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ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR GIRLS.

THE usual October Court of the Governors and Subscribers to this Institution was held on Saturday, 14th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, London. The Grand Treasurer, Bro. Col. Creaton, occupying the chair. Some discussion arose on the proposition to confirm the minutes of the last Court, when it was decided that two sisters should not be allowed in the Institution, either by election or purchase; but eventually the minutes were confirmed. The two propositions relative to the future days of election, of which notice had been given in the following terms, were agreed to:—

1. "That the Days of Election in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions remain unaltered, provided only—that when the Quarterly Courts for Election of Candidates shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday, the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed to the corresponding days in the ensuing weeks."

2. "That whenever the Quarterly Courts for the Election of Candidates in the Two (*Boys' and Girls'*) Institutions shall fall respectively on the Saturday immediately following Good Friday and on Easter Monday the Quarterly Court in each case shall be postponed for one week."

The next business was the recommendation of the House Committee—"That a gratuity of thirty-five guineas be granted to Miss A. F. Triggs, the Second Assistant Governess, on her appointment to the position of Head Mistress of the Dublin Female Orphan School." This was carried, and then the Chairman announced that intelligence had just been received from the Provincial Grand Master of Hants and the Isle of Wight (W. W. B. Beach, Esq., M.P.), expressing his willingness to undertake the presidency of next anniversary Festival of the Institution, to be held in May 1883. The poll was then opened for the election of seven girls, from an approved list of twenty candidates, the result being in the case of the successful, as recorded in our advertising pages, and as regards the unsuccessful as follows:—

No. on List.	Name.	Votes.
19	Keily, Mande Pitt	1762
2	Hill, Ethel Augusta	1565
6	Mason, Florence	1388
5	Prebble, Frances Annie	1255
7	Stokes, Kate	978
12	Willcox, Florence Mary G.	782
20	Hippey, Ethel Constance	667
16	McLeod, Isabella	541
9	Beavon, Florence Maud	264
4	Hayes, Ellen	214
17	Woodward, Minnie	110
3	Wortley, Kate	67
11	Lord, Ann Elizabeth	19

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

THE October Court of this Institution was held on Monday, 16th instant, also under the Presidency of

Colonel Creaton. As was the case with the Girls' School, a part of the business had reference to the days for holding future Elections upon, and the two proposals which were passed for the Girls' School were also adopted for this Institution, notwithstanding a proposition by Bro. J. S. Cumberland, that the Boys' Election should take place on the Friday preceding that of the Girls'. The rule as to the exclusion of a second boy from one family from the School, whether by purchase or otherwise, except in case the number of vacancies is in excess of the applications, was also adopted, and then the Election took place for twelve Boys, from an approved list of sixty. We give in our Advertisement columns a list of the successful candidates. The following were returned as unsuccessful in the order they occupied at the close of the poll.

UNSUCCESSFUL.

No. on List	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
18	Crow, Charlie John	1326	1134	2460
57	Bowes, Arthur Keble	—	2404	2404
28	Botting, Alfred Henry	1185	1203	2388
46	Tustin, Harry Holman	1151	1231	2382
13	Stewart, Charles Edward	1112	867	1979
7	Stanford, William Bryant	1468	405	1873
5	Hill, George Wm. King	1426	404	1830
17	Willett, George Cross	1183	568	1751
49	Salter, Frederick Bruce	—	1621	1621
47	Basham, Frederick C. V.	213	1134	1347
16	Skelton, Fred. Francis	740	281	1021
40	Hare, Harold Malcolm	657	283	940
41	Hennah, Frederick Wolfe	318	491	809
45	Hooper, Lionel Charles	329	416	745
6	Liversidge, Charles Percy	574	81	655
29	Tettenborn, Arthur J.	205	440	645
36	Williams, Arthur Frederick	320	277	597
39	Pratt, Alfred	309	218	527
59	Hippey, Henry Ernest	—	527	527
42	Rosier, Reginald Walter A.	106	345	451
23	Simpson, Edward Henry	249	147	396
34	Delafons, Richard William	183	180	363
24	Wyatt, Augustine William	242	112	354
35	Sykes, Richard Alfred	316	13	329
62	High, Herbert Alfred	—	324	324
50	Shaw, John	—	299	299
4	Farrar, Ethelbert	139	152	291
43	Worthington, Walter R. (<i>withdrawn</i>)	240	12	252
15	Windross, John Benjamin	42	214	256
33	Gale, Horace	106	114	220
48	Woodward, Thomas	132	83	215
9	Long, Joseph William	154	—	154
44	How, John	87	53	140
54	Walters, John Edward	—	134	134
56	Coleman, Frederick F.	—	110	110
19	Cummings, Charles Brown	94	12	106
51	Beaumont, Reginald	—	102	102
11	Padney, Frederick	83	14	97
3	Collinson, James	51	18	69
*37	Searle, Richard Eardley	45	18	63
58	Hodge, William James	—	49	49
*22	Potter, George	40	6	46
27	Hurden, John Henry	22	—	22
26	Pringle, William James	9	9	18
53	Townsend, William Benjamin	—	9	9
10	Hill, Reginald Ang. L.	3	<i>withdrawn</i>	—
31	Bell, Frank William	3	—	3
32	Douglas, Francis C. A.	1	2	3
60	Mitchell, Reginald A. L.	—	2	2
61	Pawsey, Thomas Edwin	—	—	—

* Will be removed from List, under Law 52, being Eleven years of age, and unsuccessful.

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL COMFORTING) COCOA.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

THERE is, in the main, good reason to be satisfied with the work done by the Committee entrusted with the task of revising the Book of Constitutions. That such a task must inevitably have been undertaken sooner or later must be obvious to any one who has been a member of the Craft for even the period of a few years. Changes, more or less material, are constantly being made, as it is right and necessary they should be made; and even those who are most zealous in noting such changes may occasionally let one or more escape observation. From time to time, therefore, a fresh edition of these laws becomes indispensable, and hence the version now before the brethren for their consideration, its immediate predecessor having been issued in 1873. And as, not only of our own motion, but likewise at the request of many of our readers, we have been at the pains of comparing the new book with the old, with a view to estimating the value of the changes contemplated, it seems only right that we should place our opinions on record, quite as much for the satisfaction of those who have been in communication with us as for our own. Some valuable suggestions have been made to us;—one brother has evidently studied the work most attentively, the comments he offers on the Book as revised occupying several score pages of closely written manuscript. These, or such of these remarks as may occur to us to be worth reproducing will be submitted to our readers in the articles we purpose publishing on the subject. We must not, of course, be held to endorse them because they appear in these pages. Our object is to invite criticism, so that the revised laws may be as clear and comprehensive as possible, and it is now, while the work of the Committee is before the public, that such friendly suggestions as may occur to brethren should be placed on record and their value determined.

The work has been most thoroughly carried out, and is not simply confined to Revision, but involves a complete and most satisfactory re-arrangement of the Laws. Thus the new Book consists of three principal groups or subdivisions, headed respectively "Grand Lodge," "Provincial and District Grand Lodges," and "Private Lodges," each group containing all the laws and regulations relating to its particular subject. Another feature which is especially noteworthy is, that the old numbering has been done away with, and a new system of consecutive numeration from the beginning to the end of the book substituted. Again, each rule has a marginal note explanatory of its purport, so that the reader has in the body of the work what is equivalent to an index, necessarily more complete in its way than the ordinary kind of index. At the same time, we would suggest that there should be the same kind of index at the end of the volume, so that when reference to some particular law becomes necessary, it may be found with the least possible difficulty. The marginal notes are an excellent addition, but without an index one would be under the necessity of wading through the whole for sub-division in order to discover the particular subject of reference. The laws themselves have been most carefully examined and in many instances re-written entirely, or in great measure, and, further, no law is entered more than once. Thus the Committee have succeeded in placing before the Craft a Book of Constitutions, which is distinguished by its accuracy and consecutive enumeration, as well as by the perspicuity of its phraseology and its compactness. It would be difficult, indeed, to bestow greater praise on the brethren who have had charge of this important work.

This much by way of preface. Next week we shall set ourselves to study and compare the laws as revised with the last edition as issued in 1873.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of Lancashire was held at Accrington on Thursday. The Earl of Lathom, Immediate Past G. Master, and Grand Master of the Province, presided, and the attendance was more numerous than usual. His Lordship, who has already held the P.G. Mastership of this influential county for two consecutive periods of three years, was re-elected for a further term of the same duration, the re-election being received with every evidence of satisfaction on the part of those present. The P.G. Officers

for the year having been appointed and invested, and the other business of the meeting disposed of, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and the brethren returned to banquet, under the presidency of their popular chief. It is satisfactory to note that of the twenty-four Lodges on the roll of this Province, no less than twenty-three were represented.

We cannot let slip the opportunity of congratulating Bro. Festa on the success which marked his installation last week as W. Master of the Montague Guest Lodge, No. 1900. Bro. Festa, by birth, is a foreigner, and therefore we cannot be charged with going out of our way to pay him a compliment which it would be impossible for us to pay other W. Masters. We feel sure, however, that, under the circumstances, none among our readers will grudge Bro. Festa these present remarks. He has worked hard and successfully in the offices he has filled. This year he served as Steward at all three Festivals, his list at that of the R.M.B.I. being £106, and that of the R.M.I.B., in round figures, £180. To the Girls' School he contributed the amount of a Life Governorship, and has already promised his services as Steward at its Festival next year. He has also founded a prize for shorthand writing, of two guineas, to be given annually for three years. On the day of his installation he entertained the "Old Folks" at Croydon, and he has also been instrumental in placing a former pupil of the Girls' School in an excellent house of business without the premium of fifty guineas usually demanded.

The Grand Masonic Concert in aid of the funds of the local Cottage Hospital, held at the Corn Exchange, Wallingford, on Wednesday, the 18th instant, under the auspices of the St. Hilda Lodge, No. 1887, passed off with the most unequivocal success. There was a very numerous attendance, and what with the Craft insignia of the members, and the tasteful dresses of the ladies, the scene was a very brilliant one. This is not surprising, having regard to the fact that the Concert enjoyed the patronage of H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Prov. G.M. Oxfordshire, R.W. Bro. Sir D. Gooch, Bart., M.P., Prov. G.M. of Berks and Bucks, Bros. Rev. J. Studholme Brownrigg Deputy Provincial Grand Master Berks and Bucks, and Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master Oxon, the Mayor and Corporation of Wallingford, the County and Borough Magistrates, and P. Ralli, Esq., M.P. An almost equally effective explanation of this success will be found in the admirable entertainment provided for the occasion. The services of Miss Jeannie Rosse of the Alexandra, Crystal Palace, and Promenade Concerts, Miss Grace Miller, a pupil of Miss Rosse, and Bro. John F. Probert of the same Concerts, proving most valuable, the other contributors to the Concert being Bros. A. Rowley Past Provincial Grand Organist, and W. Knowles, both of New College, and Bro. J. H. Robson of Magdalen College, Oxford, whose efforts were greatly appreciated by the audience. Bro. H. Plumridge, Mus. Bac., P.P.G.O. was a most serviceable accompanist. We offer our congratulations to the brethren of the St. Hilda Lodge, and should imagine the Cottage Hospital will largely benefit by their kindness.

We have to acknowledge receipt of copy of a very handsome coloured menu card of the Mary Commandery, No. 36, of the Knights Templar of Philadelphia, published in memory of the "Bi-Centennial of the landing of William Penn," on the 26th October 1682. The front is illustrated with a neat lithograph of the Masonic Temple, Philadelphia, and contains the names of the principal Officers of the Commandery, with a list of the fratres who have held the office of E.C. On the back is an elegant banner of arms of Mary Commandery, flanked right and left by those of Beauseant, No. 1, of Baltimore, and Morton Commandery of New York.

It is with deep regret we announce the departure from this life of Brother Jonathan L. Jones, Worshipful Master Royal Savoy Lodge, No. 1744, which melancholy event took place on Thursday, 12th instant, after a few weeks illness from erysipelas. The funeral took place at Kensal Green Cemetery, on Tuesday, the 17th instant, when several members of the Order attended to pay a last tribute of respect to a worthy brother.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.

