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ONCE more, in the natural course of things, we find ourselves within appreciable distance of the first in order of the Anniversary Festivals of our several Masonic Institutions, and it becomes our duty to draw the attention of our readers to the circumstances more immediately associated with this particular celebration. Our friends will already have gathered from our advertisement columns that Tuesday next, the 21st instant, is the day approved by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Grand Master for holding the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and that the chair will be taken by Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Lloyd-Philipps R.W. Provincial Grand Master of the Western Division of South Wales. This much in general outline; but there are almost invariably some distinguishing points about different anniversaries, and it is to these points we now propose drawing brief attention.

A short sketch of the origin and progress of the Institution will not be out of place. It is the outcome, in reality, of two Charities, the earlier of these being the Asylum for Aged Freemasons at Croydon, which was established by a number of brethren, of whom the late Dr. Crucefix was the most distinguished. The other was founded by the Grand Lodge of England, which, at the March Communication, 1842, voted an annual grant of £400 towards the very benevolent purpose of paying annuities to aged and distressed brethren. In 1849 the scheme was further enlarged by the erection of a Fund for bestowing annuities on the Widows of Freemasons, and in the course of the same year an amalgamation between the Grand Lodge Institution and the Asylum at Croydon was happily effected, since when, by degrees more or less slow but sure, the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution has gone on enlarging its sphere of usefulness, and doing its best towards meeting the almost annually increasing demands on its resources.

So far historically. Let us now see how the Institution stands financially. The recipients on the books of the Male Fund are 155, whose annuities at the rate of £40 each necessitate the provision of £6,200; those on the Female Fund are 160, and as they are paid annually £32 each, it will be obvious, without indulging in any frantic exercise of the arithmetical powers, that a further sum of £5,120 is needed in order to meet these demands. Lastly, there is a small body of widows—the number is a fluctuating one—who are paid each a half of her late husband's annuity. To meet this a sum of between £300 and £400 is necessary. Thus the Institution is bound to provide £6,200 for the men, £5,120 for the widows, and say £380 for widows receiving only one-half, making a total together of £11,700, which must be forthcoming annually in order that the Institution may fulfil the obligations it has contracted. If we add to this the expenses of management, we shall certainly not be exaggerating if we set down the annual outlay which is absolutely necessary to maintain the Benevolent Institution in its present state of efficiency, as £13,000.

Let us now see how the finances of the Institution stand so as to meet these formidable liabilities. Grand Lodge now contributes £1,600 per annum, namely, £1,000 to the Male, and £600 to the Female Fund. Grand Chapter gives £150 per annum, while the interest on the invested moneys of the Charity brings up the total permanent income in round figures to some £4,400. This, however, as against a fixed outlay of £13,000 is but a small proportion, and hence the necessity for renewed and active exertions on behalf of the Funds in order to maintain them in their present standard of usefulness. Two points in connection with this portion of our subject have to be considered. Under the most favourable circumstances—and we trust our Bro. Terry will forgive us if we suggest that his estimate of the working expenses is somewhat modest—we say, under the most favourable circumstances, close on £9,000 must be provided annually in order to keep the Institution in working order under its present obligations, while there is no doubt whatever that a far larger amount should be found every year, so that in time the permanent income may be more nearly on a level with the outlay. These are overwhelming reasons why the appeal, which is on the eve of being made to the Craft in behalf of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, should be a successful one.

Of the usefulness of the Institution no doubt can be entertained. Its services to Masonic distress stand out prominently. Already 556 brethren and 319 widows of brethren have been elected on the respective Funds since the date of their establishment. In other words, close on 900 poor people, directly or indirectly connected with the Craft, have had their closing years made comfortable through the instrumentality of this noble Charity. There is another point to be considered. The pressure on our Fund of Benevolence is very serious. It disburses some £9,000 a year, and, were it not for the relief afforded by the Benevolent Institution, there can be no doubt whatever that the demands on this Fund would be vastly increased—to how considerable an extent it is almost impossible to estimate. Further, in spite of the great additions that have been made during the past few years to the number of annuitants, the demands on the resources of the Institution grow apace. There are now not less than forty-six male and sixty-six female candidates on the list for election in May next, yet the vacancies to be filled are FEW INDEED.

Let us now glance at the circumstances of the present Festival. Last year Bro. Terry had the good fortune to secure the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire as his Chairman. Now, West Yorkshire is a large and influential Province. It has over sixty Lodges, and its contributions to all three Charities are on a grand and most liberal scale. Thus, last year it raised no less than £3,500, and as London and the other Provinces worked in a corresponding spirit of liberality, Bro. Terry was in a position to announce the largest total ever contributed at any of our Masonic celebrations, namely, over £14,300. The Western Division of S. Wales, however, is not—numerically speaking, of course—to be compared with the Western Division of Yorkshire. The latter, as we have said, has over sixty Lodges; the former has only nine. It would be ridiculous, therefore, to expect

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South Wales West to do more than emulate, in good will, the great deeds of West Yorkshire. We have no kind of doubt that Lieutenant-Colonel Lloyd-Phillips will be loyally supported by the Lodges and members of his Province, but we cannot expect they will achieve the triumph of a Province six times its numerical strength. Hence, then, a grand reason why the rest of the Craft should be to the fore on this particular occasion.

We think we have said well-nigh all that is possible in the hope of securing a great success for Tuesday next. Lient.-Colonel Lloyd-Phillips is a popular and energetic Mason and deserves support. He has a loyal, but a numerically weak Province, which, however, has ably fulfilled its duties at former Festivals, and we feel assured will do so with a will on this occasion. The Benevolent Institution is sorely in need of help in order to maintain it at its present strength, while Brother Terry's energy is such as to enlist the sympathies of all Craftsmen. We rejoice to say he already has some 250 Stewards working for him, and we trust it will be in our power to announce next week a result which will be not a little gratifying to the Right Wor. Brother who has so kindly undertaken to preside, to Bro. Terry himself, and to the well-wishers of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution—that is, to the whole of the English Craft.

### THE CANADIAN CRAFTSMAN ON "JURISDICTION."

WE find in the last number of this worthy contemporary of ours that we are somewhat sharply taken to task for having lately used the following language:—"The self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales has had the assurance to apply to our United Grand Lodge for recognition as an Independent Masonic Body." Our contemporary, no doubt, considers this is harsh, if not contemptuous language, and remarks that "we recollect the time when the Masonic journals of England and the United States spoke of the Grand Lodge of Canada (Ontario) and the Grand Lodge of Quebec in similar terms." We do not for one moment doubt the accuracy of the *Canadian Craftsman's* recollection. We are simply desirous of pointing out that whatever may have been the circumstances which led to the establishment of the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec, they have nothing in common with that of this "self-styled Grand Lodge of New South Wales." With all due deference we must point out that, albeit thirteen Lodges are said to have taken part in the establishment of this so-called Grand Lodge, there are at this present time no fewer than eighty and six, or thereabouts, Lodges on the rolls of the District Grand Lodges of England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. Forty-six of these belong to the English, some thirty-two to the Scotch, and the remainder to the Irish Constitution. We shall be glad to hear what our contemporary has to say on the, in this instance, absolutely necessary question of unoccupied territory. It is or ought to be perfectly well known that the Grand Lodges of the United Kingdom have concurrent jurisdiction in our Colonies, and very justly so, seeing the inhabitants are recruited from the three kingdoms. No difficulty has ever yet been experienced in discovering a plan of harmonious existence among the Lodges of the three systems, and there is no earthly reason, therefore, why the harmonious feeling of those bodies should, under these circumstances, be disturbed. Yet, what has happened? For no other reason than that, so far as we are enabled to make out, some Craftsmen are dissatisfied with the existing order of things, a number of the brethren have joined together and established an Independent Grand Lodge of their own. There can be no question of unoccupied territory—speaking Masonically; there are already three District Grand Lodges, working under England, Ireland, and Scotland respectively. These, together, muster some eighty and odd Lodges, as against the thirteen of the "self-styled" Grand Lodge. The former have never felt or expressed dissatisfaction with the rule under which they live; and yet we are invited by those who do not understand or appreciate the circumstances to allow an insignificant minority of Lodges to override the wishes of the majority. In all seriousness we ask our contemporary, if there can well be a more preposterous suggestion?

### A LODGE OF PERFECTION.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

THE Brother who seeks a Lodge of Perfection does well; the Brother who finds it does better; the Brother who is admitted a member of it does best of all. Chesterfield said, "Aim at perfection in everything—though in most things it is unattainable." What if it is? That is something every one should discover for himself. The quest for perfection is valuable, even if it be unsuccessful, for it is its own reward. But is perfection impossible of attainment?

The first question an applicant for the degrees of Masonry should propound to a brother whom he intends to ask to propose him should be:—"Is this a Lodge of Perfection? Let me see the printed list of your members, if you have one, for that is the only means I have of determining this question in advance." In like manner every brother dimitting, before connecting himself with another Lodge should start a similar inquiry. But suppose there be no Lodge of Perfection, at least some one is preferable to all others; some may have more Masonry in them than others, and this is one manner of determining the fact.

The reader has discovered, ere this, that when we use the term, "Lodge of Perfection," we use it in no technical sense—we mean precisely what it unconventionally means. We have no reference to a secret vault, or the Ineffable Word, or the rite of Perfection, that originated on the Continent, and was perfected in Great Britain. The French have a saying, *Les Français inventent, mais les Anglais perfectionnent*—"the French invent things, but the English bring them to perfection"—and the rite referred to may be an example.

The great oracle of the English law, Sir Edward Coke, claims, in his First Institute, that law is the perfection of human reason. From our observation of the administration of law, we may well doubt whether there is any more perfection in law than there is in a hundred less vaunted subjects, and whether there is not more in Masonry. Goldsmith, in "She Stoops to Conquer," styles one of his characters "the very pink of perfection;" but that was out of compliment. We are inclined to think that there is nothing exactly perfect. "Lodge of Perfection" is an excellent name—none better, or so good, but all the facts scarcely justify it. Let us look into this matter a little.

Humanity is essentially imperfect. The First Great Light in Masonry teaches this, and human experience corroborates it. St. Paul antagonized Lord Coke and Bishop Hooker, when he wrote, "The law made nothing perfect." Chateaubriand was in error when he taught the perfectibility of man, that is, in this life. Here he can be improved, but not perfected. The foundation reason is that humanity is finite, and therefore necessarily imperfect. We cannot understand or discern perfection, much less attain unto it. Three thousand years ago Job asked, "Canst thou find out the Almighty to perfection?" The finite cannot comprehend that which it cannot apprehend, and hence the futility of endeavouring to bring the Grand Architect of the Universe down to the compass of our understanding, or to measure His infinite work with the yardstick of our reason.

There is one excellent feature about man's imperfect mental and moral power, and that is, that he conceives of a state of perfection far beyond his ability here to attain. Imperfection is, in itself, a prophecy of change, and in connection with the revelations of the First Great Light, prophetic of a progressive change. The Grand Lodge above will be a Lodge of Perfection. There, no impostor will ever successfully seek relief, nor any unworthy applicant find entrance, nor any worthy applicant be turned away. Here we may be deceived, there never. Here we may have unaffiliated, suspended, and expelled Masons; there all will be good men and true." Here the bars are occasionally let down, the landmarks are sometimes covered out of sight, but there we shall know even as we are known. No one can be deceived, or will deceive others. In other words, if there, we shall have attained perfection, and all be members of a Lodge of Perfection.

If we cannot be perfect here, we can at least be on the road to perfection; we can make a point which was invisible yesterday, our goal to-day, and in turn our starting point to-morrow. And we can always have charity for the imperfection of others. Just as no one will say, let me be

"Sent to my account

With all my imperfections on my head,"

so he will not desire that his brother should meet with such a fate. The more earnestly we seek to act out the lessons of the Plumb, the Level, and the Square, the Twenty-four-inch Gauge, and the common Gavel, the more surely will we truly enjoy life here, and prepare ourselves for admission to the Lodge of Perfection hereafter.

