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THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

(Continued from page 340.)

RULE No. 141 provides for the "Death or incapacity of the Master," his removal from office, and his absence from the Lodge, so that, in this instance likewise, the marginal note is not sufficiently descriptive of the tenour of the law. The Rule itself compares with Art. 6, p 78, with which it agrees almost word for word, but there is added the following sentence embodying certain important reservations in the case of a Warden ruling a Lodge: "When a warden rules the lodge he shall not occupy the master's chair, nor can initiations take place, or degrees be conferred unless the chair be occupied by a brother who is a master or past master in the craft." It were as well perhaps if the Rule stated authoritatively the position to be occupied by the ruling Warden, and also if, in respect of Lodges in remote districts, especially in the colonies and foreign countries, some conditional latitude were allowed for the initiation of candidates for Masonic light, and the conferring of degrees by a Warden. It must be remembered that in India, South Africa, and our Australian Colonies, for instance, there are Lodges in very out-of-the-way places, and by no means easily accessible. In such cases, in the absence of the Master and Past Masters, which might easily happen, neither initiations could take place nor degrees be conferred, and worthy men or members might be very seriously disappointed, and perhaps even disgusted, at the very outset of their career, because the Master chanced to have a sharp attack, say, of influenza or gout, and the business obligations of the Past Masters precluded them from acting in his stead. This difficulty would be felt principally by young Lodges of two or three years standing only. Dr. Oliver, who, in matters of this kind, is a safe guide to follow, remarks, in his "Jurisprudence," that, in the case of such Lodges, initiation and the conferring of a degree by a Warden would not be viewed with disfavour by the authorities. Moreover, it would be easy to provide safeguards against the abuse of such a relaxation.

Rules Nos. 142-146, both inclusive, treat of private Lodges when visited by the Grand Master or his Deputy (Nos. 142, 143), the Provincial or District Grand Master or his Deputy (Nos. 144, 145), and by Grand Officers deputed by the Grand Master. Our remarks on these Rules have been in great measure anticipated by a correspondent's letter published last week, the writer of which considers, for reasons he is at the pains of explaining at considerable length, that they should more properly have been placed, Nos. 142 and 143 under the head of "Grand Lodge," and Nos. 144 and 145 under that of "Provincial and District Grand Lodges;" No. 146 being unnoticed by him. He argues, and we entirely agree with him in his argument, that as it is the Grand Master, or Provincial or District Grand Master, who takes the initiative in visiting a Lodge or Lodges, and as, consequently, the latter has no voice in the matter; or, to put the case still more forcibly, as these Rules ascribe to the Grand Master and his Deputy, and the Provincial or District Grand Master and his Deputy, certain powers which, in the exercise of their dis-

cretion, it is lawful in the case of the first two, and permissible in that of the last two, for them to exercise, they belong only indirectly, and in a very subordinate way, to the category of Rules for "Private Lodges." Primarily, they concern the Grand Master and his representatives at home and abroad, and for that reason their proper place in the Book of Constitutions is, as already pointed out by our correspondent, and endorsed by us—as regards Nos. 142, 143, under "Grand Lodge," and as to Nos. 144, 145, under "Provincial and District Grand Lodges." To this we would add, that No. 146, which gives the Grand Master power "to send his grand officers to visit any lodge he may think proper," should also be removed from this division and placed under that of the "Grand Lodge." One point, as being apparently outside the scope of our said correspondent's remarks, is deserving of notice. No. 142 states that the Grand Master, and No. 143 that in his absence the Deputy Grand Master, "has full authority to preside in any lodge," while No. 144, as to the Provincial or District Grand Master, and No. 145, as to, in his absence, the Deputy Provincial or District Grand Master, lay it down, the former that he "may preside in every lodge he visits within his province or district," and the latter that he "may preside in any lodge he visits within his province or district." We see no reason why there should be any difference in the wording of these laws. The Grand Master or, in his absence, his Deputy "has full authority to preside," but he is not compelled to exercise that authority. A Provincial or District Grand Master, or, in his absence, his Deputy "may preside" if he chooses, but he need not so choose. There is, therefore, really no difference in the powers ascribed to either group, and there should consequently be no difference in the language ascribing such powers, especially as the Provincial or District Grand Master is as supreme in some respects in his Province or District as the Grand Master is in the whole Craft. We may add that No. 142 must be compared with Art. 5, p 31; No. 143 with Art. 2, p 33; No. 144 with Art. 3, p 46; No. 145 with Art. 2, p 50; and No. 146 with Art. 6, p 31. The proposed laws do not differ materially from the present Regulations.

No. 147 treats of visiting, and is much briefer than Art. 19, p 67, with which it corresponds:—

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"147. The master and wardens of a lodge are enjoined to visit other lodges as often as they conveniently can, in order that the same usages and customs may be observed throughout the craft, and a good understanding cultivated among freemasons.

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19 (p 67). "All lodges are particularly bound to observe the same usages and customs; every deviation, therefore, from the established mode of working is highly improper, and cannot be justified or countenanced. In order to preserve this uniformity, and to cultivate a good understanding among free-masons, some members of every lodge should be deputed to visit other lodges as often as may be convenient."

The proposed Rule has the merit of compactness, but what it has gained in this respect it has lost in emphasis and comprehensiveness. But few, if any, of those who are accustomed to compare different readings will deny that the existing law states its purpose clearly, emphatically,

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and thoroughly, while the proposed law is silent as to the most material object which justifies visiting. There is a mode of working established in accordance with ancient usages and customs, but the said mode of working is no more one and the same thing with the said usages and customs than a superstructure is one and the same with the foundation on which it rests. We are told that "every deviation" from the established mode of working "is highly improper, and cannot be justified or counteracted." The proposed law takes no notice of there being an established mode of working, and says nothing as to deviations from it being improper and unjustifiable. It may be that certain recent motions and counter motions in Grand Lodge have made the word "uniformity," and the idea it conveys distasteful to the Revision Committee, but that cannot be accepted as a justification for ignoring the necessity for a uniform mode of working. In one other respect we think the existing law preferable. It may be better that visits should be paid by the Masters and Wardens of a lodge, they are its rulers and official representatives; but we see no reason why the Past Masters and other members should be excluded from the operation of the rule.

No. 148 affects the "Admission of visitors" and corresponds with Article 1, p 89.

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"148. No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known to, or recommended, or well vouched for by one of the brethren present, or until he has produced the certificate of the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong, and has given satisfactory proof that he is the brother named in the certificate, or other proper vouchers of his having been initiated in a regular lodge. Every visitor during his continuance in the lodge is subject to the by-laws of the lodge."

The proposed Rule is fuller and more satisfactory than that in existence, but in places it is awkwardly worded, as in the clause beginning "or until he has" to the end of the sentence. Without committing ourselves absolutely to the words, we would suggest "or until he has produced his Grand Lodge certificate"—which is, of course, the certificate of, or issued by, the Grand Lodge to which he claims to belong—"and given satisfactory proof he is the brother named therein, or has furnished evidence of his initiation in a regular Lodge." We would also suggest the last sentence should read, "Every visitor during his stay [or presence] in the Lodge is subject to its by-laws."

No. 149, "Refusal of Admission" is Art. 2, p 89, extended, so as to justify the Master's refusal of admission in the case of a visitor "whose presence he has reason to believe will disturb the harmony of the lodge," as well as of a "visitor of known bad character." No. 150, like Art. 3, p 89, disqualifies a non-subscribing Mason from visiting a Lodge "more than once until he again become a subscribing member of some lodge;" but the manner in which the proposed Rule is worded, "to visit any one lodge," is an improvement on the existing Rule, which forbids him "to visit any lodge in the town or place where he resides more than once during his secession from the Craft." Under the existing law there is nothing to prevent a brother who has seceded from visiting other Lodges than those "in the town or place where he resides" as often as they meet.

Nos. 151 and 152 respectively define what are "London Lodges" and what "Provincial or district Lodges." Lodges Nos. 153, 154, and 155 concern Military Lodges, and call for certain remarks. We say nothing as to the omission from the proposed Rules of the introductory article at p 74 on the subject "of Military Lodges." It is to the effect that, "It being essential to the interest of the craft, that all military lodges should be strictly confined to the purposes for which their warrants were originally obtained; and very great abuses having arisen from the improper initiation of masons by such Lodges, every warrant, therefore, which is held by a military lodge shall be forfeited unless the following laws be complied with, in addition to those specified under the head of 'Private Lodges.'" There is no objection to such a statement, but, on the other hand, it is unnecessary. There is, however,

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1 (p 89). "No visitor shall be admitted into a lodge unless he be personally known, recommended, or well vouched for, after due examination by one of the present brethren; and during his continuance in the lodge he must be subject to the by-laws of the lodge. The master of the lodge is bound to enforce these regulations."

it seems to us, fair ground for objecting to the omission of Art. 1, p 75, which lays it down that "No warrant shall be granted for the establishment of a military lodge without the consent of the commanding officer of the regiment, battalion, or company to which it is to be attached." There is, in fact, every reason why this law should not be excised. We may take it for granted that such a Lodge could not be established in connection with any military body without the consent of the commanding officer; and that such consent is notified in the petition and repeated in the warrant. But this is a different thing from assuming that every body of petitioners for a military warrant has obtained the consent of the proper authority, or that no such body of petitioners will ever apply for such a warrant without having first of all obtained such authority. Indeed, the omission of this law might lead to the commission of the irregularity it is designed to prevent. Brethren are expected to know what is in the Book of Constitutions, but they cannot be expected to know what is not in it. Therefore, say we, let Art. 1, p 75, have its place in the Revised Book. As to the proposed laws, No. 153 corresponds, in all essential particulars, indeed, almost word for word, with Art. 3, p 75; No. 154 with Art. 2, p 75; and No. 155 with Art. 4, p 76.

Nos. 156, 157, 158, and 159 relate to Lodges of Instruction, and correspond respectively with Art. 1, p 88, first part; Art. 1, p 88, second part; Art. 2, p 88; and Art. 3, p 88. But few comments are needed. No. 157 is to the effect that "Notice of the times and places of meeting of lodges of instruction shall be given within the London district to the grand secretary, and in provinces and districts to the provincial or district grand secretaries respectively"—query, Why not "provincial and district?"—while the present law takes no notice of Lodges of Instruction in Provinces and Districts. As a consequence, No. 158, which like Art. 2, p 88, enacts that minutes shall be kept, requires further that "such minutes shall be produced when called for by the grand master, the provincial or district grand master, the board of general purposes," &c. We would remark, with a view to strengthen and make more obvious our remarks on proposed new Rule No. 147, by which visiting is enjoined, that according to Rule No. 156, as according to the existing rule, "The lodge giving its sanction, and the brethren to whom such licence is granted, shall be answerable for the proceedings, and responsible that the mode of working adopted has received the sanction of the grand lodge." It seems, therefore, that, after all, there is some importance attaching to the "mode of working" which has "received the sanction of the grand lodge." Consequently, there can be no reason why a desire to study this mode of working, so as to avoid all improper and unjustifiable deviations from it, should not be as conspicuous among the reasons for visiting lodges under the proposed law (No. 147) as under the existing law (Art. 19, p 67).