THE annual installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, 14th instant, at the Cannon-street Hotel, London. The Worshipful Master, Brother C. Taylor, presided, and was supported by Bros. W. F. Kibble (W.M. elect) S.W., F. T. C. Keeble J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary, W. Baber S.D., R. Fendick J.D., F. W. Potter Inner Guard, J. T. Skinner and H. Durrant Stewards; P.M.'s T. Hamer, J. W. Townsend, J. Seex, R. Stanway, J. Freeman, J. Stevens, a large assembly of brethren, and the following, among other visitors:—T. Vincent P.M. 1861, G. Alcock W.M. 1149, W. D. Church 1365, A. McGregor 22, B. Williams J.W. 1861, F. G. Nawton 719, G. Bird 1815, W. Poupard 9, F. Jacob P.M. 45, L. Artus P.M. 31, G. W. Saul P.M. 1201, J. Lawrence I.G. 1326, D. Clark I.P.M. 1632, R. Garland 1538, W. T. Monger P.M. 1314, J. W. Sanders S.W. 1293, H. Birdseye P.M. 715, J. Jonas P.M. 715, T. Binsted 657, E. Crouch P.M. 857, G. H. Wood 1707, J. Barber Glenn 3, E. Valeriani S.D. 1687, E. T. Smith S.W. 534, W. Medwin S.W. W.M. elect 1613, C. J. Axford I.G. 1777, J. Gibbs J.D. 1613, R. J. Webber 907, W. Ganz P.G. Organist, R. De Lacy 1706, W. A. Frost 1721, W. W. Morgan jun. J.W. 1107, A. C. Thorp 34. The customary formalities having been observed in the opening of the Lodge, the ballot was taken for Mr. Ernest Samuel Donaldson, a candidate for initiation; and, resulting unanimously in his favour, he was introduced and received the benefits of Masonic light. Lodge was now advanced, and Bro. Hamer having assumed the chair, the W.M. elect was presented, obligated, and duly installed into the chair of the Lodge. The customary salutes having been given, the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers, as follow:—F. T. C. Keeble S.W., W. Baber J.W., N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, J. W. Blackie P.M., Secretary, Rev. R. J. Simpson P.G.C. Chaplain, R. Fendick S.D., F. W. Potter J.D., J. T. Skinner I.G., H. Durrant M.C., G. Jenkins Organist, E. H. Cadot and H. J. Bertram Stewards. The installation ceremony was then completed, and the W.M. proceeded to close his Lodge, after which the brethren repaired to the Banquet hall, where, under the presidency of Bro. Kibble, a very enjoyable evening was spent. During the ceremony in the Lodge Bro. James Stevens P.M. acted as M. of C. At the conclusion of the banquet the customary toasts were given. The first, that of the Queen, was, the W.M. said, always received with great heartiness. There was no body of men throughout Her Majesty's dominions more loyal than Freemasons. The toast was followed by that of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, another name the W.M. said which had only to be mentioned to call forth the most hearty response. His Royal Highness had endeared himself to the whole community, but more especially so to the members of the Craft, for whom it appeared he could not do too much. Generally, whenever a good work was to be done, it was only necessary to mention it, and their Grand Master undertook it, with a willingness which showed he sympathised with it. He had brought this characteristic into Freemasonry, and had acted on all occasions for the benefit of the Craft. He (the Worshipful Master) had just heard that a threat had been made to take the life of the Prince of Wales; this he hoped was not true. He could not find language in which to express his utter disgust and contempt for the man who would dare to raise hands against so good a Prince as he had proved himself to be. He felt they could not, therefore, select a more fitting occasion for expressing their respect and esteem for their Grand Master. The toast was most heartily responded to, and was followed by that of the Grand Officers. Bro. Simpson was the first to reply, thanking the brethren for the hearty reception accorded to the toast. Personally he deemed it a great honour and privilege to be an Officer of The Great City Lodge. There were few, if any, in which a stronger feeling of Brotherly Love existed. Bro. Ganz followed, also expressing his gratification at being associated with the toast. Bro. Taylor having assumed the gavel, gave, with great pleasure, the toast of the Worshipful Master. He felt assured that the members of the Lodge not only welcomed the Worshipful Master into his present office, but also wished him every success in it. He (the speaker) had just gone through the office, and knowing its responsibilities and duties, could only hope the new Master might get through his year with as few anxieties as he had done. The Worshipful Master tendered his thanks for the very kind way in which the brethren had received the mention of his name; the kindness was not new to him, as he had been warmly received in every office he had filled, and he had gone through all but one in the Lodge. He esteemed it a very great honour to be placed in the position of Worshipful Master of The Great City Lodge, and although he might be able to say very little in reference to it, he yet appreciated it the more. The next toast he had to propose was one they would all agree was an important one—really the toast of the evening. They owed a debt of gratitude to the initiates, for without them Freemasonry would soon cease to exist; indeed he felt he could not really say how much they did owe to the initiates. To the brother they had had the honour of receiving that night he might say, he had taken upon himself great responsibilities, as to him and those who came after him would depend the future of Freemasonry. The initiate they had received that evening came on the recommendation of one of the most esteemed members of the Lodge—one who had known Bro. Donaldson for twenty years, and who assured them he was a fit and proper person to be admitted among them. He hoped that such would prove to be the case, and that he would rise, step by step, until he reached the summit of every Mason's ambition—the Master's chair. Bro. Donaldson replied. He could hardly find words to express his thanks. He hoped long to be associated with the Lodge, and to give satisfaction to the members of it; he should try and become a good and true Mason. The toast of the Visitors, the next on the list, was one which had always met a cordial reception at The Great City Lodge. The Lodge had usually been favoured with a goodly array, and that augured well, as when a brother was not ashamed to ask his friend to his Lodge, it showed he was satisfied with its working. They had that night not only a goodly array, but likewise many shining lights

among them. He referred particularly to the presence of some of those who materially assisted them at the Lodge of Instruction, and called upon the brethren to honour the toast. Bros. Poore and Saul replied to the toast, or rather to that portion of it where the Worshipful Master had referred to the Lodge of Instruction. If our esteemed friends will allow us to act the part of Preceptor to them—distinguished Preceptors though they be—we would suggest that a reply to the toast would have been much better than a long tirade on the merits of their pet baby—the Lodge of Instruction. Perhaps they will bear this advice in mind, as, although no doubt unintentionally, they offered a slight to the other visitors, in not even thanking the Lodge for the entertainment they had provided, or the brethren for the way they had responded to the call of the Worshipful Master. The W.M. in brief terms proposed the health of the Past Masters, and invested the Immediate Past Master with the P.M.'s jewel, presented by the Lodge. To Brother Hamer, the Installing Master, the Lodge was particularly obliged for his coming forward so readily when called upon to perform the ceremony of installation. The brethren were in the happy position of seeing all the Past Masters of the Lodge before them, and he felt sure hoped such would long be the case. The jewel presented to Brother Taylor bore the following inscription.

THE GREAT CITY LODGE, No. 1426.
Presented to
BRO. CHARLES TAYLOR,
With the thanks of the Brethren,
On the termination of his year of office,
As 9th Worshipful Master.
14th October 1882.

Bro. Taylor tendered his thanks. He should ever wear the jewel with which he had just been presented as an expression of the hearty good will of his brethren. Bro. Hamer also thanked the brethren for the many kindnesses they had shown him in the past. As long as he remained a member of the Lodge he should consider it his duty to do what he could to advance its welfare. Bro. Stevens also replied. He thought it must be particularly gratifying to the members of the Lodge to see all the Past Masters present after an existence of nine years. The toast of the Treasurer and Secretary was next given, and responded to by Bros. Headon and Blackie. The former drew attention to the omission from the toast of the Masonic Charities, but hoped they would never be overlooked by the Lodge. The Worshipful Master afterwards announced his intention of serving as Steward for the Girls' School, and trusted he might have the support of every member of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was then given and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. A first-rate musical programme was provided, under the direction of Brother H. F. Frost, who was assisted by Bros. W. Frost, A. Kenningham, F. E. Walker, and R. de Lacy.

The members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction will work the Fifteen Sections in their Lodge, at the Alwyne Castle, Canonbury, on Friday, 27th instant; and also, by invitation, at the Percy Lodge of Instruction, Jolly Farmers', Southgate-road, N., on the following evening, Saturday, 28th instant. On both occasions Lodge will be opened at 7 p.m.; and Bro. T. Cull P.M. 1446, Preceptor, will preside.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., on 19th, Comp. Huggins occupied the chair of Z, and was supported by Comp. Styles of the Metropolitan Chapter as H., and Hunter J. An instructive evening was spent. On Thursday evening, 26th October, Comp. James Terry, Provincial Grand Senior Warden Norths and Hunts, P.P.J.W. Herts, P.M. 228, 1278, 1366, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, has kindly consented to work the ceremony of exaltation, assisted by the Officers of the Islington Chapter, at this Chapter of Instruction.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See *Times* of July 24th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1d, 2s 6d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

TESTIMONIALS.—Head Quarter Staff, Cabul, May 31st, 1880. Mr. R. Freeman, Dear Sir,—It is with much pleasure I am able to state that your Chlorodyne has been of special service to me in alleviating the wearisome spasms of Asthma, which is here existent in an aggravated form. Many of my patients now come and beg me to give them that medicine which always relieves them, and which I need hardly say is your Chlorodyne. Yours faithfully, CHARLES W. OWEN, L.R.C.P. Lon., M.R.C.S. Eng., the Divisional Head Quarter Staff and Civil Surgeon, Cabul.

The *Times*, August 13th, 1877. From our own Correspondent with the Russian Army. Okoun, July 25th, 1877. The want of sanitary arrangements in the Russian Camp was dreadful, and had we remained there a few weeks longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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STAR IN THE EAST LODGE, No. 650.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on 10th inst., and passed off with unusual *eclat*. The Lodge was opened at three o'clock, in the Assembly rooms, Dovercourt, and the popularity of the W.M. elect, Bro. Richard Clowes, of Ardleigh Park, was evidenced by the large attendance. The ceremony of installation was performed in his usual impressive manner by W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., and the new W.M. appointed and invested his Officers for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. T. Jennings P.P.G.J.D. I.P.M., H. Everard S.W., F. R. Hales J.W., Rev. E. H. Crato P.P.G.C. P.M. 697 Chaplain, W. Groom Treasurer, M. L. Sanders Secretary, Kinsey Morgan S.D., T. L. Bennett J.D., C. Hempson W.M. 1799 P.G.A.D.C. M.C., C. Salter Organist, A. C. Parsons I.G., Hutchinson and Howard Stewards, Barlow Tyler. At the conclusion of the ceremony a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending, and so ably installing the W.M., which was duly acknowledged by the Installing Master. The W.M. then feelingly alluded to the late death of the P.G.M.; and a vote of condolence with Lady Tenterden and her family in their heavy bereavement having been unanimously passed, the Secretary was directed to enter it on the minutes, and to forward a copy thereof to Lady Tenterden. The presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to the I.P.M., and a Secretary's jewel to the hard-working Secretary (Brother M. L. Sanders) followed, the former, in acknowledgment of his two years' service as W.M., and the latter for his activity and attention, especially in reference to the formation of a Charity Association. The W.M. was then heartily congratulated by the Visitors present on his elevation to the Chair; and the business of the day concluded. Between fifty and sixty brethren afterwards assembled at the Pier Hotel, where an elegant banquet was well served by the host. The W.M. presided, supported on his right and left by Bros. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., T. Jennings I.P.M. P.P.G.J.D., F. Binckes Sec. R.M.I.B., Thos. J. Ralling P.M. 51 P.G. Sec., A. Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. Sowman W.M. 51, J. J. C. Turner P.M. 51 P.P.G.O., the Rev. E. H. Crato P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Chaplain 650, John South P.M. 650, T. G. Mills W.M. 697, Thomas Rix P.M. and Sec. 697 P.P.G.S.B., Thomas Eustace P.M. 697 P.P.G.S.B., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W., F. G. Green P.M. 1024 P.P.G.S.W., R. D. Poppleton W.M. 433, John Dean P.M. 433, J. E. Wiseman P.M. and Secretary 433 P.P.G.A.D.C., A. Cannon W.M. 376, H. Sidney Secretary 376 P.P.G.D.C. Suffolk, Tom Hodges S. Warden 1706, W. G. Reed 1922, C. Osmond S.W. 51 P.P.G.O., A. L. Langford 697, A. J. B. Drake 487, J. Street P.M. 389, C. Lewis 1024, J. M. Chapman J.W. 1922, Hector Helsham, M.D., 10, G. F. Smith jun. W.M. 1839, F. Bird W.M. 1024, H. G. Layton P.G.C. Berks and Bucks, W. S. Ling P.M. 433, G. A. Eustace S.W. 697, J. T. Bailey Steward 697, John Taylor jun. J.W. 1817, H. W. Willcocks 225, Robert Smith S.D. 697, E. Gowers S.D. and Org. 1024, A. Carter 181, C. D. Marshall J.W. 697, C. H. Snelgar 697, and the following members of 650:—Bros. J. Cartledge, W. Nickerson, J. W. Butcher, J. Wells, T. S. Bennett, R. Wilson, J. C. Pratt, J. Howard, G. W. Pickering, R. Ford, &c. On the removal of the cloth, the usual Masonic toasts were duly honoured. Feeling allusion was made in the course of the evening, both by W. Bro. Philbrick and W. Bro. T. J. Ralling, to the great loss the Province has sustained in the death of Lord Tenterden, who, although unable, owing to his official engagements, to often visit the brethren, took the warmest interest in the welfare of the Lodges under his rule. W. Bro. Philbrick also gave an eloquent dissertation on the tenets of Freemasonry, and of the necessity to exercise care in the admission of members. The health of the new W.M., proposed by I.P.M. Jennings, was enthusiastically drank; and Bro. Clowes, in responding, promised to do all in his power to further the interests of the Lodge. He announced that he had received letters from Lord Claud J. Hamilton, M.P. (who had taken great interest in Basham's case, having sent no less than 400 votes); Sir Henry Tyler, M.P., Col. Somerville Barney P.G.D., and others, regretting that they had been unable to attend on the present occasion. The name of Bro. F. Binckes, as Secretary of the Royal Masonic School for Boys, was coupled with the toast of "Masonic Charities" and that energetic Brother (who all were glad to see in better health), in responding, spoke of the good service which had already been done by Lodge Star in the East in the cause of Charity, and announced that the W.M. had kindly, for the second time, undertaken to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival of the Boys' School. Bro. Binckes also expressed a hope that their labours (and those of their W.M. he knew had been very great), on behalf of the boy Basham, would be successful. The proceedings at the festive board were enlivened by a capital programme of vocal music, under the direction of Bros. T. Hodges, W.M. elect of the Orpheus Lodge, No. 1706, who was ably assisted by Bros. Reed, Chapman, G. F. Smith, and G. F. Smith jun. The Lodge room was adorned with some choice flowers from the Nurseries of Bro. W. O. Ward P.M., Ramsey; and the same brother also supplied flowers for the banquetting table, there being a "button-hole" to each serviette.

