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## THE BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION AND GRAND LODGE.

IT will be remembered that some three months since a proposition was submitted to Grand Lodge, by Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D., to increase the grant made to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons by an addition of £800 per annum. At the time this proposal was before the Craft we took occasion to refer to what the R.M.B.I. had done in the past, and what it was doing in the present; how that it was really the means of considerably lessening the claims made on the Fund of Benevolence, and how, in return for votes sent to every Lodge in the kingdom (now far in excess of the number at the time the last grant was made), it was fairly entitled to some addition being made to the grant it receives from Grand Lodge. These and similar considerations had their weight with the brethren present at the December Communication of Grand Lodge, at which the proposal was submitted, and the vote was agreed to, not by a small majority at a thinly-attended meeting, but by the unmistakable voice of a fairly representative assembly of brethren. In due course the proposition came on for confirmation at the Communication on Wednesday last, and with the result that so much of the minutes as referred to it were rejected, it being then decided, we may say unanimously, that a Committee should prepare a statement of the income and expenditure of Grand Lodge, in order that the Craft might be able to decide, before it became too late, whether it had acted judiciously or otherwise in passing a vote entailing so heavy an additional outlay as £800 per annum. For our part we think the inquiry can have but one result, and that will be favourable to the Benevolent Institution. We do not approve of Grand Lodge rushing headlong into expenses beyond its means, but to say that it cannot afford this additional vote of £800 per annum is simply absurd. Had the brethren present on Wednesday heard the accounts of Grand Lodge more fully detailed, we do not think there would have been found many to vote on behalf of Bro. Philbrick's motion for non-confirmation.

It may be as well to review what actually took place. Brother Philbrick, immediately on the reading of the minutes of the December meeting, asked permission to inquire of Grand Secretary the amount of the funds at the command of Grand Lodge, and being answered to the effect that the sum referred to amounted to about £15,000, he proceeded formally to move the non-confirmation of that portion of the minutes relating to the grant in question. He could but think that before Grand Lodge made an addition to its expenditure of £800 per annum the brethren should know what was the income of Grand Lodge, what its funds, how those funds were invested, and what was the permanent source of revenue, so that they might know whether, in the present position of the Craft, it was a matter of prudence and propriety to make such a large grant. All very well so far; and had Bro. Philbrick contented himself with arguments of this character, we think he would have served his purpose equally well; but he proceeded to explain to the brethren how the finances of Grand Lodge really stood—or rather he referred to just

so much of them as served to support his view of the question, entirely ignoring, as Bro. Stewart remarked later on, several items with which he must have been fully acquainted. The income derived, he said, from the invested funds of £15,000 or £16,000 would amount to something like £500 a year; but we would remind Bro. Philbrick that Grand Lodge has other sources of income, a fact which he could hardly have been ignorant of, although his after remarks were calculated to imply such was the case. He felt persuaded that many of those who voted for the proposition at the December meeting believed that the state of the funds was very different from what the Grand Secretary had just stated. How, he asked, could they, a body of Masons who charged every initiate entering the body to let prudence direct his steps, not only give away more than the actual income of the property of the fund, but also pledge and mortgage future income, drawing as it were a bill upon the future? On the old principle that all is fair in love or war, we imagine Bro. Philbrick felt himself justified in representing the case as he did; but we would ask our readers, and particularly those who are interested in the question of Grand Lodge support to our Institutions, to examine for themselves, and judge how far they have been led away on the present occasion. As it may be difficult even for those who desire to do so to refer to the accounts of the Fund of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, we have prepared a summary of the last eight quarterly statements, from which it will be seen that Grand Lodge, so far from being anything like poor, has accumulated no less a sum than £8,383 18s 6d on this account during the past two years, and yet brethren are scared by the assertion that the invested capital of the Fund of General Purposes of Grand Lodge produces but £500 a year. The actual amount, according to these accounts, invested in Government Stock is £11,150, besides which there has been invested, during the last two years, £8,750 in the purchase of freehold property, and £2,300 in the erection of additional premises, all of which should yield as large a rate of interest as money invested in the Funds. But we think it is of little use to say much now in reference to the summary we give; we simply ask our readers to study it, assuring them that at no very distant date we shall take the opportunity of again referring to the question.

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Application has been made to the Secretary of State for War, for a site for a building for the accommodation of the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge, No. 1903. A memorial, containing the grounds on which Mr. Childers is appealed to, has been signed by Commander Lord Charles Beresford, who, although the requirements of his profession have compelled him to leave England, takes a lively interest in the progress of this young but flourishing Lodge, which, though only a few months old, has a hundred members on its roll. The site applied for is at the Edinburgh-road end of Alfred-road, opposite the Roman Catholic Church. The memorial has been forwarded through H.S.H. Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar. At the next monthly meeting, Bro. H.R.H. Prince Leopold Duke of Albany (who was recently presented by the members of this Lodge with an address of congratulation on his approaching marriage) is to be balloted for as an honorary member. H.R.H. having been proposed by Bro. H. W. Townsend the acting W.M., and seconded by Bro. F. Page S.W. —*Portsmouth Times*.

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## THE WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 766.

ELSEWHERE a correspondent draws attention to certain extraordinary occurrences which took place in the William Preston Lodge of Instruction at the beginning of last month, occurrences which, as he very pointedly remarks, are such as it is rarely the lot of a Masonic journal to chronicle. A full report, not of the meeting itself at which they happened, but of that which was held on Friday, the 10th ult., appeared in our columns a fortnight since, and it is on the facts as therein narrated that "Q." bases his observations, facts which, we think, our readers will agree with us are worthy of being noted most carefully, and, should it be thought wise or expedient, of being brought under the notice of the authorities. The story is soon told. A meeting for the 3rd ult. was called by the following letter, addressed, in due course, to some, if not all, of the members:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward:—Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business of 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."

It is evident from the wording of this letter that something of an unusual character was in contemplation, but our readers will no doubt be surprised at what actually took place, or at least at what, in the absence of the official record, Bro. Tribbel, who presided as W.M. at the meeting held the week following, stated, as best he could from memory, was the "important business" that was transacted. It seems that in the course of the proceedings on the eventful evening a resolution was passed, "by a majority of the brethren present," to the effect, "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." This done, the brethren separated, the Lodge furniture was placed forthwith in the hands of an auctioneer, and disposed of by public sale on the 11th ult.—the purchaser being Brother William Dunham, of the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanstone-square—and in the opinion of the sapient "majority" there was an end of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, if not for all time, at least for a period of time more or less considerable. It is probable, however, that the brethren who passed the foregoing resolution are not a little surprised and chagrined at their failure to bring about the discontinuance of the Lodge. There is evidently a good deal more vitality in it than those who tried to do it to death, and, it may be, rejoiced in the consummation of their wishes, expected to find. At all events, on the 10th ultimo, several members who were not of the same mind as to the advisability of prematurely determining the existence of the Lodge assembled at the appointed hour, Bro. Tribbel, P.M. 1287, presiding as Worshipful Master, with Bro. G. W. West, P.M. of the same Lodge, and Bro. A. Braun, P.M. of the parent Lodge, respectively occupying the Senior and Junior Wardens' chairs. Bro. H. Moore having been appointed to act *pro tem* as Secretary, Bro. Tribbel detailed the events of the previous Lodge to the best of his ability, when Bro. West proposed, Bro. Braun seconded, and Bro. Moore supported, a resolution, which was carried without a dissentient voice, to the effect that the minutes of the 3rd ult. be not confirmed. An Emergency meeting was held at the Seymour Arms, on Monday the 13th ult., when it was arranged that for the future the Lodge should hold its meetings at that hostelry. On the 17th ult., the brethren accordingly assembled in Bro. Dunham's drawing room, there being no other room available, and that worthy and zealous Craftsman having pointed out that it is not in his power to afford them the requisite accommodation, a Committee was formed, with power to add to their number, for the purpose of finding a room suitable for Lodge meetings, while Bro. Dunham very kindly promised to let them have the furniture, as long as they felt disposed

to make use of it, Bro. Moore, acting Secretary, being entrusted to write in the meantime to the late Secretary, and request of him that the books of the Lodge, being its property, should be delivered up. A vote of thanks to Bro. Dunham closed the proceedings, and the Lodge adjourned to the 24th ult.

Having completed our narrative of the circumstances, let us consider the several points raised by our correspondent "Q." Taking the notice issued for the meeting of the 3rd ult. first, he argues, not without reason, that it was either through ignorance or intentionally misleading, at least to those members who were not in the secret as to the character of that "other important business" which, it was stated, was such as might "affect the fortune of the Lodge." He notes that the agenda include "the election of Officers," and that such "election" is set down before the "other important business." Clearly, therefore, the unprivileged members who had not been taken into the confidence of the more favoured lights of the Lodge could not possibly have anticipated that a motion for the discontinuance of the Lodge was in contemplation, or why should "the election of Officers" be set down in the programme of business to be transacted? What possible object was there to be gained by electing them, if it was proposed to close the Lodge once and for ever? Such a view must necessarily present itself to the mind of the unbiassed reader, and were we asked to offer our opinion on the subject, we should not hesitate to express our belief that the wording of the notice was not the result of accident. Is there a single brother possessing ordinary intelligence who, if he had received a notice so worded as regards the business to be done on a particular evening—"Report of Audit Committee, election of Officers, and other important business"—would think that it was proposed to bring the Lodge to an untimely end?

"Q." then notes what one of the speakers at the meeting of the 10th ult. defined as "the undue haste and precipitancy" with which effect was given to the resolution "of a majority of the brethren present on the occasion" referred to. The Lodge furniture, &c., must have been placed in the hands of the auctioneer almost immediately after the motion was carried. So indecently hurried were the whole proceedings that this wonderful majority would not even wait till the next meeting—that is, for a short week only—that the minutes might be read for confirmation by the Secretary, as required by the fourth of the Lodge Bye-laws. It might reasonably have been expected in taking so important a step as the summary discontinuance of the Lodge, that the utmost care would be taken to observe strictly—literally as well as in the spirit—the requirements of at least the Lodge regulations, if not of the Book of Constitutions, especially as, so far as we can see, it could not make any possible difference whether the chattels were sold a little sooner or a little later. But, no; the one great object to be achieved was the immediate dissolution, and it may have occurred "to a majority of the brethren present on the occasion" that, if time were given for compliance with the aforesaid fourth Bye-law, there was some chance that, after all, that object might not be attained. We do not wish to say or suggest anything uncharitable, but what can we or any other reasonable brother think in the face of all this "undue haste and precipitancy?"