Nos. 160 and 161 deal with the by-laws of a Lodge, and together constitute Art. 5, p 63, from which they do not widely differ, as will be seen from the following comparison:—

"160. Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, and when approved, a printed copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and in the case of a provincial or district lodge, also to the provincial or district grand master; and when any alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the lodge shall be printed, and a copy shall be delivered to the master on his installation, who by his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them."

"161. Every brother shall be supplied with a printed copy of the by-laws of the lodge when he becomes a member, and his acceptance thereof shall be deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them."

5 (p 63). "Every lodge has the power of framing by-laws for its government, provided they are not inconsistent with the regulations of the grand lodge. The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, or the provincial grand master, and when approved, a fair copy must be sent to the grand secretary, and, in the case of a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master; and, when any material alteration shall be made, such alteration must, in like manner, be submitted. No law or alteration will be valid until so submitted and approved. The by-laws of the lodge shall be fairly written in a book, which shall be delivered to the master on his installation, when he shall solemnly pledge himself to observe and enforce them. Every brother shall sign them when he becomes a member of the lodge, as a declaration of his submission to them, and shall at all reasonable times have access to them, and be allowed to take copies."

As regards the proposed law No. 160, we think it would be better if the first clause of the second sentence ran thus: "The by-laws must be submitted to the grand master, and, in the case of provincial or district lodges, to the provincial or district grand master, before final submission to the grand master for his approval." It seems to us that to exclude the Provincial or District Grand Master from any voice in the approval of the by-laws of Lodges in his Province or District is to cast upon him an unnecessary slight. In all the organisations we are acquainted with, the sub-departmental heads approve first of all the recommendations of their subordinates, and then such recommendations are passed on to the departmental head for his crowning sanction and approval. Such a system has a decided advantage, in this respect, that it prevents improper or unnecessary recommendations from being laid before the supreme authority, while those that do come under his notice have the impress of the intermediate functionary's approbation to recommend them. We would further amend the latter portion of the same sentence, so that it may read "and when any alteration or addition shall be made, such alteration or addition must, in like manner, be submitted." In such case, the next sentence would read "no law, or alteration or addition, will be valid until so submitted and approved." With respect to the presentation of a printed copy of the by-laws to the master on his installation, we are of opinion that the present law is preferable. It is more in accordance with the nature of a solemn pledge that it should be taken, not "deemed" to be taken, as though it were the observance of a mere form. Let us take for instance the "Summary of the ANTIEN CHARGES AND REGULATIONS" which is "read by the Secretary (or acting Secretary), to the MASTER ELECT, prior to his Installation into the Chair of a Lodge." When the reading has been concluded, we are told, at p VIII., "the Installing Officer addresses the Master Elect as follows:—'Do you submit to and promise to support these Charges and Regulations as Masters have done in all Ages?' Upon his answering in the affirmative the Ceremony of Installation proceeds." We ask our readers if it is not more in accordance with their idea of a solemn pledge that this summary of Charges and Regulations should be read, and the Master Elect be called upon to express verbally, in open Lodge, his readiness to "submit to and promise to support" them than that a printed copy of them should be delivered to him, and that, "by his acceptance thereof," he "shall be deemed" to express his readiness. The bye-laws of a private Lodge are not of the same importance as the "Antient Charges and Regulations" of the Craft, but they are of sufficient importance, as regards the limited sphere in which they operate, to be worthy of the Master's solemn verbal pledge "to observe and enforce them." So likewise as regards No. 161. A grave formality, which is the outward and visible sign of a solemn undertaking, is observed, when a brother signs the code of by-laws on becoming a member of a Lodge. But his mere acceptance of a copy of such by-laws, which is "deemed to be a declaration of his submission to them," is a formality which we can hardly conceive it possible will awaken in the mind of the recipient any serious sense of the responsibility he has undertaken.

No. 162 treats of the time and place of meeting, and corresponds with the first three lines of Art. 7, p 64, the words "except as herein otherwise provided" being rightly deemed a sufficient substitute for the remaining section of the present law. No. 163, stating under what authority "Lodges of emergency" may be held, agrees with Art. 9, p 64, the only difference in the provisions of the two laws being that the present law requires that the "business to be transacted" at such a Lodge shall be "recorded on the minutes" as well as "expressed in the summons," while the present law is content with requiring that it shall be "expressed in the summons" only. We do not think the omission is an improvement, though, doubtless, No. 169 is held to provide sufficiently for the "record on the minutes."

Nos. 164, 165, 166, and 167 concern the "Removal of Lodges." It will be seen from the proposed and present rules, when placed as under, in juxtaposition, that there is a considerable divergence between them, the alterations, whether of omission or commission, being for the most part improvements.

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"164. Unless otherwise speci-

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(92). "Any lodge may be re-

fied in the warrant, any lodge may be removed from one house to another provided the following regulations be strictly complied with.

"If at any regular meeting a notice of motion for the removal of the lodge be given and signed by not fewer than seven subscribing members the master shall summon a special meeting of the lodge for considering and finally deciding the question; such meeting to be at least one week after the issuing of the summons. The proposition shall not be carried unless two-thirds of the members voting shall agree to the removal. If the master should fail or refuse to issue the summons that duty shall devolve on the senior warden, or failing him the junior warden."

moved from one house to another, within the same town or place, at the discretion of its members; but, in order to prevent disputes, and to ascertain how this power is to be exercised, the following regulations must be strictly complied with.

"1. No lodge shall be removed without the master's knowledge, nor shall any motion for removal be made in his absence; but, if the motion be regularly made and seconded, the master shall order summonses to be sent to every member, specifying the business and appointing a day for hearing and deciding the question; such day to be at least one week after the issuing of the summonses. The majority present shall determine the question, provided the master be one of that majority; but, if he be against removing, the lodge shall not be removed, unless the majority consist of two-thirds of the members present.

"If the master should refuse to issue the summonses, either of the wardens may do so, and if the master neglect to attend, the senior or junior warden may preside in determining the question."

The proposed law has two decided advantages over the existing law. In the first place it provides that the proposition for removal must be signed by the respectable number of at least "seven subscribing members," and in the next place the complex provision for voting the removal in accordance with which a mere majority is sufficient if it includes the Master, but if it does not, a two-thirds majority—gives place to the simple plan that the removal shall not take place unless it is supported by two-thirds of the members. No. 165 deals with "Temporary Removal under special circumstances," and must be read with Art 2, p 93.

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"165. If the meeting of a lodge at its regular place should, by any circumstance, be rendered impracticable or improper, the master shall forthwith apply to the grand master or provincial or district grand master for a dispensation to hold a temporary meeting, or meetings, at a specified place, and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, to carry on the general business of the lodge or to determine in the manner of voting above prescribed, whether the lodge shall be permanently removed."

We see no objection to the Master, in the circumstances stated, retaining the right to "appoint any other place for a meeting." A Lodge might find it impracticable, for instance, to meet at its usual place on a single occasion, without the necessity arising, or being likely to arise, for removal to other quarters. To meet such a case as this it should be in the power of the Master to select "any other place for meeting." But in the more complex case, where removal becomes necessary or expedient, the request for a dispensation, as provided by the new Rule, should be imperative. In the latter part of the Rule, there appears to be a slip in the grammar. It should read, "and there, if so authorised by the terms of the dispensation, carry on the general business of the lodge or determine," &c.

No. 166 embodies the provisions of Art. 7, p 47, Art. 5, p 74, and Art. 4, p 93, so far as they affect the "Consent required for removals." We place the proposed and present Rules side by side for comparison.

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"166. No London lodge, or lodge in the colonies or foreign parts not within a district, can be removed without the consent of the grand master, and no provincial lodge can be removed without the consent of the grand master and the provincial grand

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7 (p 47). "He"—the provincial grand master—"has power, with the concurrence of the grand master, to give or to refuse consent for the removal of a lodge from town to town within his district, or from his district into another, or from another district

master. If the proposed removal should be from one province or district into another, the consent of the provincial or district grand master of each province or district must be obtained. With respect to lodges within districts the consent of the district grand master is alone required for the removal of a lodge from one place to another within the same district."

into his own, providing that in all cases the laws relating to the removal of lodges shall have been complied with."

5 (p 74). "No country lodge shall be removed out of its province, nor from place to place within the same province, without the consent of the provincial grand master, nor if the M.W. grand master shall deem such removal inexpedient; and no lodge shall be moved into another province without the consent of the provincial grand master of that province, and also of the grand master."

4 (p 93). "No lodge can be removed from one town or place to another, nor the warrant transferred, without the consent of the grand master, or of the provincial grand master with the concurrence of the grand master. But in the colonies and foreign parts the concurrence of the grand master is not required for the removal of a lodge from one place to another within the same district."

It will be generally allowed that the proposed Rule embodies all the essential requirements of the three existing Rules, and that it is a great advantage to have the several regulations affecting removals thus conveniently brought into so modest a compass. We may also remark that the observations of our correspondent of last week, already referred to, with respect to No. 166—and had he deemed it necessary for his purpose they might have been made applicable to No. 165 as well—are completely in accordance with our own views as to its being appropriately placed under the head of "Private Lodges," and for the reasons assigned by him.

Rule No. 167 requires the removal to be recorded as under Art. 8, p 64, and Art. 3, p 93.

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"167. When a lodge shall have resolved to alter its place or day of meeting a copy of the minutes of the lodge relating to such alteration shall be forthwith sent to the grand secretary, and when the lodge is held in a province or district, also to the provincial or district grand master that it may be ascertained whether the laws have been strictly complied with, and in order that the alteration may be duly recorded. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial or district grand lodge until these regulations have been complied with."

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8 (p 64). "Every lodge, when removed to a new place of meeting, or whenever the day of assembling shall be altered, shall immediately send notice thereof to the grand secretary, and, if a country lodge, also to the provincial grand master. The officers of a removed lodge shall not be permitted to attend the grand lodge or provincial grand lodge until the removal be properly notified."

3 (p 93). "When a lodge shall have resolved to remove, or to alter the day of meeting, the master or a warden shall forthwith send a copy of the minutes of the lodge for such alteration to the grand secretary, and also to the provincial grand master or his deputy, that it may be ascertained whether the above laws have been strictly complied with, and that the alteration may be duly recorded."