WEST MIDDLESEX LODGE, No. 1612.

THE members of this successful Lodge assembled in strong force on Saturday last, the 14th instant, to inaugurate the seventh year of their establishment. Lodge was opened at three o'clock, at the Ealing Institute, Ealing Green, when there were present Bros. J. Green W.M., H. E. Tucker (W.M. elect) S.W., S. Dyer J.W., H. Kasner P.M. Treasurer, J. Chambers Roe P.M. Secretary, W. Seward jun. S.D., Fisher J.D., Nye I.G., Delevante Organist, Harrison Tyler; Past Masters A. Beasley, A. J. Burr, &c. Visitors

Bros. T. Brown P.M. 780, J. C. Woodrow P.M. 1297, E. Holme W.M. 340, H. Green P.M. 179, W. Gardiner P.M. 780, H. E. Stidolph 270 P.P.G.O. Essex, B. E. Blasby P.M. 780, H. Tweed 1771, W. Buxton 1871, E. Singer 1894, J. Templeman 384, J. S. Fisher J.D. 340, John Daniells 780, J. Owen 671, T. C. Walls 1381 P.P.G. Organist Middlesex, Robinson 1889, Newland 1642, Danby 1076, Heath, Parker 1428, Maton 780, J. Brill 780, Kennedy 1894, Murch J.W. 27, Herbage S.W. 177, Wills 780. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and of a Lodge of Emergency had been read and confirmed, the Report of the Audit Committee was presented and adopted. The next business was to confer the second degree upon Bro. F. J. Ponny, which was duly undertaken by the W.M., in a highly satisfactory manner. The ballot was now brought into requisition for Mr. Walter Fitzherbert Henning, who was proposed by Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. A. Beasley P.M.; for Mr. Sidney Charles Hadley, proposed by Bro. Henry E. Tucker W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. A. J. Burr P.M. Both candidates were unanimously accepted, and Bro. Past Master Beasley took the chair, and initiated Mr. W. T. Henning. Bro. Tucker was now introduced, and Bro. Beasley, who acted as Installing Master, administered the obligation, and proceeded with the ceremony. In due course the Board of Installed Masters was opened and closed, and the brethren below that degree were re-admitted, and the new Master saluted in the three degrees. The Officers had the collars distributed as follow:—Bros. Dyer S.W., Seward J.W., Kasner P.M. Treasurer, Rowe P.M. Sec., Nye S.D., Porter J.D., Wright I.G., Coop W.S., Harrison Tyler. The addresses, to Master, Wardens, and the lay members, were delivered in capital style by Bro. Henry Kasner P.M., who, with Bro. Beasley, was heartily congratulated by the Visitors. It is the universal rule in this Lodge that all candidates for initiation shall be received separately, and as both of them were present when the ballot was taken, the second, Mr. Hadley, was next introduced, and Bro. Tucker conferred on him the privileges of the first degree. A proposition of Bro. Tucker, that the Lodge should obtain premises of their own, was referred to a Committee, and the routine work having been despatched, Lodge was closed. The banquet was served at the Lyric Hall, which now presents a warm and comfortable appearance; the decorations have been conceived in a tasteful spirit, and have been carried out most successfully. We understand Bro. H. Stephens is the proprietor, and we tender him our best wishes that success may follow his enterprise. On this occasion, undoubtedly, his efforts to promote the comfort of those who patronised him were eminently successful. When the cloth had been cleared, the W.M., who seemed thoroughly at home in his new position, proceeded to do honour to the toast list. After the Queen and the Craft, the National Anthem was sung. In introducing the toast of the M.W.G.M., the W.M. remarked how fully recognised was the deep interest the Prince of Wales took in the doings of the Order. He need scarcely urge this in speaking to the toast, which he was assured all would readily join in honouring. Bro. Green I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. In Bro. Tucker they had a young, but energetic Mason. All trusted he might have a successful year. He (Bro. Green) was assured he would have the hearty co-operation of the Past Masters, and doubtless the members would render him every assistance. That brother in his reply briefly referred to his connection with Ealing, whither he had migrated some eight years since. Two years after that he was initiated into Masonry, and having now risen to the highest office in the Lodge, he hoped he should be able to uphold, and even promote its fortunes. He should do his best to prove that the confidence reposed in him by the Lodge when they chose him for their Worshipful Master had not been misplaced, and he trusted, at all events, that when he retired from the chair it would be found in at least as prosperous a condition as it was at present. The toast of the Past Masters was gracefully acknowledged by Brother Green I.P.M., to whom a handsome Past Master's jewel was presented, in recognition of his services during the past year, and Brother Beasley, the first Master of the Lodge. The initiates responded to the compliments paid to them, Brother Hadley's speech being particularly happy and to the point. To the Visitors, the W.M. extended, on behalf of the Lodge, a most hearty welcome, and Bro. Herbage S.W. 177 replied with a heartiness fully equal to the occasion. Brother Kasner acknowledged the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Senior Warden for himself and the other Officers of the Lodge. After this there remained only the Tyler's toast, and this brought the proceedings to a close in perfect harmony.

During the service of dinner, the Band of the Central London District Schools played a choice selection of music. The youthful performers gave evidence of the great care the conductor, Bro. Templeman, pays to their instruction. A word or two as to the menu card may not be out of place. It is unquestionably a work of art, and the introduction of the portrait of the new Worshipful Master is a feature on which we may congratulate the Lodge. But why repeat the Shakesperian excerpts appropriate to the different toasts which appeared on last year's menu card? We should have thought the West Middlesex Lodge included an array of poetical talent strong enough to have furnished a fresh list of excerpts. We do not know if W. Bro. Tucker, who has entered on his new duties under such favourable auspices, is poetically given, but where was the Worshipful Father of the Lodge that he should have overlooked this repetition? He is, or ought to be, Shakesperian to the backbone, and doubtless had his leisure permitted would have contributed an entirely fresh batch of mottoes.

ECCLESTON LODGE, No. 1624.

THE installation meeting of this flourishing Lodge was held on the 18th instant, at the Criterion, Regent-circus, Piccadilly, and was numerously attended by members and Visitors. The chair was taken at half-past three by the W.M., Bro. J. G. Fisher; E. Powell S.W., C. Taylor J.W., T. Isaacs Treasurer, A. Beckham Secretary, H. J. Johnson S.D., Egerton Organist, Coulthard Steward,

Bottle I.G., P.M.'s S. Jones I.P.M., W. Vincent, Flatterley, McLeod, Hunt. Visitors—J. Pennell 1791, A. Hartmann 1227, Wrangham P.M. 619, A. Rawson 1732, F. Larner J.D. 858, Rindel 1316, J. Cartis P.G.S.B. Sussex, A. Cohen P.M. 205, R. G. Shute 1791, Ladd 619, C. May P.M. 780, P. G. Hamilton I.G. 1003, M. J. Ruthe 1003, I. O. Cantle P.M. 1257, J. F. Hallett 907, Wyer P.M. 1314, W. Hicklin, Leo 1571, Roberts 181, Rose 704, Henson 255, J. Walton J.W. 1780, M. Hart 188, Burch 172, T. Cross P.M. 1194, Evans 172, N. Stamp P.M. 1194, Giocorazzi, J. Wade 860, Steel P.M. 1194, H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Saunders 1257, Snook 1604, James 15. Lodge was opened and the minutes were confirmed. The Auditor's Report was read; this showed the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, the balance in hand in favour of the Lodge being £18 12s 5d, while to the Benevolent Fund there was a credit of £72 18s 9d. Brothers Foster and Timbrell were raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, by Bro. W. Vincent P.M., who, by courtesy of the W.M., took the chair for that purpose. Bro. Vincent performed the ceremony in his usual perfect and impressive manner. Bro. E. Powell S.W. and W.M. elect was presented to the Lodge. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and he was duly installed into the chair by the retiring W.M., Bro. J. G. Fisher, in a manner that reflected great credit for its perfect rendering and impressiveness. There were thirteen W.M.'s and P.M.'s present. Bro. W. Vincent P.M. acted as M.C. On the re-admission of the brethren the W.M. received the customary salutations, and then, in very appropriate terms, appointed and invested his Officers:—Bros. J. G. Fisher I.P.M., C. Taylor S.W., J. Johnson P.M. J.W., J. Isaacs Treas., A. Beckham re-appointed Secretary, Bottle S.D., Conithard J.D., Bennett I.G., Egerton Organist, Johnston and Moorman M.C.'s, Ray and Watkins Stewards, Thomas Tyler, Hooper Asst. Tyler. Applause followed the investiture of every Officer, shewing the W.M. had made an excellent selection, to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The W.M. shewed his proficiency by initiating Messrs. C. Withers, W. Chilcott, Roberts, and Jones (who had been previously unanimously accepted) into the Order, in a manner rarely witnessed from a W.M. who had been so recently installed. Bro. J. G. Fisher I.P.M. intimated his intention to serve as Steward at the next Anniversary Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and the Widows of Freemasons; he hoped the brethren would liberally support him. Later on, the sum of £5 5s was placed on his list from the funds of the Lodge. A letter of apology was read from Bro. Colonel Creaton, Grand Treasurer, regretting his inability to be present. He, however, hoped to attend on a future occasion. The three senior P.M.'s of the Lodge were elected trustees of the Benevolent Fund. Shortly afterwards hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited, superintended by Mr. Madoll. The tables were beautifully and artistically decorated. Grace having been sung, the W.M., whose efficiency as presiding Officer was equal to his working, appropriately gave the Loyal and Masonic toasts. The National Anthem and "God Bless the Prince of Wales" were sung. In speaking of the Rulers of the Order, the W.M. regretted the absence of a Grand Officer who was universally respected, not only in this Lodge, but in Grand Lodge. He referred to Col. Creaton, Grand Treasurer, who they had hoped would have been present. Brother Fisher I.P.M. then rose to propose what he called the toast of the evening. It was needless to speak of their Worshipful Master's qualities as a man; as a Mason he has worked in every respect to their satisfaction. In whatever office he has held he has done the duties with credit; he has also, since he has been in the chair, by his excellent working, won the approval of the members. He (Bro. Fisher) trusted he might have health and long life to still further carry out those duties; as a Past Master they would be proud to receive him into their ranks. Bro. Powell in reply thanked Bro. Fisher for his kind expressions. He remarked how pleased he was to see how the brethren responded to the toast. As regards the management of the Lodge, he felt that the Officers he had selected had hitherto given satisfaction, and with the co-operation of the Past Masters he hoped to complete a successful year of office. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Immediate Past Master, Bro. Fisher, who had done his work thoroughly during his year of office. It now devolved on him to present Brother Fisher with a jewel, unanimously voted by the Lodge. They were proud of him, and hoped he would live long in health and prosperity to wear it. Bro. Fisher thanked the brethren for the manner the toast had been received; the W.M. had spoken in such kindly terms that he began to think he had performed the duties of the Lodge to their satisfaction. This was a great thing for him to feel. He had also to thank the brethren for their valuable token; he could not, like his predecessor, say it would be handed down to his children, but it should be handed down to a family among whom were many Masons, who would thereby see that he (the I.P.M.) once held a high position in this influential Lodge. He, as well as they, would look on it with pride. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Initiates, and Bro. Chilcott appropriately returned thanks; he was followed by Bros. Roberts and Jones. With the toast of the Visitors was coupled the name of Bros. Roberts P.M. 181, and Hamilton I.G. 1003. The former brother, in responding, said he felt it a compliment to be called on to return thanks. The W.M. was an old and personal friend of his. Both the W.M. and his Officers had performed their duties thoroughly. Bro. A. M. Cohen followed; he was proud to see how prosperous the Lodge benevolent fund was becoming; he hoped shortly to see many other Lodges establishing similar funds. His Lodge had in its benevolent fund £300, and he hoped to see the Beekston in the same condition. The W.M. next proposed the toast of the Masonic Press. He was pleased to see Brother H. M. Levy P.M. 188 present to represent the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, a journal that gives Masonic intelligence truthfully and correctly. Bro. Levy, after acknowledging the compliment paid him, said if the paper he had the honour to represent had given them satisfaction he was satisfied. It was a great pleasure to know the Immediate Past Master had done his work so satisfactorily. The Wor. Master, also in the

short space of time he had been in the chair, had performed the ceremony of initiation in such a way that deserved to be chronicled. He felt fully justified the paper with which he was associated would continue to give faithful and honest reports of Masonic proceedings. In speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. said how much he was indebted to them for their valuable assistance; they had well discharged their duties in every respect. Bro. Hunt was the first to respond. Bro. McLeod followed; he spoke of the pride he felt in the formation of their Benevolent Fund. The Wardens and Officers were next toasted. After responses had been made, the Tyler gave the parting benediction. In concluding this notice, we may remark that though former meetings had been successful, this gathering was especially satisfactory. Bros. Ray and Watkins, the Stewards, zealously contributed to the comforts of the brethren and Visitors. The W.M. provided an excellent musical entertainment. Bros. Taylor S.W., Lee, Cross, Moorman, Roberts and I. O. Cantle contributing to the harmony. Bro. Egerton was an able accompanist on the pianoforte.

