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UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE agenda paper for the meeting of Grand Lodge on Wednesday next, while at first sight it is suggestive of there being little or nothing to do beyond business that is formal or of a general character, is worthy of a few passing remarks. The Grand Master will submit a resolution to the effect that the sum of one hundred guineas be contributed towards the relief of brethren in Jamaica who have suffered by the terrible conflagration at Kingston in December last. That the motion will be carried with acclamation is certain, and our sole regret is, that G. Lodge will not be asked to give of its surplus funds a far higher amount. There are, in the first place, no less than eight Lodges under the English Constitution alone which meet at Kingston, and, in the second, the same amount was voted towards the Palestine Exploration Fund in 1868, and again in 1876, to the Peruvian Earthquake Fund, to the Fund for the Relief of Famine in Persia, and towards alleviating the distress caused by the "cataclysm" on the coast of Peru, while £100 was voted for the relief of members of the one Lodge in Curacoa who suffered from a hurricane in 1878, and two hundred guineas were given in 1877 to the sufferers from the fire at St. John, New Brunswick. In these circumstances it occurs to us that the sum of £105 is by no means adequate to the requirements of this particular calamity in Jamaica. If, for example, £100 was considered a just contribution towards the relief of the members of the single Curacoa Lodge, then £105 manifestly falls short of what is likely to be required by the brethren of the eight Kingston Lodges. On the other hand, if the proposed grant of £105 in the Jamaica case is deemed sufficient, then £100 in the Curacoa case must have been excessive. We do not desire to see Grand Lodge ostentatious in its gifts, but if it can be said to have erred on former occasions on the side of extra liberality in its grants, it may be considered to err on the present occasion on the side of parsimony, and that, too, at a time when the balance to its credit is largely in excess of £5,000. Moreover, where property to the value of half a million of money has been destroyed—only £150,000 out of the £650,000

grants by the Lodge of Benevolence which will have to be confirmed are more moderate than we have seen them on former occasions, there being only three of £100 each, one of £75, and six of £50 each. It is quite time the Lodge of Benevolence kept its expenditure within its income. The Revised Edition of the Book of Constitutions, and the 800 amendments which have been suggested by different Lodges and brethren, are to be taken into consideration and reported on. It will be proposed that the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, of Cairo, which was ordered to be erased at the December Communication, shall be allowed to resume its functions. For our own part, it strikes us the more businesslike way to proceed in this case will be for a motion to be made that so much of the minutes of the been granted, and will be submitted for Grand Lodge approval, and it is not a little remarkable that not these has been issued for London warrants and the other six Provincial. election of Grand Master and Grand Treasurer constitutes the remaining portion of the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Monday next.

FESTIVAL OF THE ROYAL MASONIC BENEVOLENT INSTITUTION.

THE well-wishers of this admirable Institution, the L Chairman of the Festival, R.W. Gen. Bro. Brownrigg, C.B., Provincial Grand Master of Surrey, the Province of Surrey, and the indefatigable Secretary, Bro. James Terry, and his staff, are one and all to be congratulated on the result of Wednesday's gathering at Freemasons' Tavern. There was a numerous company assembled to do honour to the occasion, the brethren and ladies mustering to the extent of some 500. Among the former were Bros. General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Colonel Lloyd. Philipps Prov. G.M. of South Wales Western Division, Rev. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. Dep. Prov. Grand Master damage was covered by insurance—and about 7,000 people Surrey, Rev. C. J. Martyn P.G.C., Deputy Prov. G. Master rendered homeless, it appears to us some consideration might be exhibited for the poor unfortunates outside the Craft. Suffering humanity, whether it comes before us in the shape of Masons or non-Masons, has righteous claims the shape of Grand Lodge. This Masonic Institution for Girls, C. F. Matier, Captain Nichols, Masonic Institution for Girls, C. F. Matier, C. Ma duty has been again and again recognised, as in the case of the Lancashire Cotton districts in 1863, the Turks' Island Relief Fund in 1868, the Chicago Relief Fund in 1872, the Bengal Famine Fund in 1874 and in 1877, and the Distress and Masonic toasts were proposed by the Chairman, who, in Ireland Fund in 1880, and others that might be men- in proposing that of the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M. Patron tioned. In none of these cases was the claim on our assist- and President of the Institution, the Princess of Wales, ance more just than is that of our poor Jamaica fellow- and the other members of the Royal Family, referred to subjects, and we hope to see some member of Grand Lodge the grand spectacle which was presented in the Royal rise in his place, on Wednesday next, and suggest a larger Albert Hall, on the occasion of His Royal Highness's sum be granted, of which one part shall be set aside for installation as Grand Master, and spoke in terms of eulogy suffering brethren, and the other for the general body of of the interest exhibited in the Craft not only by the Prince, but likewise by his brothers the Dukes of Con-The other business calls only for very brief notice. The naught and Albany. The health of the Grand Officers,