Here, again, the proposed law is a decided improvement on the existing laws, and for the reasons stated in respect of the Rule No. 166. At the same time we would suggest the retention in the new law of the words "his deputy" in Art. 3, p 93, at least in reference to the Provincial Grand Master. Proposed Rule No. 91 lays it down that, in notifying to the Grand Secretary the appointment of a Deputy, the Provincial Grand Master shall, "at the same time, specify whether he intends the business of the province to be transacted by himself or his deputy." If, then, the business is to be transacted by the Deputy, the notice of removal should be forwarded to that officer.

No. 168—"Furniture in trust for the lodge"—is almost *verbatim* the same as the first part of Art. 22, p 68, the second part of the latter with Art. 2, p 118. corresponding with Rule No. 188 on "Prohibited jewels."

No. 169, concerning "The minutes," compares favourably in clearness and precision with Art. 6, p 63, as will be seen from a comparison of the two.

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"169. Every lodge shall keep a book, to be called the minute book, in which the master or the brother appointed by him as secretary, shall regularly enter from time to time:—

"Firstly,—The names of all persons initiated, passed, or raised in the lodge, or who shall become members thereof, with the dates of their proposal, initiation, passing, and raising, or admission respectively, together with their addresses, titles, professions, or occupations.

"Secondly,—The names of all members present at each meeting of the lodge, together with those of all visiting brethren, with particulars showing to which lodge they belong, and their Masonic rank.

"Thirdly,—Minutes of all such transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written.

"The minutes can only be confirmed at a subsequent regular meeting of the lodge."

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6 (p 63). "A book shall be kept in every lodge, in which shall be entered the names of its members, and of all persons admitted therein, with the dates of their proposal, admission, or initiation, passing and raising; their ages, titles, professions, or trades, together with such other transactions of the lodge as are proper to be written. The master is responsible for the observance of this law."

(To be continued.)

THE MARK GRAND LODGE.

THE Winter Half-yearly Communication of the Mark Grand Lodge will be held in the Great Hall, Freemasons' Tavern, on Tuesday the 5th December proximo, when the proceedings will be of an unusually interesting character. As a matter of course, the election of the G.M.M.M. will be one of the items in the programme of business, and there will be the other agenda of the usual character. There are, however, two events arranged to take place on this occasion which will make it a veritable red letter day in the history of this degree. Last year it was our privilege to record the installation of H.R.H. Prince Leopold, Duke of Albany, as a Past Grand Master Mason, and there can be no question that His Royal Highness's acceptance of that high office has done much to advance a section of Masonry, which, albeit it is held to be outside the pale of pure Antient and Accepted Masonry, has nevertheless received the willing and earnest support of many of our most distinguished Craft Masons. On the eventful Tuesday now so near at hand the exceptional business to be transacted will be the presentation to the Duke of Albany of the gift voted by Mark Grand Lodge on the occasion of his wedding, after which His Royal Highness will proceed to consecrate a "Grand Master's Lodge," the principal Officers designate of which are M.W. Brother the Earl of Lathom Past G.M.M.M. W.M., M.W. Lord Henniker G.M.M.M. S.W., and R.W. the Earl of Kintore D.G.M.M.M. as Junior Warden. A Lodge which starts under such favourable auspices, and which has already enlisted the support of so many distinguished brethren of the Mark Degree, cannot fail to enhance the respect in which the Mark is held among the leading members of the Craft. There may be differences of opinion as to whether this Degree should be recognised as a part of Masonry pure and simple. But there can be no such differences of opinion as to its having advanced with marvellous rapidity in the estimation of brethren. A body which, after an existence of but little over a quarter of a century, already musters over 13,000 members, has a considerable balance at its disposal, and a Benevolent and Educational Fund, which has proved of material assistance to those in need of help, cannot be otherwise described than as being in a most flourishing condition. It has firmly established itself in all parts of the country; it has a strong array of Lodges in our colonies and abroad, and there appears to be every prospect that the prosperity which has hitherto attended it will go on increasing. Our hope is that it may go on and prosper, and with reason may be always in a position to adopt as its prayer—*Floreat eternum*.

BIRTH.

MORGAN.—At Russell Villas, Seven Sisters' Road, Stamford Hill, on Saturday the 18th instant, the wife of Bro. W. W. Morgan jun. of a son.

CORRESPONDENCE.

All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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

We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

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THE CARE OF LODGE FUNDS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In your issue of the 23rd September, a correspondent, "ARGUS," invited expressions of opinion on the above subject, I am therefore tempted to lay before your readers the system which I adopted whilst in the chair, and which was found to be a very satisfactory solution of this question.

In accordance with the By-laws of our Lodge, the Secretary collected the monies, and banked them, to the credit of the trustees, taking a receipt from the Bank for each deposit. At the end of each month these receipts were handed to the Treasurer, who compared the amount with the cash received per the Secretary's receipt book. The Secretary then filled in the summonses and handed them to the Treasurer, who inserted the amount of dues, &c., owing by each brother, thus forming a complete audit of each account, by enabling the brethren to see that monies paid by them had duly been placed to their credit. The Treasurer not having had the cash actually pass through his hands would have no object in inserting an incorrect amount in the summonses; unless he were acting in collusion with the Secretary, which is a case very unlikely to occur.

This monthly balance greatly simplified the labours of the Auditors at the six-monthly audits of the Lodge accounts.

I hope that this explanation of a system, which has been found to work exceedingly well, will prove of service to some of the brethren.

I am, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

P.D.G.W.

26th October 1882.

GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101, AND ITS INSTALLING OFFICER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read your report of the Installation meeting of this Lodge with some interest, and confess I am pleased with the tenour of your remarks on the subject of its Installing Officer. To his zeal and ability you have borne willing testimony, and your remarks as to Reading alone being in a position to furnish "a dozen brethren who could creditably instal a Master," is, I am convinced, no less true than it is complimentary. At the same time you are quite right in saying that "every encouragement should be given to those who desire to do all the work apportioned to them," and in hinting that if the retiring Worshipful Master is desirous of installing his successor, he should be allowed, as I think he has the undoubted right, to do so. It is quite true there was a time when "it was absolutely necessary to bespeak the services of an installing Master some considerable interval before the day fixed for an installation meeting"—if I remember rightly, you will find a case or cases cited in Bro. Kelly's History of Freemasonry in Leicestershire and Rutland—but matters have greatly changed for the better since those days of laxity, and there is hardly a Lodge in England which cannot boast of several brethren in all respects capable of working all our ceremonies, that of installation being included. I admit that, at first sight, it may seem unkind to prefer the services of a new and comparatively untried man to those of the veteran, but, on the other hand, discouragement, and even dissatisfaction will sooner or later follow if only the veteran is to be permitted to fulfil a particular duty. For my part, I think the veteran who encourages his younger brethren to emulate his success does more good than he who claims as a right what has been accorded to him only through successive acts of courtesy.

I have purposely framed my remarks so that they may be looked upon as of general, not individual, application and I trust the brother to whom you referred, in your said report, but whose name I have studiously avoided introducing, will regard this letter as being so intended and void of all offence to him personally.

I remain,

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

ASPIRANT.

THE REVISED BOOK OF CONSTITUTIONS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—With reference to "LONDON'S" letter, published in last week's number of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE, and the irregularity he speaks of in connection with Staffordshire and its so-called Prov. Grand Standard Bearer, I would suggest that every Province and District should be authorised to include among its Grand Officers at least one Standard Bearer, who should enjoy the rank and wear the clothing of a Prov. Grand Officer. I take it that a Provincial or District Grand Master is a "grand officer entitled to have a standard;" and if so, there should be a Prov. or District G.

Standard Bearer, who certainly ought not to be less esteemed, according to his rank, than a Prov. or District G. Sword Bearer. I am not in favour of multiplying appointments, but though Staffordshire had no right to have a Standard Bearer, it certainly had reason on its side in appointing one.

Fraternally yours,

A. PROVINCIAL.

The Review by the Queen, on Saturday last, of the expeditionary force recently returned from Egypt passed off most successfully. The streets along which the troops passed were thronged with enthusiastic spectators, and our gallant fellows received a most cordial welcome from all classes. As usual, the event was favoured by the Clerk of the Weather. In the morning there was a dense fog, in the afternoon a most unpleasant rain; but in the interim the sun shone out bravely, and once again London had the good fortune to enjoy a brief spell of "Queen's Weather."

On Tuesday Windsor was in a state of excitement. Some three hundred officers, non-commissioned officers, and men were received at Windsor Castle, and personally presented by Her Majesty with the medals awarded to all who took part in the recent campaign. Sir Garnet, now Lord Wolseley, Sir John Adye, Sir Evelyn Wood, the Duke of Connaught, were among those who took part in this brilliant spectacle, the representatives of the Indian force which took part in the campaign being also honoured with invitations to be present.

We take an early opportunity of drawing attention to the approaching annual supper of the New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813, which has been fixed for the evening of Wednesday, the 13th December next, at 7 30 p.m. precisely, at Bro. Baker's well-known hostelry, the Cock, at Highbury. The New Concord Lodge of Instruction has worked most successfully for years past, and has done much to promote an exact knowledge of our ritual and ceremonies. The attendance is always numerous, and visitors receive a right hearty welcome. We feel confident, under the circumstances, that the annual supper will be a success as regards the number of those present. We know it will be so as regards Bro. Baker, whose readiness and ability to cater for his guests are too well known to need comment.

At the New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695, Bro. James Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation on Tuesday, 5th December next, at the Hornsey Wood Tavern, Seven Sisters' road, Finsbury Park. Brethren are invited to attend. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock precisely. Masonic clothing to be worn.

The banquet to commemorate the return of the Guards from Egypt took place in the Royal Aquarium, on the 20th inst., the Right Hon. W. H. Smith, M.P., in the chair. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught attended, and there were present about 1850 of the Guards, 80 officers and 200 visitors. The Committee thanked Messrs. Moet and Chandon for a quantity of magnums of Brut Imperial, and Messrs. Dentz and Geldermann for a large supply of Gold Lack Champagne, both of which were much appreciated.