DOMATIC LODGE, No. 177.

THE regular meeting of this truly Masonic Lodge was held on Friday, 13th instant, at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, under the presidency of Bro. James McLean, the W.M. The business on the agenda paper was exceptionally heavy, there being two candidates for raising, three for passing, three for initiation, and one for rejoining. All the former were in attendance, and in due course the several degrees were worked for their benefit. Bros. S. Andrews and J. W. Francis were raised, Bros. W. S. Birch, C. Titcomb, and J. Amos were passed, and Messrs. John William Robinson, John Kembry, and Frederick Cole were initiated. The W.M. carried out his duties in a very able manner, the length of the proceedings being a severe test of his ability. A sum of five guineas was voted from Lodge funds on behalf of the widow of a deceased brother, and after the transaction of minor matters, the Lodge was closed. A banquet followed, the W.M. presiding, and in due course proposing the customary Loyal toasts. Bro. Ferguson P.M., who acted as I.P.M., proposed the health of the W.M. This was a toast, he said, which must commend itself to all present. The excellent way in which Bro. McLean had that evening carried out the onerous duties he had had to perform, and the manner in which he generally conducted the work of his office, were a credit to him, and called for the heartiest thanks of the members of the Lodge. The W.M. had been regular in his attendance, and had done all that lay in his power to advance the interests of the Lodge. He had, during the term he had presided over the Lodge, had many gentlemen to initiate, and generally it might be said that under his guidance the Lodge presented a most flourishing condition. Bro. Ferguson referred to the Summer Festival of the Lodge, which he said had been revived under the direction of their present Master. It was matter of regret the weather was not finer on the occasion, but the assembly had passed off most successfully, a result which depended in a great measure on what the W.M. had done. The Lodge under his guidance had continued its customary harmonious course; indeed, it might be said that while under Bro. McLean's presidency nothing had occurred to mar the happiness of the members. On the whole, the speaker thought the members might really congratulate themselves on their ruler, and he felt sure they would drink his health most heartily. The toast was well received and suitably acknowledged by the W.M. He felt he hardly deserved so many encomiums as had been passed upon him, but he hoped he had done all that lay in his power. It seemed to him only the other day that he had sat on the right of the W.M. as the initiate of the evening. He should continue to do the best he could for the Lodge, and hoped at the conclusion of his term of office to be able to retire from the chair with the best wishes of the members of the Lodge. He next had a very important toast to propose—that of the Initiates. It must be admitted that without them Freemasonry would soon fall to the ground. He could but say they were very fortunate as regarded initiates in their Lodge, and was quite sure the gentlemen admitted that evening would become ornaments of the Craft. The Initiates' toast having been honoured, was duly acknowledged. Bro. Robinson thanked the brethren for the honour they had conferred on him by initiating him that evening. He preferred deeds to words, and he trusted that by the former he should prove his worthiness; that in his everyday life he should so conduct himself as to secure the approval of the members of his Lodge. Bro. Cole followed. He hoped to become a good Mason, and rise to the higher positions of the Craft. Bro. Kembry endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers. He should do all that lay in his power to become a good and true Freemason. The Master next gave the toast of the Visitors. He was sure there was not a Lodge in London that extended a heartier welcome to its guests than did the Domatic. They were always proud to see Visitors. He only hoped that those present had experienced some pleasure from their visit. Bro. Webb was the first to reply. It was a great pleasure to visit the Lodge. He thanked the brethren for the heartiness of their reception. Bro. Styles followed. As probably one of the most regular Visitors to the Lodge he felt in a position to testify to the good feeling always exhibited in it. The Domatic was the first Lodge he had ever visited, and he did not think he could be accused of having deserted it, since he had attended its meetings on every possible occasion, and considered that proved that he, as a Visitor, was satisfied with the way he was treated. He felt sure that every other brother who had opportunity of being present at one or other of its meetings must feel the same. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters. He assured the brethren that the assistance they rendered to the Lodge was far above what appeared. Without their assistance he felt he could not have carried out his duties. Bro. Walford was the first to reply. He referred to the many deaths which had occurred among members of the Lodge since their last meeting, regretting, as he felt all must do, the loss of so many of their number. He was proud of the hearty reception

always accorded to the toast of the Past Masters, and glad to see the Lodge in so prosperous a condition. Bro. Kent followed, also expressing his regret at the many losses the Lodge had sustained. Brother Ferguson felt himself elevated to a position he had no right to occupy, simply because the I.P.M. proper was absent; still he was very proud of the honour, and should endeavour to fulfil the duties required of him. He desired to say a few words to the Initiates. At first they might imagine that all Freemasons were angels, but he would warn them not to be carried away by that idea. It would be their duty to conform to the Rules of the Craft and carry out its teachings to the best of their ability, but it was necessary to beware of being imposed upon, for unfortunately there were men who enter Freemasonry with anything but worthy motives. For this reason it was incumbent on every brother before introducing a candidate to make sure that he was the right sort of man, that he would indeed become an honour to the Lodge, and a credit to the brother who had introduced him. Bros. Buncall, White, and Spink, followed, after which the W. Master proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary. He considered this a toast which concerned the prosperity of the Domestic Lodge very materially. These two brethren were so well known to the members, that it was not necessary for him to speak of their merits. Their Treasurer was all that could be desired, while it could truly be said of their Secretary that he had always given satisfaction. Bro. Everett said it had been his intention to have made a speech, but really everything it was possible to talk about had been touched upon, by one or other of the previous speakers, and he felt there was nothing left to say. He thought that if the brethren engaged in the revision of the Constitutions could be induced to alter the toast list, placing the Treasurer before the Past Masters at least, they would be doing an act which would greatly assist him and Treasurers generally. He hoped the brethren had all enjoyed themselves on this their first meeting night after the long recess. He was glad indeed to tell them the Lodge was in a prosperous condition, and as regards the good feeling of the members one towards another, it was only necessary to be present to be assured of it. The brethren by their reception of the toast had shewn they appreciated the efforts that he had made for their comfort, and he was pleased to think he gave them satisfaction. Bro. Morris followed. He was gratified to know he had given satisfaction in the past, and could only promise to try and do still better in the future. The toast of the Officers followed. The W.M. considered the Senior Warden one of the most worthy men in the Lodge, and one who he felt sure would give every satisfaction if elected to the chair. The other Officers worked well, and appeared to do all they could to advance the welfare of the Lodge. Each of the Officers present having replied, the Tyler was summoned, and he gave the concluding toast. Among the present were Bros. J. McLean W.M., W. Herbage S.W., W. M. Foxcroft J.W., G. Everett P.M. Treasurer, T. Morris Secretary, A. Simner W.S. (acting I.G.), H. Price M.C.; P.M.'s W. J. Ferguson, J. Buncall, W. B. Spink, E. White, F. Kent, J. E. Walford, &c.; also Bros. J. Cockburn S.W. 1381, A. Dodson 1366, C. Parsons 1637, C. Phillips I.P.M. 820, A. W. Wells P.M. 299, W. P. Webb W.M. 1381, H. D. Sharo W.M. 1558, W. Williams 90, A. Robbins P.M. 1056, A. G. Thomson 1624, W. M. Stiles W.M. 1507, G. W. Knight M.C. 1507, and others.

CRUSADERS' LODGE, No. 1677.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge was held on Wednesday evening, at the Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct. Lodge was opened at four o'clock by the W.M., Bro. Frank Rothschild, who was supported by Past Masters Bros. W. J. Hunter, Thomas Goode, J. W. Simmonds, J. Maples (Treasurer), J. G. Defriez (Secretary). Visitors—Bros. Thomas Vernon 25, J. J. Goode J.W. 1961, W. H. Smith 1622, William Clarke 1964, C. Clayton W.M. 1968, Oxley P.M. 1237, A. H. Hickman W.M. 228, S. Goode 1288, Wallace S.D. 907, H. J. F. Gale 1167, G. T. Turner W.M. 183, Edward Harvey J.W. 1314, G. H. Gilham P.M. 1632, W. R. Burnett J.W. 749, Jas. Kew P.M. 179, R. J. Taylor P.M. 141, W. Best S.W. 1288, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, Edwin Woodman S.D. 1950, Thos. Cartland 913, P. Woodman 228, C. Evans I.G. 860, Samuel Flint 1613, R. P. Forge W.M. 1950, H. G. Penny 834, W. F. Hughes S.D. 179, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Tom Hodges S.W. 1706, A. Cunningham 1706, H. T. Sandy 228, C. Hurford 1420, P. J. Jagels 1714, J. J. Griffiths 198, R. Paget 228, &c. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting, and the Lodge of Emergency of the 3rd of May, had been read, the same were offered for confirmation, and unanimous approval given them. The Auditors' Report was presented and adopted. The ballot was brought into requisition for admission, as joining members, of Brother William Hawtin, Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, who was proposed by Bro. T. Goode P.M., and seconded by the W.M.; and for Brother George William Tillet P.M. Lodge No. 752, proposed by Bro. A. Millward W.M. elect, and seconded by Bro. Hunter P.M. Both candidates were unanimously approved of. The installation of W.M. was next proceeded with, the ceremony being admirably performed by the outgoing Master, Brother Frank Rothschild. The appointment and investiture of Officers resulted as follow:—Bros. G. H. Calderwood S.W., Joseph Pigot J.W., J. Maples P.M. Treasurer, J. G. Defriez P.M. Secretary, Rev. Caswell Chaplain, R. D. Cummings S.D., W. J. Goode J.D., Frederick Goode I.G., Alfred Goode M.C., T. M. K. Gilbert A.M.C., W. J. Hunter P.M. W.S., J. J. Stockall Assistant W.S. Lodge having been closed, and a very admirably served banquet having been done full justice to, the usual toasts were given and received with the greatest cordiality, great stress being laid on that of the Prince of Wales, M.W.G.M., of whom the Worshipful Master spoke in the most respectful and complimentary terms. The toast of the Worshipful Master was, as is customary on these occasions, entrusted to the I.P.M., who spoke in well-merited terms of the claims on their regard as Master and Brother of Bro. Millward, who had acquitted himself most successfully in the various offices to which he had been appointed. After a brief interval, Bro. Millward rose and

returned thanks, both for the kind remarks of the brother who had proposed his health, and for the manner in which it had been received by all present. He had striven in the past to perform his duties successfully, and he trusted that his future career would be equally satisfactory. He had at heart the interest of the Lodge, and he also had every confidence in the will and ability of the Past Masters and Officers to help him through his term of office. The toast of the I.P.M. and Installing Master followed, and it is unnecessary to say that it was drunk with enthusiasm, the value of the toast being greatly enhanced by the fact that a Past Master's jewel was presented to the brother so appropriately honoured, as a slight recognition of his valuable services. Bro. Rothschild's acknowledgment was brief, but to the point, and the remaining toasts having been honoured, the brethren rose and dispersed after a most agreeable gathering.

The windows presented by the Crusaders' Lodge to St. James's Church, Clerkenwell, were unveiled, on the 13th inst., by the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London, who attended in state. The subject on the left hand window is "The Building of the Temple;" King Solomon is represented in company with Hiram Abiff, and the degrees in Freemasonry are represented. A very good idea is conveyed by the arrangement of the figures. The subject in the right hand window is "The Queen of Sheba viewing the Temple on its completion;" King Solomon is represented showing the Temple to the Queen, while numerous Eastern princes are grouped in the background, ready to offer costly presents. The working tools are introduced in the border of the former window, and the various jewels of office in the latter. Besides numerous other emblems, the Grand Lodge and Crusaders' Arms are introduced. The windows were designed and executed by Bro. Charles Evans, of Warwick-street, Regent-street, W., and form a lasting tribute to an energetic and skillful artist. We have great pleasure in adding that the Lodge and the banquet room were illuminated by means of Edison's incandescent lamps, and there cannot be the slightest question as to the brilliancy of the effect. We have visited, in the course of a long experience, many Lodges, but we cannot call to mind a single case in which a Lodge has been so successfully illuminated as in this instance.