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whose services were justly eulogised by Gen. Brownrigg, was gracefully acknowledged by Colonel Lloyd-Philipps. With the "Sister Grand Lodges" was associated the name of Brother General Laurie, whose reply was well received. In proposing the toast of the evening, "Success to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons," the Chairman spoke briefly but to the point. He drew attention to the vast amount of good that is being done by the Institution, its large expenditure, which amounts annually to over £13,000, and the heavy list of applicants who present themselves year by year to be admitted on the roll of annuitants, and he quoted the well-known story told of Dr. Swift, on the occasion of his being asked to plead for a poor person and preach a sermon on his behalf, the text being "He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord," and the sermon—perhaps the briefest on record—" All of you who are satisfied with the security, down with the dust." The toast was enthusiastically received, and Bro. Terry shortly afterwards announced a list of the donations, and subscriptions, amounting to the very handsome total of £13,047 ls, with nine lists still to be received—a total which has been exceeded on only rare occasions, even during the brilliant period of the Prince of Wales's Grand London, as represented by 137 Stewards, Mastership. contributed towards this result £7,646 11s 6d, while the Provinces by their 135 Stewards raised amongst them

£5,400 9s 6d, Surrey loyally taking the lead with the splendid sum of £905, a grand achievement for a Province which is very far from being numerically strong. Bristol, Essex, Gloucestershire, Herts, Kent, East Lancashire, West Lancashire, Middlesex, Norths and Hunts, Notts, Sussex, Worcester, and West Yorkshire also sent up liberal donations. The health of the Chairman was proposed by Col. Lloyd-Philipps and, it goes without saying, was received with the heartiest applause, while Brother Hedges, Secretary of the Girls' School, whose Festival is the next in order of occurrence, returned thanks for the toast of "Success to the other Masonic Institutions." Colonel Clerke Grand Secretary returned thanks for "the Ladies," very happily. The usual concert followed in the Temple. Brother W. Ganz P.G.O. had charge of this part of the programme, and ably fulfilled his task, in which he was well supported by the Misses Clara Samuell, Mary Beare, Maria Delval, and Frances Hipwell, Herr Poznanski, and Bros. Lehmeyer, Faulkner Leigh, Franklin Clive, and Egbert Roberts.

Thus has passed for 1883 the principal event in connection with the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and while repeating our congratulations to all who took part in it, and all interested in the continued success of the Institution, we can only express a hope that the Festivals of the

two Schools will prove at least as successful.

The following is a corrected list of the Stewards and amounts collected by them up to the time of our going to press.

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H.R.H. the Duchess of Albany gave birth to a daughter on Sunday evening, and Her Royal Highness and the infant princess are both progressing favourably. happy event was announced in London on Monday by a Royal salute of 21 guns in St. James's Park.