Having noticed this feature of the case, "Q." passes on to discuss the illegality of the proceedings from another point of view. He draws attention to the enactment at page 71 of the Book of Constitutions, by which, if a portion only of the members of a Lodge retire from it, the Warrant still remains in force, and the Lodge may be continued by those who remain; but if all of them retire, then the Warrant determines. As our correspondent observes, this law applies to regular Lodges, and may not necessarily be operative in the case of Lodges of Instruction: but reason suggests that it should, and indeed, is intended to apply to all classes of Lodges. The members of a Lodge of Instruction, though working under a Warrant granted either by a regular Lodge, which is responsible for its proceedings, or by the Grand Master, is composed of members gathered together from all parts of the Masonic community within easy access of the place of meeting. It is most probable, therefore—we might almost venture to say certain—that however many of them may be desirous of withdrawing from the Lodge, there will always be some desirous of retaining their connection with it. Consequently, this

high act of the majority present on this particular occasion of the members of the William Preston Lodge reminds us somewhat of the fabled conduct of the "dog in the manger." They would have nothing more to do with the Lodge, and they were determined that none of their fellow members should. Can anything be more—we will not say unconstitutional, for it is not clearly established that the law, quoted by "Q." does in fact or intention apply to Lodges of Instruction, but un-Masonic, than a course of proceeding such as we have described?

A further question of a still more delicate nature is raised in our correspondent's letter. He suggests that this majority, which, be it remembered, is not necessarily the majority of the members, had no right to dispose of the Lodge property, in which the whole body had a vested interest. They were, of course, at perfect liberty to withdraw from membership, but they were exceeding the limits of their power when they took upon themselves to sell what belonged to the Lodge in its corporate capacity; and what, consequently, after their withdrawal, was not theirs to sell. This, as we have stated, is a delicate and certainly a novel point, yet like all the others which "Q." has raised, it commends itself to our reason; and if, on closer consideration, it should turn out to be correct, then it follows, naturally, that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction has been improperly dispossessed of the goods and chattels purchased for its use out of its funds.

In conclusion, we will merely add that the story, as told in the report we published a fortnight since, is a most unpleasant one, from whatever point or points of view it may be regarded, and though we are far from wishing to stir up the muddy waters of discord in this ill-used Lodge, it strikes us as being the first, and, for the present at all events, the best course, to bring the whole matter officially under the notice of the parent Lodge, which is constitutionally responsible for the proceedings of its Lodge of Instruction, and may legally be called upon, therefore, to express its opinions on the subject.

## REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, 23 Great Queen Street, W.C.

*Through Siberia.* By H. Lansdell. Illustrated with forty-three engravings, two maps, and a photograph of the author in a Salmon skin dress. Sampson Low & Co., London.

THIS is a deeply interesting work of travel, replete with well digested and carefully arranged information, about one of the most hospitable countries on the face of the earth. Though with a population compounded of about 30 different tribes, theirs is altogether an exceptional history, singularly devoid of intertribal rapine and bloodshed. The Czar of Russia is styled "Lord of Siberia," and is absolutely the lord of more than he ever surveyed, seeing that the area of Siberia is 7,500,000 square miles. The Russian element is recruited annually by the addition of more than 17,000 convicts, political and criminal, who are distributed amongst the various penal settlements. Capital punishment in Russia being exclusively an infliction for military or treasonable crime, all other offenders, who are considered incorrigible, are deported to Siberia, where a chance of reformation is afforded them. And if immunity from very hard work, such as our English convicts are acquainted with, be one method of repairing criminal characters, it may be truthfully said that the Russian scoundrel ought to become a Russian saint at least. But as he spends a great deal of his time basking in the sun, smoking, card playing, and other diversions, the system he is ruled by is a gigantic failure in that respect. The author, Bro. Lansdell (Grand Steward, and recently installed W.M. of the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge, No. 4), had visited many European prisons and penitentiaries before he was prompted to attempt a similar project in Siberia. This of course was no trifle, but the readiness of the Russian government to second him in his endeavours to distribute portions of the Sacred Law and other works amongst the convicts, smoothed the path, and the result was that 55,812 copies were apportioned amongst the prisons, hospitals, schools and other establishments. To the unprecedented facilities thus afforded to an Englishman of becoming acquainted with all sides of Siberian existence, we are indebted for two very handsome volumes, in which the transit of the convicts, their crimes and punishments, their miseries on the road and in prison, are all faithfully depicted. Yet we venture to say that many readers will be agreeably surprised at the differences between the report of an eye-witness and the Siberianesque imaginations of stay-at-home travellers. It is fact against fiction. Midway across Siberia, Bro. Lansdell diverted his course over the Chinese frontier at Mainiatchim. At this town, which means "buy and sell," everything, is very quaint. There are no women in the town. Desperate husbands would find a temporary Paradise in Mainiatchim. Even the much-abused Mr. Caudle would hold up his head again "as a man," and feel at home once more if he would banish himself to that earthly oasis of happiness. And as for bachelors,

perfect isolation is guaranteed. "Not that the men, however, are all bachelors"—we quote from Vol. I, p 338—"for some have wives and families in China Proper. Nor are they all women-haters or hen-pecked husbands." Nor are they all like the "British subject who fled from his own island home and retired to a housetop in Siberia, where he is living in prosperity, and where his spouse has not pursued him," but the inhabitants of Mainiatchim are subject to a treaty which excludes females. The town consists of four or five mud-paved streets, the houses being of one story, and built of unburnt bricks, and is given over to tea merchants and their *employés*. The chief clerk of one establishment visited, "cultivated a straggling moustache, which is the privilege of all Chinese men after they arrive at thirty years of age. He had also very long nails protruding, perhaps, half an inch, which evidently were considered beautiful." "To eat a dinner at Mainiatchim had been one of the curious treats I had promised myself, a feast which most Europeans would rather undergo the incipient stages of starvation than come within the smell of it. By tasting first, and then asking what it was, all prejudice was taken away till it was too late to have any. We discovered that among the dishes we had eaten were beans, garlic, a kind of sea-weed cooked like sea-kale, and a green kind also; likewise radishes cut in slices, swallows' eggs boiled, and rissoles of meat; various sorts of marine vegetables, and I think birds' nests. Further east I met a man who told me that when he dined at Mainiatchim they gave him sixty-four dishes!" On the present occasion there were only thirty. We are enabled to deduce from this quaint chapter of Benedict innocence that if men are here (voluntary or otherwise) of one blessing, there is a wonderful compensating reward for them in adapting themselves to the more primitive state of bliss. For full particulars about Mainiatchim and all other matters affecting Siberia, an elaborate index will direct the reader to the exact page of the volumes.

*Synopsis of the Chess Openings. A Tabulated Analysis.* By William Cook, a Member of the Birmingham Chess Club. Third Edition, with Additions and Emendations. London: W. W. Morgan, 23 Great Queen-street, W.C. 1882.

THERE are, doubtless, many of our readers to whom the game of Chess is familiar, and many perhaps by whom it is ardently pursued as an intellectual study rather than as a pastime. To both these classes—those who study it, and those who merely play it—we can strongly recommend Bro. Cook's "Synopsis of the Chess Openings." The fact of its having reached a third edition within the short space of seven years speaks well for the estimation in which it is held by the Chess World. But this is by no means the only ground on which we draw attention to this new issue. It has, in the first place, been very considerably enlarged, and contains 140 pages of matter as against the 82 pages of the second edition, published in 1876. But mere increase in quantity does not necessarily imply improvement in quality. This, however, is, in the present instance, the case. Not only has the old matter been most carefully emended, but much valuable new matter has been inserted, and what is still more noteworthy, "variations that have occurred in actual play," especially in the Irregular Openings, are presented by Bro. Cook, chiefly with a view of meeting the objections of those "who assume that but few of the positions given in theory occur in practice." As to the sources to which the author is indebted for the basis of his tables, they are far too numerous to mention; but, as they include many of the most important Chess works and periodicals extant, it is unnecessary we should name them: they will be found enumerated in the Preface, in which also Bro. Cook loyally acknowledges much valuable assistance from well-known Chess players. In conclusion, the recommendations that can be urged in favour of the book are many, the objections to its matter, its methodical arrangement, and the footnotes are none.

*Irish Freemasons' Calendar for the year 1882.* Published under the sanction of the Right Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Ireland. Dublin: Printed by S. Underwood, for the Grand Lodge of Ireland, and to be had at Freemasons' Hall, Molesworth-street.

THE manner in which this necessary guide to the different Masonic bodies in Ireland, their distribution in Lodges and Chapters, Preceptories, &c., with their dates and places of meeting, has been compiled, reflects great credit on the executive of Grand Lodge. Bearing in mind that the amount of information contained in a Calendar is necessarily limited, we do not see how space could have been found for more, and even had this been possible that more than is furnished was required. Moreover, the arrangement is excellent, and, as far as it is possible for non-Irish Masons to judge, accurate. We may add that the needful Masonic information is supplemented by much else of a general character, so that the Calendar may be used for ordinary as well as for Masonic purposes.

*Report of the Committee on Masonic Correspondence, Grand Lodge of Illinois.* Dated Chicago, 28th September 1881.

ILLINOIS is one of the great strongholds in the United States of America. It has, if we remember rightly, a subscribing membership of some 40,000 brethren, and it labours zealously in support of the Craft principles, as is evidenced by the intelligence we gather from time to time of the doings of its Grand and subordinate Lodges. This Correspondence, which extends over little short of five hundred closely printed pages, is of a most elaborate and exhaustive character. It deals with almost every subject which a brother could dream of in his philosophy, and many which, in the estimation of English brethren, are hardly worthy of being noticed in official correspondence. However, in the midst of this vast accumulation of matter will be found much that is valuable, as illustrating the strength and doings of



Masonry in other States of the North American Union, as well as in British North America, and the Committee, on which has devolved the labour of compiling this Report, deserves all possible credit for the admirable manner in which it has fulfilled its very arduous task.

*Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.* List of Officers, Governors, and Subscribers: total amounts contributed by individual Donors, Lodges, &c., and the number of Votes possessed by each, to 31st December 1881. Office, 6 Freemasons' Hall, London. February 1882.

THIS List, which has happily grown to very formidable dimensions as compared with corresponding lists issued only a few years since, represents an amount of labour in the work of compilation which must have sorely taxed even the powers of Bro. Binckes and his limited staff. Yet, bulky as it is, the arrangement is admirable, the matter is presented as it were tabularly and therefore clearly and concisely, while, as regards accuracy and sufficiency, so far as we have tested the list, we need say no more than that they appear to have attained the maximum possible.