The German Freemasons are taking a step, the first which foreign Freemasons have taken, which will place Continental Masonry on the same footing as English Masonry has assumed within the last hundred years. Germany will henceforth have, it is to be hoped, three charitable institutions similar to those in England. It is going to start with one of them. But German Masonry will begin where English Masonry ended, for whereas the Institution for the Aged was the last of the three Masonic Institutions founded in England, it will be the first in Germany. The news comes from Berlin that a movement has been set on foot by the Freemasons of that country to celebrate the silver wedding of the German Crown Prince and Princess (our Princess Royal) in a manner highly befitting the Craft. A home for destitute widows and daughters of deceased brethren is to be founded by means of subscriptions in honour of the occasion. The twenty-fifth anniversary of the wedding is on the 25th of January next.—*Evening News.*

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For some weeks past we have been engaged in comparing the Revised with the Existing Code of Regulations for the government of the Craft, and the task is far from being completed. We are of the old-fashioned opinion that, if a thing is worthy doing at all, it is worthy doing thoroughly, and hence the length to which our comments have run, and are likely to run. Some of our readers, perhaps, not being specially interested in, or impressed with the importance of, the proposed revision, may consider we should have done better had we dismissed it briefly, and devoted the bulk of our space to the usual comments on passing events connected with Freemasonry. On the other hand, there are those who hold that we have acted wisely in the course we have adopted, and it is from their many and kind communications we have derived encouragement to proceed with our labours, so that when we have completed them, we have experienced the satisfaction of having, to the best of our ability, contrasted the proposed with the present laws. There is another reason, of some slight importance, which has impelled us to do what we have done. Though there is much activity in the Craft during the present season, there are few questions which appear to demand editorial comment, and in the absence of such questions, we cannot say our space has been ill occupied with the series of articles, now current, on the "Revised Book of Constitutions." It must be remembered that Revisions of a work so essential to our well-being and good government cannot be engaged in at frequent intervals. It is close on ten years since the last Revision took place, and we cannot look forward to another until at least an equal interval of time has passed. Every care, therefore, should be taken to make the proposed Code as thoroughly calculated to meet the necessities of the Craft as possible. There is no doubt the work of revision has been carefully done, and that in many important particulars the proposed Book of Constitutions is an improvement on the existing edition. But there is equally no doubt—in our judgment, at least—that amendments are needed in order to secure a nearer approach to perfection, and we are not without hope that some of our views may find favour with the Revision Committee.

The monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence was held on Wednesday evening, at Freemasons' Hall. The three chairs of President and Senior and Junior Vice Presidents were occupied by Bros. Joshua Nunn, James Brett, and C. A. Cottebrune. There was a very large attendance of brethren, among whom were Lord Leigh, Prov. G.M. Warwickshire; Frank Richardson, Rev. Edmund J. Cox, Col. Shadwell H. Clerke, H. G. Buss Asst. G.S. The Board of Masters, which was first held, settled the paper of business for Grand Lodge of 6th December. The Lodge of Benevolence was then opened, and commenced by confirming grants to the amount of £160, recommended to the Grand Master at the former meeting. The new list contained the unprecedented number of fifty-six cases. Forty-eight of these were relieved, with a total of £1340. One case was dismissed, and the remainder were deferred.

A Meeting of the Members of the Grand Master's Council, No. 1, of the Degree of Royal and Select Masters, will be held at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion-square, on Thursday, the 30th instant, at five o'clock in the afternoon.

A meeting of the Old Kent Royal Ark Mariner Lodge, attached to Old Kent Masters' Lodge, will be held at the Masonic Rooms, 8a Red Lion-square, on Wednesday next, the 29th inst., at 5.30 o'clock p.m. Besides other business that will be transacted, the members will elect a W.C.N. in place of Bro. Henry Venn, who has completed his term of office.

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held on the 23rd inst., at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, N., when Comps. Osborn filled the chair of Z., Hunter H., Sheffield J., Gregory S.N., Edmonds P.S. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, after which it was proposed by Comp. Edmonds, and seconded by Comp. Hunter, that the entrance fee be reduced to 1s 6d, and on each night of attendance the fee be 3d. This was duly carried by the Companions present. The Convocation was then closed and adjourned until Thursday, the 30th inst., at the hour of eight.

FESTIVAL OF THE HIGH CROSS LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

THE tenth anniversary festival of the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, was held at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, on Wednesday, 15th instant, when Brother W. M. Tegg the W.M. of the mother Lodge officiated as President, with Brother E. Poore W.M. 1237 as Vice President. The first part of the programme was, as usual on these occasions, a dinner, and to this the brethren sat down at the appointed time. Great credit is due to the proprietor for the way in which the viands were placed on the table, and although this was, we believe, one of the first attempts in this house, it showed he had acquired knowledge and experience elsewhere. At the conclusion of the dinner, the customary toasts were given and fully honoured, that of Prosperity to the High Cross Lodge of Instruction coming immediately after the loyal ones. The President, in proposing it, referred to the past history of the Lodge. It was established some ten years back, and during the whole of the time that had since elapsed had gone on most prosperously. Its objects and worth were so well known to those present as not to need special reference on the present occasion, suffice it to say, that the Lodge was known, far and wide, and was considered one of the best. He regretted he had not been able to avail himself of its instruction more than he had done, but recommended all aspiring brethren to regularly attend, as he had already learnt to value its teachings. Another important feature in connection with this Lodge of Instruction was, the work carried out by it so zealously on behalf of the Masonic Institutions. What it had done entitled it to foremost rank as regarded our own noble Charities. The toast having been enthusiastically received, was acknowledged by some of the founders then present, and then Bro. Poore proposed the health of the President. Bro. Tegg briefly replied; he hoped he should merit the good words that had been said of him. The toast of the Vice-President followed, being proposed from the chair. Bro. Tegg referred to the respect and esteem in which Bro. Poore was held by all who knew him. Personally he had always found him a most genial and affable gentleman. He had visited the Enfield Lodge, of which Brother Poore was Master, and there he found the same sentiments expressed. Bro. Poore having replied, the health of the Officers of the Lodge was drunk. Good Officers were as necessary, or perhaps more necessary, than in an ordinary Lodge. Those connected with the High Cross were most energetic men, and contributed in no small degree to its success. Bro. Miller was the first to reply. He felt proud of the position in which he was placed, and hoped to enjoy the confidence of the members for many years to come. He felt that Lodges of Instruction were most desirable institutions; without them he felt that Masters could not efficiently carry out their duties. Bro. Garrod also felt it a great pleasure to assist in the working of the Lodge. The present was the tenth anniversary of the Lodge which had been held in that house, and looking back during that time, one continued stream of prosperity presented itself. The Lodge had prospered in the past, and was still doing so, fresh members constantly enrolling themselves. As regarded the work done in the Lodge, there were numerous instances to which he could refer, of brethren who had carried out the work required of them in their respective Lodges most creditably, and who had learnt all in the High Cross Lodge of Instruction, while, as regarded its contributions to the Charities, as the W.M. of the evening had said, it had won foremost rank in that respect. The President next gave the toast of the Charities. The great idea of Freemasonry was charity, and this was thoroughly carried out in the High Cross Lodge of Instruction. Three Charity Associations had already been formed in connection with it, from each of which large amounts had been sent up to the several institutions. He hoped the charitable spirit of the members would ever continue. Brother Fiddler, whose name was associated with the toast, replied, giving some details of the extent to which the Lodge donations had amounted; to the first association £500 was contributed, to the second £700, while from the third, which was commenced in March last, fifty guineas had already been paid to the Institutions, with a further sum of twenty guineas voted but not yet appropriated. The Vice President proposed the toast of the Visitors, and the President that of the Press, each of which were acknowledged, and then the neighbouring Lodges were complimented. The toast of the Mother Lodge was also honoured, as was that of the host and hostess—Bro. and Mrs. Barnes. In proposing this latter toast, reference was made to the satisfactory way in which Brother Barnes had carried out his part of the programme; every thing he had done had given the greatest satisfaction. The brethren kept up the enjoyment till a late hour, most of those present trying their ability to add to the harmony by songs or recitations.

Union Lodge, No 414.—A regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday, 21st instant. Present—Bros. Mount W.M., Ferguson S.W., Wheeler jun. J.W., Withers Secretary, Parry S.D., Witherington J.D., Butler M.C., Blackwell I.G., Martin Stewart, Hemmings Tyler, Stephens I.P.M.; P.M.'s Morris, Bradley, Honnslow; also Cave, Dodd, George, Tirbitt, Higgs, Rayner, Tench, McDowell, Hawkes, Albury, Sherwood, Hart. Visitors—Bros. Dowsett, Ivey. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge were read and confirmed. In those minutes we noticed that the Lodge had decided "not to approve of the motion of Brother Clabon," also that the Lodge had voted two guineas to the Royal College of Music. Lodge was opened in the second degree. Brother Tirbitt being a candidate for raising, gave satisfactory proof of his efficiency and was entrusted. After he had retired, Lodge was opened in the third, and Bro. Tirbitt was re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The ceremony was correctly performed by the W.M. and his Officers. After closing to the first degree and balloting for members, Lodge was closed, according to ancient form, and adjourned.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday, the 18th instant. Bros. Galer W.M., Marks S.W., Spencer J.W., Pearcey Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Lorkin Treasurer, Ferrar S.D., Gribbell J.D., Ashton I.G.; also Bros. Lardner, Gibbs, Houghton, Hawkins, Archer, Burtonshaw, Payne, Catling, Nicholls, Woodman, Rhodes, Pearcey, &c. The usual formalities were complied with in opening the Lodge, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second degree, and Bro. Gibbs proved his qualification for raising, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Bro. Gibbs being the candidate. The ceremony included the traditional history. The third section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Lardner, assisted by the brethren. Lodge resumed to the first degree, and Lodge was called off and on. Bro. Lardner worked the first, second, and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Bro. Marks was elected Master for the next week, after which Lodge was closed and adjourned.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—At the weekly meeting of this Lodge of Instruction, held at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell-road, S.E., on Friday evening, the 17th inst., Bro. J. N. Bate presided as W.M. Amongst others present were Bros. C. H. Nevill S.W., C. H. Phillips J.W., James Stevens P.M. Preceptor, John S. Terry P.M. Secretary, H. M. Williams S.D., M. E. Stokes J.D., H. Baldwin I.G., E. A. Francis, R. Poore, W. D. Payne, G. W. Knight, R. W. Pooler, Henry Gehlcker, and J. M. Romey of Lodge No. 72, &c. The evening's work comprised the opening of the Lodge in the three degrees; the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, and the delivery of the M.M. charge by the W.M.; the explanation of the Six Grand Periods, and the Tracing Board in the second degree by Bros. James Stevens and E. A. Francis; the practice of entry drill in E.A. degree; and the several ceremonies of closing. Bro. C. H. Nevill was nominated by the Preceptor to occupy the chair of K.S. on the 24th inst., and no further Masonic business offering, the brethren separated.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—Held at the Jacob's Well, George-street, Manchester-square, S.W., on Friday, 17th inst. On this occasion (Officers' night) the W.M. of the mother Lodge—Bro. Smart—occupied the chair, and, assisted by several of his brother Officers, rehearsed the second ceremony, as well as the ceremony of installation; Bro. Moore, being candidate for that high and honourable position, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., with the usual formalities, the brethren saluting him in the various degrees. Bro. Miller 766 gave the addresses, and the brethren listened to him with much pleasure, his delivery and perfect elocution being particularly noticeable. Amongst those present were Bros. W. Fleet Smart W.M. 766, Braun, Miller, Boete, Cox, Stickleback, Davis, Smith, Moore, Hart, Wilson, Brander, &c.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The members met at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, on Wednesday last. There were present Bros. Weeden W.M., Marks S.W., Ferrar J.W., Cusworth Preceptor, Perl Secretary, Dixie S.D., Thomson J.D., Ashton I.G., and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Thomson candidate. Bro. Jones proved himself an efficient candidate for the degree of F.O., and Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. Bro. Marks was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting.