Mr. W. C. Kemp, late of Reigate Grammar School, and son of Bro. W. J. Kemp P.M. and Secretary of the Royal Albert Edward (Redhill) Lodge, 1362, P.G.P. Surrey, has obtained a Mathematical Scholarship at Worcester College, Oxford, of the value of £80 per annum. The examination was entirely open, and without limitation as to age, and consequently the competitors were numerous, and Mr. Kemp, who is not yet 19 years of age, is to be congratulated upon his striking success. In 1881 he obtained the Exhibition of £70 per annum given by Worcester College to the most deserving candidate of the year in the Oxford Local Examination.

The "Freemasons' Calendar and Pocket Book" for 1883 can be had at the Grand Secretary's Office, Freemasons' Hall, London, price 2s, bound in roan.

FUNERALS.-Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON, Coffin Makers and Undertakers, 17 Newcastle Street, Strand, W.C. and 30 Forest Hill Road, Peckham Rye, S.E.

By the death of his father, Lord Egerton, of Tatton, Bro. the Hon. Wilbraham Egerton, M.P., Prov. Grand Mark Master Mason for Cheshire, succeeds to the title, and a vacancy is thus caused for Mid Cheshire in the House of Commons.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See Times of July

in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See Times of July 24th, 1873. Bottles is 1½d, 2s 9d, 4s 6d, 11s, and 20s. Sold by all Chemists.

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

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

QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF UNITED GRAND LODGE.

THE following is the business to be transacted in Grand Lodge on Wednesday, 7th March 1883:-

- 1. The Regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during the time of public business will be read.
- 2. The Minutes of the Quarterly Communication of the 6th December 1882, will be read and put for confirmation.
 - 3. Election of a M.W. Grand Master.
 - 4. Election of a Grand Treasurer.
 - 5. The M.W. Grand Master will move:-

"That this Grand Lodge do contribute the sum of 100 guineas to be paid out of the Fund of General Purposes, towards the alleviation of the distress caused among the brethren under the District Grand Lodge of Jamaica by the late calamitous fire in Kingston, in that Island.

6. Report of the Lodge of Benevolence for the last quarter, in which are recommendations for the following Grants, viz.:-

A Brother of the Polish National Lodge, No. 534, London £50 0 0 A Brother of the Lodge of Harmony, No. 275, Hudders-

A Brother of the Airedale Lodge, No. 387, Shipley -- 50 0 A Brother of the Furness Lodge, No. 995, Ulverston **.** 50 0

A Brother of the Doric Lodge, No. 933, Loudon A Brother of the Capper Lodge, No. 1076, London -- 50 0

A Brother of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, London -- 100 0 0 A Brother of the Concord Lodge, No. 632, Trowbridge - 100 0 0

The Widow of a Brother of the Minerva Lodge, No. 250, **75 0 0** - 100 0 0

A Brother of the Lebanon Lodge, No. 73, London -7. REPORT OF THE BOARD OF GENERAL PURPOSES.

> To the United Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board of General Purposes have to state that the Grand Secretary having reported the reception of some 800 amendments to the proposed revision of the Book of Constitutions submitted to Grand Lodge on the 6th September last, the Board of General Purposes recommend Grand Lodge to refer these amendments to the Board to consider and report on.

(Signed)

JOHN B. MONCKTON, President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 20th February 1883.

To the Report is subjoined a statement of the Grand Lodge Accounts at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, held on Friday, the 16th day of February last, shewing a Balance in the Bank of England of £5,409 1s 7d, and in the hands of the Grand Secretary for Petty Cash £75, and for Servants' Wages £100.

REPORT OF THE COLONIAL BOARD. 8.

To the United Grand Lodge of Antient Free and Accepted Masons of England.

The Board have to report that a letter having been received, the day after the last Quarterly Communication, from the Worshipful Master of the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068, Cairo, Egypt, reporting that the Lodge, which had been in abeyance since the year 1874, had, owing to the return of some of its old members to Egypt, been now able to resume its work, the Board beg to recommend to Grand Lodge that the resolution for the erasure of the said Lodge, passed at the last Quarterly Communication, be rescinded, and that the "Bulwer Lodge," No. 1068, Cairo, be permitted to resume its labours.