*Royal Masonic Institution for Girls.* List of the Patrons, Officers, Governors, and Subscribers; together with the Laws and Balance Sheets, to 31st December 1881. Offices: 5 Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

This list, like that of the Boys' School, has grown considerably in bulk, and, like it, shows a great amount of care, as well as accuracy, in its compilation. It has also full particulars of the means and expenditure for the past year, so that our friends, being all interested in the welfare of this admirable Institution, should lose no time in procuring a copy. Indeed, a copy of this, and the list of the other Institution, ought to find a place in the library or offices of every English Mason.

### ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

**York College.**—The regular quarterly meeting of this active body was held on Wednesday, the 22nd ult., the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611, having courteously placed its rooms in the Queen's Hotel at the disposal of the fratres. The College was opened at 3 p.m. by the celebrant Frater T. W. Holmes VI., and his officers; there being also present Fratres T. B. Whytehead Hon. IX. Chief Adept, Rev. W. C. Lukis VII. Suffragan, T. J. Wilkinson V. Prov. Sec., J. W. Woodall IV. Prov. Treas., J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Sec. and Treas., J. Maffey IV., A. T. B. Turner II., J. Oates I., P. Trevor I., J. F. Atkinson I., and others. A number of letters, explanatory of absence, were read, this being the annual and obligatory meeting. Successful ballots were taken for Bro. Chas. Fendelow P.M., &c., Wolverhampton, and Bro. J. L. Atherton P.M. 439, Bradford. Bros. T. M. Barron, Darlington, and Sam. Wilson, Darlington, being in attendance, were received into the M.C., and took their seats as members of the College in the grade of Zelator, the lecture in that grade being given by Frater J. Maffey Conductor of Novices. The Suffragan read a most interesting paper on an old French work on Masonry, in the library of the Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611. The book was presented to the library by Bro. A. M. Broadley, of Tunis, who found it in the town of Sfax, after its bombardment by the French. Frater the Rev. W. C. Lukis translated it, and finding some of its contents of considerable value, wrote a short sketch of it and this he read before the College, as also extracts from the work itself. The book is an elaborate defence of Freemasonry against the Papal Bull of Benedict XIV., and was published at the Hague in 1752. The defence is comprised in a series of supposititious letters, purporting to have been written by a Jesuit, each containing an argument logically worked out, and Frater Lukis announced that several leading Masons had offered to subscribe towards its publication. It was resolved that the College should contribute towards the expense, and receive copies for distribution amongst the members, and the Suffragan received the thanks of the College for his interesting communication. The scroll for Officers of the College for the year then took place with the following result:—Fratres J. Maffey IV. Celebrant, J. S. Cumberland Hon. VIII. Treasurer, E. P. Paterson V. P.A., C. L. Mason V. S.A., T. J. Wilkinson VI. T.A., E. Linck I. Q.A., R. W. Moore I. C. of N., A. T. B. Turner II. and J. Oates I. Heralds, C. R. Fry I. G. of the T., T. Trevor I. Torch Bearer, E. T. Clark I. Med., and T. W. Holmes VI. Org. The C.A. announced the death of the late Acolyte, Frater Redfare, and Frater Pearson was elected to the office. Frater Holmes having thanked the fratres for their kindness, during his year of office, then installed his successor, Fra. Maffey, and the Officers elect who were present assumed their respective chairs. The Treasurer's balance-sheet was audited and found satisfactory; and the Chief Adept announced that, according to instructions received from the High Council, he had conferred the grade of Honorary VIII. upon Frater J. S. Cumberland, in recognition of his valuable services to the Order. The names of four brethren were proposed as aspirants, and the College was closed at six o'clock p.m., the fratres subsequently partaking of high tea together, under the presidency of the Celebrant.

**HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.**—The Hour of Danger.—Disease commonly comes on with slight symptoms, which, if neglected, increase in severity, and thus become dangerous—a condition which betrays the grossest remissness. These Pills, taken in accordance with their accompanying directions, would not only have checked, but conquered the incipient disorder. Patients daily forward details of the most remarkable and instructive cases in which timely attention to Holloway's advice has undoubtedly saved them from severe illness. These Pills act primarily on the digestive organs, which they stimulate when slow and imperfect; and, secondly, upon the blood, which is thoroughly purified by them, whence is derived the general tone they impart, and their power of subjugating hypochondriacism, dyspepsia, and nervous complaints.

### CORRESPONDENCE.

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### ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

28th February 1882.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—I have the honour to inform you that H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, K.G., has been pleased to appoint Wednesday the 10th May (the usual day) as the date on which he will preside at the Ninety-fourth Anniversary Festival of this Institution.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

F. R. W. HEDGES,

Secretary.

### ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

2 Wood-street-square, London, E.C.

28th February 1882.

DEAR SIR,—I notice in your Analysis of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution Subscription List, in your last issue, that you attribute the amount of the list of the Mizpah Lodge, No. 1671, as the joint exertions of Bro. Morgan and myself. In justice to Bro. Morgan, allow me therefore to explain that I have no share whatever in the list of Lodge 1671, except contributing part of my qualification as Steward to it, which, if taken off, would still leave the list at the head of all the London Lodges. I would suggest the same disclaimer for Bro. J. Bejamin, whom you couple with Bro. Morgan in giving particulars of the lists, and who no doubt is meant for me.

I trust, in fairness to Bro. Morgan, to whom the entire credit is due for the success achieved by Lodge 1671, you will kindly insert this letter in your next issue, and remain,

Dear Sir,

Yours faithfully,

J. BERGMANN P.M. 1671.

### "LITTLE HERTS."

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I think this compact little Province owes you thanks for the kindly manner in which you have spoken of its exertions on behalf of our Charitable Institutions, and the encouragement you have held out towards it to increase, if possible, its support of those Charities. I am no longer a Herts Mason, and cannot therefore presume to speak in the name of the members of that Province, but all the same I consider your kindly notice should not be allowed to pass unrecognised.

By the way, a "happy thought" has just occurred to me. Why does not Bro. Terry try and get R.W. Bro. Halsey, M.P., the Grand Master of the Province, to act as Chairman at the next Festival of the R.M.B.I.? Bro. Halsey is popular, and if what has been done at the Festivals of the last eight years may be taken as a guide, might reckon with certainty on a still larger measure of support than has been accorded to other Provinces.

Fraternally yours,

A FORMER HERTS M.M.

### WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

*To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have been waiting, in the hope that some notice would ere this have been taken of the extraordinary circumstances mentioned in the report in your issue of the 18th ultimo of the meeting on the 10th ult. of the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766; and I consider it high time, and indeed essential to the future discipline of the Craft, that some steps should be adopted with a view to calling the attention of the authorities to flagrant misconduct, such as I firmly believe it has rarely, if ever before, been the duty of a Masonic journal to record. The circumstances, though most extraordinary, lie in a nutshell, and may be briefly described, so far at least as, in the absence of the Minute Books at the said meeting they could be given from memory by Bro. G. J. R. Tribbel P.M. 1287, who occupied the chair.

It appears that towards the end of January the Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction sent out to some, though, as the speaker (Bro. Tribbel) had been credibly informed, not all, the members the following notice:—

"Dear Sir and Brother,—At the next meeting of the above Lodge, on Friday, 3rd February, the following business will be brought forward:—Report of the 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."

The meeting on the 3rd ultimo was held accordingly, and a resolution submitted and "carried by a majority of the brethren present" to the effect—"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 Brother 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." These facts having been laid before the meeting of the 10th ult., together with the announcement that the furniture was in the hands of the auctioneer, and was to be—as indeed it was—sold the very next day—Saturday, the 11th ult., Bros. G. W. West P.M. 1287 S.W. and A. Braun P.M. P.Z. 766 J.W. severally proposed and seconded that the minutes of the 3rd ult. be not confirmed. Protest was made against the "undue haste and precipitancy" with which effect had been given to the resolution, as being "perfectly illegal and unconstitutional," and after some remarks from Bro. H. Moore, appointed Secretary *pro tem*, who pointed out that there was nothing in the Bye-Laws to warrant such proceedings, the minutes were unanimously not confirmed, and the meeting stood adjourned till Friday, the 17th ult., it being resolved, at an emergency meeting held in the interim, that the meetings should take place at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, Bryanston-square, on Friday evenings as usual. The brethren met, as arranged, on the 17th ult., and therefore the William Preston Lodge of Instruction exists still, if it does not flourish.

Now, Sir, let me at the outset call attention to the fact that the notice, as issued by the late Secretary for the meeting of 3rd of February, when it was agreed by a majority to discontinue the Lodge, is characterised by two very ugly features, which can only be set down in plain English as (1) a suppression of the truth, (2) a suggestion of the untruth. It says nothing about the "discontinuance" of the Lodge, but hints that the presence of members is requested, as the business to be transacted "may affect the fortune of the Lodge." So much for the "suppression of the truth;" the "suggestion of the untruth" will be found in that part of the notice describing the business that will be brought forward, where it is distinctly stated that after "the Report of the Audit Committee" had been taken, the "election of Officers" would be proceeded with, and that, before the "other important business connected with the Lodge" which, it was suggested, might "affect the fortune of the Lodge." Now, in my opinion, it is impossible not to arrive at one or other of two conclusions. Either the notice was written, through ignorance, in so bungling a fashion as not to convey the meaning of what was intended; or, the adoption of the "*suppressio veri, suggestio falsi*" was deliberate.

Now as to the unconstitutionality of the whole proceedings. I will not trouble you with any reference to the Book of Constitutions, but will content myself with pointing out that, according to Bro. H. Moore, acting temporarily as Secretary, "the fourth Bye-law" of the Lodge distinctly sets forth "that the minutes of the Lodge should be presented by the Secretary for confirmation on the following meeting night." Thus, in defiance of this very Bye-law, the resolution of the majority was carried into effect instantly, without waiting for the confirmation, and the Lodge chattels, despatched forthwith to the auctioneer, have been disposed of with an "undue haste and precipitancy" which cannot be too strongly condemned.

Whether, even if I overlook the confirmation of the minutes, as required by the Lodge Regulation specified by Bro. Moore, it is legally competent for any member, short of the whole number of members of any Lodge of Instruction, on withdrawing from it, as they have a perfect right to do, to dispose of the property of the Lodge in question, I shall leave for others better versed in Masonic law than I am to determine. But if the same rule applies to Lodges of Instruction as to regular Lodges, then I submit, with all deference, that a majority, no matter how large it may be, has no such right. At p 71 of the Book of Constitutions it is clearly enough laid down that—

"Should the majority of any Lodge determine to retire from it, the power of assembling remains with the rest of the members who adhere to their allegiance: but if all the members of a Lodge withdraw, the warrant becomes extinct."