### ANCIENT AND ACCEPTED RITE.

HILDA CHAPTER No. 23.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held at York on the 3rd inst. Bro. J. S. Cumberland presided, and performed the ceremony of reception on Bro. J. H. Thompson, of Leicester. Bro. the Rev. W. C. Lukis, the Sovereign elect, was then installed in the chair by Bro. Cumberland, by permission of Bro. Banister 33rd degree, S.G.I.G. for the Northern District, who was present. The M.W.S. appointed his Officers as follow: Bros. S. Middleton H.P., M. Millington 1st G., A. T. B. Turner 2nd G., G. Simpson G.M., E. J. de Salis R., T. B. Whytehead P.S. Rec. and Treasurer, J. S. Cumberland P.S. D.C., and W. Lawton Herald. Letters of apology for absence were received from Bro. J. W. Woodhall 32nd degree, and several others. The members afterwards met at supper, and spent a pleasant evening, Bro. Cumberland being highly complimented for his excellent working;

## AMERICA ON AMERICAN FREE-MASONRY,

IN one of the earliest numbers we published an article in which we questioned the genuineness of American Freemasonry. We said there was a good deal of make-believe about it, and that our transatlantic brethren were more partial to display in connection with the Craft than seemed desirable, in our estimation at all events. At the time, and more than once since, we have been taken to task for the severity of these remarks, but, it seems to us, on insufficient grounds. At all events nothing we have ever said as to the character of American Freemasonry exceeds in force the following for which we are indebted to the columns of the *Canadian Craftsman*. It seems that a Bro. B., recently deceased, had been for twenty years and upwards member of a Lodge, and for more than half that time its Worshipful Master. Subsequently "he dimitted and moved into the jurisdiction of Jefferson Lodge, and affiliated with it, but was suspended by it for non-payment of dues, and was thus under suspension." When it was found that this brother's death was approaching, application was made to the G. Master of the G. Lodge for a dispensation to bury him with Masonic honours, but the request was refused on the ground that he had been suspended as aforesaid. Our contemporary, in reference to this and another case of a somewhat similar character remarks—"We hire bands of music to bury the opulent profligate, if his dues are paid; we refuse to grant the prayer of a dying, honest, faithful servant, if he is poor and has not paid his dues. It would be wrong—a sin, we presume—to drop a tear upon, or cast a sprig of acacia into the grave of a pauper. No! publish his name to the world, and brand him as suspended. Fie upon such Masonry." Has the severest of our remarks ever approached in severity the damning justice of this?

The Lord Mayor honoured the sixth installation meeting of the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, on Monday, with his presence; among the other visitors being Bros. R. H. H. Giddy District Grand Master Griqualand, D. Sandeman Past District Grand Master Bengal, Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott Past Grand Junior Warden, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. M. Case, Captain N. G. Philips, and J. M. P. Montague, Past Grand Deacons; J. Lewis Thomas Past Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, Edgar Bowyer, C. F. Hogard, &c., &c., &c. Bro. George Kenning, Worshipful Master for the second consecutive year, occupied the chair at the outset, while the ceremony of installing Bro. Brookman, C.C., as his successor, was most impressively carried out by the Grand Secretary. In the course of the evening Bro. Kenning was presented by the members with a handsome gold jewel, in recognition of his services as twice Master of the Lodge, the compliment being further enhanced by the gift of £30 wherewith to purchase some memento to Mrs. Kenning of the esteem and respect in which her husband was held by the members of the Aldersgate. In acknowledging the compliment, Bro. Kenning expressed a wish, on behalf of Mrs. Kenning and himself, that the money testimonial, increased by themselves to fifty guineas, should be appropriated to the endowment of the Chair of the Lodge with a Vice-Presidency of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Lord Mayor's presence was especially and most cordially recognised, while Sir Francis Wyatt Truscott also received a most hearty welcome. Indeed, the proceedings throughout appear to have been of the most interesting and harmonious character.

The popular Mohawk Minstrels will give two grand Sacred Concerts (with white faces) on Ash Wednesday, at the Agricultural Hall, Islington. Afternoon at three o'clock; evening at eight o'clock.

Bro. James Stevens, P.M. P.Z., has undertaken to deliver his lecture explanatory of the entire ceremonials of the first degree, at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540, held at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas's-street, Borough, S.E., on Tuesday evening, the 28th inst. The Lodge will be opened at seven o'clock.

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## LECTURES AT LODGES OF INSTRUCTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was one of those present at the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction on Monday evening last, whither I repaired especially to hear the paper which it was announced in your last was to be read therein. I was much gratified with the way the business was conducted throughout. Doubtless you will be furnished with a report of the proceedings; I shall, therefore, content myself by saying, that though I have visited some dozens of so-called Lodges of Instruction, I never was more impressed than on this occasion. The work of the evening was conducted on well fixed lines, and the way in which the Preceptor conducted the business throughout was satisfactory in the highest degree. One and all could but agree with the vote of thanks which was so cordially passed to the Lecturer, and most, if not all, will join in the hope he expressed that other Craftsmen will enter upon this field, and take such interest in its cultivation as will redound to their credit, and advantage to the Craft at large.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

## A MOST DESERVING CASE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I cordially support the appeal which Bro. Hine directly, and you inferentially, advance on behalf of "A Most Deserving Case," as described in Bro. Hine's letter published last week. What may have happened to the unfortunate brother referred to it is, of course, impossible to say. He may, as you suggest, have disappeared owing to a lack of "moral courage," but there is no doubt of the two facts of his having loyally done his duty as a Mason when he was in the possession of means, and of his family being now in sore distress. The laws which govern the administration of our Fund of Benevolence forbid assistance being given to the wife and family, but I see no just cause or impediment why the Craft should not step forward and help them. I will give my mite in the good cause.

Yours fraternally,

L. L. A.

## FREEMASONRY IN THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Bro. Rylands stands in no need of commendation from me, his articles on the above subject being so lucid and exhaustive; but I think I may express to you the gratification which, in common with all other students of early Masonic history, I experience on finding you almost as interested in the publication of his researches as the *Masonic Magazine* in which they originally appeared. It is clear from what Bro. Rylands has written thus far that we have got a great deal to learn about Seventeenth Century Freemasonry. It must also be clear to the most indifferent reader that such papers as you have been criticising, and which, I rejoice to say, I have had the opportunity of reading, will do more than can well be determined roughly towards elucidating that history. I hope, therefore, Bro. Rylands will, if he has the leisure time, continue his researches, and that you, Dear Sir and Brother, will give them all the publicity you can.

I subscribe myself,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

Q.

## MAN TO MAN.

STAND up, man! Stand!

God's over all.

Why do you cringe to me,

Why do you bend the knee,

And creep, and fawn, and crawl?

Stand up, man! Stand!

If I thought our English land

Had no true-hearted poor,

To suffer and endure—

And hold themselves erect,

In the light of their own respect,

I'd blush that I was English born,

And run away to the wilderness to free myself from scorn.

Stand up, man! Stand!

God made us all!

The wine transcends the froth,

The living skin the cloth,

Both rich and poor and small.

Stand up, man! Stand!

Free heart, free tongue, free hand,

Firm foot upon the sod,

And eyes that fear but God,—

Whate'er your state or name,

Let these make good your claim!

If there be anything you want,

Speak up! we may respect a churl, we hate a sycophant.

—Liberal Freemason.

## A FEW OF OUR OPINIONS.

FROM THE VOICE OF MASONRY.

**PERFECTION** cannot be attained this side of the shores of immortality, and hence here there can be no end or limit to queries. The mind is ever on the alert for new discoveries, and the problems it develops are as varied as the orders, powers and properties of Nature, and the infinity of objects it presents to view. Indeed, inquisitiveness is an essential of human being, and Freemasons are quite as apt at "asking questions" as any of the race. Therefore it is not to be wondered at that they burden Grand Masters and others with all sorts of queries.

**PRAYER.**—A Brother, puzzling himself with the expression *FOR CHRIST'S SAKE*, wrote to the Grand Master of Masons of Alabama, desiring to know if there was any Masonic regulation prohibiting a Chaplain from using it in closing his prayers, and was informed that there was not. Also that the propriety of its use was to be determined by each Lodge for itself, but that no Brother should use in a Lodge a form of prayer to which another Brother has conscientious objections.

We hold that prayer is a work of devotion and conscience, and not properly a subject of legislation, and the Chaplain should be left free to use language which his heart and conscience may dictate as appropriate to the time, and place, and feelings of the audience, or his prayer must be deemed the mere utterance of words and sheer mockery. His conscience certainly is to be respected quite as much as that of any one of his auditors, and no dictation concerning his petitions is admissible, save in the prayers of the degrees, where, of course, generally the proscribed form should be followed. But, really and truly, any question as to the phrase, "*FOR CHRIST'S SAKE*," is out of place, and only exposes the ignorance and intolerance of the person propounding it. The fact is, the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and the Word, are none other than the *LORD JESUS CHRIST*, and an acknowledgment of either of the former is an acknowledgment of the latter. To get away from this is impossible, without repudiating Freemasonry *in toto*, not a step in which can be made without practically demonstrating that the Institution is a *Trinity in Unity*.

**SEAL.**—Any document issued from a Lodge, without its seal, is unofficial, and may be disregarded with impunity. To make it legal and binding the seal must be attached, as that alone is the evidence of its official character. Anything short of this can only be regarded, at best, as a semi-official notice.

**INSTALLATION.**—The installation of the Officers of a Lodge in public is permissible and beneficial. Excepting the investiture of the Master elect with the secrets of the Oriental Chair, there is nothing in the ceremony which is *esoteric*, and which may not just as appropriately be performed publicly as privately.

**REVIEW.**—The Grand Master can review the proceedings of a Lodge, and can set aside its judgment and sentence, subject finally to the judgment of the Grand Lodge.

**RELIEF.**—Primarily it is the duty of the brethren to contribute to the relief of widows and orphans of deceased Master Masons; secondly, it is the duty of the Lodges, and lastly the duty of the Grand Lodge. We seriously doubt the propriety and feasibility of any plan that will place the responsibility wholly upon the Grand Lodge.

**ARE DUES EVERYTHING?**—The Grand Master of Masons of Colorado having granted a dispensation to confer burial rites, *at private expense*, upon a brother who had been *dropped from the roll* for non-payment of dues, and subsequently repented thereof, we reflected over the matter in this wise: Dropping from the roll and suspension are very unlike. The first leaves the brother in good standing in the Fraternity—that is, simply non-affiliates him, while suspension deprives him of all rights and privileges. Thus viewing the matter, we hold that the burial of the brother mentioned, at private expense, was an eminently Masonic act. A little thought as to what makes a man a Mason will convince any reasonable brother that the dispensation was proper, and that the act may well be considered a precedent. Not affiliation, but the solemn and irrevocable ties entered into at the altar of Freemasonry are what unite us into one society of friends and brethren, whose Faith, Hope, and Charity are a unity. Right here it may be asked, What would be thought of the Church if it would accord Christian burial solely to those who were in full communion with it, and constant contributors to its funds? Would it not be condemned as wanting in Charity? On the same principle, is it not the height of selfishness in Freemasonry to deny Masonic burial to a brother simply because he is non-affiliated? It may be truly said, He ought to belong to a Lodge, but is that the whole duty of a Mason? Are his faith in God, his mystic tie, his moral life, and his Masonic work, nothing, that they must be subordinated to mere Lodge membership? If so, then paying dues is everything, and all heart and soul relations and work are but sounding brass and tinkling cymbal. Less grasping after filthy lucre, and greater practice of real Freemasonry, would be like an oasis in a desert, when compared with the present state of Masonic affairs. It would win back the army of non-affiliates, and make the Institution flourish like the Green Bay tree.

**PREROGATIVES.**—We are now the subjects of *constitutions and laws*, and by them we must stand or fall. All talk about prerogatives, outside of them, is fallacious. Besides, if Masters or Grand Masters can violate *constitutions and laws*, with impunity, how can they, with any degree of consistency, hold brethren amenable to them.

**"ONLY THIS."**—Bro. W. R. Singleton, of the District of Columbia, commenting on Silver City Lodge's adherence to the Grand Lodge of Missouri, in preference to yielding allegiance to the *assumed* Grand Lodge of New Mexico, has recorded himself as follows:

While it seems to be hard for Missouri to surrender one of her children, on account of the unwillingness to leave, yet to carry out our

American doctrine it must be done, and the refusal of that Lodge is simply childishness, and should not prevent a proper settlement of the difficulty. Is it not strange that in the formation of every Grand Body on this continent, some such stubborn body or bodies have been found to interrupt the harmony of our Institution, and cause trouble and the spilling of fraternal—ink?—and at last all comes right in the end. Only this, and nothing more! These dissentient "bodies get their names in the papers," which was a satisfactory reflection to the man who was condemned to be hung.