> (Signed) JOHN A. RUCKER P.G.D. President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C. 6th February 1883.

9. Report of Brother R. P. Harding, Auditor of Grand Lodge Accounts, of receipts and disbursements during the year 1882.

List of Lodges for which Warrants have been granted by the M.W. Grand Master since the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge:-

No. 1986-The Honor Oak Lodge, Honor Oak, Camberwell.

1987—The Strand Lodge, Covent Garden.
1988—The Mawddach Lodge, Barmouth, North Wales.

1989—The Stirling Lodge, Cleator Moor, Cumberland. 1990-The Hampshire Lodge of Emulation, Portsmouth.

1991—The Agricola Lodge, York.

1992-The Tennant Lodge, Cardiff. 1993-The Wolseley Lodge, Manchester.

The Revised Book of Constitutions; Critically Considered, and Compared with the Old Edition. London: Simpkin, Marshall & Co., 4 Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. Sent on receipt of stamps, One Shilling, by W. W. Morgan, Freemason's Chronicle Office, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.-(ADVI).

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

NORTHAMPTON CHAPTER, No. 360.

THIS Chapter assembled at the Masonic Hall, Northampton, on Thursday, 22nd February. Present—Comps. Stanton P.Z. M.E.Z., Atkins H., Rev. S. J. W. Sanders J., Robinson P.Z. E., Bingley N., Ellard Prin. Soj. pro tem, Green P.Z. and Kellett P.Z. Assist Sojs. pro tem, Butler Wilkins P.Z. Dep. Prov. G. Supt. Norths and Hunts, Cotton P.Z., Roberts, Percival, Brown, Hill, Hart, Haviland, Clayson, Croft, Cockerill, Jones, Currall, Emery, Wetherell, Dorman, James Terry P.Z. 288, Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institu-tion, Griffin P.Z. 442 P.G.D.C. Norths and Hunts, &c. Bros. Timson Pomfret 360 and Todd 360 were duly ballotted for and elected, the M.E.Z. performing the ceremony of exaltation; Comps. H. and J. taking their parts in a most admirable manner, Comp. Terry assisting in the ceremony. Comp. Butler Wilkins then proceeded to instal the M.E.Z. (H. J. Atkins), Rev. T. J. W. Sanders H., and Bingley J.; the ceremonies being performed in his usual impressive manner. The M.E.Z. then proceeded to invest his Officers:—Comps. Sanders H., Bingley J., Robinson P.Z. E.; the N. elect was absent through illness; Stanton P.Z. Treasurer, Butler Wilkins P.Z. M. of C., Ellard Pr. Soj., Brown and Perceval Assist. Sojs., Croft Organist, Dean and Kirby Janitors. On the adjournment, the Companions sat down to refreshment, provided by Mrs. Forth, of the Peacock Hotel, in her usual bountiful and excellent manner. The regular Loyal and Masonic toasts were given by the M.E.Z., Comp. Wilkins suitably responding to that of the Prov. Grand Officers. Comp. Green proposed the newly-installed Principals, referring to the admirable manner in which all had discharged their duties, both in Craft and Chapter. Each responded to the toast. Comp. Stanton, in responding to the toast of the P.Z.'s, referred to the fact that the continued prosperity of the Chapter, and their liberality to the Charities, was in a great measure due to the interest taken by the P.Z.'s in its welfare and efficient working. Companion Sanders proposed the Visitors, in a very practical manner, to which Comp. Griffin responded, referring to the good understanding existing between the Chapters in the Province; he concluded by proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities, thanking those present for their liberal contributions to his Provincial Steward's list on this and former occasions Comp. Terry, in responding, gave several interesting facts in connection with the Institution with which he is more immediately connected, and also thanked those assembled for the kindness which he always received at their hands, and also for their generous contributions. The M.E.Z., in proposing the Officers of the Chapter, took the opportunity of referring to the harmonious way they had hitherto worked together, and the excellent manner in which they had performed their duties, especially mentioning the perfection with which Companion Ellard (who was called upon at short notice, owing to the illness of the Pr. Soj.) had that evening performed the duties of Pr. Soj. The several Officers replied. Comp. Stanton gave the newly exalted Companions, Timson and Todd, who duly responded. Comp. Stanton alluded to the absence of Bro. M. A. Boeme, who had removed to Worthing, and referred to the loss the Chapter, of which he was senior member, had sustained, he having for many years taken the warmest interest in its welfare. Comps. Atkins, Stanton, Hart, Timson, Emery and others added to the harmony of the evening. The Northampton Chapter has for many years been a good working one, and no doubt will maintain its reputation for some years to come, and deserve the approbation given it by Comps. Terry and Griffin.