Now, in the absence of the minutes, and so far as can be gathered from the record, it was only "a majority of the brethren present" at the meeting in question—which was not necessarily a majority of the members—which passed the resolution for discontinuing the Lodge and disposing of its property, and it is manifestly this more "majority" which is responsible for the action that was taken immediately afterwards. If, however, according to the above Constitution, any number of members elect to remain in the Lodge, the warrant remains in force, and, *ipso facto*, it seems to me, the Lodge retains its interest in its property, which does not belong to any section of the members, however superior in numbers, but to the Lodge in its corporate capacity. In that case, the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, being still in existence, and meeting constitutionally under the warrant granted by its parent Lodge, has the right to demand from the seceding majority, which has acted unconstitutionally, the restoration of its furniture and jewels, or their equivalent in money.

There are other points to which I should wish to call the attention of your readers, but I fear I have already trespassed too far upon their patience and your valuable space. So I subscribe myself,

Fraternally yours,

Q.

## THE LATE GRAND SECRETARY CHEEVER.

*Read in Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, at its last Annual Convocation, by Comp. Alfred F. Chapman.*

FOR twenty-five years the figure of Tracy Patch Cheever remained a central one among Freemasons of all grades in Chelsea, and for a large proportion of that time was quite as conspicuous in Masonic circles throughout the Commonwealth. Coming from an old family, he was well-born, of manly character, and cultivated intellect, so that it may be said of him truthfully, he was "first among his equals," without in any whit detracting from the graces of those with whom he was peer.

His father was Ira, son of Ezekiel Cheever, author of a Latin grammar, and who lived at a period extending from about 1660 to 1724. His mother was Martha Safford, of Hamilton, widow of Capt. Henry Patch, of Salem, a granddaughter of Capt. John Whipple, an officer in the Revolution, and at one time an aide of Washington, and to this latter town his parents removed when Tracy was about six weeks old, he being born in Marblehead, the home of the Cheevers, on 28th March 1824.

Tracy graduated from the Salem High and Latin Schools, in Salem, and from Brown University, in Providence, R.I., in 1843; he soon after commenced the study of the law, was admitted to the bar, and to practice in the county and town where his parents resided. His family removed to Chelsea, in 1846, thither Tracy followed them, where his subsequent life became as familiar to his neighbours as an open book.

In 1852-3, he was the private secretary of the Hon. F. B. Fay, Representative in Congress from Massachusetts. In 1862, and again in 1865, he was a member of the Legislature of the Commonwealth, and of the Senate in 1868. His interest in the social and civil affairs of Chelsea was active and enduring. For a number of years he was chairman of the School Committee, and in 1865 was elected City Solicitor; he was also at one period a member of the Board of Aldermen. In each of these places he was scholarly and systematic, and had his will coincided, his fellow-citizens would gladly have bestowed on him their highest local gifts.

During the summer of 1862, he recruited Company C, of the Thirty-fifth Regiment, and was mustered into service in Chelsea, 13th August of that year, with the rank of Captain. He served with his Regiment at South Mountain, and at Antietam in September following, and at the latter place was so seriously injured by concussion from the explosion of a shell near him, that he was discharged for disability on the 23rd day of June 1863. From the effects of this shock he never fully recovered, nor can there be any doubt that it was a contributing agency to his final sudden dissolution.

He received Masonic light in Star of Bethlehem Lodge, in Chelsea, first, on 22nd November 1854; second, 27th December 1854; third, 24th January 1855. Of this Lodge he was Master in 1860, dimitted therefrom 18th December 1867, to become a charter member of Robert Lash Lodge, and was complimented by his mother Lodge, which elected him an Honorary Member, 15th January 1868.

The Grand Lodge elected him Junior Grand Warden in 1871.

He was made a Royal Arch Mason in the Royal Arch Chapter of Shekinah, on 15th February 1856, while that body was working U.D.; was its first High Priest under the Charter; served for 1857-8-9, and was elected an Honorary Member, 28th March 1860. His ability was promptly recognised in the Grand R.A. Chapter of the Commonwealth, which elected him Deputy Grand High Priest in 1857.

The degrees in Cryptic Masonry were conferred upon him in East Boston Council of R. and S. Masters, and he became a petitioner and charter member of Naphtaly Council, in Chelsea, 1st May 1869, and was its first Thrice Illustrious Master. Of this body he was made an Honorary Member, 26th May 1871.

The Orders of Knighthood were conferred upon him in De Molay Commandery, of Boston, but he at once engaged, with others, to organise Palestine Commandery of Knights Templar, in Chelsea, was its Eminent Commander in 1865-6, and was made an Honorary Member 7th April 1869.

In 1878, the death of the then Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts caused a vacancy in that office, which Brother Cheever was admirably qualified to fill; this the sagacity of M.W. Grand Master Welch at once perceived, and from then to the time of his death, he more fully demonstrated how well he was equipped to be what he really was, a courteous, intelligent, and able Grand Secretary. The last Masonic act of his life was in the discharge of his duty in office. He had accompanied the M.W. Grand Master, and other Officers of the Grand Lodge, to North Easton, on Tuesday, the 22nd day of November last, to assist in dedicating new Masonic apartments, erected for the use of Paul Dean Lodge. The assemblage of ladies and brethren was a brilliant one; the elegance of the apartments, the display of flowers, the banquet, and the speeches which followed, all contributed to make the occasion one long to be remembered in the society annals of the town. The Grand Secretary had completed his record of the official ceremonies, and retired to one of the ante-rooms, when it soon became apparent that he was really ill. The attack was preceded by some premonition, its severity was manifest at about 10 o'clock, and soon he lay without any faculty or power to help himself, until on the next day, at ten minutes past three o'clock, the gate of death was opened, and an immortal passed beyond. Medical skill, brotherly and affectionate care, faith, hope, love, these and more were alike in vain; his hour of dissolution had come.

A messenger was despatched for Mrs. Cheever, and she was conveyed by special train on Wednesday morning, to her stricken husband; by his side, and under the shadow of death, the scene was a sad one; but if consciousness of anything to him remained, it

must have touched his parting thoughts with a strain of sweetness to have her see how faithfully his brethren cared for him, how much they loved him, and that their wishes and their prayers followed him on the wings of love to the Lodge Celestial.

The body was conveyed to his home in Chelsea, on the day of his death, and on Saturday following, after a touching eulogy by his former associate, as Chaplain in the Star of Bethlehem Lodge, the Rev. Dr. Leonard, Professor in Tufts College, the Burial Service was performed in the Church of the Redeemer, by the Grand Lodge, Grand Master Lawrence and Bro. Leonard leading as Master and Chaplain.

The loss of Bro. Cheever is a positive one to Freemasonry in Massachusetts; to its aid he brought sound learning, a clear intellect, and an honest purpose. As a student and scholar, he was always painstaking, diligent in research, and elaborate in presenting his subject; as a writer, he was copious, versatile, and pleasant; as a speaker, he was fluent, and when occasion prompted, impressive; whatever subject he discussed, he also adorned, and the products of his mind bore the imprint of the Master. In his intercourse with the world, and with his brethren, he was kind beyond the average, truthful beyond question, guided by knowledge, controlled by good judgment, and possessed of the courage of his convictions, and now that his tongue is mute, and his pen lies motionless, we gaze after our Brother in contemplation of his virtues. Loving him for what he was, we turn toward his vacant chair, and see that it will be long before those who knew him can look upon it without a sigh of regret.—*Liberal Freemason.*

#### FORTITUDE LODGE OF MARK MASTER MASONS, No. 66.

At the meeting held at the Temple, Plymouth, Bro. Admiral F. H. H. Glase, C.B., P.P.G.S.W. of Devon, was unanimously elected as Master, and V.W. Bro. S. Jew P.M. P.P.G.M.O. as Treasurer. The installation meeting is appointed to be held on Friday, 10th inst., at the Temple, after which the annual dinner will be held at Bro. Symon's (Harvey's) Hotel.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction, will deliver his reading, explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree, at the United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507, at the Meeting to be held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, on Friday evening, 10th March 1882. Bro. J. W. Watts P.M. of the mother Lodge will occupy the chair. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock p.m., and the attendance of brethren is earnestly solicited.

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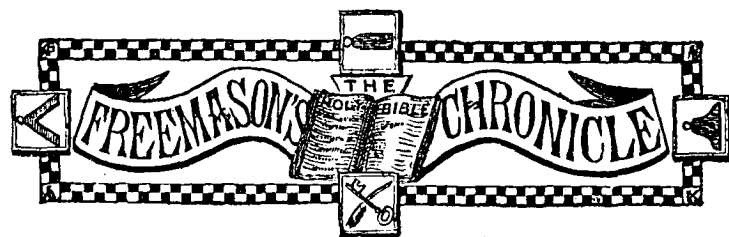
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## UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge was held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, London, under the presidency of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master.

Grand Lodge having been opened, the Grand Secretary read the minutes of last Grand Lodge.

Bro. Philbrick said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, before the minutes are confirmed may I ask Grand Secretary, with regard to the grant to the Benevolent Institution, what are the funds at the command of this Grand Lodge?

The Grand Secretary replied that the sum referred to amounted to about £15,000.

Bro. Philbrick: Then I rise to move that so much of the minutes as relate to the grant for the Benevolent Institution be not confirmed. I cannot but think that before this Grand Lodge makes an additional grant of £800 a year to the Benevolent Institution, brethren ought to be in a position to know what is the income of Grand Lodge, what are its funds, how those funds are invested, what is the permanent source of revenue; whether or not, in the position of the Craft, it is a matter of prudence and propriety to make such a large grant at the present time. Lately the funds of Grand Lodge have been directed to be placed in Government Stock, and if the amount is £15,000 or £16,000 that would make an income of something like £500 a year. Grand Lodge has already subscribed £300 to the Boys' School—(No, no)—£150 to the Boys' School, and a like sum to the Girls' School, and a sum of £300 to the Benevolent Institution. The purport of the original motion was that, the Funds of Grand Lodge and the Fund of Benevolence should pay an additional £800 a year, and I venture to say that no one was more surprised than the proposer that this motion was carried. I feel quite persuaded that many of the brethren who voted for the motion believed that the funds were very different from the statement of the Grand Secretary to-night. It is quite true that no one would desire more than this Grand Lodge that the Institution should be well supported, and that it should not be deprived of a single penny, that we could with propriety and prudence grant, but how can we, a body of Masons who charge every initiate entering our body to let prudence direct his steps, not only give away more than the actual income of the property of the fund, but also pledge and mortgage future income, which is, as it were, to draw a bill upon the future? Is it not right and fair before we do so, before we commit this Grand Lodge to an annual expenditure—to such an expenditure as £800, besides the £800 already granted—that we should have a statement laid before us. I shall not be one to oppose it if it can be done prudently; not



merely to gratify the benevolent ideas of a brother who has moved or seconded it, but acting as business people with prudence in managing our concerns. I have already detained you too long. (No, no.) Before I had opened my mouth I was convinced that my words would be unpopular. Charity is one of our great and essential principles, and brotherly love is one of our principles, too; so is relief. We must remember that Masonry does not consist in charity only; and, therefore, I ask you not to confirm so much of the minutes as relates to this grant, and not to commit us to it until we know exactly what we have, what the claims upon it are, so that we may be in a position to judge before we commit ourselves to the grant.