We answer that in our opinion Silver City Lodge has but justly defended her indefeasible right to choose whom she will serve. If that is childishness then the more of it we have the better it will be for Freemasonry. Now, to us, the fact, that in the formation of many of the Grand Lodges on this continent some such body has been found, is conclusive evidence that the action taken was not Masonic, but the exercise of the self-assumed autocratic authority to which Brother Singleton affirms Brother Robbins would cheerfully subject us all. It has been the defying of right, and the overriding of every fraternal equity and comity, to hasten ambitious and often reckless brethren into dignities, which most likely they could, under no other circumstances, have reached. It is they, and their defenders, who have sacrificed the peace and harmony of the Institution, and made it lasting enemies, all for the distinguished honour of being first Grand Officers of the jurisdiction. Now, we think this unfraternal work has gone on entirely too long, and we esteem it our solemn and unavoidable duty to demand a *halt*, and an *about*, or, at least a *right-face* concerning it. We want no more of such autocracy as that of putting to death Lodges that have simply acted out their own free-will and accord concerning the formation of a Grand Lodge. We want no more twitting of them as dissenting merely to "get their names in the papers," nor classing of them with criminals who are to be hung. Nay, we want no more un-Masonic dealing with them, no more Popish-bull throwing at them, no more blottings of them out of existence. On the contrary, we do not want them to be treated Masonically, and by unity principles and real cement of brotherly love to be won into assent to the formation of genuine Grand Lodges, vested with real sovereignty and actual exclusiveness of jurisdiction. Such a body does not exist in New Mexico, and Silver City Lodge is legally vested with all the rights and privileges she ever had, one of which is jurisdiction co-extensive with the limits of the territory.

The strange part is that Brother Singleton plays hot and cold on autocracy, in some instances opposing it and in others defending it; rebuking it when attempted by Masters and Grand Masters, and defending it when exercised by assumed Grand Lodges. We dissent to it *in toto*, and will continue that dissent so long as we have a voice to speak, a right hand and arm to move and a pen to wield. The eternal power of truth, of right, of equity, and of Freemasonry, are on the side of *UNITY* and it will fully triumph.

**ACTING MASTER'S WORK.**—If the legality of any regular work of an acting Worshipful Master may be disputed, then the legality of all the proceedings had may be denied, and it must be held that only the Worshipful Master, or the Grand Master, or his Deputy, can lawfully preside over a Lodge. Nothing, however, is better settled than, that in the absence of the Worshipful Master the Senior Warden is to preside, or, that in the absence of the Worshipful Master and Senior Warden, the Junior Warden is to preside. And further, that in either case the proceedings are regular, provided always that by inadvertence or design no bye-laws or regulations have been violated.

**FREEMEN.**—Is not the method of forming Grand Lodges in this country one of the most potent means of driving "from us all who will not be enslaved by the unrighteous government of arbitrary force?" Was ever a more unrighteous dogma promulgated than this, that a majority of Lodges in a territory unoccupied by a Grand Lodge may form a Grand Lodge to which *ALL MUST SUBMIT*, or be deemed *recusant* and declared *clandestine*, or *Masonically dead*? *Freemasons are freemen*, and they will not meekly submit to *coercion, sequestration and annihilation*. They "will not be enslaved to the unrighteous government of arbitrary force," and will not be identified with an Institution that says they shall. They want, and will have, a voice in forming and conducting their government, and he who says nay had better remember what the Constitution of the United States guarantees to all who are loyal thereto.

**GRAND MASTER'S POWER.**—If a Grand Master can set aside the Constitution of the Grand Lodge at will, or violate it with impunity, with what propriety can he punish others for following his example? May not a Worshipful Master, with as much propriety, claim the prerogative of setting aside the bye-laws of his Lodge, and of trampling under his feet the Regulations of his Grand Lodge? Now, the fact is that Grand Masters' prerogatives are not near so great as some of them would fain have us believe. They are not imperial autocrats, but limited potentates. They are bound by obligation and law precisely as their brethren are, and have only those official rights and privileges which are defined by the Landmarks and Constitutions of the Fraternity.

Anent this topic, the Grand Lodge of Kentucky holds that the Code of the Jurisdiction sets forth all the constitutional provisions and decisions on the subject, and is sufficient. Eminently so, we would say, and we just hope that all Grand Lodges will as promptly and decisively squelch all pretensions to power not bestowed by the Constitution and law.

**NON-AFFILIATES.**—Bro. Rob. Morris says the lash applied to non-affiliates is music to his ears. Wherefore? May there not be many just causes for non-affiliation? And is a man any the less a Mason because circumstances debar his membership in a Lodge? If he willfully is a non-affiliate, and avoids all performance of a Masonic duty, there may be reason in lashing him, but of what use is one to the Fraternity whose heart is not in his work, and what benefit can there be in lashing him into the ranks?

**NO INTEREST.**—There are plenty of people who might be placed in a diamond field with perfect assurance that they never would dis-



cover any of its treasures, and just so there are hundreds of men who have passed through the degress who never beheld any of the beauties of Freemasonry. Wherever they abound "nobody cares 'to join the Lodge.'"

**GRAND LODGE V. GRAND ORIENTS AND SUPREME COUNCILS.**—We cannot blow hot and cold on this subject. We cannot to-day hold that only regular Lodge and Grand Lodge government is correct, and to-morrow admit that Grand Orient and Supreme Council organisations are equally valid. As with one in days gone by, so with us now, it must be all the one way or all the other, and "all the other" it shall never be, with our consent. We are unqualifiedly in favour of FREEMASONRY, and opposed to autocracy. We are invincibly allied to true blue Ancient Craft Masonry, and unalterably opposed to its antipode. We believe a Master Mason is a FREEMAN, possessing the indefeasible right to exercise his free-will and accord as to how and by whom he will be governed, and hence cannot admit that a body, owing its origin to a self-constituted and imperial power, is a *Lodge of Freemasons*. Maine may like such bodies, and desire their amalgamation with real Blue Lodges, but Illinois says NAY, and is prepared to fight it out on that line, no matter how long the battle may last.

**A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.**—The true position is for Ancient Craft Masonry to stand on its own foundation and be judged by its own merits. It has real worth and dignity, and should disdain all "entangling alliances," all subservience to Orders and *hautes grades*, and all perversions of its principles, aims and purposes. It has the *only* Masonic burial service, and it should defend it against all encroachments and abuses. If a Mason prefers to be buried by the Templars, let it be so, and call the service by its right name, to wit *Templar*. In such case, let Master Masons, who are not Templars, honour the occasion by attendance as citizens only.

What we mean by these affirmations is, that there are lines between Ancient Craft Masonry, and Knight Templarism, and the *hautes grades*, which, *officially*, cannot be crossed, however friendly the individuals composing each may be. We are a Knight Templar, and a 32 degree in the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, and as friendly to both as we can be, under the circumstances, but we do not believe in uniting them *officially* with Ancient Craft Masonry, as they need no such bolstering, but can and should exist independently, courting and receiving favours solely upon their own inherent virtues.

To the autocracy of the *hautes grades* we always have objected, and intend to object. We believe in FREE government, and on that basis, if on no other, must oppose all official connection of them with Symbolic Masonry. They are entirely dissimilar, have no affinity for each other, and cannot be amalgamated nor blended.

**REIMBURSEMENT.**—Unless consent is first obtained, a Lodge has no right to expend money for another, and demand reimbursement. If the assistance rendered is not intended as an out and out charity, immediate application for consent to the expense should be made, and only so much as is authorised should be bestowed. Now, the telegraphic and postal facilities are such that there really is no excuse for extending relief in behalf of another Lodge before obtaining its authority so to do, and if such precaution is neglected, then no reimbursement should be expected or allowed.

**INTERDICTION.**—Interdiction of Fraternal intercourse remedies no wrong, and is of itself a great crime, because by mere *ipse dixit* it deprives thousands of innocent brethren of sacred rights and privileges. Indeed, these Grand Lodge quarrels have been the worst curse the Masonic Institution has ever suffered from. They have done it far greater injury than all the anti-Masonic attacks that have been made upon it, because to the world, they are incontrovertible proofs that our much-boasted cement of brotherly love and unity is only a sham.

**GRAND LODGE QUARRELS.**—If that "noble emulation of who can best work and best agree" had ever been faithfully adhered to none of the shameful and disgraceful Grand Lodge quarrels which have so deeply defaced the American Masonic escutcheon ever would have existed, but, instead, UNITY would have prevailed, and the Masonic banners, unstained, proudly would have floated from thousands of points where now they are never seen, and tens of thousands of the Fraternity who have died non-affiliate never would have dimitted. Nay more, if Grand Lodges had never set the example of deliberately violating Masonic obligations, and trespassing upon every Masonic right and privilege, not one-half of the un-Masonic conduct that has been recorded ever would have occurred. In brief, if Masonic principle, instead of ambition and passion, had constantly prevailed in the formation of Grand Lodges, to-day Freemasonry would have been the arbiter of the world, and without a foe, instead of being distracted with dissensions within and endangered by assaults from without. From this time onward let us have peace and harmony with all.

**SOVEREIGNTY AND UNIVERSALITY.**—In one sense each Grand Lodge is sovereign, but in a higher and nobler sense it is but a link in the chain of Fraternity, or but an integrant part of a great brotherhood, and hence while we guard well the local, we should never lose sight of the universal.

**MOLASSES vs. VINEGAR.**—As a bait for catching flies, molasses is an article far superior to vinegar, and as a mean of perpetuating Freemasonry, and establishing Grand Lodges, the *cement of brotherly love* is superior to coercion, sequestration, interdiction, and decrees of expulsion.

**EXCLUSIVE JURISDICTION.**—The American dogma of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction is good *after sovereignty is legally obtained*, but can have no force prior to that event. And all the snarls have come from applying it hastily and un-Masonically. Now, we propose the true remedy, which is, *first unity of all the Lodges interested*, and then exclusive jurisdiction, or, in other words, first unanimity in forming the Grand Lodge, and then the sovereignty as long thereafter as the Grand Lodge maintains its independence.

We propose this, because, by it we have a definite Masonic rule

for the formation of Grand Lodges; by it unanimity is a prerequisite, and, unity prevailing, no snarl can exist; by it concurrent jurisdiction is sustained, and all rights are preserved and protected up to the moment that the Grand Lodge comes into existence, and by it, then, territorial jurisdiction comes into being, and the sovereignty, so warmly advocated by so many of our distinguished brethren, is acquired. We advocate this, because thus all occasions for discord and confusion, and for edicts of non-intercourse and non-recognition, are averted, and because thus FREEMASONRY will rise to and prosper on the plain which it is eminently fitted to and ever should occupy.

**FREEMASONRY** means a great deal, and we ought to study it thoroughly and exemplify it fully. It means TRUE FREEDOM of soul, of mind, of heart, of will, of body, as proclaimed in the *First Great Light—the Holly Bible*. It adopts fully the *Golden Rule*, and gives no man a divine right to think, or to act, for his brother, without his assent. It studies ever the real rights of man, and permits no thought of coercion or sequestration save as a penalty for actual crime, and hence can never sanction any assumption method of forming a Grand Lodge, and can only approve the unity rule. That is the true Masonic rule, and by it let us all firmly stand.

**UNDER AGE.**—Freemasonry is under no necessity of accommodating itself to the caprice of individuals. It is not honoured by the accession of even an emperor, much less a person UNDER AGE, or any one who waits until he is ready for a voyage and then applies for its dignities. Better far never make such persons Masons than to degrade the Institution so low as to make it subservient to their convenience and caprices, for they never will appreciate the honour conferred.

**TRUE BLUE.**—We hold that officially we cannot recognize anything as Blue Lodge Masonry which does not derive its authority from a regular Grand Lodge, and which does not conform to the Constitutions and Landmarks of Ancient Craft Masonry. We firmly believe in the government of the Fraternity by a representative authority, which all Master Masons have an equal voice in establishing and sustaining, and are decidedly opposed to all *assumed* government, whether it be by Grand Orients or Supreme Councils "Practically," or rather *officially*, "this does confine Masonry to English speaking countries," and it ought to, as principle is dearer than mere association, and also as Lodge and Grand Lodge government is by free-will and accord, while Grand Orient and Supreme Council rule is self-imposed and arbitrary, and subversive of freedom. Indeed the two are as opposite as the antipodes, and cannot, with any degree of consistency whatever, be officially conjoined.