The Duke of Albany presided, on the 17th instant, as Provincial Grand Master of Oxfordshire, at the Provincial Grand Lodge, which was held at the Town Hall, Banbury, when there was a large assemblage of the Freemasons of that Province and the Province of Warwickshire. His Royal Highness went down from London to Banbury by the 10 a.m. train, accompanied by Col. Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Sir John B. Monckton President of the Board of General Purposes, and other Officers of Grand Lodge. He was received at Banbury by the Officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge, and escorted by a guard of honour to the Town Hall, where, after the Grand Lodge had been opened by Bro. Reginald Bird, M.A., Deputy Provincial Grand Master, a procession was formed, and the Freemasons, with their Provincial Grand Master, marched to Marlborough-street, to the site of a new Masonic Hall proposed to be erected by the Cherwell Lodge, No. 599. Arrived at the site of the new building, the Prince delivered a very neat little speech, and then laid the foundation stone in due Masonic form. The Mayor of Banbury then presented His Royal Highness with an address of welcome, which was graciously accepted. The procession then returned to the Town Hall. Crowds of spectators lined the way, and greeted their Royal visitor with the heartiest cheers. The houses were gaily decorated with flags and ornamental devices, and the whole town wore a very gay appearance. The proceedings of the Provincial Grand Lodge were concluded on the return to the Town Hall, and included grants of ten guineas to local charities, ten guineas to the Boys' School, and, upon the motion of His Royal Highness, a grant of ten guineas to the Royal College of Music. Subsequently his Royal Highness presided at a banquet served in the Corn Exchange, after which the Prince made, as usual, a very good speech—a speech which must have been most encouraging to all who are anxious to promote the spread of Freemasonry in the Province of Oxfordshire; for, in expressing his regret that it had been impossible for him to be present at the consecration of the Henley-on-Thames Lodge, which had been added to the roll since he had last been present with them, he assured them "that if any need arose in the future of forming a new Lodge, nothing should prevent his being present to consecrate it in person." Freemasonry on the whole seems to prosper in Oxfordshire, for although there is one Lodge which appears to have had no meetings during the year, and whose members have dwindled to fourteen in number, there is another which has had as many as thirty-eight initiations, besides receiving two joining members.—*Evening News*.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. 1426, &c. has been invited to deliver his lecture explanatory of the rituals and ceremonies of the first degree, at the Royal York Lodge of Instruction, No. 315, to be held in the Masonic Rooms at the Pavilion, Brighton, on Tuesday, the 4th of December. The R.W. Prov. Grand Master, Bro. Sir W. W. Burrell, M.P., has been pleased to grant permission for the brethren to wear Craft clothing on the occasion, and a large gathering of local Freemasons is expected.

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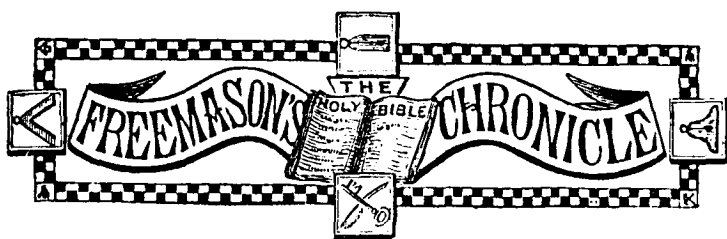
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

WILLIAM PRESTON LODGE, No. 766.

THE installation meeting took place on Thursday, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Lodge was opened at 3.30 by the W.M., Bro. W. Fleet Smart, who was supported by Bros. William Drake S.W., W. J. Collens J.W., W. Jerrett Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Sec., A. Le Grand J.D., A. Ramsey I.G.; P.M.'s E. Kidman, A. Braun, J. Pringle, C. R. Cutmore; Visitors—Bros. A. J. P. Stevens W.M. 1298, Julien Hooper 1515, E. B. Grabham P.M. 19, R. Leaman W.M. 1707, W. F. Walton J.D. 1608, H. Dale 902, W. C. Worley 275, G. J. Jenkin I.G. 72, W. Hopekirk P.M. 179, H. Moore 1257, J. L. Apsey 534, Thomas Nettleship 1641, H. Von Joel J.W. 957, Andrew Brolochan 1314, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. H. Heck was passed to the second degree by the W.M. Bro. P.M. Miller then took the chair, and after the candidates—Bros. J. Greenslade and H. F. Stoddard—had exhibited such knowledge as warranted them seeking preferment, the third degree was conferred upon them, the ceremony being most impressively rendered by Bro. Miller. The ballot was then brought into requisition for Mr. John Goode, who was proposed by Bro. W. J. Miller P.M., and seconded by Bro. E. Kidman P.M. The result was unanimously in favour of the candidate, who was introduced, and the ceremony of initiation was worked by Bro. Miller. Bro. Smart next resumed the chair to perform the ceremony of initiation, and the W.M. elect—Bro. William Drake—was presented by Bro. Miller, and the obligation was regularly administered. A Board of Installed Masters was opened, and, this part of the ceremony completed, in due course the members below the rank of Installed Master were admitted, and the new W.M. saluted in the three degrees. The Officers were invested as follow:—Bros. W. J. Collens S.W., A. Le Grand J.W., W. Miller P.M. Treasurer, W. Worrell P.M. Secretary, J. H. Brookes S.D., A. C. Rees P.M. J.D., J. Turle Lee I.G., C. Pay M.C., Reinhardt Tyler, E. Kidman P.M. and W. Johnston Stewards. The charges to the W.M., Officers, and the brethren, were delivered with great fervour by Bro. Miller, and after the Auditor's report had been presented and adopted, routine work was brought on, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was partaken of by the brethren, about 60 sitting down to table. On removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the toast of the Queen and the Craft, and the National Anthem was sung. On rising to propose the second toast, the Wor. Master said the Most Worshipful Grand Master not only took a deep interest in Freemasonry himself, but had been instrumental in bringing into the Order two of his brothers, who were both shining lights in Freemasonry. After a song—"Dream Faces"—sung with great feeling by Miss Matilda Roby, the W.M. proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present Past and, Brother Drake speaking to the toast in a few well chosen words. "The King's Highway," which was entrusted to Brother Thomas Nettleship, was marked on the programme to follow this toast, and was most creditably rendered by this popular singer. The Charity Box was now handed round;—a laudable custom, which we should be pleased to see more frequently carried out. The result in this case was most satisfactory, and reflected credit on the benevolent tendencies of the brethren of the William Preston Lodge. The health of the W.M. was proposed by Brother Smart, in terse and complimentary phrase, and then Miss Davey sang, with great taste, Smart's popular song, "The Sailor's Story." The W.M. replied, assuring the brethren of his appreciation of the honour they had conferred upon him in elevating him to his present position. He was one of the initiates of their Lodge, and he would strive in every way to maintain its prestige. After a pianoforte solo, by Brother Turle Lee, the health of the Initiate was the toast brought next under notice. The W.M. stated that as Brother Goode represented the 50th member on their roll, he was the only gentleman introduced to the Lodge that night. Madame Worrell sang the next song—"In life and in death I am thine"—and was most deservedly applauded. After Brother Goode had acknowledged the honour done him, Miss Roby favoured the company with "Robin Adair," and again secured the unanimous approval of the audience. The Visitors' toast was next introduced by the W.M. After enumerating those who were present, the W.M. remarked that much good was to be secured by the interchange of visits, and called on the members to do full honour to the toast. After a song by Bro. Nettleship, Bros. Hopekirk, Worley, Stevens, Morgan, and Moore acknowledged the toast. Here Miss Davey, by her singing of "Darby and Joan," added to the enjoyment of the evening. In introducing the toast of the Immediate Past and Installing Master, Brother Smart, the W.M., said it must ever be gratifying to a Master leaving the chair to know that his Lodge was in a better position, financially and in point of number as regards membership, than when he entered on his duties. This, fortunately, was what Brother Smart could pride himself upon. He had now to perform a duty which perhaps might better have been done earlier in the evening; it was to present Brother Smart with the handsome Past Master's jewel, which had unanimously been voted by the members. To Madame Worrell was again entrusted the pleasure-

able duty of entertaining the company, and she sang, with intense spirit, "Never, ah, nevermore." In replying, Brother Smart said he stood there, eight years after his initiation, a Past Master of the Lodge. He had striven to the best of his ability to do his duty, and he laid the flattering unction to his soul that he had been successful. He thanked one and all for the assistance he had received, and hoped he might long be spared to continue a member of the Lodge. The remaining toasts were the Treasurer and Secretary; replied to by Bro. Miller, who gave a brief sketch of the career of the Lodge during the past fifteen years; and by Bro. Worrell, who confined his remarks more closely to the position in which the Lodge stood at the present time. Bros. Braun and Cutmore replied for the "Past Masters," and the "Officers" elicited response from Bros. Collens and others. In due course the Tyler was summoned, and the brethren separated, highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

St. AUGUSTINE'S LODGE, No. 972.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held at the Masonic Temple, St. Peter's Street, Canterbury, on Wednesday, 15th November, when the ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year, T. B. Rossiter, was most impressively performed by his immediate predecessor Bro. S. F. Pringuer. There was a very large gathering of brethren, including the following visitors:—Bros. Eastes D.P.G.M., Thorp P.G. Treasurer, Taylor P.P.G.S.B., Wilson P.P.G.S.B., Hall P.P.G. Assistant Secretary, Wiltshier P.G.S.Wks., Eve P.P.G.A.D.C., Smith P.P.G.S.D., Taylor P.P.G.S.D. Sussex, Horner W.M. 31, Vautier W.M. 1449, Wilson 199, Prescott 199, Saunders 1915, Walthew 1915, Gann J.W. 1915, Tomkinson P.M. 1110, Howie S.W. 1110, Gowland Secretary 1110, Wilton 1203, Jordan 1184, Marks S.D. 76, Marks 76, Carter S.W. 1449, Blamiers Treasurer 1449, Cockersell 1449, Payn W.M. 133, Thomas 199, Richardson 720. After the W.M. had been duly installed, according to ancient custom, he appointed the following brethren as Officers of the Lodge:—Bros. Pringuer I.P.M., Crump S.W., Price J.W., Pilcher P.M. Treasurer, Pringuer Secretary, Plant S.D., Newman J.D., Welsh P.M. M.C., R. Westwood I.G., Moulding and Fagg Stewards. Bro. P.M. Pilcher, on behalf of the brethren, presented the I.P.M. Bro. S. F. Pringuer with a valuable P.M.'s jewel, which had been subscribed for by them as a slight token of the regard they felt for him, and the manner in which he had carried out his duties during the past year. After the conclusion of the business the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Hotel, where they sat down to a sumptuous banquet, provided in the worthy host's (Bro. Shaxby's) usual first-class style. The W.M. took the chair, supported by V.W. Bro. J. S. Eastes D.P.G.M., and the Mayor of Canterbury. After the brethren had done justice to the good things provided, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given and duly honoured, interspersed with glees, songs, &c., by Bros. Plant, Moulding, Higgins, Rhodes and Smith.