ELEANOR CROSS LODGE, No. 1764, NORTH-AMPTON.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Abington-street, on Tuesday. There was a strong muster of Officers and members, and a compact little contingent of visitors. In the former category must be included Bros. Henry Brown (Prov. Grand Junior Warden) W.M., Henry Hill (P.P.G.O.) S.W. and Worshipful Master elect, Henry Spoor Secretary; Past Masters Rev. S. J. W. Sanders, Johnston (No. 25 I.C.), H. J. Atkins, &c.; in the latter were Bros. J. J. Hart J.W. 360, James L. Spoor, W. Kingston P.M. 360, W. W. Morgan Secretary 211, and Jones 445. Lodge having been opened, and the minutes of the last meeting confirmed, the ballot was taken for Messrs. Augustus Peachey and Walter John Howe, and, as it proved satisfactory, those gentlemen were forthwith initiated into the mysteries of the first degree, the work being done in an able and impressive manner by Bro. Brown. Then followed the ceremony of installation, which was carried out with equal ability by the same brother; and Bro. Henry Hill having been by him inducted into the chair of K.S., in accordance with ancient custom, proceeded to appoint and invest the following brethren as his Officers for the ensuing year, namely:—Bros. Henry Brown I.P.M., Henry Spoor S.W., Eli Morris J.W., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders Chaplain, Hamilton W. Parker Treasurer, George Ellard Secretary, Rev. T. C. Beasley Senior Deacon, Richard Croft Junior Deacon, Henry J. Atkins Master of Ceremonies, George Butcher Assistant Master of Ceremonies, Thomas Emery Inner Guard, Brook Sampson Organist, Robert Abel Assistant Organist, Samuel J. Newman and James Carrall Stewards, C. Dean and William Kirby Tylers. The report of the Auditors having been submitted and approved, and a notice of motion for the next meeting handed in, Bro. Hill very gracefully presented his predecessor with the jewel of a Past Master, as a mark of the appreciation in which his services as Master were held by the members of the Lodge. Bro. Hill's remarks were of necessity of a complimentary character, but the frequent bursts of applause with which they were greeted showed unmistakably that they were not more complimentary than the occasion and the services demanded. Bro. Brown expressed his sense of the compliment paid him in brief but appropriate terms, and there being no other business Lodge was closed and the banquet served. On the removal of the cloth, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and received with equal heartiness. For that of the Grand Master of the Province, the Duke of Manchester, the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Butler Wilkins, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers present and past, Bro. Wilkins, who regretted he had not arrived earlier, responded at some length. He congratulated the Lodge on the success which had attended it from the outset. It had shown itself a steadfast upholder of Masonic principles, and he hoped that the brethren who had been initiated that day would prove themselves as efficient and as worthy as those that had preceded them. Bro. Wilkins further suggested that the Lodge should lay itself out to invite the Provincial Grand Lodge to be held in Northampton under its banner—a suggestion which it is hardly necessary for us to add was received with marked favour, coming, as it did, from a brother of such influence as the Deputy Grand Master of the Province. In reply to the toast of his health, Bro. Hill expressed his thanks for the cordial manner in which it had been received. He should do his utmost to fulfil the duties of his office in a manner which would sustain the credit of the Lodge, and in these endeavours he felt confident he might rely upon the effective co-operation of the Past Masters, his Officers, and the members generally. To Bro. Ellard Secretary was entrusted the duty of proposing the Masonic Charities, and in his remarks he laid great stress on the extent to which they were supported, the sum raised annually for several years past being in excess of £10,000. Bro. Atkins, who purposed representing

the Province as Charity Steward, replied, and insisted on the importance of raising subscriptions by means of the Masonic Associations, the contributions to which, being spread over a considerable period of time, would hardly be felt. The toast of the Past Masters was proposed by Bro. Johnston, who expressed the satisfaction he had derived from watching the proceedings, furnishing, as they did, indisputable evidence of the ability which distinguished the successive occupants of the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Rev. T. C. Beasley gave the toast of the Visitors, whom he heartily welcomed, and Bros. W. Kingston, Morgan, and Jones responded, Bro. Kingston observing that when the Eleanor Cross Lodge was first started he confessed he had watched its proceedings with some jealousy. That feeling, however, rapidly passed into one of admiration at the manner in which the Lodge work had been done, and he congratulated the members on the position they then occupied in the Craft. The Worshipful Master proposed the Officers of the Lodge, and the Tyler's toast, as usual, brought the proceedings to a close. The proceedings were enlivened with a wealth of good singing, and Bro. Morgan was much applauded for his effective recitation of "Brought to Light."

Just now there is a severe pressure on our resources, the invitations to Lodges being almost more numerous than we can satisfy. In these circumstances we shall esteem it a favour if our friends will kindly give us the earliest possible intimation that our presence is desirable, so that we experience less difficulty than we have done latterly in meeting their wishes.

Bro. Henry Baldwin, Secretary of the Royal Hanover Lodge, No. 1777, asks us to announce that the Installation Meeting of this Lodge will be held on Saturday, the 28th inst., at the Royal Albany Hotel, Twickenham, at 2 p.m. The W.M. elect Bro. C. C. Cruikshanks will be duly installed into the chair of K.S., according to ancient custom, by the retiring W.M. Previous to the above ceremony, the several degrees will be conferred on the candidates by the W.M. Bro. Harry Clark. Banquet about 4 o'clock.

The Provincial Grand Chapter of Middlesex will be held at the Greyhound Hotel, Hampton Court, on Saturday, at four in the afternoon, under the presidency of Sir Francis Burdett. The appointment will be made of the Grand Second and Third Principals, and after their installation the other Provincial Grand Officers will be appointed and invested.

We beg to remind our readers that the Anniversary Festival Banquet of the Rahere Almoners will take place at the Cannon-street Hotel, E.C., on Monday next, at six o'clock p.m. To those who desire to know more of this "Antiente Fraternitie" we commend a very interesting paper which appeared in the *City Press* of Wednesday last.

The address voted by the Prince Edward of Saxe-Weimar Lodge to Captain Lord Charles Boreford, R.N., congratulating him on the gallant part which he played during the Egyptian war, is to be presented, at a specially convened Lodge, to be held on Tuesday next at the Masonic Hall, Highbury-street, Portsmouth. The Lodge is to be close tyled at 4.30 p.m. The address, which has been illuminated by Mr. J. Robertson, of Landport, is enclosed in a handsome gilt frame. The Worshipful Master of the Lodge (Brother Thomas Page) has invited the Right Worshipful Provincial Grand Master (Brother W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) and his Officers to be present. It is hoped that Lord Carrington, Colonel Shadwell Clarke the Secretary of Grand Lodge, and other distinguished members of the Craft will also be able to accept invitations to attend.—*Portsmouth Times*.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Sussex was held on the 13th instant, at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton, under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell, Bart. M.P., Provincial Grand Master. The reports of the Board of Finance and Charities Committee were satisfactory, and were unanimously adopted. A proposition to increase quarterage fees from Provincial brethren to the Benevolent Fund was discussed. Only one Lodge was found to be in favour of the proposition, and 22 opposed any alteration. It was ultimately resolved not to sanction an increase. The Provincial Grand Master congratulated the Lodge on the flourishing state of Freemasonry in the Province, and the Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed. A banquet subsequently took place, under the presidency of Sir W. W. Burrell.

The Duke of Albany has promised to attend the half yearly Communication of Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, &c., on the 5th of December, to receive the wedding present which Grand Mark Lodge and individual Mark Masons subscribed to for His Royal Highness and the Duchess of Albany. The presentation will be made by Lord Henniker, the Grand Master of the Order.

At the Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1288, Cock Tavern, Highbury, on Wednesday, the 25th instant, at 8.30 o'clock, after the usual business a notice of motion will be brought forward by Brother Williams jun., seconded by Brother Matthews:—"To make an alteration in bye-law 2; and also to make an addition to the same." The annual supper will be held at the above address on Wednesday, 8th November. Tickets can be obtained on application to the Secretary, Brother J. Rothschild, 17 and 18 Little Britain, E.C.

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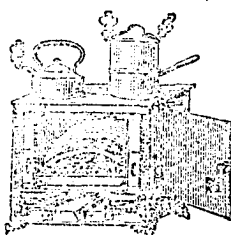
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT OF THIS INSTITUTION, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, London, W.C., on Saturday, 14th October 1882,

Colonel J. CREATON, Treasurer and Trustee, in the Chair.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers proceeded to the Election, by ballot, of Seven Girls into the Institution, from a list of 20 APPROVED CANDIDATES, when the following were declared duly ELECTED:—

No. on List		Votes	No. on Poll
8	Dohby, Minnie	3394	1
14	Cookes, Beatrice Ada... ..	2695	2
13	Matthews, Edith Josephine... ..	2671	3
10	Knott, Beatrice Emily	2609	4
15	Hammond, Mary Ethel	2431	5
13	Besley, Norah	2412	6
1	Hirst, Mary Hannah	2212	7

The votes recorded for unsuccessful Candidates will be carried forward to their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the Votes polled for Successful and Unsuccessful Candidates may be obtained at the Office.

F. R. W. HEDGES,
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AT A QUARTERLY GENERAL COURT of the Governors and Subscribers, held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, Lincoln's Inn Fields, London, on Monday, the 16th day of October 1882,

Col. J. CREATON, in the chair.

A ballot took place for the Election of 12 Boys, from an approved list of 62, reduced by withdrawals to 60 Candidates, the following being declared to be successful:—

No. on Poll	No. on List		Votes
1	21	Nicholas, Thomas Moreton	3004
2	20	Jones, Geoffrey Stuart	2926
3	30	O Doherty, Charles Patrick	2772
4	38	O'ark, William Edwards	2761
5	55	Chiesman, Albert	2696
6	14	Taylor, George William	2669
7	1	Jones, William Vincent Beilby	2666
8	25	Templeman, James Pecham Gerard	2618
9	52	Sutcliffe, Godfrey Heathcote	2615
10	8	Crabb, Tom Walcott	2630
11	12	Sanderson, Charles Jesse	2622
12	2	Eccleston, Henry Arthur	2464

Lists of candidates (successful and unsuccessful), with full particulars of polling, &c., may be had on application at the Office. Votes of unsuccessful candidates will be carried to the credit of those qualified for election, in April next.

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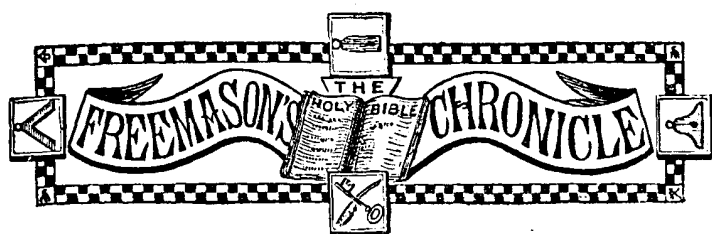
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THE annual meeting of the Grand Lodge of this Province was held on Tuesday, 17th inst., in the Central Hall, Darlington, under the banner of the Restoration Lodge, No. 111, and of the Marquis of Ripon Lodge, No. 1379, when there was a more than usually large attendance of past and present Provincial Grand Officers, and representatives from all the Lodges of the Province. The appearance of the hall was very imposing, the brethren being ranged under their respective banners. Prov. Grand Lodge was opened in due form by the Right Wor. the Prov. Grand Master the Marquis of Londonderry, Knight of St. Patrick, &c., assisted by the following Officers:—Bros. A. Iley P.G.S.D., Thos. Coulson P.G.J.D., T. Bradley P.G. Assist. Sir Hedworth Williamson D.P.G.M., J. W. Cameron P.G.S.W., J. McCulloch P.G.J.W., Rev. J. J. Brown P.G. Chap. R. Hudson P.G. Sec., Geo. Greenwell P.G.D.C., David Sinclair P.G. Assist. D.C., A. T. Munro P.G. Sword Bearer, R. Dickinson P.G. Organist, John Sinclair P.G. Pursuivant, John Thompson P.G. Tyler. Bro. R. Hudson, Provincial Grand Secretary, read the minutes of last Provincial Grand Lodge which were confirmed. The Treasurer's report was read by Brother T. Bradley Assistant Secretary, this showed the Funds to be in a highly satisfactory condition. Bro. Hudson Past Grand Secretary read the report of the Fund Committee, presided over by Bro. Sir Hedworth Williamson, Deputy P.G.M., in which it was stated that the committee had that day voted £60 to five applicants; and it was further recommended that £52 10s be given to the Masonic Boys' School, £52 10s to the Girls' School, and £26 10s each to the Aged Masons' Institute and the Aged Widows' Institute. It was likewise proposed that £25 be subscribed to the Provincial Education Fund. Sir Hedworth Williamson moved the adoption of the report, which was carried. The Charities Committee reported the successful working of the committee, and the new educational scheme in the Province. Bro. C. S. Lane moved, and Bro. M. Corbett seconded the adoption of the report, which was carried. After some conversation respecting the promotion of the Royal College of Music, in which the M.W. Grand Master the Prince of Wales takes a deep interest, it was decided to invite the Lodges to take the matter up. The roll of the Lodges was then called by Bro. Geo. Greenwell, D.C., when the Worshipful Masters of the following reported progress in funds and membership, and continued harmony in working; the Industry 43 Gateshead, St. John's 80 Sunderland, Phoenix 94 Sunderland, Palatine 97 Sunderland, Restoration 111 Darlington, Marquis of Granby 124 Durham, St. Hilda 240 South Shields, Lambton 375 Chester-le-street, Borough 424 Gateshead, Tees 509 Stockton, St. Helen's 531 Hartlepool, Fawcett 661 Seaham, Harbour of Refuge 764 West Hartlepool, Philanthropy 940 Stockton, Williamson 949 Sunderland, St. Bede's 1119 Jarrow, Wear Valley 1121 Bishop Auckland, Basnard 1230 Barnard Castle, Earl of Durham 1274 Chester-le-street, Norman 1334 Durham, Marquis of Ripon 1370 Darlington, Fenwick 1389 Sunderland, Fraternity 1418 Stockton, Perseverance 1643 Hebburn, Rose of Raby 1650 Staindrop, Stranton 1862 West Hartlepool, Whitworth 1932 Spennymoor, Hadrian 1970 South Shields. After hearing the reports from the respective Masters in the Province, the Right Worshipful Grand Master the Marquis of Londonderry said it was only a profound sense of duty and a sincere wish to be with them that day alone persuaded him to be present on the occasion, seeing that he had to leave the dying bed of the mother of her to whom he owed a life of happiness. He was glad to meet them in such good numbers, and to congratulate them upon the continued prosperity of the Order, and the harmony which reigned in their midst. Bro. Hudson, the Provincial Grand Secretary, had prepared for him some statistics, which showed that in 1848 there were thirteen Lodges and 372 members in the Province, and in 1881 there were twenty-seven Lodges with 1976 members, and during the present year another Lodge—the Hadrian—had been consecrated. After referring in feeling terms to the decease, in March last, of Bro. Henry Crookes, late Grand Secretary, and expressing his obligation and gratification to Bro. Hudson that he had undertaken the onerous duties of Secretary, the R.W.G.M. expressed the pain he felt in receiving the resignation of Bro. J. Candell as P.G. Treas., a brother whom he had long esteemed and revered. Bro. R. Hudson P.G. Secretary said it was interesting to know that Bro. Candell was present at the Grand Lodge at the installation of Bro. John Fawcett, late P.G.M., and had been P.G. Treasurer since 1858. Bro. E. D. Davis P.P.G.S.W., &c., moved that Bro. Babington Bowlton, Darlington, be P.G. Treasurer, which, on being seconded, was carried unanimously. On the motion of R.W. Deputy Grand Master Sir H. Williamson, the Secretary was instructed to write to Bro. the Rev. J. Candell, expressing feelings of regret that he had retired from the Grand Lodge. The R.W. Prov. G. Master then appointed his Officers for the ensuing year, as under:—