**PHYSICAL DEFECTS.**—Where and when will these anomalies cease? Now it is the loss of a left hand that does not debar a candidate for the degrees, who is otherwise well qualified; to-morrow it will be the loss of an eye; next day it will be the loss of a foot, and soon the point will be reached where no physical defect will be an obstacle in the way of Mason-making. Well, if principle is nothing, and mere membership is everything, then perhaps this degrading process might as well go until Freemasonry becomes as common as dirt and as cheap as pinchbeck jewelry.

## THE LATE PRESIDENT GARFIELD.

Legation of the United States, London,  
10th February 1882.

Frederick Binckes, Esq., Grand Secretary, &c., &c., &c.  
8A Red Lion-square, W.C.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 2nd ultimo, I have to say that I communicated to the Department of State at Washington the vote of condolence on the part of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England, on occasion of the death of President Garfield, and that I have just received from Mr. Frelinghuysen, the Secretary of State, a despatch dated on the 27th ultimo, in which he states that, having transmitted to Mrs. Garfield a copy of the vote, he desires me to convey to the Grand Lodge an expression of her deep appreciation of its touching message of sympathy to herself and her family.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. R. LOWELL.

In future the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, will meet at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C., where, to suit the convenience of many brethren, the Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock, instead of seven as heretofore.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked at the Wellington Lodge of Instruction, No. 548, at the White Swan Hotel, High-street, Deptford, on Monday, the 20th instant. Bro. David Rose P.M. will preside. Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.

**Lodge of Joppa, No. 188.**—The first meeting since the installation was held on the 6th instant, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of the W.M., Bro. L. M. Myers; Bros. J. Benjamin S.W., Martin J.W., J. S. Lyon Treasurer, E. P. Albert P.G.P. Secretary, Beas S.D., A. Botibol J.D., L. Lazarus P.M. M.C., Wall I.G., Dowsnap and Wynman Stewards, Woodstock P.M. Tyler. Baker I.P.M., P.M.'s L. Alexander, A. G. Dodson, L. Lazarus. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed; ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Isaiah Hyman and Gustav Salinger, which being unanimous in their favour; the candidates were duly initiated into the Order. Mr. I. Isaac also, who had previously been accepted, was initiated by the W.M., who in a perfect manner rendered the ceremonies. The sum of five guineas was proposed, and unanimously agreed to, to be given to the Mansion House Fund for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia. The Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to slight refreshments. The W.M. ably presided. The usual toasts were given. There were several visitors.

**Polish National Lodge, No. 534.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge took place on Thursday, 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when there was a good attendance of the brethren. Dr. Corrie Jackson W.M. occupied the chair, and was supported by Dr. V. A. Jagielski I.P.M.; in addition the other Officers and brethren, viz.—Bros. Lancaster S.W., Aspinall P.M. J.W. (in place of Bro. Smith, absent through illness), J. J. Runtz S.D., Birling J.D., Oliver Bryant I.G., Tongue M.C., Davis Tyler, and the following P.M.'s—Bro. Jagielski, Aspinall, Rath, Ebner, Nowakowski Treasurer, and Paas Secretary. After reading and confirmation of the minutes, the Lodge proceeded to ballot for Mr. Eugene John Fausser, Diamond Merchant, 14 Hatton-garden, proposed by Bro. I. F. Ebner P.M., seconded by Bro. M. Diosy P.M., and as it proved to be unanimously in his favour he was duly received and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. Previously the ceremony of raising Bro. Dr. W. H. Pardoe had been performed by the W.M. in his usual fluent manner. Bro. Pardoe was then invested with the Silver Eagle, the badge of the Polish National Lodge. On Lodge being resumed in the first degree a most animated discussion followed upon the important subject of the notice of motion which had been given by Bro. Paas Secretary, by which the subscription and visiting fees should be raised. This motion was not carried. The sum of two guineas was voted to a brother in distress. The W.M. brought forward the proposition of a new candidate. A letter was read from Bro. George R. Foster, stating that as he was to sail for Calcutta the next day, he wished to be placed upon the list of country members. This was unanimously agreed to, and the W. M. was requested to forward a telegram wishing him *bon voyage*, and a safe return to his mother Lodge. All the business being completed, Lodge was closed in due form at 9 p.m., and the brethren retired to the banquet-room, where they passed a pleasant hour or so. The following visitors were present—Bros. Venning Temple Lodge, Draper 1702, Saegert P.M. Wellington 548, Eastman Manchester 179, Loos P.M. Era 1428.

**Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.**—A meeting was held on Wednesday, 8th February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell W.M., W. Ferguson I.P.M., Richard Dowsett S.W., E. Margrett P.M. acting J.W., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, W. P. Ivey P.M. Secretary, J. H. Hawkes S.D., R. C. Prickett J.D., W. Ravenscroft I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Bros. Collins, Greenaway, Bailey, Creed, Weatherhead, Sands. Visitors—Bros. Tarrant 1158, Withers Sec. 414, Davies 1332, Hawkes, and E. Blackwell 414. Lodge was opened in the first degree. The W.M. read a letter he had received from the J.W., Bro. the Rev. C. R. Honey, announcing his return from Italy, in restored health, and expressing his regret at not being able to attend that evening; also thanking the W.M. for his appointment. He hoped for the future to be able to attend regularly to discharge his duties. The minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Walter Blackwell as an initiate, and he was declared to be elected. The Tyler having prepared the candidate, he was admitted and initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry. The W.M. performed the ceremony in a masterly manner, and afterwards gave the charge with great erudition, realising our prognostication that good working would take place this year in the Grey Friars Lodge. Two notices of motion that were on the agenda were carried unanimously, securing the sum of twenty guineas on the list of the W.M., who will attend the Festival of the R.M.B.I. next week. Bro. Creed, who had recently joined the Lodge, desired to add five guineas for the same Institution, in recognition of his having rejoined his mother Lodge. The W.M. expressed his gratitude for the valuable addition made to his list, which he hoped would equal those of his predecessor. After the proposal of a member for joining, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 11th instant. Present—Bros. Wolf W.M., G. Ferrar S.W., Gribbell J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., A. Ferrar S.D., Weeden J.D., Houghton I.G., also Bros. Brasted, C. Lorkin, Cattling, D. Moss, Robinson, Richardson, Marks, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Preceptor. Bro. Cattling then proved himself an efficient E.A., and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Cattling acting as candidate. The W.M. worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and the third, assisted by Bro. Brasted. Bro. Wolf resumed the chair, and opened the Lodge in the third degree. Bro. C. Lorkin worked the first section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Cattling. Lodge being resumed to the first, Bro. G. Ferrar was duly elected to preside at the next meeting.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—On Monday, 13th instant, at The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C. Present—Bros. A. Hubbard W.M., Knight S.W., Hawtrey J.W., Pierdon S.D., Perl J.D., Bryce I.G., Edwin Storr Sec., Scales Treas., W. M. Stiles Preceptor; also Bros. Barratt-Kidder, Gilham, Money, Edmonds, Ashton, Harrison, Carter, Tubbey, Fraser, Jones, Grant, Richardson, Rogers, Emblin, &c. Lodge was opened to the third degree, and after the ceremony of raising had been rehearsed, Lodge was closed to the first degree. A most interesting paper was then read by Bro. W. W. Morgan, for which service honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred upon him. Five new members were elected, and the S.W. was appointed W.M. for the 27th instant. The sum of £5 5s was voted from the Funds of the Lodge to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and after having spent a pleasant and instructive evening, the brethren separated.

The Annual Banquet of the members will take place on Monday next. Bro. W.M. Stiles (W. M. 1507, &c.), the Preceptor, will take the chair at 7 o'clock precisely.

**Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, 13th inst., at York. Bro. G. Simpson W.M. presided, and was supported by Bros. T. B. Whytehead P.M. C. G. Padel P.M., G. Balmford P.M., and the whole of the Officers, with a number of brethren. The business consisted of the passing to the second degree of Bros. the Rev. S. Edge and J. Menuell. Bro. Whytehead presented to the Lodge, on behalf of the Pentalfa Lodge, Washington, an "In Memoriam," Masonic biography and portrait of the late President of the United States, and a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the Pentalfa Lodge for its fraternal gift. Two candidates were proposed, and Lodge was closed harmoniously, the brethren afterwards meeting at refreshment.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At Bro. Grey's, the Swan, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, 16th instant. Present—Bros. R. W. Pearcey W.M., Defriez S.W., Horley J.W., Fenner Proceptor, Free Secretary, A. Clark S.D., Ford J.D., Sneth I.G.; also Bros. D. Moss, Morris, Robinson, Wilson, Hambach, Grey, Marks, C. Lorkin, &c. After preliminaries, Bro. Robinson answered the questions leading to the second degree, was entrusted, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Hambach being the candidate. The W.M. displayed great ability in both ceremonies. Bro. Defriez was elected W.M. for the next meeting, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

## LUTHER NOT A FREEMASON.

**J**UNE last, the *Voice* contained a letter of the Grand Master of Masons of Illinois, claiming that the great German Reformer, Martin Luther, was a Freemason, and as such had been initiated by a Lodge at Wittenberg, 25th December 1510. This statement was given by a reverend Slater, and received as truth. In a private letter, then, I questioned the correctness of the assertion, but requested delay in its public contradiction until I could get the facts from Germany. In response to my inquiries there, I have three letters, and they disprove Rev. Slater's statement.

There were no Freemasons in Germany before 1738, combined into a Lodge. There may have been single members, who were made in England or France, and who were sent as apostles to the continent to carry on the good work of the then new re-organisation of Freemasonry. For that purpose they may have formed Emergent Lodges, as in the case of Frederick the Great, of Prussia, in 1738, at Braunschweig, but no Lodges existed before 1717.

If Rev. Slater intended to state that Martin Luther had been initiated into a Guild of Steinmetzen at Wittenberg, then that is an error, as the letter written by the present Mayor of that city says:

No Guild of Steinmetzen was in existence at that time; the first Guild of Steinmetzen at Wittenberg was chartered 1563. It was impossible for Luther to be initiated, as there was none to initiate him, besides it was against the law of these Guilds to initiate any person who had not learned the trade and regularly practised it. The German Steinmetzen, in this regard, differed from their English brethren. The old Constitution of Strasburg 1549, Article "N," reads: "No workman, nor Master, nor Pallier, nor Fellow Craft shall instruct any one whomsoever who is not of our Craft, in any part if he has not in his day practiced Masonry." When we examine the history of the Guilds of the German Steinmetzen as to their usage we find, 1st. Classification of their members into Masters, Fellow Crafts and Apprentices. 2nd. Government by a certain number of Officers. 3rd. The exclusion of all persons not having served regularly and practically for five years as Apprentices to a regularly acknowledged Master. 4th. The privileges of a Master's son. 5th. The peculiar requisites or qualifications for membership, and so on. These requirements, especially the most important, the great Reformer, Luther, did not possess, and consequently he was ineligible.

Luther, in his own Biography says, he left Wittenberg, December 21st, 1520, and returned January 5th, 1521. Luther was escorted to Worms by the Herald of the Emperor Charles the V., also entirely safe. A few of his personal friends and legal advisers were permitted with the escort. Among the guilds which hailed Luther along the line of his travel, and at Worms, not one Guild of Steinmetzen is mentioned.

"It is astonishing," the latter adds, "that we Germans receive the knowledge that Luther was a Freemason from a foreign country, and that we have been for 300 years ignorant of such fact, but unhappily it must be denied in toto. The capture of Luther on his return from Worms, near Eisenbach, by disguised soldiers and by order of his friend the Elector of Saxonia, Frederick the Wise, for

Luther's own safety, and his incarceration at the Wartburg are historical facts, and so well known to every scholar that it would be a waste of time to go into the details."