SPHINX LODGE, No. 1329.

ON Saturday last the annual meeting of this popular and prosperous Lodge was held at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New-road. There was a large attendance, both of the members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Among the former were Bros. Richards W.M. (in the chair), Mansell S.W., Middlemass J.W., Reynolds Treasurer, Hernaman Secretary, Brinton J.D., Forbes Steward, Marsden jun. I.G.; P.M.'s Sugden, Bickerstaff, Martin, Bickerton, Bryant, Lyon and Perceval Nairne M.C.; Lewin, Lye, Cocker, Britten, Parnacott, Mercer, Andrews, Biggs, Chabot, Tyrrell, Brooks, J. Brooks, Voisey, Gooding, Bradley, Hall, Gross, Anstey, Irvine, Pernewan, Woodward, Wilson, Heller, Tarney, Allen and Stevens. Among the latter were Bros. Colven G.S. P.G.S. Felicity 58, Gauntlett Selwyn 1901, Duckett P.M. Sec. United Pilgrims 507, Rogers P.M. Kent 15, Greenwood J.D. Crichton 1641, Miller, Goss P.M. Caveac 176, Hogard Israel P.P.G.S. Essex, Groombridge P.M. Unity 183, Baxter P.M. East Surrey of Concord 463, Flenkers of Temple Bar 1728 W.M. elect Kent 15, Perring Muggerside 1679, Beneditti 1679, Brand P.M. St. Pauls 194, Wrigglesworth P.M. Rose of Denmark 975, Jackson Gihon 49, Diaper Gihon 49 J.W. Royal Leopold 1669, Rose P.M. Mount Lebanon 73, Dnan P.M. Royal Jubilee 72, Seymour Smith Org. Crystal Palace 742, Cooper P.M. Mount Lebanon 73, Estoclet 1641, Bradly P.M. Royal Leopold 1669, Butler Urban 1196, Vickery P.M. Peckham 1476, and T. Cooke J.D. Mnsgrave 1597. After the Lodge had been opened in due form, the Secretary read the minutes of previous meeting, which were confirmed. After some other matters had been proceeded with, the W.W. elect was presented by Bro. Nairne, and the usual obligation having been duly administered and pledged, Lodge was opened in the third degree, when all below the degree of Installed Master were called on to withdraw. A Board was then opened, and the impressive ceremony proceeded. The outside brethren were afterwards readmitted, who saluted the W.M. in the three degrees, under the direction of Brother Bickerton. This having been done with great precision and ability, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers, to whom collars were allotted as under, Bros. Richards I.P.M., Nairne M.C., Middlemass S.W., Reynolds jun. J.W., Reynolds sen. Treasurer, Hernaman Secretary, Brinton S.D., Marsden J.D., Forbes Steward, and Hall Organist; Brother Walker not being present, the appointment of Inner Guard was deferred. The new Officers were then saluted, and the W.M. presented, on behalf of the Lodge, a Past Master's jewel to his predecessor. At intervals, during the installation, anthems were sung, in a manner seldom heard inside a Lodge when close tyled. We understand that it is intended to continue this practice, and we hope that Brother Hall, who has entered on his duties as Organist, for which position he is eminently qualified, will do all in his power to cultivate a taste for music in his Lodge. Most

heartily do we congratulate him on his accession to office, and we hope that the supplication contained in one of the odes may be abundantly answered, namely—

“ God of light, whose love, unceasing,
Doth to all Thy works extend,
Crown our Order with Thy blessing,
Build, sustain us to the end.”

Lodge was then closed, and the brethren after labour adjourned to the large hall, where Bro. Slawson, of 736 Old Kent-road, had in readiness a sumptuous banquet, which was much appreciated, and to which ample justice was done. On the removal of the cloth, the W.M. gave the Loyal toast, and then followed that of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales M.W. Grand Master, the Pro G. Master, Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the Worshipful Master, the Visitors, the Immediate Past Master, the Past Masters, the Treasurer and Secretary of the Lodge, which was followed by that of the Stewards, and the Tyler's toast. The music and singing, under the direction of Bro. Hall, was excellent. Bros. Voisey, Hall, Goodinge, Seymour Smith, and Messrs. Colbourne, Abbott and Blaikie were unusually good. As a matter of course, Bro. Seymour Smith, in rendering “Lord Mayor's Day” and the “Happy Family,” was inimitable, and elicited encores. The evening was spent in a most agreeable manner, Bro. Forbes, as on former occasions, with a great deal of self-abnegation, bestowing incessant attention on all present. This is now his seventh year of office, we believe, as Steward; he is the right brother in the right place, “a faithful and good Steward;” may he remain where he is, until he shall be called upon to render his account as a Steward to a tribunal other than that of an earthly one. So mote it be!

CRIPPLEGATE LODGE, No. 1613.

THE distinguishing feature at the regular meeting, held on the 16th inst., and which will, no doubt, constitute one of the red letter days in the history of the Lodge, was the visit of one of its honorary members, the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor. The Lodge has its usual quarters at the Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C., and there the brethren assembled, under the presidency of Bro. William Medwin W.M., who, with the assistance of his Wardens and the rest of the Officers, disposed of the usual business, which included one raising and two initiations. From an unforeseen circumstance the large banquetting room of the Albion was not available on that special evening: it was therefore necessary to seek accommodation elsewhere. But, as it was deemed fitting to receive the honoured guest in state, and with proper regalia and personal decorations, a dispensation from the Grand Master had to be obtained to enable the brethren to display their Craft and other adornments outside their own “valley of Jehoshaphat.” The work of the Lodge being over, the brethren adjourned to the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C., where a large reception room had been prepared. It was a brave sight to see the brethren ranged around the room, the W. Master and Wardens at the upper end, and the Deacons, with their wands of office, at the entrance, ready to receive the expected guest, who, with accustomed punctuality (a well-known characteristic of his Lordship in the Ward of Cripplegate), made his appearance at the appointed time, and was conducted, amidst acclamations, to the left of the W.M. After hearty salutations, the brethren proceeded to partake of a luxurious banquet, where a commendable moderation in the matter of exciting fluids was noticeable. After grace, the W.M. gave the health of the Queen and Craft, and the professional party present, which consisted of Bros. W. Sexton, G. T. Carter, J. Kempton, W. Winn, under the direction of Fred H. Cozens, sang the National Anthem. The health of the M.W. Grand Master H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was heartily responded to. Bro. J. R. Foulger, Past Master and Secretary, proposed the toast of the Pro Grand Master, Deputy G.M., and the rest of the Grand Officers, than whom, he thought, none were more energetic in their zeal for the best interests of the Craft, and none more willing to assist when difficulty arises. He would couple with the toast their highly esteemed Grand Secretary Brother Colonel Shadwell Clerke. The Grand Secretary expressed his sincere thanks for the kindly and fraternal way this toast was received, on the present and all similar occasions. The Grand Officers always endeavoured to perform their duties as efficiently as possible, but had not yet arrived at a Masonic millennium. It was impossible, even with the best will, to satisfy everybody. There were many brethren not altogether unworthy of some recognition for their services, but the fact was, the Grand Master had, comparatively, few favours to bestow. He could assure them that the future conduct of the Grand Officers would be regulated by the past. He was highly gratified to be present on that auspicious occasion, and was proud to have been invited to meet at that Masonic board the chief magistrate of the greatest city in the world, who was also an old and respected P.M. of the Craft. The W.M. next proposed the health of Brother the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, who was so well known in Cripplegate as to need no eulogy from him. The Lodge congratulated him on his accession to the highest dignity it was in the power of his fellow citizens to bestow. Bro. the Lord Mayor, who was received with long and continued cheering, said he rose with great pleasure to respond to the toast. It was a source of unfeigned gratification to meet the brethren of the Cripplegate Ward, who for many years past had shown a perfectly sincere esteem and kindness to him. The Cripplegate Lodge had always his special regard. When started he was invited to be the first Master. He always regretted to have been unable to accept the highly-prized offer. But they would probably recollect that just about that time he was Sheriff, and what with other duties, besides being Master of another Lodge, he felt unequal to accept the responsibility. They had paid him the compliment of electing him an honorary member, and in all his visits he had been extremely gratified with the careful way in which the work of the Lodge was conducted. The Craft stood high in the estimation of brethren, and even non-Masons were constrained to acknowledge its

merits. The example set by their illustrious Grand Master showed them that they ought to be guided in all things by the great Masonic principle of doing as they would be done by, and to regard every man as a brother. Referring to his exalted office, he was proud to occupy the position of Lord Mayor, for which he was deeply indebted to his fellow citizens and brother Freemasons, with whom he had been associated during a tolerably long commercial life. When his health was so kindly proposed and heartily received, he could only assure them that his best energies would always be devoted to their service. The Lord Mayor then proposed the health of the Worshipful Master, remarking that he had had the pleasure of his acquaintance for a quarter of a century, and always found him a good neighbour, and a straightforward man of business. The Worshipful Master briefly acknowledged the compliment. The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bros. Coombs and Wright. For the Past Masters Brother J. R. Foulger replied, remarking that Cripplegate Ward had produced Lord Mayors before, notably Sir Matthew Wood, who twice occupied the high office, and what reason can be urged against their honoured Alderman being again elected. Brother B. Groner P.M., to whom the toast of the Charities had been entrusted, said that Bro. Wildey Wright, in his response for the Visitors, poetically illustrated the great principles of Freemasonry, and glorious heritage of the past, imposing the duty of perpetuating the Charitable Institutions. The Cripplegate Lodge, he was glad to say, had done all in its power in that direction. The Worshipful Master, taking upon himself the duty of acting as Steward at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution, the Lodge immediately voted £21 on his list. The same had been done previously, and he remembered when the first Worshipful Master announced his intention of representing the Lodge in a similar capacity, in about three months the sum of £50 was subscribed by the brethren. The Lodge being only six years old, he thought it had not failed in doing its duty. He would call upon Brother Terry, who he knew had all the facts and figures at his fingers' end, to respond to the toast. Brother Terry, in his accustomed forcible and elegant manner, advocated the claims of all the Charities, but as a matter of course dwelt more especially upon the Institution which is dependent upon the zeal, energy, and devotion which he so lavishly bestows. The Tyler's toast ended the proceedings. The Visitors numbered fifty-six, among whom were the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor (Alderman Knight), Colonel Shadwell Clerke Grand Secretary, Buss A.G.S., Jas. Terry Sec. B.L., J. L. Mather P.P.D.G.C., N. Gluckstein P.M. 185, Rickwood P.M. 192, R. Coombs I.P.M. 12, J. Harvey, C.C., P.M. Domatic, A. Westerby 182, H. Wildey Wright, Q.C., 1827, Feller 1056, E. Gottheil P.M. 185, &c. &c.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