Bros. Sir Hedworth Williamson	...	P.D.G. Master
W. J. Young	...	P.G. Senior Warden
C. R. Fry	...	P.G. Junior Warden
Rev. C. Jackson	...	} P.G. Chaplains
Rev. R. H. Yeld	...	
B. Bowlton	...	P.G. Treasurer
R. Tuck	...	P.G. Registrar

R. Hudson	...	P.G. Secretary
T. Bradley	...	P.G. Asst. Secretary
T. Bell	...	P.G. Senior Deacon
T. Coulson	...	P.G. Junior Deacon
J. Tillman	...	P.G. Supt. of Works
G. Greenwell	...	P.G. Director of Ceremonies
D. Sinclair	...	P.G. Asst. D.C.
R. B. Harpley	...	P.G. Sword Bearer
J. Porteous	...	P.G. Organist
J. Wyld	...	P.G. Pursuivant
G. D. Seng	...	P.G. Asst. Pursuivant
J. Curry	...	P.G. Tyler
J. Martin, G. McMarrar, W. B. Elsdon, William Davidson, M. Burn, T. Hylton	...	} P.G. Stewards

On the motion of Bro. Hudson P.G. Secretary, it was resolved to enter upon the minutes of Grand Lodge the deep loss sustained by the province at the death of Bro. Henry Crookes, late Prov. Grand Secretary, and that a letter of condolence be sent to his relatives. There being no other business the Lodge was closed in due form, after which the brethren adjourned to the annual banquet, which was held in the Mechanics' Hall, Darlington. About 150 brethren sat down, under the presidency of the most noble the Marquis of Londonderry. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly honoured, and the proceedings were agreeably enlivened by music by Bros. Whitehead, Nutton, and Walker, Bro. Boynes accompanying on the piano.

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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF DEVON.

THE Royal Arch Masons of the Province of Devon held their annual Grand Chapter on Tuesday, at Exeter. The Companions assembled at the Victoria Hall. The attendance was not, however, so numerous as expected, and the meeting might have been held at the Exeter Freemasons' Hall in Gandy-street. Viscount Ebrington, M.P., the Prov. G. Superintendent of the Province, presided, supported by ex-Comps. W. G. Rogers H., and Col. Ridgway J. The following Companions were also among those present:—J. Brewer P.G.S.E., Mark Farrant P.G.P.S., J. S. Keserman P.G. 2nd A.S., H. S. Gill P.G. 1st Gr. B., W. B. Mays P.G. 2nd Gr. B., J. Blanchard P.G. Janitor, Lieut-Col. J. Tanner-Davy, J.P., P.P.G.H., Capt. W. E. Elphinstone-Stone, R.N., P.P.G.J., J. H. Warren P.P.G.A.S., W. Easton P.P.G.S.N., W. F. Quick P.P.G.A.S., S. B. Colston P.P.G.S.B., Rev. E. Aitken-Davies P.P.G., James Murray P.P.G.D.C., Joseph Page P.Z. Treasurer 112, Rev. Thomas Russell H. 251, Wm. Haynes P.Z. 106, W. Brodie H. 1284, Rev. T. W. Lemon, M.A., Z. 189, J. P. Heath H. 112, W. Brodie P.Z. 328, Thomas Elsworth P.Z. 251, J. U. Valentine H. 303, John Olver Z. 1138, John Stocker Z. 112, Charles Stevens P.Z. 1138, W. E. Warren P.Z. 238, William Harris P.Z. 1138, Dr. Bousfield, Weyside Chapter 1395, P.P.G. Officer Surrey. Companions W. R. Lisle Gr. B. 112, Henry Stocker Asst. S. 112, W. Densham P.S. 112, Jno. Alger Reg. 112, F. Sanders S.N. 1284, S. R. Jerred 112, Geo. Hussey 328, Walter G. Lacey 106, H. W. Madelay 112, H. J. Hancock 251, H. F. Willey 1284, Thomas Wutherton 248, H. Stansfield 106. The minutes of last P.G. Chapter, held at Stonehouse, on 4th of June 1881, were read by the P.G.S.E. Ex-Comp. Brewer, and confirmed. The next business was the reception of reports. The P.G.S.E.'s report showed that an unusual amount of dues had been received during the past year. Warnings had been forwarded to several Chapters that were in arrears, and the whole, with the exception of one, had paid up. Some had four years' dues to pay, others three years, and two years. The Treasurer, Ex-Comp. Carteis, was prevented by his engagements from attending. His statement of accounts was read by Bro. Brewer. It showed a balance in hand of £66 14s 1d, but from that had to be deducted £6 6s due to the Fortescue Annuity Fund, which left the available balance at £60 8s 1d. The By-Laws Revision Committee had not drawn up any draft of By-Laws to submit. They reported that they wished to have the Grand Lodge laws settled first, for their guidance. The Chapter received and adopted these reports. A recommendation was made by the Chapter to the Revision Committee to arrange in their draft of By-Laws for providing a Committee of Petitions for the Provincial Grand Chapter, upon a similar plan to that adopted by the Craft Masons in the Province, in order that the awarding of the available balances might be made upon careful consideration, not haphazard votes at the annual meeting. It was proposed by Ex-Comp. W. Brodie, and seconded by Ex-Comp. E. Aitken Davies, that twenty guineas be voted to the Devon Educational Fund. Ex-Comp. Captain Stone stated that the management of that Fund required revision, and should be considered before any more money was voted to it. Provision had for the present been made to pay the allowances to children, so there was no pressing necessity for the £20. Ex-Comp. Fulford and Ex-Comp. John Stocker complained that the Educational Fund was weakening the support furnished from the Province to the London Masonic Charities, from whom the Province was at present deriving large grants. After a long discussion a majority carried a resolution to award £30 a year to the Masonic Girls' School, and £30 to the Masonic Boys' School. Ex-Comp. J. P. Heath was elected the Treasurer for the year. Ex-Comps. T. S. Bayly P.P.G. Reg., and J. Lynn P.P.G.S.B., were re-elected the Auditors. The following Officers were then appointed:—

Comp. W. G. Rogers	...	H.
J. E. Curteis	...	J.
J. Brewer	...	Scribe E.
R. T. Thorntou	...	Scribe N.

Rev. T. W. Lemon ...	...	P. Sojourner
J. Stocker ...	...	1st Assistant Sojourner
E. J. Knight ...	...	2nd Assistant Sojourner
W. K. Mitchell ...	...	Registrar
J. S. Swann ...	...	Sword Bearer
J. H. Westlake ...	...	Standard Bearer
C. Watson ...	...	Director of Ceremonies
T. Goodall ...	...	Organist
J. Blanchard ...	...	Janitor
J. Rogers ...	...	Assistant Janitor

Beadon Chapter, No. 619.—The Quarterly Convocation of this Chapter was held on Thursday evening, the 12th of October, at the Masons' Hall Tavern, Coleman-street, City, but was very thinly attended by the members. Comp. F. Sharratt was M.E.Z., Comp. Myer P.Z. occupied the position of H., and Comp. Jacobs J., the regular Principals being unable to attend. The minutes of the last Convocation were read by Comp. Green P.Z. and S.E., and unanimously confirmed. The next business was the reception of Bro. James Gordon, of the Beadon Lodge, who had been balloted for at the last Convocation, and he, being in attendance, was duly exalted into Royal Arch Masonry. The next items were the election of the M.E.Z., Treasurer, and other Officers for the ensuing year. Comp. Sharratt was unanimously elected, for the second time, to occupy the chair of First Principal, Comp. Carrington H., and Comp. Thompson P.Z. was for the second time elected to fill the chair of J. Comp. Avery was re-elected Treasurer, and Comp. Green S.E.; Comp. Dr. Podmore was elected S.N., and Comp. Bond P.S.; Comp. Bavin was re-elected Janitor for the ensuing year. The Audit Committee was appointed, and the Chapter was closed in due form. The Companions then adjourned to the banqueting room, where a very bountiful repast was provided. On the removal of the cloth, the formal Royal Arch toasts were given and duly honoured. Comp. H. Thompson then rose and proposed the health of the M.E.Z., Comp. Sharratt, and said that nothing could give him greater pleasure than having the privilege of proposing this toast. They all knew the kind and genial qualities for which Comp. Sharratt was distinguished; these had been fully manifested that evening in his being unanimously re-elected to fill the distinguished position of M.E.Z. for the second time. He was quite sure as long as he held that position he would ever command the same kindly feelings which had always been entertained towards him. It is almost needless to say that this toast was received with the greatest cordiality. The M.E.Z., in responding, said he felt that he did not deserve all the kind things that Comp. Thompson had said of him; he did not go through the duties as he could desire, but he would do his best to give them satisfaction. The next toast was that of the P.Z.'s of the Chapter, and in responding to this Comp. Thompson said he felt it to be a great honour to fill the position of J., and to be for the second time elected to it; although he would rather have desired to see their choice fall upon some one else; yet, as it was their pleasure to elect him, he would endeavour to discharge the duties to their satisfaction. Comp. Green S.E. also acknowledged the toast, and expressed his determination to adhere strictly to the bye-laws, and whenever the time arrived for them to meet together he should send out the proper notices, whether or not there was business to be transacted; a neglect of this regulation did not conduce to the interests of the Chapter. Some other toasts were given, and a very pleasant evening was spent, diversified by songs from several of the Companions. Comp. H. Frances, of Provincial Grand Chapter Surrey, was the only visitor.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Bros. Joshua Nunn (President), James Brett (as Senior Vice President), C. A. Cottebrune (as Junior Vice President), Charles Dairy, Henry Smith, G. P. Festa, C. Atkins, G. P. Britten, H. Garrod, A. A. Pendlebury, W. Dodd, Neville Green, W. Mann, H. Massey, Edgar Bowyer, John Newton, W. Stephens, C. F. Hogard, F. Kent, W. Paas, R. P. Forge, and others. The brethren first confirmed grants to the amount of £215, recommended at the September meeting. There were thirty cases on the new list. In the course of a three-and-a-half hours' sitting four of these were deferred, and one was dismissed. The remainder were relieved, with a total of £640.

The *City Press* of Wednesday says:—It is not certain whether H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, as Grand Master, will be able to attend the Masonic banquet at the Mansion House on Friday, but the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and other Grand Officers, are expected to be present. By a special dispensation, the guests are authorised to appear in full Masonic regalia.

It is proposed to form a Benevolent Association, to be called the Third Clapton Benevolent Association. The first meeting will take place on Friday evening, the 3rd of November, at the Lord Stanley, Sandringham-road Hackney, when the Officers will be elected. Bro. Charles Diamond, of the King Harold Lodge, No. 1327, has undertaken to act as Secretary *pro tem*.

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 Meetings, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 21st OCTOBER.

193—Perey, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Gaults, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8. (Inst.)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
 1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 112—St. Thom's's, Cannon Street Hotel
 R.A. 1572—Carnarvon, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood.
 1897—Citadel, Railway Hotel, Harrow

MONDAY, 23rd OCTOBER.

22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 518—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8 (Instruction)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amlurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1624—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Fitzroy, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 61—Probity, Freemason's Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 261—Nelson of the Nile, Freemasons' Hall, Batley
 302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Hebdon Bridge
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 408—Three Graces, Private Rooms, Haworth
 467—Tudor, Red Lion Hotel, Oldham
 613—Unity, Masonic Hall, Southport
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 909—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1542—Legation, Masonic Hall, Carlton-street, Castleford
 1575—Clive, Corbet Arms, Market Drayton
 R.A. 211—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

TUESDAY, 24th OCTOBER.

Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 11—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 203—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1041—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1153—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1363—Royal Arthur, D. of Cambridge, 316 Bridge-rd., Battersea Park, at 8 (In.)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 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 (Instruction)
 1553—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1339—Stockwell, Half Moon, Herne Hill.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 78—Imperial George, Asheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
 624—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Union-street, Burton-on-Trent
 779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
 897—Fidelity, Fleeca Inn, St. Helens, Lancashire
 986—Hesketh, Grapes Inn, Croston
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1214—Scarborough, Scarborough Hall, Caledonia-road, Batley
 1543—Rosslyn, Town Hall, Dunmow
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Edgware, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 180—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 823—Evertton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 25th OCTOBER.