A letter from Berlin, at which place there are very good archives in the hands of the Society of Steinmetzen still in existence, written to me in regard to the "Brotherhood of the Mark," mentioned in Rev. Slater's statement, says:

"Such a Brotherhood has never been in existence. Our Guilds of the Steinmetzen were never combined into a Brotherhood over a country; they were, up to the fourteenth century, chartered by the Emperor himself, and after that time by the cities where they were organised. At Torgau, the nearest city to Wittenberg then, the Guild was organised in 1486, and made its law. In this law mention is only made of Guilds at Maydeburgk (Magdeburg), Halberstadt, Hildesheim, Mullburzk (Muhlenburg), Merseburg, Meissen, Voilandt, Thuringen and Harzland. The articles are nearly such in the Strasburg Document, but in regard to initiation more strict. From whatever source Rev. Slater received his information it nevertheless is a mere fiction. Luther never was a Freemason; as there were none of the Craft in Germany, then, he could not have become one."

So much for the letters. Now, Rev. Slater may have been mistaken in a name, for among the signers of the old Document of Cologne, 24th June 1535, appears "Philippus Melanthon." This name was for a long time supposed to be that of Luther's friend and co-operator, Philip Melanthon, and Rev. Slater may have mixed it up. But as this document has, a long time since, been proven spurious by many Masonic writers, even if Rev. Slater was mistaken in regard to the name, there can be little or no value placed upon it.

The other statement in regard to Luther's finding the Bible at the Lodge room and receiving the Mark degree is nonsense. The high degrees were instituted in modern Freemasonry after 1740, and were never known before. The Bible then was only printed in the Latin language, and surely was not readable by the common workmen of a Guild. The Bible was not used or even known as the First Great Light before 1760. No Guild of Steinmetzen used at their Lodges other symbols than the compasses, square, stone-hammer, or gavel, and the foot rule, which all had their very well known significance. The great and lesser lights and all other symbols of the present Masonry are of the new time. We may now publish; "Luther never was a Freemason."—*Voice of Masonry*.

The sixth annual ball of the New Concord Lodge was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Upwards of seventy couples were present to enjoy the festivities, which included a supper of a very *récherché* character. The Terpsichorean exercises were carried on with much zest to the strains of Bro. H. J. Dean's string band, Bro. R. Johnson efficiently acting as M.C. The toasts after the supper included the Queen and Royal Family, followed by the President, appropriately responded to by Bro. Pierpoint; the Ladies, acknowledged by Bro. F. Perl; and the Stewards, for whom Bro. Haslip S.W. replied. The arrangements were admirably carried out by a competent staff of Stewards, consisting of Bros. Pierpoint, Haslip, Tiddeman, George, Harper, Stead, Bartlett, Cusworth, A. and W. Potter, Harnett, Mustoe, Stilwell, Boulton, Sinclair, Tiddeman, and F. and A. Perl.

The fourth Annual "United" Masonic Ball, given in connection with the Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1288, the Crusaders' Lodge, No. 1677, and the New Finsbury Park Lodge, No. 1695, was held on Tuesday, the 14th instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. There was a very large attendance, upwards of three hundred ladies and brethren being present. The arrangements for the Ball were left in the hands of an efficient body of Stewards, who, with Bro. A. F. Speller as Secretary, appear to have done everything that was possible to ensure success. Their efforts were amply rewarded, for a more enjoyable evening could hardly have been spent. Dancing commenced shortly after nine, and was continued until 5 a.m. About midnight an adjournment was made for supper, which was laid in two of the largest rooms at the disposal of the Tavern. In the Crown Room, Bro. F. S. Rothschild, the W.M. of the Crusaders, presided, and at the conclusion of the repast, proposed the few toasts customary on such occasions. Dancing was then resumed, and carried on with great spirit till the hour we have stated.

The Lodge of Benevolence met on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. Bro. Joshua Nunn President, Bro. James Brett Junior Vice-President, and Bro. C. A. Cottebrune P.G.S. occupied the three chairs. There were about fifty brethren present. The agenda paper for Grand Lodge of next Wednesday week was submitted to the Board of Masters. The Lodge of Benevolence first confirmed the grants recommended at last meeting, to the amount of £265. There were 37 cases on the new list, and in the course of a sitting which lasted four hours 35 of these were relieved, with a total of £1,065. Two cases were deferred.

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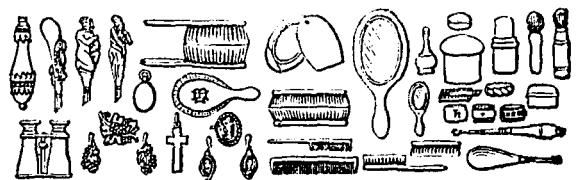
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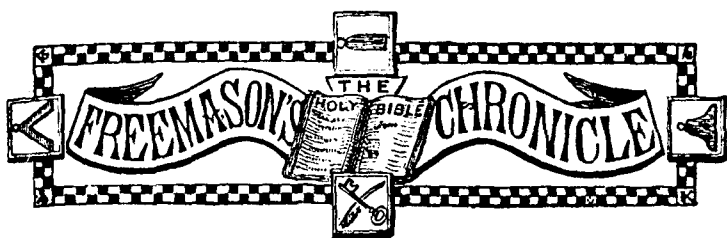
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THERE were two largely attended and important gatherings of Freemasons at the Masonic Hall, Southampton, on Friday, 3rd inst., the first being that of the Grand Chapter of the Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, and the second that of the Grand Lodge of Craft Masons of the same province. The Arch Grand Lodge was presided over by the M.E.C. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. G. Supt. Z., with M.E.C. W. Hickman as H., and M.E.C. T. P. Payne J., Comp. G. A. Green filling the P.S.'s Chair. The following Companions signed the attendance book, viz.—M. E. Frost P.E. 257 487 P.G. Treasurer, R. Sharpe Z. 130, R. Osborne Z. 487 P.P.G.R., R. W. Downing P.G. Organist, V. Brown Z. 903 P.P.G.A.S., F. Powell 903 S.E. P.P.G.D.C., A. Portsmouth 694 and 414 P.Z., J. H. Askham J. 723, G. Pearman Organist 487, C. B. Whitcombe P.Z. 903 P.P.D.C., J. Cole H. 394, W. Waters J. 130, C. W. Bemister A.S. 130, G. F. Lancaster Z. 342 P.P.G.S., R. Dampier-Child 175, R. Rood 130, F. S. Wright P.Z. 546, G. M. Passenger jun. P.Z. 130, S. Myer N. 130, T. Lashmore A.S. 130, G. Douglas J. 1331, R. Croisdale H. 1331, E. C. Kemp 394, J. Beer 359, T. S. Fletcher P.Z. 586 P.G.H. (Wilts), J. C. Stroud 359, Henry Lashmore 130, A. Scott 175, G. Davies 394, J. H. Davey 359, W. Short 130, W. Brunwin P.S. 903, J. Hart 394, A. Algar A.S. 359, G. Silverthorn 359, D. Hobbs P.S. 359, G. Pack J. 175, J. Robertson N. 394, L. H. Saunders 175, C. A. Dyer P.Z. 359 394, H. P. Arthur 359, W. Berry N. 359, H. Dasantoy H. 359 P.P.G.S., W. Bowyer P.Z. 359 P.P.G.S.B., H. P. Paris (United States), G. J. Tilling Z. 359, G. A. Hursell A.S. 175, J. S. Pearce 359, J. Dew P.Z. 694 P.P.G.J., C. W. A. Jellicoe Z. 394, Rev. A. A. Headley A.S. 309, E. Goble N. 309, F. H. de Rheims P.S. 437, W. Jenvey 130, G. Cross J. 359, J. W. Lamb Z. 694, G. Bond P.Z. 437 P.G.A.S., J. Harvey A.S. 694, J. N. Palmer Z. 175, S. R. Ellis P.Z. 342, J. Naish P.Z. J. 76, M. Emanuel 130, H. P. Aslatt P.S. 130, J. Brown 394, J. B. Thomas P.Z. 394 P.P.J., J. Clark P.S. 359, J. Wallingford P.Z. 903 P.P.G.A., J. O'Connor H. 257, J. R. Hayman N. 257, G. Mason 342, J. Brickwood 342, J. Gieve 407, J. Howell 903, F. Meredith 437, R. Barnes P.J. 342, W. M. Outridge E. 437, G. P. Arnold E. 342 P.G.P.S., G. R. Strick N. 1423, T. Francis H. 804 P.P.G.A.S., W. Smith 903, C. Travers M.C. 1428, T. H. Williams 342, J. R. Weston E. 130 P.P.G.E., G. Drake 342, W. A. Marshallsay 1428, T. Craven P.Z. 342, J. W. Wilmott H. 342 P.P.G.S.B., A. H. Hancox 903, W. Miles 342, E. Groves 487 803 P.P.G.D.C., J. Biggs and J. Exell P.G. Jans., and L. Cauvin 903, E. Carter 257, W. Vare 359 Jans. and Ass. do. The P.G. Treasurer's accounts showed a balance in hand of £46 4s 11d, and these were adopted. The P.G. Treasurer having been re-elected by the Grand Chapter, the P.G. Superintendent invested the Officers for the ensuing year as follows:—M.E.C.'s Hickman, H. Lamb 624 J., J. E. Le Feuvre (re-appointed) S.E., M. E. Frost P.G. Treasurer, C. W. A. Jellicoe S.N., Croisdale 1331 P.S., G. J. Tilling 1st A.S., G. H. Pack 175 2nd do., and Comps. Dr. O'Connor 237 Reg., Taylor 309 Sw. B., Barnes 342 St. B., Strick 1428 M.C., Pearman Organist, and Biggs and Exell Jans. The M.E.C.Z. congratulated the Grand Chapter on the progress Royal Arch Masonry was making. A new Chapter was about to be inaugurated, and there was a very good number of Chapter in the province in proportion to the number of Lodges existing in it, and these Chapters, he believed, were all in good working, and were, he hoped, tending to the spread of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the Province. After the transaction of formal business, the Grand Chapter was closed in ancient form.

An emergency meeting of the Prov. Grand Craft Lodge of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight was then held, under the presidency of the Right Worshipful Bro. W. B. Beach, M.P., the P.G.M. There was a large attendance, including the following:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G.S.W., Dr. O'Connor P.G.J.W., Frost P.G. Treasurer, A. J. Miller P.G. Secretary, G. J. Tilling P.M. 1461 P.G. Superintendent of Works, C. B. Whitcomb P.M. 1,705 P.G.J.D., T. Lashmore P.M. 359 P.G.D.C., V. Brown P.M. and Treasurer 903 P.G. Purs., W. Bowyer P.M. 1461 P.P.G.A.D.C., F. Meredith 487, J. Wallingford P.M. 903, S. Myer P.M. 130, J. Robinson S.W. 130, E. A. Mursell I.P.M. 35, R. W. Mitchell P.M. 903, W. Furber P.M. 394, J. Bunt J.W. 1389, R. W. Downing I.P.M. 903, C. J. Phillips P.M. 130 P.P.G.S.D., R. R. L. Rosoman P.M. 1461, G. Davis Worshipful Master 130, J. Cole Past Master 130, J. T. Craven P.M. 342, W. Berry W.M. 1780, D. O. Hobbs S.D. 1461, A. Algar Sec. 1710, L. H. Saunders S. 1869, Rev. A. C. Hervey S.D. 309, R. Dampier-Child S.D. 1869, Waite P.M. 257, H. Cawte P.M. 342 P.G.R., E. Goble P.M. 309, E. T. Howell P.M. and Sec. 394, F. S. Wright 551, Clayton W.M. 698, R. Child 389, H. P. Aslatt P.M. 394 P.P.S.G.D., J. Laverty S.W. 1428, A. H. Hancox I.G. 1776, W. Miles Organist 1776, W. Cole 359, J. E. Aldis J.D. 359, G. Brooks W.M. 1112, J. R. Sharp 1112, G. F. W. Mortimer S.D. 1112, J. Daw P.M. 699, Longlands J.W. 359, T. B. Hill 1359, J. R. Hayman W.M. 309, A. J. Blackman 359, T. P. Payne W.M. 394, Henry Lashmore J.W. 394, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, I. Harle P.M. 1730 P.P.G.P., G. A. Green P.M. 309 P.P.G.D., J. Short 559, H. Webb J.D. 359, J. K. Linstead 130, H. Cook Sec. 1062, E. B. Tanner 1730, J. Hart J.D. 130, J. Adams P.M. and Sec. 359 P.P.D.C., W. Jenvey 359, A. Barfield P.M. 35 G.J.D., A. P. Young Steward 359, E. C. Kemp 130, V. Brown P.M. and