THERE was an unusually large gathering of the members of the Masonic Craft in the borough on Thursday evening, when Bro. Williams was re-invested as W.M. of this Lodge. The ceremony took place in the Lodge room at the Freemasons' Hall, Landport, and was most efficiently carried out by Bro. Main P.M. P.P.G.D.C. Bro. Williams appointed the following as his Officers for the year:—Bros. Green I.P.M., Niven S.W., Drake J.W., Hancox Treasurer, Byrbridge and T. A. Casey Sec., Miles S.D., Foster J.D., Brown M.C., Marshallsay I.G., Bramsdon and Hann Stewards, Parkinson Tyler. The musical portion of the ceremony was exceedingly well conducted, Bro. Bradbear P.G.O. officiating as Organist. An interesting feature of the evening's business was the presentation of a P.M.'s jewel to Bro. Williams, in recognition of the very able and zealous manner in which he had presided over the Lodge during the past twelve months. The presentation was made by Bro. Main, and acknowledged in appropriate terms.

Lodge of Israel, No. 1502.—This Lodge, which so happily comprehends both Jewish and Christian brethren—thus showing in some degree the comprehensive character of the Masonic Order—has held a prominent position amongst the numerous Lodges of the Province since its consecration, and the works of charity which it has been the means of carrying out have greatly enhanced its place on the long list of similar fraternal bodies. The annual installation is invariably attended by enthusiasm, and that which took place on the 20th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Hope-street, Liverpool, where there were upwards of 80 members and visitors present, proved no exception to the general rule. The chair at the opening of the proceedings was occupied by Bro. Maurice Aronsberg, the retiring W.M., who was supported by a full complement of P.M.'s and Officers, including Bros. P.M.'s Henochsberg, Schonstadt acting as S.W., Jones acting as J.W., Robinson W.M. elect, Tobias, Levy P.P.G.S., Henochsberg, Hart Treasurer, &c. After some preliminary business Bro. Robinson P.P.G. Reg., presented by Bro. Hart P.G.S. and Bro. Henochsberg P.M., was duly installed Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the second time during a most honourable Masonic career, an appointment which has given the greatest satisfaction to the whole of the brethren. The ceremony of installation was admirably performed by Bro. Aronsberg, and the addresses to the following Officers were given with much impressiveness by Bro. Henochsberg P.M., who came from London to take part in the interesting ceremony:—Bros. Aronsberg I.P.M., Tobias P.P.G.S.W. S.W., Henochsberg P.M. appointed J.W., M. Hart P.G.S. Treasurer and M.C., Gabrielsen Secretary, Silver S.D., Baum J.D., Dr. Stern Chaplain, Bryan Organist, Levy I.G., Archer S.S., Capstick J.S. Bro. Ball was re-elected Tyler. The first degree was given by the newly-installed W.M., and afterwards the brethren adjourned to a banquet. The catering was entrusted to Bro. Woodhouse, No. 1675, the house steward, whose serving was in every respect of the most satisfactory nature, showing how wisely the committee have selected a chief of their Masonic establishment. In the course of the evening a very artistic and valuable P.M.'s jewel was presented to Bro. Aronsberg, in recognition of the admirable services he has rendered to the Lodge of Israel as W.M. and in other offices.

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.

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SATURDAY, 25th NOVEMBER.

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. Junction, at 8. (Inst.)
1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1679—Henry Muggerside, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street

149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Rottoms, Eastwood.
1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
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.
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
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, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C., at 8 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, 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)
1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk-road, W.
1691—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
302—Hope, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
307—Prince Frederick, White Horse Hotel, Holbden Bridge
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
820—Jily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1177—Tenby, Royal Assembly Rooms, Tenby, Pembroke
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
65—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, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
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)
205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
255—Harmony, Greyhound, Richmond, Surrey
259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8 (Inst.)
890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
1446—Mount Edgumbe, 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)
1470—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleonor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1741—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1919—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 21—Orion, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
126—Silent Temple, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Darford
310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
373—Socrates, George Hotel, High-street, Huntingdon
403—Hertford, Town Hall, Hertford
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen

779—Ferrers and Ivanhoe, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
1018—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1354—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
1809—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst.)
224—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
534—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Pinnure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant 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)
898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
1238—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Deuton
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
750—Friendship, Freemason's Hall, Railway-street, Cleckheaton
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
1293—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
K.T.—Alpass, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
R.C.—Phillips, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
R.C.—Stanhope, Queen Hotel, Chester

THURSDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
15—Kont, 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)
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)
754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
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, Phoenix, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8. (Inst.)
111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nunenton
807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
971—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
1530—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
R.A. 307—Good Intent, White Horse Hotel, Holbden Bridge
R.A. 337—Confidence, Masonic Hall, Brownhill Vale, Upper Mill
R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
K.T.—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale
K.T.—Fearnley, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury

FRIDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
141—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
766—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
834—Ranc'agh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)
890—Hornsey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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)
1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Metropolitan Societies Asylum, Balls Pond Road
1627—Royal Kensington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
R.A. 6—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 65—Prosperity Chap of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
R.A. 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
41—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
306—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds

442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 601—St. John, Wrekin Hotel, Wellington, Salop
 680—Sefton, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 993—Welchpool, Railway Station, Welchpool
 1096—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Eastthorpe, Mirfield
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Chorlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30

SATURDAY, 2nd DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Lamb Tavern, opposite Bethnal G. Junc., at 8. (Inst.)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1453—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Loughboro' Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—The usual weekly meeting was held on Monday evening, 20th inst., at Bro. McDiarmid's, the Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughboro'-junction, when there were present Bros. Westmore W.M., Banks S.W., Perkins J.W., Cormock S.D., Littlewood J.D., Sherring I.G.; also Bros. Johnson Preceptor, McKinley Secretary, Warren, Westley, Allison, Keyes, &c. The ceremonies of initiation and passing were ably rehearsed by the W.M. The Lodge was then opened in the third degree and closed to the first, when the dues having been collected, Bro. Banks was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded Bro. Westmore for the admirable way in which he had filled the chair of K.S., for the first time. A committee was appointed to revise the by-laws. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned till 28th inst. The usual harmony meeting followed.

Joppa Lodge of Instruction, No. 188.—The members of this young and prosperous Lodge of Instruction held their second winter dinner on Tuesday evening at the Champion Hotel, Aldersgate street, when Bro. Dodson P.M., the esteemed Preceptor, presided, supported by Bros. Chillingworth P.M. Treasurer, Wimple S.W., Nightingale J.W., Benjamin I.G., Dodds Secretary, Gardner, Hughes, Hodges, Dunlop, Amphlett, Davy, Midgley, Deering, Pigé, Lanham, and others. Various causes were assigned for the comparatively small attendance, contrary to what had been anticipated. Amongst them being the public interest taken in the School Board elections, which engage the attention of many of the members of the Lodge. However, the gathering lacked nothing short of that hearty and fraternal spirit which invariably characterises the meetings at the Champion, and the proceedings were of a very harmonious and enjoyable description. After opening and closing in the first degree, there being no special business to transact, the brethren and Visitors adjourned to the dining-room, where a sumptuous repast had been provided by Bro. Chillingworth P.M., the esteemed proprietor of the Hotel, and Treasurer of the Lodge of Instruction, whose arrangements for the comfort and enjoyment of the guests elicited expressions of unqualified satisfaction. Dessert having been placed on the tables, the customary Loyal and Masonic toasts were given from the chair and duly honoured, the President referring in felicitous terms to the valuable services rendered to the Craft by His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master, Earl Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and other Grand Officers Past and Present. All of them were really good workers, and were not merely ornaments to the Craft, but Masons truly at heart. In proposing Success to the Joppa Lodge, the President observed that it had been the custom at all their festive assemblies to wish prosperity to the parent Lodge, and he therefore had peculiar pleasure in submitting that toast for acceptance by the company present. In doing so he expressed his sincere regret, which would be shared by the whole company, at the unavoidable absence of Brother Myers the Worshipful Master, and other members of the parent Lodge, who would have had much pleasure in acknowledging the toast. In their absence he would call upon Bro. Benjamin, the Senior Warden of the Joppa Lodge, to respond. The toast was heartily received, and Bro. Benjamin said he rose, with a vast amount of diffidence, to reply to the toast, as if other members of the parent Lodge had been present they would have discharged the task much more satisfactorily. He had thought that the members of the Lodge, who were always solicitous for the intellectual advancement and instruction of their younger brethren, would have mustered in force that evening, but unforeseen circumstances, over which they had little or no control, prevented them. However, he knew they, one and all, felt delighted that this Lodge of Instruction was bringing forward so many intelligent and indus-