Kent Lodge of Instruction, No. 15.—Held at Bro. Serjeant's, the King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C. At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, 28th February, there were present Bros. Patrick W.M., Millington S.W., Kramm J.W., Gieseke S.D., Leoffler J.D., Black I.G., Pinder Preceptor, and others. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Pinder candidate. The W.M. worked the first and second sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Black answered the questions leading to the third. Lodge was closed in the second degree. Bro. Millington was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. After the usual formalities, Lodge was closed.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—At Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday, 27th nlt. Present—Bros. Robinson W.M., Smyth J.W., Bunker J.W., Glass S.D., T. Clark J.D., Young I.G., Carr Sec., Wallington P.M. Preceptor; also Bros. Wardell, Darnell, Webb, Brasted, Ames Christian, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Darnell candidate. Lodge was called off, and afterwards resumed its Masonic duties. The W.M. then opened the Lodge in the second and third degrees. Bro. Robinson vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Wallington, Preceptor, who rehearsed the ceremony of installation, placing Brother Robinson in the chair of K.S. Bro. Wallington gave the addresses in his usual able manner. Bro. Ames, of the Dalhousie Lodge, No. 860, was elected a member. Bro. Smyth was voted W. Master for the ensuing week, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was arranged that the ceremony of installation should be rehearsed once a month. Bro. W. W. Morgan has selected "Women in Freemasonry" as the subject for the lecture he will deliver in this Lodge of Instruction on next Tuesday evening. Lodge will be opened at eight o'clock, and it is to be hoped that brethren of other Lodges will muster in force.