Treasurer 903, W. A. Marshallsay 923, R. Croisdale 1331 P.G.S.B., Douglas P.M. 133, Groves W.M. 175, W. Daniell I.G. 903, A. Weaver W.M. 1075, B. E. Hore 903, W. Smith 903, J. Howell Secretary 1705, G. W. Strick P.M. 1428, J. Crook 1730, J. C. Stroud 359, G. Pearce 359, J. Clark P.M. 359, J. R. Weston P.M. 130 359 P.P.G.R., J. T. Gidden 359, Williams W.M. 309, W. Short 359, Rev. A. A. Headley 309 P.G. Chaplain, M. S. Fletcher W.M. 1712 P.D.C. Wilts, C. Travers D.C. 1428, S. R. Ellis P.M. 342, C. W. A. Jellicoe P.M. 130, F. Powell W.M. 903, G. Pack P.M. 175, T. E. Rodwell 359, G. Wareham 359, G. Haysom 359, W. T. Dupree J.D. 1069, W. G. Clarke 359, S. Johnson 1236, W. M. Outridge J.W. 487, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, H. Wheeler P.M. 35, G. Pearman Organist 437, W. Footner W.M. 1372, W. Brunwin S.W. 903, T. Wood 1069, J. S. Pearce P.M. 1780, A. Wendover W.M. 1069, John Beer 359, E. S. Main 1776 P.P.G.D.C., T. Good 1834 P.G.S., J. N. Palmer 698 P.P.G.W., Alfred Scott 551 P.G.S., J. Gieve P.M. 1049 P.G.S., J. Biggs and J. Exell P.G. Tylers, Harrington 359, W. Ware 359, R. Eames 309, G. Carter 257 and Val Vennicombe 1428 Tylers. The chief business of the Provincial Grand Lodge was to receive and consider the report of the Provincial Bye-Laws Committee, who brought up a code of Bye-Laws which gave rise to a brief discussion, and ultimately, on the motion of Bro. J. R. Hayman, it was remitted to the Committee, whose number was strengthened by the addition of the Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Lancaster, and the Master or other representative of each Lodge in the Province, such representative being a member of the Provincial Grand Lodge. A large number of the brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet, provided by Bro. Dartnall, the P.G.M. presiding. At the recent Grand Lodge festival the Province of Hampshire and Isle of Wight was shown to stand seventh in financial rank, as contributors to the total of £45,774 given to the Schools and benevolence in the past seven years. The seven Provinces standing first are West Lancashire, £3,486; West York, £3,461; Kent, £3,315; Warwickshire, £3,215; Middlesex, £2,034; Lincolnshire, £2,034; Hampshire and Isle of Wight, £1,971. There are now thirty-five Lodges in the Province, and five of these were represented by seven Stewards, whose lists reached a sum of £300 at the late Festival for the Boys. The Province has contributed in all £1,672, and to this must be added £583 for the Girls' School, and £1,276 for the Benevolent Fund, the aggregate contributions to the three funds being £2,829.—*Portsmouth Times*.

## ROYAL ARCH.

## PANMURE CHAPTER, No. 720.

THE election meeting of this Chapter was held at the Horns Tavern, Kennington, on Monday, the 13th inst. Amongst the Companions present were Excellent Companions R. N. Field M.E.Z., R. H. Harvey P.Z. as H. (in the unavoidable absence of Excellent Companion Samuel Poynter), B. R. Bryant J., James Stevens P.Z. and Scribe E., Henry Smith P.Z. and Treasurer; Companions J. W. Watts Scribe N., J. S. Terry P.S., H. Baldwin P.S., William Wilkins, G. Harrison and others; and visiting Companions R. H. Voisey Sphinx 1329, Robert E. H. Goffin Carnarvon 1572, and George Wale Burgoyne 902. Bro. Thos. Spearing, of the Southern Star Lodge, 1158, was a candidate for exaltation, and the ballot proving unanimous in his favour, he was duly exalted into the supreme degree, with full ceremony, most ably rendered by the Principals and Officers. The election of Officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows, viz.:—Excellent Companions Samuel Poynter M.E.Z., B. R. Bryant H., J. S. Terry (on whose behalf Companion J. W. Watts requested permission to retire from candidature) J., J. Stevens P.Z. S.E. (fourteenth re-election), Henry Smith P.Z. Treasurer, J. W. Watts Scribe N., H. Baldwin P.S., G. Harrison Janitor. A Past Principal's jewel, of customary pattern and value, was voted for presentation to the retiring M.E.Z., Companion R. N. Field. After the despatch of other Masonic business, the Chapter was closed, and the Companions adjourned to supper. The remainder of the evening was enlivened by songs and recitations, the few toasts given being introduced briefly, but nevertheless receiving due response. The Visitors were very earnest in their several expressions of satisfaction with both work in Chapter and subsequent conviviality. A most enjoyable evening, quite in accord with the old traditions of the Panmure Chapter, the unity and harmony of which has ever been maintained since its institution, terminated at a reasonable hour, and the Companions separated. The installation meeting will take place on the 8th of May (Excellent Companion James Stevens P.Z. to officiate as Installing Principal). A large gathering of members and visitors may be anticipated.

## EBORACUM CHAPTER, No. 1611.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 7th inst. The installation of principals took place at six o'clock. Comp. J. S. Cumberland was re-installed in the chair of Z. by Comp. T. B. Whytehead P.Z., who also installed Comp. C. G. Padel in the chair of H. Comp. Cumberland then installed Comp. J. T. Seller in the chair of J. The Companions were then admitted, and Bro. J. R. Jackson was duly exalted to the supreme degree. The following Officers were installed in their respective chairs:—Comps. M. Millington S.N., J. Kay S.E., A. T. B. Turner P.S., T. Humphries and R. Walker Assistant Stewards, G. Simpson Treasurer, P. Pearson Janitor. The Companions afterwards supped together.

Bro. Percy, Preceptor of the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288; will rehearse the ceremony of Installation at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday next, 22nd February, at 8.30 p.m.

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

## ST. MICHAEL'S LODGE, No. 211.

THE installation meeting took place on Tuesday, at the Albion, Aldersgate-street. In the absence (during the earlier portion of the proceedings) of the W.M., Bro. Dr. Waters, the chair was taken by the I.P.M. Bro. W. Radcliffe, who was supported by the Officers and a fair proportion of the members. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. G. King P.M. 172, Levy P.M. 188, Thos. Hewett I.G. 1773, G. J. Dunkley P.G.O. Middlesex, C. Greenwood P.P.G.R. Surrey, H. Dale 902, J. W. Morley 1891, Frederick Binckes P.M. P.P.G.S., H. W. Pink 1593, A. Merrett 128 N.Y., Glynes 1024, W. H. Rohrs W.M. 946. Lodge was opened punctually at four o'clock, when, after the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. Percy John Burr, who was proposed by Bro. H. Martin I.G., seconded by Bro. Radcliffe I.P.M.; for Mr. William G. Aires, proposed by Bro. Henry Martin I.G., seconded by Bro. Alfred Withers P.M.; and for Mr. William Adams, proposed by Bro. George Parsons P.M., seconded by Bro. Henry Martin. The result was unanimous in favour of the candidates, and each was separately introduced, and initiated by the acting Worshipful Master, who ably and impressively conducted the ceremonies. The next business that came before the Lodge was to ascertain whether Bro. Creft, a candidate for the sublime degree, had made such progress as warranted his preferment. Bro. Creft sustained his claim, and in due course was entrusted and raised; this ceremony being conducted by Bro. Radcliffe in a manner that fully realised the expectations of those who had listened to him whilst he was performing the ceremonies of the first degree. Bro. Alfred Withers, another enthusiastic worker in the St. Michael's Lodge, had kindly undertaken the duties of Installing Officer, and he fully shared the honours with Bro. Radcliffe, who, we may state here, was the immediate follower of Bro. Withers in the various offices in the Lodge. The Officers were invested as follows:—Bros. W. E. Young S.W., F. J. Heutsch J.W., C. Greenwood P.M. P.G.S.B. Treasurer, W. W. Morgan Secretary, T. H. Peirce S.D., H. Martin J.D., E. Thring I.G., A. Withers P.M. M.C., C. T. Speight Tyler. The concluding addresses were now ably delivered by Bro. Withers, who took his seat amidst hearty congratulations. The report of the Auditors was adopted, and ordered to be recorded on the minutes. An appeal from a distressed brother was then brought under notice, and £2 2s was voted to him from the Lodge funds. A proposition for a joining member was handed in, and after routine work Lodge was closed. The banquet was served with all the regard to details that so characterises the Albion, Bro. Jennings personally superintending. On the removal of the cloth, grace was sung and the Loyal toasts were done ample justice to. With the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers was associated the name of the respected Treasurer of St. Michael's Lodge, Bro. C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., who gracefully acknowledged the compliment paid him. Dr. Waters, the I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. He and Bro. Back had steadily advanced side by side through the several offices of the Lodge, and he (Bro. Waters) was assured that Brother Back would worthily maintain the prestige of the Lodge. In reply the W.M. remarked that he had hardly won his spurs, and he could scarcely be expected to exhibit so much aptitude for his duties as the well trained warriors who had preceded him. However, his heart was in his work, and when he had a little more experience he trusted to be able to carry out his duties satisfactorily. He thanked one and all for the reception they had given the toast. The next toast the W.M. had the pleasure to introduce was that of the Initiates. Taking cognisance of the day, he might say there had been a very happy alliance between the gentle St. Valentine and the stalwart St. Michael. This alliance had already brought forth fruit, which he might describe as a Unity in Trinity, which he trusted would eventually prove a Trinity in Unity. He congratulated the three Initiates on their having joined a Lodge which could boast such a record of worthy Craftsmen who had distinguished themselves under its banner, and he felt satisfied they would never have cause to regret the step they had taken. The initiates having replied, with the toast of the Past Masters was associated the name of Dr. Waters, to whom was presented the P.M.'s jewel of the Lodge. Bro. Waters in reply said he had done the best he could to carry out the duties of the chair, but he had had his desires heavily interfered with by the pressing professional demands on his time. With the Visitors was associated the name of Bro. Gen. Merrett, of New York, who assured the members he hardly felt entitled to the warm greeting that had been accorded him. However, when he recognized that in Masonry there was no distinction of nationality or race, he was enabled to find a key to solve the mystery. Brother Merrett referred to the hearty greeting vouchsafed by the American nation to the M.W. the Grand Master, His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, when he visited the States. This might be taken as an earnest of the good feeling that it was desirable should be maintained between the two countries. The General then made some happy allusions to the mutual advantages to be derived from the encouragement of emigration, which must eventually tend to promote more unity with the mother country. In conclusion, he again thanked them, on behalf of the Visitors, for the hospitality they had enjoyed. In replying to the toast of the Charities, Bro. Binckes made a forcible appeal, pleading the heavy calls made on the executive of each of the Institutions. He thanked the brethren of St. Michael's for the services they had rendered in the past, and felt he might rely on them for a continuance of their consideration for the claims of their distressed brethren in the future. We may remark here that the W.M. signified his intention to act as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Masonic Boys' School, and to his appeal for support a liberal response was made. After some other toasts the proceedings of a pleasant evening were brought to a close. Some capital singing enlivened the proceedings

during the evening, Bros. Winn, Dalzell, Hanson, and Hodges being the artists engaged. We congratulate Bro. Usher Back on his commencing the duties of office under such favourable auspices.

## FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 928.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, Petersfield. Bro. Burley was installed W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being performed by Bro. Pierson the retiring W.M. Bro. Barley invested as his Officers Bros. Pierson I.P.M., Woodhouse S.W., Swan J.W., Edgeley Sec. and Treas. Naylor S.D., Smoker J.D., Pocock I.G., Wright S.S., Hammond J.S., Cole D.C., Melis A.D.C., Knight Tyler. The installation ceremony over, an adjournment was made to the Red Lion, where a banquet was served in capital style by Host Pay. The Visitors included Bros. G. P. Arnold W.M. 1428, J. Brickwood W.M. 342, and J. A. Elverston W.M. 804. In lieu of the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, of which ancient custom the W.M. expressed his disapproval, sentiments were duly given and responded to, and a very pleasant evening was spent.

## THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on 11th Feb., at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. C. Taylor W.M., W. Z. Kibble S.W., F. T. C. Keeble J.W., Cook S.D., R. Fendick J.D., W. F. Potter I.G., Headon P.M. and Treasurer, G. Blackie P.M. and Secretary, and the following Visitors:—Bros. Bucknall P.M. 135, Chagwin 1815, Goffin 1572, Baker 1708, Thompson 1580, Taylor 1765, Hay 1708, Davis 63 United States, Lawrence 1802. The usual preliminaries having been gone through, and the minutes read and confirmed, Bro. Brookman was passed to the second degree. Some propositions having been made, the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Pillar Room for refreshment. At the close of the repast, the W.M. gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. Hamer I.P.M. said he was once more in possession of the emblem of power, and the use he should make of it would be to propose the health of Bro. C. Taylor W.M. It would ill become him to say all he could of the W.M. in his presence; he should simply confine himself to giving the toast, hoping that prosperity and success might attend him. The W.M., in responding, thanked Bro. Hamer for the kind manner in which he had proposed his health, and also the brethren for the manner in which they had received it. He could assure them that he felt he did not deserve the compliment, but simply, as a member of the Lodge, he took it as a great honour conferred upon him. He also felt that he was very far from coming up to the point he desired to attain in discharging the duties of the Lodge. Circumstances had lately occurred, over which he had no control, that prevented him filling his position in the Lodge in the manner he wished to do; but having put his hand to the plough, he did not think of looking back and resigning, but to do his best in the position in which they had been pleased to place him. He had done his best, and with a feeling and strong desire to do as well as others had done before him, and hoped that his successor would have a more prosperous year than he had had. He said he was obliged to them for the kind manner in which they drank his health, and he should ever remember with feelings of pride that he had passed through the chair of The Great City Lodge. The W.M. next gave the Visitors, and said that ever since the formation of the Lodge they had always been honoured with a goodly number of Visitors, and hoped they always should be; he gave them a hearty welcome. Bro. Goffin returned thanks, and remarked that name of the Lodge made it incumbent upon them to maintain its greatness as connected with the greatest city in the world. Having heard their minutes read that night he found these set forth the great feature of Freemasonry, for they had given assistance to the old men and women, and also to a brother who, since then, had been removed to the Grand Lodge above. Without Charity what would Masonry be? Without it it would be nothing. He was pleased with the discipline and working of the Lodge, and although he had visited a number of Lodges, he had never enjoyed himself more than he had done on the present occasion, and he believed that the other Visitors had done the same. The W.M. next gave the Past Masters of the Lodge, for which they severally responded. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary came next, Bro. Taylor complimenting both these brethren on the very able manner in which they discharged the duties of the Lodge. Brother Headon, the Treasurer, in responding said, that the Treasurer appeared to be something like a double-barrelled gun, for having discharged one barrel in returning thanks as Past Master he had afterwards to shoot off another as Treasurer. He might say that so long as they were pleased to approve of him as their Treasurer, so long he should be pleased to respond to the toast. As Treasurer he was sometimes placed in a difficult position, for it was as difficult to make bricks without straw as it was to advise the W.M. to order a banquet without having the money to pay for it. He urged that charity was the foundation of Freemasonry; this they endeavoured to carry out in the Lodge, for they put aside 5 per cent of all their receipts in the cause of charity. That fund had gone on increasing from time to time, enabling the Lodge to provide for all wants, and give something to the Masonic Institutions. At the same time he thought they ought to meet together at the festive board, for unless they did so they had little opportunity of enjoyment with each other. Whilst he was on his legs he wished to call attention to another matter. Bro. Stevens was always puzzling himself to do his best for the Craft, and he was now doing something which must be interesting to all who wished to become good workers in it. He had lately delivered a very interesting lecture to the members of The Great City Lodge of Instruction, explanatory of the first degree, and that lecture he was about to repeat at the Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, which would meet at the Grapes Tavern, St. Thomas-

street, Borough, on the 28th of February, when Bro. Stevens would be glad to receive any members or visitors of The Great City Lodge. Bro. Stevens said he was obliged to Bro. Headon for bringing forward this matter, and should be glad to post notices to any of the brethren who wished to be present to hear his lecture on the 28th of February, and if they were then unable to come he would continue to send them notices until such time as they were able to attend. Some other toasts were given, and then the proceedings were brought to a close.

#### YARBOROUGH LODGE, No. 811.

THE brethren of this Lodge held their annual meeting in the Masonic Rooms, Royal Pavilion, on Saturday evening, 21st ult. The members present included Bros. Lewis W.M., H. K. Cook S.W., B. Lomax J.W., J. C. Chalk P.M., H. J. Cross Chaplain, G. de Paris P.M. Secretary, G. T. Shaft S.D., W. Ardley J.D., Seymour Berrows I.G., R. P. B. Taaffe P.M., F. Holford P.M., T. Lamson P.M., T. J. Lamson, W. R. Wood P.M., H. Abbey P.M., A. J. Rawlinson, Major Tamplin, F. H. Gray, T. H. Mosely, W. Strickland, L. Conti, Captain M. Dakyns, D. W. Giffard, and E. Walker P.M. The following visitors attended, viz.:—Bros. W. H. Hallet (Mayor of Brighton) P.M. Royal Clarence 271 P.P.S.G.W., W. Kuhe P.M. Royal Clarence 271 P.M. St. Cecilia 1,636 and P.G.O., G. Nash W.M. Royal York 315, L. B. Phillips St. Mary, Edinburgh, A. King S.W. Royal Clarence 271 P.P. Organist, Ida Costa Androde 1260, T. Billing Royal Brunswick 732, W. A. Tooth Chaplain Atlingworth 1828, J. A. Lavies Parthenon 1826, G. J. Malcolm Smith Master of Ceremonies Southdown 1797, J. R. Rogers Royal Clarence 271, and T. D. Shipp Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2. A sum of twenty guineas was voted towards the Masonic Institution for Boys, and fourteen guineas in aid of local Charities. On the conclusion of the business, the brethren and guests proceeded to discuss an excellent banquet, Bro. Lewis W.M. presiding. An interesting feature of the proceedings was the presentation of a handsome testimonial to Bro. G. de Paris P.M. Secretary. It took the form of a massive silver salver and coffee-pot, the former of which bore the inscription:—

"Presented, with a silver coffee-pot, to Brother G. de Paris P.M., by the brethren of the Yarrow Lodge, No. 811, as a mark of their esteem and regard, and in grateful acknowledgment of the valuable and energetic services rendered by him as honorary Secretary during a period of eleven years. Jan. 21, 1882."

An address on vellum, signed by numerous Freemasons, accompanied the gift. Bro. De Paris returned thanks in a few appropriate remarks. Songs and pianoforte selections were rendered during the evening by Bros. L. Conti, A. King, W. Giffard, W. Kuhe, and W. Ardley.

#### ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

THE annual meeting of this prosperous Lodge took place at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, on the afternoon of Thursday, the 9th instant. There was a very numerous attendance, and the chair was taken at two p.m. sharp, by Bro. H. Cresswell Sanders W.M., who was well supported by his Officers and the members of the Lodge. The Visitors included Bros. Hon. R. W. H. Giddy District G.M. Griqualand, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, H. C. Levander G.J.D., Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., C. F. Hogard P.P.G.S.W. Essex, James Terry P.P.G.J.W. Herts and Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, F. Binckes P.G.S. Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, R. H. Halford 228, J. E. Humphreys 167, W. Chicken W.M. 65, R. C. Reed P.M. 201, G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298, W. Prestwich 845, R. Rolfe 435, J. Pownceby P.M. 55, J. Osborn W.M. 1802, R. Percy P.M. 228, H. Richardson 205, J. Speller 1674, Lewis Wall 188, E. C. Massey, W. Hawkin 1287, and R. Baker P.M. 188, P.M. 1297. Among the Past Masters of the Lodge were Bros. J. L. Mather, U. Knell, Edgar Bowyer, and William Bausor. When the minutes of the previous meeting had been read and confirmed, the business on the agenda paper, which was of an unusually heavy character, was dealt with. Bros. Bowring and Pullen were raised to the degree of M.M., and Bros. Petley and Harding were passed F.C., both ceremonies being very ably rendered by the W.M. The Bye-Laws having been read, the chair was taken by Bro. J. L. Mather P.M., and Bro. D. P. Holness, W.M. elect, was presented for the benefit of installation. A Board of Installed Masters was formed, and Bro. Holness was inducted into the chair of K.S. in accordance with ancient custom. After the usual salutations, &c., the following brethren were appointed and invested Officers for the present year, namely:—Bros. Blinkhorn S.W., Cox J.W., Cook Treasurer, Halestrap Secretary, Lake S.D., Shurmur J.D., J. Hunt I.G., Seamer Organist, Thompson M.C., Petch W.S., and Kirkham Tyler. The addresses brought this portion of the proceedings to a conclusion, nor would it be becoming on our part if we passed altogether without comment the admirable manner in which Bro. Mather performed his duty, his rendering of the ceremony from first to last being most impressive and creating a most favourable impression. Be it added that Bro. Edgar Bowyer delivered the concluding oration. Mr. W. T. Baker having been most carefully initiated by the new W. Master, into the mysteries of the first degree, the other business was despatched, and Lodge was closed. The brethren, to the number of sixty, then sat down to an excellent banquet, such as mine host of that well-known tavern is apt to provide even at the most pressing emergency. On removal of the cloth the customary toasts were proposed and honoured, Col. S. H. Clerke acknowledging that of the Grand Officers Present and Past in highly appropriate terms, and expressing the satisfaction he felt, not only at visiting the Lodge, but at having been witness to such admirable working. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Bro. I.P.M. Sanders, who con-

gratulated the Lodge on having so able and energetic a chief. The W.M. in returning thanks, expressed a hope he should be able to fulfil his duties to the satisfaction of the Lodge. He should do his best for its welfare, and trusted that, at the close of his year of office, the brethren would find no reason to complain of their having chosen him. The health of the Initiate having been briefly but appropriately acknowledged, the Visitors were similarly honoured, Bros. Levander, Hogard, and Pownceby responding. Bro. Mather, Founder and Installing Master that evening, was most cordially proposed and received, shortly after which the brethren rose and separated, after spending a most enjoyable evening.

#### FORTITUDE LODGE, No. 131.

THE members of this Lodge invited to supper, on Tuesday, the 14th inst., their esteemed Past Master the W. Bro. Thos. Chirgwin, on his retiring from the office of Treasurer, which he had held for the past nineteen years. There was a large gathering, Bro. W. B. Morris W.M. presiding. Amongst those present were Bros. W. J. Hughs P.S.G.D. of England, W. J. Johns, S. Holloway, R. John, T. L. Dorrington, W. Middleton, N. B. Ballen, J. C. R. Crewes, J. T. Tillman, E. Edwards, J. H. Sampson, R. Lean, R. Angel, G. M. Downing, T. Worth, J. Higgins, T. Kendall, J. Hearn, J. Langdon, W. B. Cory, W. H. Miners, W. Allen, E. Roberts, J. Tonkin. The visitors were Bros. Amos Jennings (Mayor of Truro), W. H. Jenkins, J. H. Ferris, James Reynolds, John Jeffery, John Christoe, W. H. P. Martin, S. Wade, &c. After the usual loyal and special Masonic toasts, Bro. W. James Johns, the next Past Master in seniority, by desire of the W.M., proposed the toast of the evening, namely, the Senior Past Master Bro. Chirgwin. After an enumeration of the many good qualities of that brother, and especially his great services to the Lodge of Fortitude, in many ways, since his initiation some twenty-six years since, Bro. Johns most gracefully alluded to the excellent manner in which he had acted as Treasurer for some nineteen years, and, on behalf of the whole Lodge, he asked his acceptance of a very handsome solid silver salver, bearing an inscription, beautifully engraved, expressive of the event, as a small acknowledgment of the hearty thanks of the brethren for his long attention to their interests. Bro. Chirgwin rose, and in a neat speech, as well as his feelings would permit, returned thanks for so unexpected and highly valued a gift, and assured those present that whilst he had no idea that such a result was to have followed his resignation as Treasurer, he should ever appreciate their kindness, and he hoped that those of his representatives who would come after him would value it as highly as he did. He congratulated the brethren on the grand position the Lodge had attained, and hoped that the young members particularly, would seek to perfect themselves in their duties, as many of the older ones had done, remarking that he meant to continue a member of the Lodge as long as he lived. Bro. Chirgwin resumed his seat amidst the hearty greetings of the members. The salver was supplied by Bro. T. L. Dorrington, and bore the following inscription:—Presented to W. Bro. Thomas Chirgwin, J.P., P.Prov. S.G.W. of Cornwall, Senior Past Master, by the members of Lodge Fortitude, No. 131, in appreciation of his invaluable services as Treasurer for 19 years. Truro, 14th February 1882.—*Western Daily Mercury*.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed on Friday, the 24th instant, at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, held at Bro. Meekham's, the Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, by Bro. Bigley, W.M. of the mother Lodge. Lodge will be opened at 8 o'clock.

