brown 1713, Jones 1713, &c. Mr. E. K. Lisey was initiated, and Bros. Hankey and Crawford passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. After business the brethren adjourned for ample refreshment. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677.—Held at the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell. On 26th January there were present Bros. R. D. Cummings W.M., J. Simpson S.W., J. Rothschild J.W., T. Pingston S.D., J. S. Fletcher I.G., G. H. Gilham acting Preceptor, H. Halliday Secretary, and other brethren. After preliminaries, Bro. Tillett offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the third degree, and having answered the necessary questions, was entrusted, and he retired. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising, with traditional history, excellently rehearsed by Bro. Cummings, the Preceptor. Lodge was then called off, and was closed in the second and third degrees, when Bro. Simpson was unanimously chosen to fill the chair of K.S. for the ensuing week. The W.M. elect appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed by Bro. Arthur Millward, and seconded by Bro. Cummings, that Bro. Paget become a member of this Lodge of Instruction; this was carried with acclamation. This ending the duties of the evening, the Lodge closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales has appointed Wednesday, the 29th March next, at Willis's Rooms, for the Festival Dinner of the The Victoria Hospital for Children, Queens-road, Chelsea, S.W., at which H.R.H. has graciously consented to preside. The Lord Mayor and Sheriffs have kindly promised to support H.R.H. on that occasion.

The ceremony of installation will be rehearsed on Thursday next, 9th February, at the Crusaders' Lodge of Instruction, No. 1677, the Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, by Bro. G. H. Gilham, P.M. Stuart Lodge, No. 1632. The Lodge will be opened at the usual time, viz., 9 p.m.

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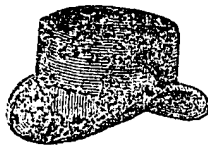
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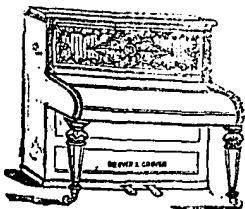
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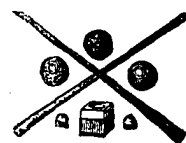
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