ROSSLYN LODGE, No. 1543.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge, at the Saracen's Head Hotel' Dunmow, Essex, on Tuesday, 20th ult., was of more than ordinary interest in consequence of arrangements which had been made for the delivery, in open Lodge, by Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. of his interesting lecture on the working of the first degree. The attendance was not so large as had been expected. The "waters were out," and the brethren were long distances apart. Moreover, the weather, dull and depressing, threatened a further downpour, and "wet jackets" for such as ventured on the lengthy journeys necesgary for going to, and returning from, Lodge. So that the gathering, though respectable in numbers, was to some extent disappointing to the W.M. and his Officers. Nevertheless, a more enjoyable evening, both as regarded labour and refreshment, never was passed by those who inscribed their names in the attendance book. Lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. Dehane P.G.S.D. Essex, at six o'clock, and the previous minutes having been confirmed, the investment of Officers, which—for some good cause or other that did not appearhad been deferred from the former meeting, took place. The appointments and investments, all being present, were made as follows, viz., Bros. A. Rattray S.W., J. P. Lewin P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex J.W., G. D. Clapham P.M. P.P.G.R. Essex S.D., J. C. Rhind J.D., Frederick J. Snell P.M. 1312 1543 Treasurer, Frederick W. Warner Secretary, W. Rowe I.G., G. A. Randall and W.S. Callaman Stewards, R. W. Russeau Tyler. The Visitors were Bros. James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, &c. and J. Collinson S.D. 1862. Mr. Edward Frith Ferris having been initiated into the Order, the Worshipful Master introduced Bro. Stevens, by a few appropriate remarks bespeaking their attention to an exposition of Masonic working which he felt assured would greatly interest them. We have ourselves had former opportunities of hearing this undoubtedly able and instructive lecture, each subsequent delivery of which becomes more impressively delivered, and less, as it were, stereotyped. On this occasion, time pressed the lecturer, who found it necessary to somewhat condense his work, but he made a judicious selection of those points in ceremonial working which it was of the greatest utility to explain to the Officers and younger members of a Lodge, and gave good reasons why some usages should be condemned in practice, and others most punctiliously observed. At the close of his address, which was listened to with strict attention, Bro. Stevens received most hearty expressions of satisfaction, many brethren openly exclaiming that they had learned more of the science of Freemasonry than they hitherto thought could have been afforded them. On the proposition of Bro. Clapham, seconded by Bro. F. J. Snell, the thanks of the Lodge and honorary membership were voted to Bro. Stevens, who acknowledged the cordiality with which he had been received, the attention given to his address, and the compliment the Lodge now paid him. Propositions having been received for initiation and joining, the Lodge was closed in harmony, and the brethren dined together, the worthy host of the Saracen's Head (who had been proposed in Lodge for initiation) placing a very elegant repast before them, to which speedy and ample justice was done. Subsequently the usual Loyal toasts were honoured, Bro. Lewin singing the National Anthem. The rulers of the Province were also recognised in the usual manner observed amongst Masons, and responses were given by Bros. Clapham and Snell. The health of the W.M. was drank with much enthusiasm, and the remarks of the proposer, Brother Clapham, as to the able services which had been rendered to the Lodge by Bro. Dehane, was heartily endorsed. Bro. Stevens having recited "Masons' Yows," Bro. Dehane acknowledged the reception the brethren had given to the toast, and assured them of continued labour and attention to the best interests of the Lodge. The health of the Initiate was proposed as a "sitting toast," a Provincial custom which we fancy most Masons would consider more "honoured in the breach than the observance." Bro. Ferris, in a well-spoken reply, expressed his gratification at having at length become a Freemason, and hoped that what he had heard in the Lodge would be indelibly impressed on his memory, to his advan-The toast of the Visitors was responded to by Bro. J. Collinson S.D. 862, who in the course of his thanks for the invite he had received stated that the pleasure his co-visitor had afforded him by his lecture would he hoped again place the same two brethren side by side elsewhere. The Officers of the Lodge having been called upon the Tyler reminded the company of the "poor and distressed," and these having been solemnly "cuffed," according to a fortunately not invariable custom, the brethren separated, some to spend yet another hour or two on the road, and others, more fortunate, to be "taking their ease at an inn," to enjoy a quiet chat before seeking "Nature's Among the numerous brethren who forwarded sweet restorer." written or verbal apologies for absence on this occasion were Bros. A. Durrant P.M. 276 Prov. G. Treas. Essex, E. Blinkhorn W.M. 1471, W. Vincent P.M. 1624, R. W. Hedges Secretary R.M.I.G., Rev. E. H. Crate P.M. 697 P.P.G.C. Essex, Dr. E. Shedd P.M. 276 1543 P.P.G.S. Essex, C. Corble P.M. 453 P.P.G.J.W. Essex, F. G. Green Sec. 1024, H. R. Heasman 1437, Percy Taylor 409, A. Portway P.M. 1312, Edward Durrant I.G. 276, Dr. James Nicholls P.M. 276 P.P.G.S.W. Essex, A. C. Durrant S.D. 276, Edwin D. Hatch M.C. 1471, N. J. Basnett P.M., H. Mais P.M. 423 South Australia, R. Clowes W.M. 650 P.G.S. Essex, John L. Mather P.M. 1471 P.P.G.D.C. Herts, A. Lucking P.M. 160 P.G.D.C. Essex, J. O. Carter P.M. P.P.G.S. of Wks. Berks and Bucks, Rev. F. B. Shepherd P.M. 1543 276 P.P.G.C. Essex, Dr. M. B. Wheeler P.M. 697 P.P.G.J.W.