#### THE THEATRES, &c.

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

HER MAJESTY'S.—CARL ROSA OPERA COMPANY.

LYCEUM.—At 7.30, THE CAPTAIN OF THE WATCH. At 8.30, THE TWO ROSES.

ADELPHI.—At 7.15, MY TURN NEXT. At 8, TAKEN FROM LIFE.

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

VAUDEVILLE.—At 7.30, ON AN ISLAND. At 8, THE SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL.

HAYMARKET.—At 8, OURS.

PRINCE OF WALES'S.—At 7.50, THE MARBLE ARCH. At 8.40, THE COLONEL.

STRAND.—At 7.20, PARADISE VILLA. At 8, MANOLA.

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

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

HENGLER'S CIRQUE.—Daily at 2.30 and 7.30.

COURT.—At 8, MY LITTLE GIRL. At 8.45, THE MANAGER.

ALHAMBRA.—At 7.45, THE BLACK CROOK.

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

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

TOOLE'S.—At 7.30, WAITING CONSENT. At 8.15, PAUL PRY.

OPERA COMIQUE.—At 7.45, LOVERS' KNOTS. At 9, MOTHER-IN-LAW.

GLOBE.—At 7.30, A BED OF ROSES. At 8.15, THE CYNIC.

CRITERION.—At 8, RUTH'S ROMANCE. At 8.45, THE GREAT DIVORCE CASE.

CRYSTAL PALACE.—This day, PANTOMIME, CONCERT, &c. INTERNATIONAL ELECTRICAL EXHIBITION. Open Daily. Aquarium, Picture Gallery, &c.

ALEXANDRA PALACE.—This day, LA SONNAMBULA, &c. Open Daily.



## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 18th FEBRUARY.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 715—Panmure, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge

## MONDAY, 20th FEBRUARY.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 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)  
 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.  
 862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 901—City of London, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 907—Royal Albert, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1159—Marquis of Dalhousie, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In.)  
 1506—White Horse of Kent, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro  
 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)  
 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead  
 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham  
 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.  
 935—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.  
 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport  
 1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland  
 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.  
 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.  
 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.  
 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)  
 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 R.A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 1051—Rowley, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## TUESDAY, 21st FEBRUARY.

- Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Tavern, at 5.30. for 6 o'clock.  
 Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark.  
 95—Easton Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 194—St. Paul, Cannon-street Hotel.  
 435—Salisbury, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 800—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1369—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)  
 1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge, S.W.  
 1443—Mount Edgecumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)  
 1553—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.)  
 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)  
 117—Wynnstey, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 249—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.  
 414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley.  
 468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham  
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon.  
 667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 1006—Tregullov, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall.  
 1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.  
 1113—Anglesen, Bull Hotel, Llangefni  
 1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.  
 1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable.  
 1473—Bootle, 116 Barry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)  
 1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich.  
 1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool  
 1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton.

## WEDNESDAY, 22nd FEBRUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowdale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham  
 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)  
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar  
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station  
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool  
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury  
 183—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds  
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley  
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 994—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk  
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield  
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester  
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)  
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow  
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge  
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester  
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton  
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire  
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone  
 R.A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 M.M. Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes  
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

## THURSDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 66—Grenadiers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham  
 861—Finsbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street  
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford  
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1159—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)  
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
 1563—The City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Aire Street, W.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In)  
 R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)  
 48—Industry, 31 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)  
 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester  
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire  
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth  
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup  
 348—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich  
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham  
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford  
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford  
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire  
 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester  
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle  
 R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton  
 R.A. 431—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields  
 R.A. 1036—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool  
 M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester

## FRIDAY, 24th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
 197—Jerusalem, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.  
 766—William Preston, Feathers' Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8 Inst.  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)  
 831—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)



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.)  
 457—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton  
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet  
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1621—Castle Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth  
 1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 243—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster  
 R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle

### SATURDAY, 25th FEBRUARY.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
 1462—Wharnclyffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone  
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held at the Feathers' Tavern, Upper George-street, W., on 10th inst. Bros. G. J. R. Tribbel P.M. 1287 (in the chair), G. W. West P.M. 1287 S.W., A. Braan P.M. P.Z. 766 J.W. In the absence of the usual Officers Bro. H. Moore was appointed Secretary pro tem. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the W.M., addressing the brethren, and referring to the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, said it was with extreme regret he had to inform them, and more especially those who were not (from various causes) present on the last meeting night, that it had been proposed and carried by a majority of the brethren present on that occasion, "That the Lodge should be discontinued, the furniture, working tools, jewels, &c., of the Lodge sold by public auction, and the proceeds of the sale added to the list of Bro. J. Hayes, the Worthy Preceptor, who was fulfilling the office of Steward this year; also that the Lodge funds in the hands of the Treasurer be paid over to Bro. W. Webster, who was stated to be in reduced circumstances, and greatly in need of assistance." The W.M. also said, he had applied for the books of the Lodge, but was unable to get them. Under the circumstances, he was therefore only quoting from memory as to what actually did take place, but had no doubt that what he had stated was absolutely correct. He should not express any opinion as to the course adopted, but leave the matter in the hands of the brethren present. Bro. G. W. West, in proposing that the minutes of last Lodge meeting be not confirmed, said that in doing so he was merely entering his protest against the manner in which the proceedings of that meeting were carried out. He was informed that the Lodge furniture was already in the hands of the auctioneer, and would be sold next day. He certainly must protest against such a proceeding;—he might say indecent haste had been displayed in this matter, without the bulk of the members of the Lodge having had warning as to the steps that were evidently in contemplation before the meeting was called. He considered it totally against the best interests of the Craft, both as regards Mother Lodges and Lodges of Instruction, that such undue haste and precipitancy should be displayed; it was applying the cloture with a vengeance, and he believed it to be perfectly illegal and unconstitutional that the resolution of some ten or twelve of the brethren present on the last occasion should be acted on without being confirmed by a subsequent meeting of the body of the Lodge. Under these circumstances, he should move that the minutes of the last Lodge meeting be not confirmed. Bro. Braun, in seconding the proposition, said he quite agreed with the remarks of the S.W. in respect to this matter. He never, in all his experience, knew of a case in which a Lodge of Instruction had been closed, in consequence of the resignation of the Secretary, in such an off-hand and peremptory manner. He protested against it, as being totally unconstitutional, and holding these opinions on the subject, he felt it is duty to second the proposition of the S.W. Bro. Moore, in supporting the motion, said: He was surprised when he heard that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction was closed, without the members having received any notice. However, such action was intended when the meeting was called last Friday. He had received a notice from the Secretary, but he was creditably informed that many of the brethren had not had notice. That was doubtless no fault of the Secretary, if he had sent notices to all whose addresses he knew. What he (Bro. Moore) complained of was, that the notice contained no intimation whatever that it was contemplated to close the Lodge entirely. The notice merely said:

Dear Sir and Bro.—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, February 3rd, the following business will be brought forward. Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business connected with the Lodge. And I request the favour of your presence in the same, as it may affect the fortune of the Lodge. I am, &c.

Bro. Moore having read the notice as above, contended that "had the notice stated the action that was contemplated on the next meeting night, and more time been given for consideration, no doubt a larger number of the members of the Lodge would have been present, and an altogether different conclusion arrived at. There was not one word said in the notice about breaking up the Lodge, and it certainly was a matter of surprise to him that it could be done in the hasty manner in which it had been. He must say he desired to express his gratitude to the members of the William Preston Lodge for the instruction, the courtesy, and kindness with which he had always been received, and he might say what he knew of Freemasonry was principally acquired

amongst them. At the same time, he must oppose their action in the present instance. If it is legal and constitutional, it is high time the Constitutions were amended. He had studied the bye-laws, but could see no law which gave the Officers or brethren of the Lodge authority to act as they had done. On the contrary, the fourth bye-law distinctly stated that the minutes of the Lodge should be presented by the Secretary for confirmation on the following meeting night. Had that course been adopted, there would have been an end to the matter. But if the course taken by the meeting last Friday is proper and constitutional, what, he should like to ask, is to prevent, say any dozen members of a Lodge of Instruction, or even a mother Lodge, agreeing to call a meeting, and without fully stating the object of such meeting, "resolve to break up the Lodge, and dispose of the funds as they thought proper." He had no personal objection to the closing of the Lodge; it was only to the manner in which it had been done. No doubt the Lodge had not been in a satisfactory state for some time past. On some occasions the Officers were present, and the brethren conspicuous by their absence; on others, the brethren were present, and the Officers failed to put in an appearance; altogether he had no objection to the cloture in reference to the Lodge, but only to the manner in which it had been applied. After some further remarks by the W.M., the motion was carried nem con. The Lodge was then closed in due form, and adjourned to Friday evening, the 17th instant, at the hour of eight o'clock, as usual.

We are requested to state that the Lodge furniture of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, was sold by public auction on Saturday last. It was bought by Bro. William Dunham, Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, W. At an emergency meeting held on the 13th instant of the members of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, it was unanimously resolved that the meetings of the Lodge be held at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, W., for the future, at the usual hour of eight o'clock p.m., on Fridays.

**Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.**—On Monday, the 13th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. Present—Bros. Taplin, Fleming, Cotton, Nicholson, Rowles, Phillips, Brooks, Weedon P.M., Daffin, &c. Bro. Brooks took the chair as W.M., and appointed the following his Officers—Bros. Taplin S.W., Rowles J.W., Cotton S.D., Nicholson J.D., Duffin I.G. and Tyler. After the usual preliminaries the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. Bro. Weedon P.M. assisted as Preceptor, in the absence of Bro. Tucker. Bro. Cotton P.M. answered the questions leading from the first to the second degree. Bro. Taplin S.W. was unanimously elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed with the usual formalities.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—On Friday, 10th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. F. Botley W.M., Goss P.M. S.W., Gomm P.M. J.W., Gunner S.D., C. E. Botley (Hon. Secretary) J.D., Andrews P.M. Preceptor, E. H. Sugg P.M. I.G., Maton and others. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the second, when the questions leading to the third, were answered. The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed. Bro. C. E. Botley candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Goss was elected W.M. for 17th February, when several members of the Lily of Richmond Lodge of Instruction, No. 820, are expected.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—On Tuesday, 14th February, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Present—Bros. Edwards W.M., Dignam S.W., Christian J.W., Corble S.D., Baker J.D., Smyth I.G., F. Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor, also Bros. Wardell, Little, Gosling, Brasted, and C. Lorkin. The Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Wardell offered himself as candidate for passing, and was interrogated and entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree. Bro. Wardell was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christian worked the 1st section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren, and then gave the lecture on the tracing board. The Lodge was opened in the 3rd degree, and regularly closed to the 1st. The W.M. worked the 1st, and Bro. C. Lorkin the 4th section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Dignam was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Lodge was then closed and adjourned.

**West Middlesex Lodge of Instruction No. 1612.**—On Thursday, 16th February, at the Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, W. Present—Bros. E. C. Porter W.M., A. Jones S.W., T. Smith J.W., J. Wells Secretary, C. Bellerby S.D., C. Andrews P.M. J.D., J. W. Woolmer I.G.; Bros. J. Green, Acworth, J. J. Clarke, W. Seward, Pitt. After preliminaries, the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation, Bro. J. Green candidate. The Lodge was opened in the 2nd degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. J. Clarke candidate. Bro. C. Andrews P.M. delivered the lecture on the tracing board. Lodge was resumed to 1st degree, and Bro. A. Jones was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on 23rd inst.

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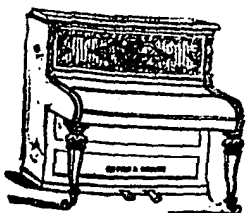
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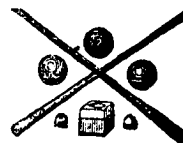
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