trious members, under the guidance of Bro. Dodson, who had rendered such able and substantial service to the Lodge of Instruction, with whom they were now assembled. The President, in proposing the toast of the evening, "Prosperity to the Joppa Lodge of Instruction," said, although their numbers were comparatively small that evening, yet the deficiency was in some measure compensated for by the zeal and assiduity of those brethren whom he saw around him at the festive board. He referred to the proficiency displayed by many of the regular attendants at the Lodge of Instruction, and congratulated the members upon the excellent muster invariably witnessed at the monthly gatherings at the Champion. He regretted the fact that more of the brethren of the parent Lodge had not joined them in the fourth degree, but the letters that had been read by the worthy Secretary explained that absence on that festive occasion was from no lack of interest in their Lodge of Instruction. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. J. Hughes. Bro. Hughes, who on rising to reply was warmly received, said he had always felt pleasure in visiting this excellent Lodge of Instruction, and if they traced its history from the commencement they would find that he had attended most regularly, much to his own personal edification and advancement. It was greatly due to the wise and intelligent instruction imparted by their esteemed President Bro. Dodson, that he (the speaker) had attained to the proud position of being W. Master of the Victoria Park Lodge, and he considered the old Joppa ought to be proud that she had in her ranks so astute and accomplished a Past Master as was represented by the worthy Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. So far as he could judge, this Lodge was one of the most successful and useful he attended, and it was satisfactory to know that during the whole of the two years it had existed they had never failed in making up a good meeting. He could not say so much for some other Lodges of Instruction he had been in the habit of frequenting. It was only by being thus bound together, and cultivating an *esprit de corps* amongst the brethren that any such Lodge could succeed; and he wished for the Joppa Lodge of Instruction a long career of future prosperity. Bro. W. Gardner next proposed the health of their worthy President, a task which afforded him considerable amount of sincere and heartfelt pleasure. All who knew Bro. Dodson outside the Lodge appreciated him as a man, and those who were brought into most intimate contact with him in the Craft esteemed him still more as a thoroughly good Mason. On a recent occasion it was his pleasurable duty to present Bro. Dodson with a slight testimonial of esteem and regard on behalf of the members of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction, and in doing so he only expressed the sentiments of one and all the brethren of the Lodge. He was quite sure that, had they searched England through they would have had difficulty in finding a more competent or willing Preceptor, or one better fitted to act as their President. He was always ready to assist them, whether in or out of the Lodge, by giving his time and experience in instructing and coaching those brethren who were working up for office, and thus enabling them to undertake their duties with satisfaction to themselves, and with credit to their Lodge. Brother Dodson might regret that the company was smaller to-night than he had reason to anticipate; but, no doubt, those present would make up in the fervour with which they received the toast all that was deficient in point of attendance. The President, after suitably thanking the brethren for the cordiality with which they had received the mention of his name, begged to be excused from making a lengthy speech, in consequence of the bereavement he had recently sustained by the death of his mother. But though his thoughts were far away, his heart was bound up in the success of the Lodge of Instruction, and he again briefly expressed his sense of the high honour they had done him by so cordially recognising the toast proposed by Bro. Gardner. Bro. Nightingale next gave the health of the Visitors, in doing which he regretted they were not more numerous, though no doubt the interest just now manifested in the School Board elections had prevented many from attending who otherwise would have done so. At the same time they extended a hearty welcome to those brethren who had honoured them with their company that evening, and he assured them that if they attended the Lodge of Instruction they would find that the work was invariably well performed, under the direction of their zealous and esteemed Preceptor Bro. Dodson. The Lodge had only been in existence two years, yet it had so rapidly progressed that, in addition to their festive gatherings, they had been enabled to establish three Life-subscriberships to the Masonic Charities, which he thought spoke well for the vitality and importance of the Joppa Lodge of Instruction. The toast was suitably acknowledged by Bros. Hodges and Gannister. The President next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, than whom no better Officers could anywhere be found. Bro. Dodds was most energetic and zealous in the discharge of his duties, and had won for himself the esteem of all the brethren of the Lodge. The worthy Treasurer, Bro. Chillingworth, took the greatest care of the funds entrusted to him, and never parted with any money except to the successful winner of a ballot for a Life-subscribership of one of the Masonic Institutions. Within a year and ten months, during which this Lodge of Instruction had been in operation, they had created three of these Life-subscriberships, and he was happy to know that within another short time another similar ballot would take place. Bro. Chillingworth briefly responded, and in doing so expressed the pleasure it afforded him to act as Treasurer to this prosperous and useful Lodge of Instruction, and to observe how energetically the members combined to support the Charitable Institutions of the Order. They had been particularly fortunate in this respect, having, as the President had stated, created three Life-subscriberships, with a fourth nearly accomplished. He hoped the time would soon come when he should have to ask one of the Collectors for the Charities to attend their Lodge and receive at their hands another similar amount. Bro. Dodds also suitably replied, as Secretary, and several other toasts, including the Masonic Press—acknowledged by the representative of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE—were duly honoured. The proceedings were varied by some capital songs and recitations, and altogether a most harmonious and agreeable evening was enjoyed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Present—Bros. Glass W.M., Catlin S.W., Christian J.W., Smyth S.D., Cracknell J.D., Larter I.G., Carr Secretary, Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Webb, Robinson, Biggs. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Carr offered himself as candidate for raising, was interrogated and entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason. The W.M. gave the traditional history. Bro. Webb worked the first section of the lecture assisted by the brethren. Bro. Catlin was elected W.M. for the ensuing week.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—The usual weekly meeting was held at the new quarters of the Lodge, the Norfolk Square Hotel, Paddington, on Monday, 20th inst. Present—Bros. Mote W.M., Hardy S.W., Smith J.W., Holland S.D., Mitchell J.D., Morse I.G., Dehane Secretary; Cursons, White, Wickens, Simpson. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Brother Cursons candidate. After the Lodge had been called on and off, Brother White 1637 was elected a member. Brother Wickens, on behalf of the Audit Committee, read a satisfactory statement of accounts. Bro. Smith then presented the Lodge with three handsome pedestals, and trusted that the brethren, who in future might preside at them, would do so in a truly Masonic spirit. A hearty vote of thanks was then recorded to Brother Smith for his gift. The Lodge was adjourned until Monday, 27th instant, when Bro. Hardy 201 will be W.M.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Royal Hotel, Mile-end-road, 20th November 1882. Bros. West W.M., Musto jun. S.W., Austin J.W., Shingfield S.D., Knight J.D., Clement I.G., Moss Preceptor, Baum Treasurer, Stewart Hon. Sec.; also Bros. Glass, Picking, Hopkins, Maud, Peterkin, Kendal, Hubbert, Anning, Clark, Myers. After preliminaries the ceremony of raising was rehearsed in a very able manner, Bro. Hopkins candidate. The brethren first practised entry drill, then steps in the third degree. Bro. Myers worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was regularly closed down. A vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the able manner in which Bro. West had worked the ceremony for the first time in the Lodge. Bro. Musto jun. was unanimously elected W.M. for the meeting on the second Monday in December. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Monday, 27th instant. The Lodge was closed in due form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday evening Bro. Matthews presided; he was supported by Bros. Gilham S.W., Percy P.M. J.W., Woodman S.D., Woolf J.D., Thompson I.G., Forge Secretary, Trewinnard P.M. Preceptor. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Collingridge, a candidate for passing, answered the questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the W.M. carefully rehearsed the ceremony. Lodge was resumed; Bro. Gribbell offered himself as candidate, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of the first degree. Bro. Gilham was appointed to preside on the 4th December, as on Monday next, the 27th instant, the installation ceremony will be rehearsed by Bro. Forge, W.M. Southgate Lodge, No. 1950.

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At the Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625, Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, on 27th inst. Bros. W. H. Myers P.M. 820 and 1415 will preside, supported by T. J. Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., W. Musto P.M. 1349 J.W., D. Moss S.D. 1275 I.P.M., B. Stewart P.M. 1278 Secretary. First Lecture—Hirst, Hubbert, Musto jun., Richardson, Barnes, McDonald, Cundick. Second Lecture—Loane, Moss, West, Pringle, Hopkins. Third Lecture—Musto, Job, Taylor. At 7 o'clock.

By the brethren of the Doric Lodge of Instruction, No. 933, on Tuesday, 28th November, at the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston. Bros. Musto P.M. 1349 W.M., Barnes P.M. 554 and 933 S.W., Cundick P.M. 1421 J.W., Wallington P.M. 860 I.P.M., Carr S.W. 1607 Hon. Sec. First Lecture—Bros. Gray, Stephens, Hirst, Musto jun., West, McDonald, Barnes. Second Lecture—Bros. Loane, Moss, Richardson, Cundick, Webb. Third Lecture—Bros. Hopkins, Job, Taylor. Lodge will be opened at 7 o'clock precisely.

By the brethren of the West Smithfield Lodge of Instruction, No. 1623, on Thursday evening, 30th November, at the Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, Bishopsgate, E.C. Bros. H. J. Lardner P.M. 1745 W.M., W. Martin S.D. 879 S.W., J. Davidson P.M. 299 J.W., James Pinder P.M. No. 15 W.M. 1662 Preceptor, C. W. Rowe Hon. Secretary. First Lecture—Bros. J. F. Rumball, T. McButt, G. W. Rowe, W. Pennfather, J. Davis, J. Davison, G. H. Stephens. Second Lecture—Bros. G. Perkins, Charles Patrick, J. Lawrence, W. Martin, J. Clark. Third Lecture—Bros. J. Strugnell, C. W. Kent, T. Butt. The Lodge will be opened at seven precisely.

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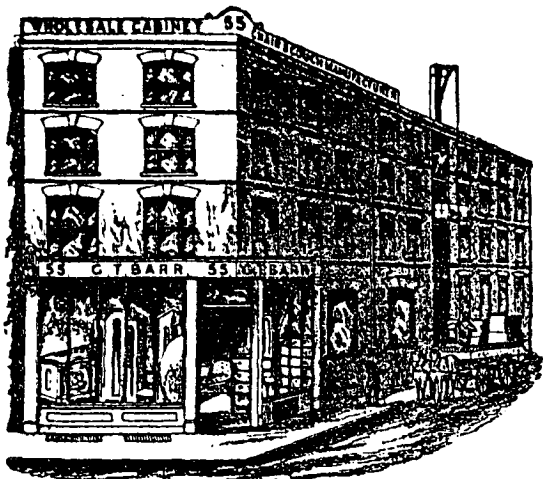
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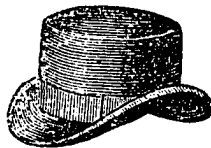
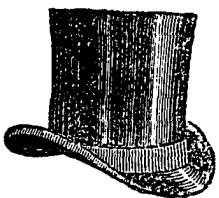
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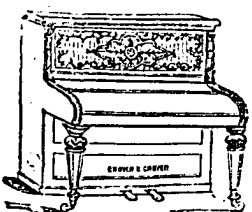
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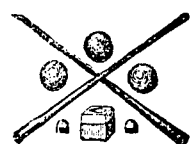
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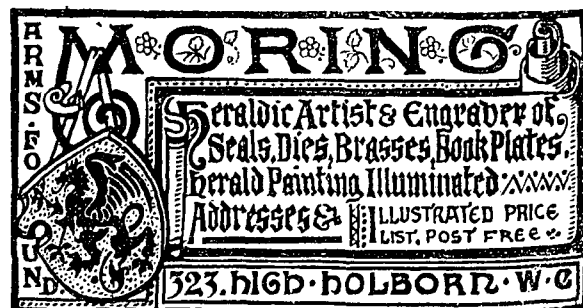
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