Bro. J. M. Clabon seconded the motion. When the original motion was voted he had confined his attention to the Fund of Benevolence. He doubted whether the General Purposes Fund could afford it. He thought that the Grand Lodge was taken by surprise; he did not think that they had sufficient materials before them, and it was desirable that these should be furnished.

Bro. Raynham W. Stewart P.G.D. defended the vote, and said there was plenty of money to meet it.

Bro. Sir John Monckton said: Most Worshipful Grand Master, I shall say but a very few words. I do not think G. Lodge should be led away with the idea that the votes themselves are of any special value. Bro. Stewart says that we get so many votes from the Institution, and he would have us infer that candidates came in in response to those votes, but whether they give you two votes for a Lodge or ten votes for a Lodge it makes no difference. There are twenty-five old men and twenty-five old ladies to be elected, and it makes no difference what is the number of votes by which they are elected. There can be no possible harm in the brethren knowing precisely what they have got. If Bro. Philbrick is wrong, the proposed Committee will put the matter right. I believe I know pretty well, being the Chairman of the Board of General Purposes, what we have got, but I could not say exactly—I should have to look and search. It seems to me most fairly suggested that there should be a Committee. Let that be done; there will be no harm done between this and June, but a fair and honest and business-like result will be come to.

The Earl of Carnarvon: Brethren, it has been moved and seconded that so much of the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication as refer to this question be omitted for the purpose, as I understand, of appointing a Committee to take the whole matter into consideration, and report to the next Quarterly Communication. Before proceeding to the nomination of the Committee I shall now put the rest of the minutes for confirmation.

This having been done, Bro. Philbrick said: The matter being referred to a Committee, I propose Bros. Raynham W. Stewart, General Brownrigg, the President of the Board of General Purposes, the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Treasurer, to report to next Quarterly Communication what is the whole income of this Grand Lodge, what are the demands we have at present to meet with it, so that we may see how far the money will go. Bro. Raynham W. Stewart seconded the motion. The Earl of Carnarvon said: The brethren would perceive that the motion, now submitted to Grand Lodge is upon the understanding that a report is to be submitted to Grand Lodge at next Quarterly Meeting. The motion is that the Committee, whose names you have heard, be appointed.

The motion was put and carried by a large majority.

Dr. Alfred Meadows P.G.S. proposed the re-election of the Prince of Wales as Most Worshipful Grand Master, and in the course of his speech compared the state of Freemasonry, with regard to the number of Lodges for which warrants had been granted, and the contributions to the Charitable Institutions of the Order, five years preceding His Royal Highness's reign, with the same events five years succeeding his Grand Mastership. Of Lodge warrants, they were 228 as against 327; and of subscriptions to the Institutions, they were £130,000 as against £200,000. This result he attributed to the moral worth and influence which His Royal Highness had exercised on the Order. The motion was seconded by Under-Sheriff Baylis, and carried amidst loud applause. Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter) then proclaimed His Royal Highness, by all his titles, Grand Master of Freemasons.

Bro. E. A. Pontifex, P.M. No. 2, proposed Colonel Creaton as Grand Treasurer, and regretted not only his absence, but more especially the cause of that absence—the death of his wife the day before.

Bro. F. Binckes seconded the motion, which was carried amidst great cheering.

The Grand Secretary read the correspondence which had passed between himself and the American Minister, in relation to the vote of condolence with the United States and Mrs. Garfield, passed at last Grand Lodge. On the motion of the Earl of Carnarvon, seconded by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, it was ordered to be entered on the minutes.

The next business was the confirmation of the grants by the Lodge of Benevolence, and Bro. Clabon, in seconding the first grant, which was proposed by Bro. Joshua Nunn, drew the attention of the brethren to the fact that the Lodge had exceeded its income last year by £2,000. Not opposing, but rather supporting generous gifts, he reminded Grand Lodge that, as this necessitated drawing on the capital of the Fund of Benevolence, some £45,000, if they proceeded in that way the capital must necessarily be at some time exhausted, and he suggested, as a way out of the difficulty that the quarterages of the London brethren should be increased from 4s to 6s a year, and of the country brethren from 2s to 3s. Grants to the amount of some £1,100 were then confirmed. A long discussion arose on the report of the Board of General Purposes with regard to the suggested new mode of taking the votes of Grand Lodge on a division, but in the end, after various other suggestions had been made, the matter was referred back to the Board, and the consideration postponed till June. Bro. Joshua Nunn's motion for altering the hour of meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence from six o'clock in the evening to four in the afternoon was almost unanimously rejected, and a

similar result was arrived at with respect to Bro. G. P. Britten's proposals to have every petition for relief in Grand Secretary's office seven days instead of three before the meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, and to have a list of all petitioners sent to every Lodge on the Saturday preceding such meeting. The motion was not only opposed, but strongly condemned by Bro. J. M. Clabon, who maintained that the strictest secrecy should be observed with respect to applicants for relief. Bro. Frederick Davison, W.M. No. 10, proposed that the Lodge of Benevolence should meet twice, instead of once a month, at six in the evening, but this motion was also lost. Grand Lodge was then closed.

The great meeting to promote the establishment of a Royal College of Music for the British Empire, was held on Tuesday, in the banqueting Hall of St. James's Palace. The chair was taken by the Prince of Wales, who was supported by, among others, the Dukes of Edinburgh and Albany P.G.W. England, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Duke of Westminster, the Earl of Lathom D.G.M. England, Earl Spencer, K.G., Earl of Rosebery, Cardinal Manning, Bro. the Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Wallace, M.P., Bro. Carl Rosa. His Royal Highness made an eloquent speech, setting forth at considerable length the objects of the proposed College, and the amount of support already promised. A resolution to take the necessary steps to promote the establishment of a national school of music was proposed by the Duke of Edinburgh, seconded by the Archbishop of Canterbury, and carried by acclamation. A vote of thanks to the Prince of Wales, for presiding, having been proposed by Mr. W. E. Gladstone, M.P., seconded by Sir Stafford Northcote, M.P., was similarly carried, and the proceedings then terminated. Among the sums already promised are, the Queen £500, the Prince of Wales £250, the Duke of Edinburgh £250, the Duke of Connaught £100, the Duke of Albany £100, H.M.'s Commissioners of the Great Exhibition £500 per annum, Sir Richard Wallace, M.P., £1,000, Mr. Samuel Morley, M.P., £1,000, Messrs. Robert Cocks & Co. £1,000, Messrs. Collard and Collard £1,000, the Duke of Westminster £500, Sir Donald Currie, M.P., £500, Bro. Rosa £100. The building erected by Mr. Freaque has also been presented to the Prince of Wales for the use of the College, and the Commission of 1851 have promised the ground on which to erect the College.

The William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, has removed to the Jacob's Well, George street, Manchester Square. The first meeting will be held there on Friday, the 10th March, at 8 p.m.

#### CARNARVON CHAPTER, No. 804.

THE installation meeting of this Chapter was held on Tuesday, the 21st ult. Present—Comps. E. E. Street Z., T. Francis H., J. N. Hillman P.Z. as J.; P.Z.'s H. M. Green, H. R. Trigg, J. Harrison; Comps. W. Dart E., J. J. Field N., J. Collings, W. Blackmore Janitor. Visitors—Comps. H. Tuohy P.Z. 257, R. J. Tierney P.Z. 342, J. C. Arlidge 548, Comp. Tierney Installing Principal. Comp. T. Francis H. was installed in ancient form as Z., Comp. H. M. Green P.Z. as H., and W. Dart as J. The M.E.Z. then invested the Officers, as follow: Comps. Elverston (unavoidably absent) S.E., J. J. Field S.N., J. N. Hillman P.Z. P.S. and Treas., Wm. Blackmore Janitor. A vote of thanks was unanimously awarded to Comp. P.Z. Tierney for the very able manner in which he had performed the duties of Installing Principal. The Comps. afterwards adjourned to the Bear Hotel, where the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts were honoured. They passed a pleasant evening.

Metropolitan Chapter, No. 1507.—A convocation of this Chapter was being held on Thursday evening, at Anderton's Hotel, when the news of the attempted assassination of her Majesty was received. Companion W. M. Stiles M.E.Z., at the banquet which followed, in proposing the health of Her Majesty, said he felt he was speaking the sentiments of the Freemasons of England, and particularly of the Royal Arch Masons, when he stated how much they all deplored the dastardly attempt which had that day been made upon the life of the Queen. It was a matter of the greatest national satisfaction that that attempt had been unsuccessful. They were all glad to find that the villain—which, he thought, was far too mild a term to apply to the would-be assassin—had been arrested upon the spot. Her Majesty had so endeared herself to the hearts of her people that such an attempt upon her life was held in universal detestation. He trusted that she might long be spared in health and happiness to reign over a free and united people. Companions Hudson H., and Henry Stiles J., with other Principals of the Chapter, concurred heartily in these sentiments, as did the Companions generally, and Her Majesty's health was drunk with more than the customary enthusiasm.—Daily Telegraph.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 4th MARCH.

- 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney  
 1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.  
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 140—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.  
 1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent  
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

## MONDAY, 6th MARCH.

- 12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)  
 72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
 141—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 174—Sincerity, Ship Tavern, Hart-street, Mark Lane, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)  
 188—Joppa, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 7. (Inst.)  
 1623—West Smithfield, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)  
 1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand  
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Trocadero, Broad Street Buildings, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 139—Pannure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell.