212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 24—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Grosvenor-rd., Camden-cvnt, 8 (In.)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 734—La Tolérance, Merland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
 720—Parade, Balaam Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 751—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 761—Barnet Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)

385—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
1298—Pinsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8 (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 9 (Inst.)
1540—Chaucer, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8 (Instruction)
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1763—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
R.A. 13—Union Waterloo, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond

32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescot, Lancashire
117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
125—Prince Edwin, White Hart Hotel, Hythe, Kent
128—Prince Edwin, Bridge Inn, Bolton-street, Bury, Lancashire
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
277—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Union-street, Oldham
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Commercial-street, Morley, near Leeds
387—Airedale, Masonic Hall, Westgate, Shipley
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
580—Harmony, Wheat Sheaf, Ormskirk
606—Segontium, The Castle, Carnarvon
724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
755—St. Tudno, Freemasons' Hall, Llanduduo
758—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
910—St. Oswald, Masonic Hall, Ropergate, Pontefract
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1645—Colne Valley, Lewisham Hotel, Slaithwaite
1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
1797—Southdown, Hurstpierpoint, Sussex
R.A. 605—De Tabley, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
R.A. 1356—De Gray and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
M.M. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester

THURSDAY, 26th OCTOBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Gray, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Instruction)
22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
34—Mount Moriah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
65—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
66—Grenadiers', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
211—St. Michael's, The Moorgate, Moorgate-street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)
435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
858—South Middlesex, Beaufort House, North End, Fulham
861—Finbury, London Tavern, Fenchurch-street
871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30 (Instruction)
902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst.)
1153—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction.)
1638—Skelmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6 (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30 (Instruction)
R.A. 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
R.A. 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 733—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (In.)
R.A. 766—William Preston, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 9 (Inst.)

51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne
203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dowsbury
214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
219—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Baeup
317—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth
314—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire
314—United Brethren, Royal Oak Inn, Clayton-le-Dale, near Blackburn
315—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
320—Charity, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
360—Limestone Rock, Masonic Hall, Church-street, Clitheroe
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
454—Foresters, White Hart Hotel, Uttoxeter
462—Bank Terrace, Hargreaves Arms Hotel, Accrington
484—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
493—D'Oyle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth
559—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth
578—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
587—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
591—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
595—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
596—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
1125—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Tiverton, Devon
1181—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1325—Stanley, 211 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
1505—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1579—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire

1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
1587—St. Giles, Royal Oak Hotel, Cheadle
1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
R.A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
R.A. 481—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields
R.A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool
M.M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 27th OCTOBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
60—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
114—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30 (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, E.C.
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge (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)
1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1299—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cannonbury, at 8 (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1601—Ravensbourne, Board of Works Office, Catford Bridge, Lewisham
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich (Inst.)
R.A. 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Agricultural Hall, N.

401—Royal Forest, Hawk to Bountv Inn, Slaidburn
404—Watford, Freemasons' Hall, Watford
453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
460—Sutherland of Unity, Castle Hotel, Newcastle-under-Lyme
652—Holme Valley, Victoria Hotel, Holmfirth
810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
1031—Eccleshill, Freemasons' Hall, Eccleshill
1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth
1712—St. John, Freemasons Hall, Grainger Street, Newcastle upon Tyne
R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
R.A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C. 20—Royal Kent, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

SATURDAY, 28th OCTOBER.

198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Courts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junct., at 8 (Inst.)
1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1541—Alexandra Palace
1621—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1706—Orphans, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 1320—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
119—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

TRANQUILLITY LODGE, No. 185.

THE first meeting after the vacation of this Lodge took place on the 16th inst., at the Guildhall Tavern, E.C. Brother T. W. C. Bush W.M. presided. After the usual preliminaries, Bros. Rosenfeld and De Liew were raised to the third degree. At the close of the business the W.M. did a graceful act in a graceful way, by proposing to confer honorary membership, with all the privileges of a subscribing member, upon Bro. J. D. Barnett P.M., who for some time has acted as Organist, but who for many years has contributed in no small degree to the pleasure and entertainment after banquet; and who by his unvarying kindness and courtesy has endeared himself to every member of the Lodge. Bro. W. D. Bailey P.M. seconded the motion, which was carried with acclamation. Bro. Barnett, whose surprise was evidently genuine, was only able to utter a few words of thanks for the unexpected honour the brethren were pleased to confer upon him. An ample repast followed, after which the W.M., as is customary in these days in many of our London Lodges, joined the three principal toasts in one, in the comprehensive form of Loyalty to the Throne and devotion to the best interests of the Order. Although there were six visitors, namely, Bros. Mickley P.M. 479, Siletoc 645 P.P.G.D.C. East Lancashire, Wagstaff 188, Maas 901, Brown 1558, and Perceval 1607, the W.M., in proposing their health coupled the names only of Bros. Mickley and Siletoc. The former replied briefly, the latter gave some interesting anecdotal reminiscences of brethren who, hailing from immense distances, invite the members of a Lodge they are visiting, promising hearty welcome should an opportunity—which, however, was highly improbable—arise of a return visit. He instanced a case which was realised, in a most unexpected fashion, and at an out of the way place. The W.M. next proposed Prosperity to the three noble Masonic Institutions, of whose glorious position they had every reason to be proud, especially if it is recollected that this year, by individual effort, no less a sum than £10,000 has been collected for their support, a result achieved by the unflagging zeal of members of the Craft. He would couple with the toast the name of Brother Perceval, who in his reply remarked that he had been engaged all day at the election of boys, and the amount of work would be understood when

he stated that some 42,300 votes had to be examined, together with some 22,000 and odd brought over from former elections. Twelve boys were elected, and twelve mothers made happy. When it is stated that in the last seven years over a third of a million has been collected for the Charities, and that a very considerable staff has to be looked after, it will readily be conceived that the work could only be done by continual and sustained exertion and self denial; the burdens of which, however, was lightened by the reflection that, as was taught in the ceremonies, "Blessed is he that giveth, as well as he that receiveth." Bro. Bloomfield P.M., who responded for the Past Masters, could scarcely realise his position as one of the senior P.M.'s. The W.M. was courteous enough to speak of the assistance those who had passed the chair were always willing and able to afford to the presiding Master; but unfortunately, or he should rather say fortunately, for the Lodge, since he himself occupied the chair, which was now a good many years ago, there had never occurred an occasion at which any help from them was required. He could assure the brethren, should opportunity arise, it would be found the Past Masters were ready and willing to prove in acts what was so kindly said of them in words. Bro. Phil Levy, Secretary, in thanking the W.M. and brethren, feelingly regretted the absence of Bro. J. Constable, Treasurer, with whom he had so long harmoniously worked. He had no doubt that their Treasurer was with them that night in spirit, and that each expressed a silent wish that the worthy and esteemed Brother might be present at the next period of election, to resume the duties which he had performed with so much ability, to the advantage of the Lodge. Bro. Staley S.W. having replied for the Officers, the Tyler's son brought the proceedings to a close. The Officers were Staley S.W., S. Barnett J.W., Boz S.D., Peartree J.D., Lyons I.G., Tipper M.C., Potter Tyler. The Past Masters present were, Croaker, Bailey, Bloomfield, J. D. Barnett, N. Moss, S. Moss, N. Gluckstein, and E. Gottheil.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction No. 188—On Tuesday, at a meeting of the above Lodge of Instruction, held at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, under the presidency of Bro. Isaac Botbol, an interesting ceremony took place, in the shape of presenting a set of diamond studs to Bro. A. G. Dodson, the Preceptor, and a service of plate to Bro. Dodds, the Honorary Secretary. In presenting the testimonials Bro. Gardner, chairman of the Testimonial Committee, said, the pleasing duty had devolved upon him of conveying to Bros. Dodson and Dodds an expression of the respect in which they were held by the Lodge, and appreciation of the valuable services they had rendered. He need hardly remind the members of the able, courteous, and urbane manner in which Bro. Dodson had officiated as Preceptor of the Lodge since it was established, and of the very beneficial instruction he had imparted to the brethren at their regular weekly assemblies. Their estimation of his kindness and ability at all times had found tangible expression in this slight token of their regard and esteem, and, in the names of all the members of the Lodge, he asked Bro. Dodson to accept this set of diamond studs, which, though valuable in themselves, represented only in a slight degree the motives which prompted the gift, and which were those of sincere affection and esteem, and of their cordial recognition of the admirable services Bro. Dodson had rendered to the Lodge. The same remarks applied to their excellent Hon. Secretary (Bro. Dodds), and, in bearing his acceptance of the service of plate, subscribed for by the brethren, he (the speaker) assured that gentleman of their hearty and fraternal good wishes, and thanks for the services he had accorded to their Lodge of Instruction. To both brethren their thanks were eminently due; and if the gifts they tendered were of no great intrinsic worth, he trusted they would be accepted in the spirit in which they were offered, namely, as some slight mark of their esteem and recognition of services faithfully and ably rendered to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. The gifts were suitably acknowledged by the recipients, who received the congratulations of the brethren, and subsequently an agreeable evening was passed.

Royal Union Lodge of Instruction, No. 382.—Meeting held on Monday, 16th inst., at the Chequers' Hotel, Uxbridge. Bros. Brooks W.M., Rowles S.W., Cotton J.W., Taplin S.D., Phillips J.D., Duffin I.G., and Tyler. Lodge was opened in due form, and after the usual preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Duffin candidate. Bro. Phillips showed proficiency in the first degree, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Bro. Rowles was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. Lodge was closed and adjourned until Monday, the 22nd of October.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—A regular Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on 11th October. Present—Bros. E. J. Blackwell P.G.J.D. Berks and Bucks W.M., R. C. Hurley P.M. acting as I.P.M., Rd. Dowsett S.W., Edwd. Margrett P.M. P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks acting J.W., Stransom Treasurer, H. Creed acting Secretary, Hawkes S.D., Prickett J.D., Hickie Organist, Hemmings Tyler; also Bros. Bailey, Greenaway, Slaughter, Whitfield, Weatherhead, Collins, T. Margrett. Lodge was opened and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. Margrett was initiated into the mysteries of Freemasonry, the Charge, after initiation, was delivered by the W.M. in his usual correct and impressive manner. The election of Master for the ensuing year resulted unanimously in favour of Bro. R. Dowsett S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him; he would do his utmost to promote and uphold the honour and integrity of the Lodge, by walking in the footsteps of the present Master, whose working has become a proverb in the Province. The W.M. congratulated the Lodge on having such an efficient Treasurer as Bro. Stransom P.G.S.B. Berks and Bucks, who has kindly consented to fill the office if again elected; he had much satisfaction in proposing him. P.M. Margrett

seconded, and Bro. Stransom was unanimously re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Stransom, in a few suggestive and appropriate remarks, returned thanks for the honour. The W.M. proposed, and P.M. Hurley seconded, the re-election of Bro. Hemmings as Tyler. This was agreed to. The W.M. brought before the Lodge the motion of Bro. J. M. Clabon, in accordance with a resolution passed at the last Prov. Grand Lodge, and asked for opinions of members on the question. P.M. Hurley said he thought it best to keep any surplus the Lodge might have for its own distribution. Past Master Margrett said that Grand Lodge should certainly be supplied with funds to properly support it; but as the increased quarterages were required for the Fund of Benevolence alone, which was administered by the London brethren almost entirely, and as he objected to the system of raising money by taxing Masonic Lodges, he thought that if any increased amount were required it should be given voluntarily, and he proposed, "That, in the opinion of this Lodge, it is not desirable that Bro. Clabon's resolution be passed by the Grand Lodge." This was seconded by Bro. Dowsett S.W. and W.M. elect. Bro. Bailey offered a few remarks in support of P.M. Margrett's proposition. The W.M. stated that many Lodges had negatived the motion, whilst only a very few had affirmed it, he thought the motion of Bro. Clabon could not be supported. Bro. P.M. Margrett's proposal was unanimously carried. Bro. P.M. Margrett announced that his list for the R.M.I.B. amounted to £45; he thanked the brethren for their support. The W.M. read a letter from the Grand Secretary Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, and stated that he had received a draft copy of the Revised Book of Constitutions and Synopsis of Rules, with a short sketch of proposed alterations and amendments, and said he would be happy to show the same to any member. At the suggestion of Bro. Stransom Treas. and P.M. Margrett, the W.M. undertook to procure four copies of the proposed rules for the use of the brethren. The W.M. also read a letter from the G. Secretary on behalf of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., with reference to the Royal College of Music, inviting subscriptions thereto. P.M. Hurley proposed, "That the thanks of the Lodge be given to the W.M. for the very able manner in which he had fulfilled the duties of his office during the year, and that a Past Master's jewel be presented to him as a slight recognition of his valuable services." In making this proposition P.M. Hurley said, he had great pleasure in doing so, for he had rarely seen the work done so well as it had been by Bro. Blackwell. P.M. Margrett, in seconding the proposal, desired to express his admiration of the manner in which Bro. Blackwell had conducted the ceremonies and performed the duties of his office; it was passed unanimously and with acclamation. The W.M. suitably returned thanks. The W.M. elect nominated as Banquet Stewards Bros. Ferguson P.M., W. W. Ridley, W. Ravenscroft I.G., and W. Collins. The labours of the evening being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form. We congratulate Bro. Blackwell on his successful year of office, and on the admirable manner in which he has conducted the ceremonies, his ritual having been pronounced by the Prov. G. Secretary as "simply perfect." The venerable Secretary Bro. Ivoy P.M. was absent, on a tour in Devon and Cornwall, to visit his children and grandchildren, but it is anticipated he will return in time for the installation on the second Wednesday in November.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday, 16th inst., at half-past seven o'clock p.m., at Bro. McDiarmid's, Chamber Tavern, Loughborough Junction. Bros. Taffs W.M., Sherring S.W., Warren J.W., Perkins S.D., Westley J.D., Westmore I.G., Johnson Preceptor, and the following brethren: Heinrich, Keyse, McDiarmid, Hayward, Banks, and Denning. After preliminaries, the second section of the first lecture was worked by Bro. Sherring. Lodge opened in second degree, when Bro. Banks offered himself as a candidate to be raised to the third degree, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third, when the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed, and the traditional history given by the W.M. Lodge resumed to first degree, when Brother Denning, of Lodge 1772, was elected a member. Brother Sherring was elected Worshipful Master for ensuing week; he appointed the Officers in rotation. A vote of thanks was unanimously accorded to Bros. McDiarmid, Miller, Perkins, and Philips, for their presents to the Lodge. It was announced that the annual supper would take place on 13th November, on which occasion Bro. Taffs S.W. 186, Lodge of Industry, will preside. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till 23rd instant.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—The weekly meeting, held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E., on Friday, the 13th instant, was presided over by Bro. J. N. Bates W.M., and the Officers were Bros. R. Poore S.W., H. Stokes J.W., C. H. Nevill S.D., James J.D., Pooler I.G., John S. Terry P.M. Sec., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, E. A. Francis, and others. The Lodge worked, in F.C. degree, the ceremony and charge by the W.M., and the lecture on the second tracing board by Bros. Jas. Stevens and E. A. Francis. Lodge was closed down, and Bro. R. Poore was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, when the Lodge will be opened in M.M. degree.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday evening, at Bro. Monk's, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, when Bro. James Warren, as W.M., was supported by the following brethren:—Henry Stokes S.W., W. Moss J.W., H. Hooper S.D., Richard Poore J.D., E. A. Albert I.G., E. A. Francis Preceptor, Henry M. Williams Secretary; also R. W. Pooler, J. A. Danks, W. Croucher, J. W. Plummer, James Ansdon and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was most impressively rehearsed by the W.M. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. Bros. J. W. Plummer, Duke of Connaught Lodge, and James Ansdon, Eclectic Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Henry Stokes having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony, and adjourned.