- 37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
 53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
 119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.)  
 133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
 154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
 156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
 236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford  
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebden Bridge  
 338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
 381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge (Instruction)  
 395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
 431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
 441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
 478—Churchill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
 482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
 597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead  
 622—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
 1009—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
 1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
 1051—Rowley, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
 1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
 1124—St. Oswald, Wynn's Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
 1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
 1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
 1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax.  
 1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
 1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea.  
 1578—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
 1674—Caradoc, Town Hall, Rhyl  
 1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
 1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester.  
 R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
 R.A. 874—Holmesdale, Royal Sussex Hotel, Tunbridge Wells

## TUESDAY, 7th MARCH.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.  
 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 55—Consolidated, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)  
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
 101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 166—Union, Criterion, W.  
 172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 253—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey  
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)  
 765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
 1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.  
 1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road  
 1261—Golden Rule, Cat's Royal, Regent-street, W  
 1293—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington  
 1347—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1367—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)  
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington.  
 1397—Anchorley, Thicket Hotel, Anchorley  
 1446—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  
 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.)  
 1668—Samson, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1693—Kingsland, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, Islington

- 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (Inst.)  
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 8.30  
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

- 70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
 117—Wynn's, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
 153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
 209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
 226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
 248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
 265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
 364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon  
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
 403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford.  
 413—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax  
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.  
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 695—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle  
 702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire  
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch  
 794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
 1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
 1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)  
 1489—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
 1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle  
 1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
 R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
 R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.

## WEDNESDAY, 8th MARCH.

- Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3  
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich  
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth.  
 147—Justice, White Swan, High-street, Deptford  
 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)  
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)  
 720—Pannure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street  
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.  
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
 820—Lily, Greyhound, Richmond  
 864—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1278—Burdett Count's, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
 1308—St. John of Wapping, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C.  
 1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)  
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea  
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct  
 1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
 1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)  
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)  
 R.A. 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 M.M. Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 7 (Instruction)

- 54—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheetham-street, Rochdale  
 125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent  
 128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 146—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton  
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire  
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton  
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich  
 274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester  
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster  
 288—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden  
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.  
 387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley  
 493—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend  
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick  
 696—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon  
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop  
 666—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor  
 750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleekeaton  
 759—Ellesmere, Masonic Hall, Runcorn, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 851—Worthing of Friendship, Steyne Hotel, Worthing.  
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford.  
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Shaw, near Oldham.  
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
 1018—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.  
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.  
 1080—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tainworth.  
 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley.  
 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading  
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate.  
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough.  
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1312—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle.  
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 149 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool  
 1393—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness  
 1493—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk  
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham.  
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham.  
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
 1520—Earl Surewary, Public Rooms, Cannock, Stafford.  
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
 1582—Islandicos, Trewythen Arms, Islandicos  
 1628—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.  
 1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Sloughwaite  
 1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex  
 R.A. 24—De Swinburne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcas  
 R.A. 409—Stortford, Chequers Inn, Bishop's Stortford.  
 R.A. 760—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford.

M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.  
M.M. 174—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.  
M.M. 192—St. Cuthbert, Masonic Hall, The Parade, Berwick.

**THURSDAY, 9th MARCH.**

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7. (Instruction)  
19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)  
233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
840—Dalhousie, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
870—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
892—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30. (Inst.)  
1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8. (Inst.)  
1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell  
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington Road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30. (Inst.)  
1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford Street, W.C., at 7.45 (Inst.)  
1642—Earl of Carharvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
1791—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow  
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. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes.  
97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.  
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)  
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden  
216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunenton  
469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.  
732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial-street, Batley  
991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire.  
1093—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tradeagar, Mon.  
1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Ascrington.  
1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1201—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne.  
1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala.  
1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk.  
1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.  
1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill  
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley  
1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
1593—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn.  
1612—West Middlesex, Feathers' Hotel, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester.  
1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colchell.  
R.A. 286—Strength, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.  
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Heyden Bridge  
R.A. 337—Confidence, Commercial Inn, Uppermill  
R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport.  
R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
M.M. 1—St. John's, Commercial Hotel, Bolton.  
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

**FRIDAY, 10th MARCH.**

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)  
33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)  
764—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)  
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, 7.30. (Instruction)  
834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
1154—Belgrave, Jermy-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)  
36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.  
682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.  
697—United, George Hotel Colchester.  
815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate  
1047—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield  
1259—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
1536—United Military, Masonic Hall, Plumstead.  
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street

**SATURDAY, 11th MARCH.**

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
198—Ferry, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1391—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond

- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)  
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
1686—Paxton, Crystal Palace, Sydenham  
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct.  
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester

**INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.****ROYAL SOMERSET HOUSE AND INVERNESS LODGE, No. 4.**

AT Freemasons' Hall, on Monday evening, 27th ult., the annual meeting of this Lodge was held, when Bro. the Rev. Henry Lausdell Grand Steward, and Past Prov. Grand Chaplain Devon, (author of "Through Siberia") was installed Worshipful Master. The ceremony was impressively performed by Bro. Dr. Alfred Meadows P.M. P.G.S. Among those who sat down to banquet, at which there was a numerous attendance of guests, as well as of members of the Lodge, were the following Grand Officers:—Bros. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, J. A. Rucker, P. de Lande Long, and R. F. Gould Past Grand Deacons, J. L. Thomas Past Grand Assistant Director of Ceremonies, and W. Ganz Past Grand Organist. A large number of Grand Stewards and Past Grand Stewards were also present, and visitors from the Grand Stewards' Lodge, Grand Masters' Lodge, No. 1, Antiquity, Prince of Wales, Britannic, and other Lodges. During the evening a piano-forte solo was given by Bro. W. Ganz Past Organist of the Lodge, and glees, &c., were sung by Bro. Stedman's choir boys and others. The Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodge ante-dates the Grand Lodge of England, and its early records show that in the last, and at the commencement of the present century, many of the nobility belonged to this Lodge, while, with the Antiquity, it is still peculiar, inasmuch as it acts without a warrant from Grand Lodge, doing so "by immemorial constitution."

**ROYAL UNION LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 382.**

IN accordance with an announcement we made last week, the members of this Lodge of Instruction assembled on Monday evening, at six o'clock, at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when the Rt. Wor. the Provincial Grand Master for Middlesex, Sir Francis Burdett, honoured the brethren with a visit. The chair was taken by Bro. H. E. Tucker, Preceptor of the Lodge of Instruction; he was supported by Bros. E. Cotton S.W., E. J. Acworth 1612 J.W., Garard S.D., Rowles J.D., Andrews P.M. I.G., Duffin Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and minutes of previous meeting were read, confirmed and signed. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Fleming being the candidate. At this stage of the proceedings the Prov. Grand Master arrived; he was accompanied by Bro. J. Sampson Peirce Junior Grand Deacon of England, Bro. W. Burdett 1293, and others, and was formally received and saluted according to his rank. Bro. Tucker tendered the Master's gavel, but Sir Francis directed him to proceed with the business. Bro. Tucker then announced that Bro. Morgan would read a short Paper on "Women in Freemasonry," which was immediately done, much to the gratification of all present. Sir Francis expressed his appreciation of Bro. Morgan's efforts, and said he could personally testify to the accuracy of the statements made in reference to his relative the Baroness Burdett-Countess and the Lodge (No. 1278) which bore her name. He then addressed the brethren, and referred to the fact that their Lodge being situated in an extreme part of the Province, where access was somewhat difficult for him—unless he came through the metropolis—had doubtless in some measure prevented him being with them so frequently as he could have desired. However, he had a lively and pleasant recollection that the members of the Royal Union Lodge had taken a very active part at the time when he was nominated to preside over the Province of Middlesex. He was intensely gratified with the way in which the duties of Freemasonry were being conducted here, and looked forward to increased facilities for lessening at no very distant date the time the journey would take. Sir Francis expressed his regret that his other engagements would not permit of a long stay on the present, but he should be much gratified in meeting the members on a future occasion. The R.W. Prov. G. Master soon after left the Lodge amid the applause of all present. The brethren were then called off for refreshment. On resuming their Masonic duties, on the motion of Bro. Tucker, it was unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks, to be recorded on the minutes, be sent to the Prov. Grand Master, thanking him for attending. The case of a distressed Brother was then brought before the Lodge, and a subscription was made by the brethren for the relief of immediate necessities. Bro. E. J. Acworth, of Ealing, who on several occasions has rendered signal service to the brethren, was then elected an honorary member of the Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Past Master Andrews rose, he said that all present could but have been edified and instructed by the interesting Paper read on this occasion by their esteemed honorary member, Bro. Morgan. He (Bro. Andrews) had not hitherto had an opportunity of listening to any of Brother Morgan's lectures, but he was much struck with the ability they displayed. He had great pleasure in proposing a vote of thanks for the service rendered. In acknowledging this compliment Bro. Morgan explained that he was indebted in the main to Bro. T. B. Whythead, of York, for the material from which he had prepared this paper. Bro. Whythead and many other distinguished Craftsmen with whom he was acquainted would be ready to assist any brother who felt inclined to prepare similar papers, which he was convinced would be equally



appreciated. Bro. Catlin was appointed to preside at the next meeting, and after the reading, by the Secretary, of some letters and telegrams, Lodge was closed. In addition to those already named there were present—Bros. H. L. Duke 227, E. H. Sagg P.M. 454, Weeden P.M., Stephens 1612, H. Woodbridge 1612, Nye 1612, C. E. Botley 780, Phillips, Lambert, Nicholson, Taplin, Brooks (Sec.), &c.