St. James's Union, No. 180.—The first meeting after the vacation was held on Tuesday, the 10th September, at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Bros. Geo. A. B. Fletcher (in the chair), Farwig P.M. acting S.W., W. H. Baker J.W., W. Parsons P.M. Secretary, J. Miles Treasurer, J. Maxted S.D., J. Chester J.D., T. A. Denne I.G., A. W. Staden W.S.; P.M.'s J. C. Wade, A. Stoner, Robinson, and Farwig. Visitors—Bros. R. Baker I.P.M. Joppi, Dr. Atcherley, of India, and W. Hudson. After the minutes had been read and confirmed, Mr. Spence, after being balloted for, was initiated into Freemasonry, in a manner highly creditable to the W.M., who it may be mentioned, was suffering from a fractured jaw. After Lodge had been closed the brethren adjourned to a capital banquet, provided by the new proprietors, Messrs. Spiers and Pond Limited. It is almost needless to say that the banquet was excellently served. Owing to the indisposition of the W.M., Bro. J. C. Wade presided, and gave the Queen and Craft, after which the National Anthem was sung by Bro. Chester. Then followed the toast of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M., the Earl of Lathom D.G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past followed rapidly. Bro. J. Wade then rose to propose the health of the W.M.; the brethren had witnessed the work of Bro. Fletcher, which he could say left nothing to be desired. Although their W.M. was suffering most acutely, he had come to Lodge, and performed the duties of his office in a manner highly creditable to the St. James's Union Lodge. He gave them the health of their W.M., and in the name of the brethren he assured the Worshipful Master of the sympathy of the entire Lodge with him in his present sufferings. They all hoped he would soon be perfectly restored. The W.M., in a few well chosen words, thanked the brethren generally for their continued kindness and sympathy. Before sitting down he would give them the toast of the initiate, who was a personal friend; he could testify to the sterling merit of Bro. Spence. Their newly-made brother, in the great struggle of life, evidenced all the qualities which endears a man to his kind. He would call upon the brethren to testify their hearty appreciation of his presence. After a song, capably sung by Bro. Westrop, Bro. Spence replied:—He thanked the W.M. for the kind words spoken of him, also the brethren for the hearty response given to his name. He felt in a novel situation, and could not say much, except that he trusted the future would confirm the brethren in the choice they had made in admitting him to the Ancient Fraternity. The I.P.M. then gave the Visitors. The St. James's Union Lodge had long been noted for a goodly attendance of Visitors, and he was sorry they had not more to-night, but although they were few in number, they were bright ornaments in the Craft and as such the St. James's Union Lodge was delighted to welcome them. He called upon Bros. Dr. Atcherley and Hudson to respond. After a very able recitation from Bro. Baker, the Visiting Brethren returned thanks; in eulogistic terms congratulating the Lodge upon the excellence of its work, every one of the Officers acquitting himself very efficiently. The I.P.M. then proposed the health of those he described as the bulwarks of the Lodge, the P.M.'s, coupling with the toast the names of the Treasurer and Secretary. For the compliment Bro. P.M. Stoner, on behalf of the P.M.'s, and Bro. Miles, for himself and Secretary, responded. The Officers of the Lodge were next toasted, and Bro. P.M. Wade congratulated them upon the manner in which they had carried out their respective duties; they individually returned thanks, and the Tyler's toast brought an end to a very pleasant meeting.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—At the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 14th inst., Bros. Wolf W.M., Gush S.W., Parkes J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Secretary, Thompson S.D., A. Marks J.D., Darnell I.G.; also Bros. Isaac, I. P. Cohen, Killick sen., Brasted, Gibbs, Houghton, Catling, Killick jun., Lion, Robinson, Spencer, Crawley, Archer, Richardson, Burtenshaw, Nicholl, Weeden, Gribbell, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gibbs answered the questions and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs as candidate. Lodge resumed to the first degree, when Bro. C. K. Killick jun. P.M. 1693 read a Lecture, written by the late Dr. Oliver, on Ancient Masonic Rituals. Bros. G. M. Lion of the Joppa Lodge, No. 188, W. Nicholls of the East Surrey Lodge of Concord, No. 463, and Thomas Burtenshaw of the Hope and Unity, No. 211, were elected members. Bro. Gush was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A vote of thanks was awarded to Bro. Killick jun. for the excellent manner he had rendered the Lecture, after which Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked by the members of the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, in this Lodge, on the 28th instant; full particulars will be duly announced.

Pomfret Lodge, No. 360, Northampton.—The brethren of this Lodge resumed their meetings for the season on Thursday, the 12th inst., when there was a large attendance of the brethren. Bro. Edwin James was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., Bro. John Snow was afterwards duly initiated, the W.M. (Bro. John Bingley) in each case performing the ceremony in a very able and impressive manner. Upwards of 30 afterwards sat down to refreshment, amongst them being Bros. P.M. R. C. Pars and John Rogers of 607, and Bro. Jacob Dellmain of Western Lodge 39, United States. The whole proceedings were most pleasant and harmonious, and the Mother Lodge of the Province fully maintained its character for excellence of working throughout.

Upton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1227.—Held its usual meeting at Bro. Grey's, Swan Tavern, New Bethnal-green-road, on Thursday, the 12th instant. Bros. Chitson W.M., Perkins S.W., Gilbert J.W., A. W. Fenner Preceptor, C. J. Free Secretary, D. Moss

S.D., W. B. Ford J.D., R. Pringle I.G.; also Bros. I. P. Cohen, Grey, Horley, James Smith, &c. The usual formalities were duly observed in opening the Lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in a very correct manner, Bro. James Smith acting as candidate. Bro. Fenner assisted Bro. I. P. Cohen to work the fourth, and Bro. D. Moss the fifth sections of the lecture. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Horley assisted Bro. Fenner to work the first section of the lecture. Lodge being resumed to the first degree, Bro. James Smith, of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, was duly elected a member, and Bro. A. Perkins appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Fenner, after having complimented the W.M. on the excellent manner in which he had rehearsed the ceremony, proposed a vote of thanks to be entered on the minutes to Bro. Chitson the W.M., for the efficient manner he had discharged his duties, for the first time in this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned. Bro. A. W. Fenner will work the Fifteen Sections in this Lodge of Instruction on the first Thursday in November next.

Chine Lodge No. 1884.—On 10th instant, the members had an outing. Starting from Bro. S. H. Shillings', Clarendon Mews, in conveyances, the brethren proceeded by way of Brading and Nunwell to Wootton, and made a call for a short time at the residence of Bro. F. White Popham, J.P., afterwards continuing the journey to West Cowes, where dinner was provided by Bro. Mursell. The party reached Shanklin at a late hour, after having spent a most enjoyable day.

DINNER AND PRESENTATION.—On Saturday afternoon a dinner was given, in the Seacombe Hotel, to the employés of the *Journal of Commerce*, by the proprietor, Brother Charles Birchall, principally owing to the paper having attained its majority. The banquetting-room, in which the entertainment took place, was decorated with flowers in an elegant and profuse manner, from the nurseries of Messrs. Hughes. The catering was of the character for which Mr. Eberle is unsurpassed, and the arrangements were conducted throughout under the efficient superintendence of Miss Hobdall, the manageress. Between forty and fifty sat down to table, and amongst the gentlemen to whom special invitations had been sent were Alderman Willmer, the former Editor, Mr. Henry Greenwood, and Mr. Thomas Lee. Bro. Birchall presided, the Vice Chair being occupied by Mr. John Hyde, of the commercial department. The fulfilment of the programme was initiated by the Chairman, from whom came the loyal and constitutional toasts, after which several appropriate to the occasion were proposed. Amongst those who spoke were the three gentlemen named, who referred to the inception, foundation, and subsequent prosperity of the *Journal of Commerce*. In the course of the evening a testimonial, consisting of a mantelpiece clock, with a suitable inscription, was presented to Mr. Thomas Baird, as a token of the estimation in which he is held by his colleagues and subordinates. The presentation was made in excellent terms by Mr. R. W. Cooper and Mr. Baird made a feeling reply. In the subsequent proceedings the chairman fully sustained the high opinion entertained by those who are under Mr. Baird's superintendence, a sentiment which was freely endorsed by other gentlemen. The instrumental and vocal talent of the company was very marked; a feature was a glee party, who contributed to the success of the gathering, which was in every respect a most enjoyable one.—*Liverpool Daily Post*.

The annual meeting of the St. Ambrose Lodge of Instruction will be held at Barons Court Hotel, West Kensington, on Monday, the 30th inst., on which occasion Bro. Frances P.P.G.S.D. Surrey (whose services in Masonry are well known), more particularly in the South and West of London, will instal in the chair of K.S. Bro. Ambrose Hall, M.A., P. Grand Chaplain, and the Rev. Brother will afterwards preside at the banquet, and will doubtless, by his geniality and companionable qualities, ensure a success to the meeting. A large number of brethren are expected.

An impressive Masonic demonstration took place at Paisley on the 7th inst. The occasion was the laying of the memorial stone of a new Masonic Hall, which is to be erected at a cost of about £6,000. The style of architecture will be that of the French Renaissance. A procession, numbering about two thousand members, was formed, among others present being Sir Archibald C. Campbell, of Blythswood, P.G.M. Renfrewshire East; R. W. Cochran-Patrick, M.P., of Woodside, R.W.M. of the Mother Lodge Killwinning, and P.G.M. Ayrshire; H. F. McNeill, of Carnwath, P.G.M. Upper Ward of Lanarkshire, and Mr. D. M. Lyon G.S. for Scotland.—*Society*.

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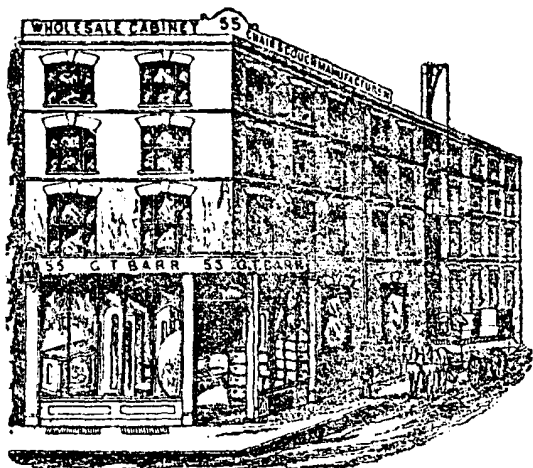
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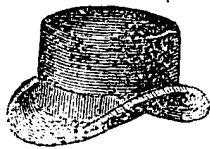
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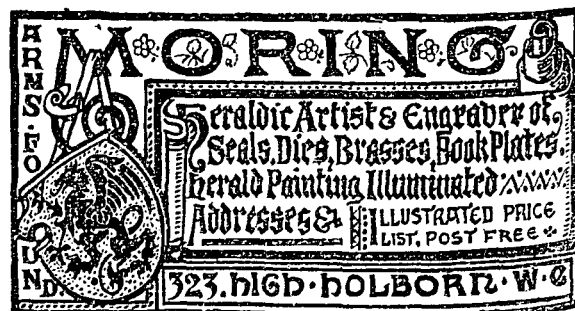
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