#### BURGOYNE LODGE, No. 902.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 27th ultimo, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street. There was a very large attendance, nearly eighty brethren being present, among them being Bros. George Wale W.M., F. J. C. Taylor I.P.M., George Gabb S.W., W. Wilkins J.W., Samuel Poynter Treasurer, H. C. Jefferys Secretary, G. D. Bundy S.D.; Past Masters H. A. Pocock, S. J. Byng, R. H. Harvey, R. A. Field, G. Brooks, Henry Smith, and the following Visitors:—Bros. R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, T. F. Harvey S.D. 174, C. Salter 1743, J. J. Berry P.M. 954, G. T. Clayton J.W. 1872, H. Perks I.G. 209, T. S. Watts P.M. 916, W. Williams S.D. 1791, James Stevens P.M. 1426, John L. Mather P.P.G.D.C. Herts, T. Crapper 211, W. H. Richards 476, T. Drewett 20, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, J. Fidler M.C. 1550, R. W. Watson 1702, C. Walser 538, J. Phillips 256, A. J. Berry Secretary 1695, F. G. Longley P.M. 1261, J. B. Poole P.M. and Secretary 27, H. J. Gabb P.M. 813, J. Drewett 1638, J. J. Pike 73, R. Baverstock 177, J. Edwards J.D. 1662, A. F. Inman Steward 1662. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, it was advanced, and Bros. Bradley and Oliver were raised. Bro. Bean was next passed, and then the ballot was taken for four candidates for initiation and one for joining. All were accepted, and in due course Messrs. James Phillips, Henry Moss, Richard Aubrey, Bonner, and William Ashby were admitted to a participation in the mysteries of the Craft. Lodge was called off, and on the resumption of business Bro. George Gabb, the W.M. elect, was presented and duly obligated. He was then regularly installed, and appointed the following brethren as his Officers, viz., Bros. Wilkins S.W., Bundy J.W., Poynter P.M. Treasurer, Jefferys P.M. Secretary, Battie S.D., Williams J.D., Groom I.G., Norrington and Castell Stewards, Field P.M. M.C. A notice of motion for next meeting was given, and then the Master closed the Lodge. Banquet, served in really first-rate style, in the Pillar Hall, followed, Bro. F. Clemov personally superintending. At the conclusion of the repast, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen and the Craft, which was followed by that of the Grand Master and the Grand Officers. Bro. Wale I.P.M. then assumed the gavel. He considered it a very pleasing duty to be called upon to propose the health of the W.M. All he could wish was that he might pass as happy a year as that he just gone through. The toast was well received, and after a song the W.M. replied. He tendered his thanks. As he said last month, when the brethren were kind enough to elect him to the office of Master, he hoped their confidence would not be misplaced. He should do his utmost to perform the work of the office creditably, and in a manner that should meet the approval of the brethren. The working of the Burgoyne Lodge had for many years past been performed creditably, and he hoped to be able to maintain the reputation the Lodge had acquired. When he was initiated, by Bro. P.M. Field, he made up his mind to try for the office of Worshipful Master. Nothing would be left undone on his part to render the brethren happy, not only in Lodge but afterwards. He hoped he might be as successful as his predecessors in the office of W.M. He then proposed the health of the I.P.M. He felt this was a toast that would be gratifying to every brother in the room. If one man more than another deserved his health proposed, it was their I.P.M. The way in which he had performed his work was highly creditable. He had worked throughout the past year, without needing any aid from his Past Masters. Before putting this toast to the meeting, the W.M. had a very pleasing duty, one of the most pleasing he had had to perform since he had been a member of this Lodge, and that was to present to his predecessor the Past Master's jewel that had been voted by the brethren. He must not accept it for its intrinsic value alone, but rather receive it as a memento of the good feeling that was felt by each brother towards their I.P.M. The W.M. hoped his predecessor might be among them for many years, to add lustre to the Burgoyne Lodge. The I.P.M. tendered his thanks, both for the way in which the toast had been received, and also for the jewel which the brethren had presented him, he should always wear the gift with pride. He felt the brethren all knew how much he had the interests of the Burgoyne Lodge at heart; he could assure them he should never fail to further its interests whenever he had the opportunity. The Master then gave the toast of the Initiates. This toast was one always well received in a Masonic Lodge, but particularly so when they had to welcome four such brethren as those admitted to the Burgoyne Lodge that night. The Master felt the Lodge had every reason to be proud of them, and he trusted they would each become worthy members of the Lodge, and at the same time good Masons, for he was always of opinion that it was impossible for any one to be a good Mason and at the same time a bad man. In conclusion he could but express a hope that the brethren admitted that night might reap advantage from the step they had taken. Each of the initiates replied. Bro. Phillips hoped he and his brother initiates might do all that was expected of them. Bro. Moss said he had always believed in the brotherhood of mankind, but never before had he seen it so fully amplified as he had done that night. It would be his endeavour to make such progress in Freemasonry as one day to attain the office the W.M. then occupied. Bro. Bonner followed. Bro. Ashby felt that nothing would give him greater pleasure than to rise to the position of Master of the Lodge, a post he hoped one day to attain. The health of the Visitors was next given from the Chair. The W.M. assured the guests, in the name of the Lodge, that nothing gave them greater pleasure than to welcome the brethren present that night. They hoped the Visitors were pleased with

what they had seen in Lodge, and satisfied with what had followed. Bros. Mather, Stevens, Drewett, Morgan, Gabb, and Longley replied, after which the W.M. proposed the Past Masters. The P.M.'s, one and all, were pleased to do all they could for the Lodge. It was not in many Lodges such a number of brethren who had passed the chair were present as was the case that night; the Master felt pleased to see them. They had been a credit to the Lodge in the past, and he hoped they might long continue so. Bro. Harvey, the oldest P.M., replied. He referred to the presence at the opening of the Lodge that day of some half dozen of the Past Masters—a fact which he considered reflected great credit on the body. He and his brother P.M.'s were very pleased to see the Lodge in so prosperous a state, and hoped it would ever continue the same successful career. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and that by the Tyler brought the proceedings to a close. Some excellent songs, and a recitation by Bro. P.M. Field, added greatly to the enjoyment of the brethren.

#### CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 23rd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street. Bros. J. Waugh W.M., J. Hammond S.W., Eastgate J.W., J. E. Shand P.M. Treasurer, E. J. Scott P.M. Secretary, G. Jones S.D., H. Lee J.D., W. C. Smith I.G., Hill Steward, Hoare Organist, B. H. Swallow P.M., White P.M. Lodge having been opened and advanced, Bros. Hofman and Radcliffe were raised to the third degree, Bro. J. Barney, No. 1567, was elected as a joining member, and the ballot was taken for the admission of Messrs. W. F. Gourlie, R. D. Armstrong and T. Bates; this proving unanimous in their favour, they were initiated into the Order. The widow of a deceased brother was relieved from the Benevolent Fund with the sum of £10. The W.M. having announced that it was his intention to act as Steward for the next Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the sum of ten guineas was voted from the funds of the Lodge to be placed on his list. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren partook of banquet, after which the customary toasts were given. Bro. Shand gave that of the W.M. He felt sure the health of their Master would be drunk with all honour. They had that evening had the opportunity of witnessing his fitness for the office, he having been called upon to work both the first and third degrees. He had accomplished the task in a very gratifying manner. He was sure the W.M. would do all that might be required of him. The W.M. tendered his thanks; he should do his best for the benefit of the Lodge, and hoped that at the termination of his year of office the brethren would be able to express satisfaction with him. He next proposed the health of the Initiates. Bro. Gourlie, in reply, was sorry his two brother Initiates had been obliged to leave early in the evening, in consequence of their residing in the country. On his, and on their behalf, he returned sincere thanks for the honour that had been done them by the City of Westminster Lodge. He hoped they would each become a credit to the Order. The toast of the Visitors followed, from the chair, and to this the several guests replied. Speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. expressed the pleasure he felt in following such esteemed brethren as those who had preceded him in the chair of the City of Westminster Lodge. Bros. Swallow, White, and Shand replied, expressing the pleasure they each felt in the prosperous state of the Lodge, and paying a just compliment to the present occupant of the chair. The brethren might rely on the Past Masters at all times doing what lay in their power to advance the interests of the Lodge. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next on the list. The W.M. felt the funds of the Lodge could not be entrusted to a more worthy Mason than Bro. Shand, while as regarded the Secretary, he considered the brethren owed Bro. Scott a debt of gratitude for the way in which he had always discharged the duties of his office. The Officers' health was duly honoured, and then the Tyler's toast was given, bringing to an end the day's proceedings. Among the Visitors were Bros. J. McLean W.M. 177, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Reckley W.M. 507, R. Knight 733, J. W. Curtis 733, G. Woods P.M. 755, H. Tinney 1319, J. Green 1365, W. Carrington S.W. 1791.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 25th February. Present—Bros. A. Ferrar W.M., Weeden S.W., Dignam J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, G. Ferrar S.D., Taylor J.D., Gribbell I.G.; also Bros. Houghton, Selig, R. Defriez, A. M. Marks, Robinson, W. Williams, Money, Spencer, R. M. Jones, Archer, Forge, A. Reason, T. Reason, Richardson, C. Lorkin, Trewinnard, Gilham, J. A. Powell, &c. Lodge opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, when Bro. Houghton answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, including the traditional history. Lodge resumed to the first. Bro. Ferrar vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Gilham. Bro. Forge having proved his efficiency as an E.A., was duly entrusted. Lodge being resumed to the second degree, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Forge acting as candidate. Brother Ferrar again took the chair. Bro. G. Taylor of the Humphrey Chetham (Manchester) Lodge, No. 645, was elected a member. Brother Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. The annual statement was read by the Secretary, and unanimously adopted. Bro. Fenner was re-elected Secretary, and Bro. C. Lorkin Treasurer. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Preceptor, and this was gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Secretary was requested to send a letter to the late Treasurer (Bro. Halford), thanking him for his past services. A vote of thanks was ordered to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Halford, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.



**Lodge of Union, No. 414.**—A meeting was held on Tuesday, 21st February, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. R. C. Mount P.M. 1328 W.M., Charles Stephens Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks I.P.M., F. J. Ferguson S.W., S. Wheeler J.W., M. J. Withers Secretary, A. W. Parry S.D., C. J. Butler M.C., J. W. Martin Steward, F. Blackwell I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; P.M.'s Bros. S. Bradley, A. M. Yetts, R. Bradley Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, and J. W. Hounslow; Members, Bros. Sherwood, Higgs, Rayner, Armstrong, George, G. W. Webb, C. G. Hawkes, Tench, and Dodd. Visitors—Bros. Weatherhead 1101, W. Ferguson I.P.M. No. 1101, Hawkes S.D. No. 1101. After due observance of preliminaries, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Hopkins Walters, who was declared to be elected. The Tyler having prepared and announced the candidate, Mr. Walters was admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Mount, having passed the chair of the Granite Lodge, No. 1328, has had the advantage of past experience in the working of the Craft, and this enables him to go through the ceremonies with ease to himself and to the satisfaction of his Officers. Bro. J. W. George, a candidate for passing, gave proof of his efficiency, was entrusted, and retired. The Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. George was admitted and passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge was resumed in the first degree, when the following non-officials were appointed on the permanent committee:—Bros. Higgs, Hawkes, and Sherwood. A letter was read from Bro. Pocock P.M. and Treas., resigning the Treasurership, in consequence of leaving Reading for Horsham. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to Bro. Pocock for his efficient services as Treasurer. The award of five guineas from the Prov. G. Lodge of Berks and Bucks, to the Union 414, was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to be placed on the List of the W.M., who would act as Steward at the next Festival. A notice of motion was given, "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge, be applied to Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and that the same be added to the list of the W.M. The W.M. returned thanks, and gave notice that at the next Lodge he would propose an alteration in the subscription to be paid by members. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed and adjourned.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held at the Seymour Arms, Seymour-place, W., on the 24th ultimo. Present—Bros. G. W. West, W. Heath, Bellerby, Jones, Coop, Tribbel, Fromholz, Hart, Little, Smith, Moore, Dunham, &c. The Secretary pro tem reported that he had received apologies from several brethren who were unable to attend on this occasion; also that, in accordance with their instructions, he had written to the late Secretary of the Lodge for the Lodge books, but up to the present time he had received no reply. Surprise was expressed that the late Secretary had shown such want of courtesy as not to acknowledge Bro. Moore's application. It was suggested that Bro. Moore be directed to make personal application for the books. The Committee then reported as to the result of their inquiries for a suitable place in which to hold future meetings, and after several brethren had expressed their views, Brother Coop proposed, and Brother Fromholz seconded, that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction be held for the future at the Jacob's Well, George street, Manchester square, W. This was carried, and a committee of five—namely, Bros. Coop, Moore, West, Tribbel and Bellerby—were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Bro. Coop was appointed Preceptor pro tem. Bro. Coop said he would do his best to make the Lodge successful. After several brethren had expressed their opinions as to the action of the meeting that was held on the 3rd February, a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. West for presiding over their meeting in the able manner he had done. Bro. West returned thanks. He had to congratulate the brethren that the William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766, still existed. They had to thank Bro. Dunham for that. He hoped the Lodge would go on and prosper, he would do his best to assist it in every possible way. The meeting then adjourned until Friday evening, the 3rd March, at 8 o'clock.

**Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.**—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday.—Bros. G. H. Stephens W.M., C. Lorkin S.W., Christian J.W., Edwards S.D., Baker J.D., T. Jones I.G., F. Carr Hon. Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Brasted, Glass, Cushing, A. Clark, Smyth, Robinson, Allen, Catling, Lamb, Dignam, Marsh, Boyce, Wardell, Carble, Wright, Greenwood, Bown, Polak, Darnell, Young, Nash, Moss, Oly, &c. Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resumed to the first. The minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The following brethren assisted the W.M. to work the Fifteen Sections. First lecture—Bros. Glass, Smyth, F. Carr, T. Clark, Allen, C. Lorkin, G. H. Stephens. Second lecture—Bros. Wardell, Moss, Brasted, C. Lorkin, Allen. Third lecture—Bros. Edwards, Dignam, Wallington. A cordial vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bro. G. H. Stephens, for the efficient manner in which he had worked the Fifteen Sections. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

**Montefiore Lodge, No. 1017.**—The above Lodge met on the 22nd ult., at the Masonic Rooms, Air-street, Regent-street, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. J. Syer. Bros. G. T. Mann S.W., M. Benjamin J.W., L. Jacobs Treas., E. P. Albert P.G.P. Asst. Sec., N. Vallentine S.D., Davis J.D., W. H. B. Galliford I.G., Lindsay Sloper Organist. P.M.'s Bros. J. Lazarus, De Solla, Chevalier, Pollitzer. Visitors—A. Levy late 1017, S. Webb P.M. 933, and Leon. Lodge was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. Bros. Walter and Ricci were passed to the second degree, and Bro. Keisor was raised to the third. Both ceremonies were perfectly rendered by the W.M. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to a capital supper, provided by Bro. Marks. Bro. Pollitzer, in a very ex-

cellent speech, proposed the toast of the W.M., and complimented him on the able manner in which he had performed the ceremonies. The toast of the Wardens and Officers was responded to by Bro. G. T. Mann. The brethren separated early. Bro. Webb contributed to the harmony. Bro. Lindsay Sloper accompanied on the pianoforte.

**Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.**—At the Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green-road, on Thursday, the 2nd inst. Present—Bros. Horley W.M., Percy S.W., Sergeant J.W., Fenner Preceptor, Free Secretary, Gieseke Treasurer, Defriez S.D., Legg J.D., Gray I.G.; also Bros. Moss, Chitson, Patrick, Wilson, Simmons, Newbury, &c. The ceremonial work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Chitson acting as candidate. The work being ably done by the W.M. Bro. Fenner worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and the first section was worked by Bro. Fenner. Bros. Chitson, of the Bardett-Coutts Lodge, No. 1278, and Newbury, of the Finsbury, 861, were elected members. Bro. R. Percy was elected to preside at the next meeting. Lodge was then closed.

**Chaucer Lodge of Instruction, No. 1540.**—At the regular meeting of the above successful Lodge, held at the Grapes, St. Thomas-street, Borough, on Tuesday last, there were present Bros. R. C. Harrison J.W. 1540 as W.M., H. Blackwell S.W., W. J. C. Rea J.W., A. Newhouse J.D., C. M. Tate I.G., Charles Graham Secretary, F. Croaker Treasurer, H. C. Ball, W. Klingenstein, G. Edwards, H. Fowler, H. Chapman, Emblyn, Blitz, Isaacs, Wingham, Martin, Renaut Anneau 1326, Austin 1900, D. Goffin 1572, W. Smith Rose of Denmark, Blackwell Grey Friars, Reading, H. J. Lardner W.M. 1745, T. McButt 1623, T. Butt 907, and others. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Worshipful Master introduced Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. to the brethren, for the purpose of giving his reading explanatory of the entire ceremony of the First Degree. From the course of his introductory remarks it was apparent that Bro. Stevens had a very interesting lecture to deliver, and as he passed through the various points of the ceremonial, his views were endorsed by the numerous brethren. There is no doubt both Officers and members of Lodges would do well to hear this Lecture, to which Bro. Stevens must have devoted a great deal of time in preparing. At its conclusion the Worshipful Master proposed a cordial vote of thanks for the excellent way Bro. Stevens had delivered his lecture, and expressed the satisfaction of the brethren at his coming among them. The Senior Warden endorsed all the Worshipful Master had said, and hoped that Bro. Stevens would continue his labours in the other degrees. The vote was unanimously carried. Bro. Stevens returned thanks; he should be only too pleased to repeat his evening's work at any time he was asked. Other matters disposed of, Lodge was closed and adjourned, a memorable and highly instructive evening being enjoyed by all present.

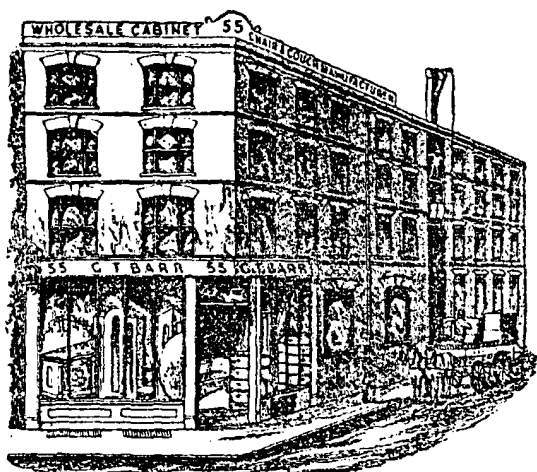
**Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.**—Held at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on 27th February, there were present, Bros. Maud W.M., Clements S.W., Moss J.W., Forss S.D., Robinson J.D., M. Isaacs I.G., Barnes Treasurer, T. Wooding Preceptor, B. Stewart Hon. Secretary, also Bro. Habbert, H. C. Clark, &c. Lodge opened in due form, the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. H. C. Clark candidate. Bro. Forss worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. H. Clements was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting. Bro. Moss then brought forward his motion, that a sum of money be voted from the Lodge funds for the relief of the persecuted Jews in Russia. Bro. H. C. Clark proposed, and Bro. Wooding seconded, that one guinea be voted for this object. This was supported by Bro. Barnes, and carried unanimously. The brethren present also subscribed. The report of the Audit Committee was then read and confirmed, showing that after subscribing five guineas to the Aged Freemasons' Fund, the balance in hands of Treasurer was £6 6s. Bro. T. J. Barnes was invited to work the ceremony of installation on Monday, 27th March, when we hope there will be a good attendance. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed.

#### ROYAL VETERANS' ENCAMPMENT.

At the meeting held at the Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth, on Friday, 24th ult., under the presidency of E. Sir Knight Sydney L. R. Templer, the Fraters unanimously elected Sir Knight Francis B. Westlake as E. Commander, and E. Sir Knight Josiah Austin P.E.C. P.P.G.E. as Treasurer. The installation and dinner, at the Globe Hotel, are appointed for Friday, 17th inst.

#### HOLY CROSS PRECEPTORY AND PRIORY.

The annual meeting was held at the Huyshe Temple, on Friday, 24th ult., when Sir Knight James Griffen P.G.C. was installed as Ex. Preceptor. The ceremony was performed by E. Sir Knight J. B. Gover P.E.C. P.P.G.T., assisted by E. Sir Knight R. Pengelly E.P. P.P.G. 1st S.B., L. D. Westcott P.E.C. P.P.G.M., I. Watts P.E.C. P.P.G.T., S. L. R. Templer E.C. P.P.G.S.M., P. B. Clemens P.E.C. P.P.G.C. of E., J. H. Keats P.E.C. In the Priory of Malta, Sir Knight Griffen was installed as Ex. Prior, the same E. Fraters officiating. The Officers who were appointed for the Preceptory were E. Sir Knight Richard Pengelly P.E.C., Sir Knight Rev. Wm. Whitley 1st Captain and Prelate, and Richard Lavers 2nd Captain, E. Sir Knights L. D. Westcott Treasurer, R. Pengelly Registrar; Sir Knights Harris-Square Executor, J. Gidley C. of L., and W. H. Phillips Equerry. The Fraters retired to simple refreshment in the refectory.



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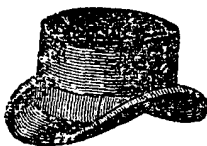
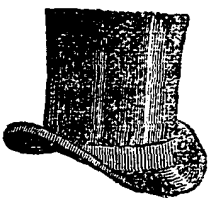
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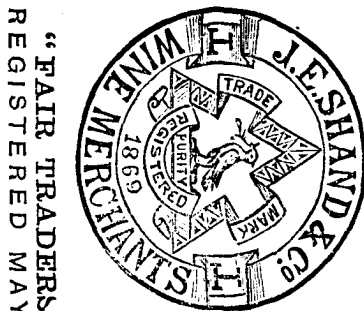
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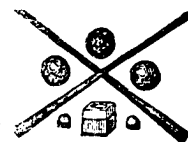
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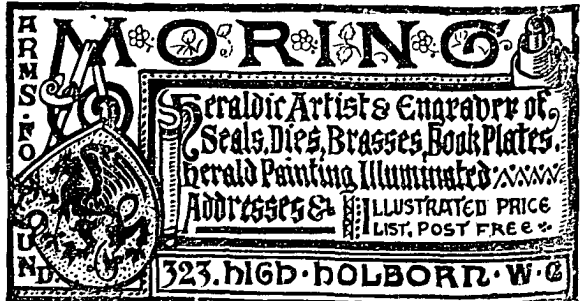
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