United Mariners Lodge of Instruction, No. 30.—
The establishment of a Lodge of Instruction for the district of Peckham, Nunhead, and their surroundings, supplies a want that had long been felt in that locality of the South of London, and the success that has already attended it gives strong and satisfactory evidence of the appreciation of the movement by the brethren resident there. For a long time past the dearth of the means for Masonic instruction

The report was adopted. Brother reint rein

amongst those who belong for the most part to Lodges in the City had been a subject of regret, and it was a most commendable idea on the part of several members of the United Mariners Lodge to found a weekly meeting for the benefit of those who desired to take advantage of it, under the banner of their mother Lodge. Although commenced only a couple of months ago, the Lodge has already assumed very respectable dimensions, and by the admirable working displayed it has attracted the regular attendance of a considerable number of members. The promoters were exceedingly fortunate in securing the assistance of Bro. W. H. Martin as Preceptor, who sustains his part with intelligence and perfection, combined with pleasing elocutionary effect. Equally zealous and active are those by whom he is supported. and it is little matter for surprise that the Lodge has already gained for itself so large an amount of popularity, which is sure to increase when the advantages it offers become more fully known. stand there are now about forty members, whose number receives an acquisition on almost every occasion of meeting; so that we may reasonably anticipate a very large share of popularity will surround a Lodge which is already firmly established. On the occasion of our visit, on Wednesday, the 21st ult., there was a fair average muster, and the working was such as to afford a considerable amount of edification, as well as pleasure, to all assembled. Bro. J. Rotheroe (Secretary) was Worshipful Master for the evening, and was supported by Bros. J. H. Morgan as S.W., F. J. Eedle J.W., P. Harvey S.D., J. P. Woolley J.D., D. J. Thomas I.G., A. J. Bellis, H. J. Andrews, A. S. McChristie, R. E. Anderson, and others. Lodge having been opened in due form, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and Lodge was advanced to the second degree, with Bro. Bellis as candidate. He was examined and entrusted, and Lodge having been raised to the third degree, the ceremony was rehearsed, the impressive charges being rendered with admirable accuracy and effect. The first section was worked by Bro. Bellis, assisted by the brethren, and the second by Bros. Martin and Bellis. Lodge was then closed to the first, when Bro. R. E. Anderson of the Selwyn Lodge, No. 1901, was admitted a member. Bro. Martin then proposed, as a slight recognition of the valuable services rendered by Bro. Rotheroe, as Secretary, he should be elected an honorary member of this Lodge of Instruction. He alluded to the zeal and energy with which he had assisted in furthering the interests of this young Lodge of Instruction, and considered the least they could do was to recognise those efforts by electing him an honorary member. Bro. McChristie seconded the proposal, which was unanimously Bro. Rotheroe, in acknowledging the compliment paid to him, said the honour was very unexpected, and that tended to make it all the more gratifying to himself. As to the onerous duties to which reference had been made, he assured the brethren it only afforded him pleasure to do what he could for the interests of the Lodge of Instruction. If he had been a subscribing, instead of an honorary member, it would not have detracted from the interest he felt in the Lodge, or rendered him less infrequent in his attendance; but he deeply appreciated the honour which they had conferred upon him, and for which he returned his heartfelt thanks. Hearty good wishes having been interchanged, Lodge was adjourned tc Wednesday last, when it was announced that Bro. J. Driscoll P.M. Secretary had kindly promised to attend and rehearse the installation ceremony. The hope was expressed that on this occasion there would be a numerous gathering, as, from the well-known ability and experience of Brother Driscoll, they might anticipate considerable and valuable instruction. Lodge was then closed in form, and the brethren separated after a very agreeable and harmonious gathering. We may mention that the headquarters of this Lodge of Instruction are at the Lugard Tavern, Lugard-road, Peckham, and that Visitors will be most cordially welcomed at its meetings, which are held every Wednesday evening from 7.30 to 9.30 p.m. The room is admirably adapted for the purpose, and Bro. Alfred Pusey has left nothing unstudied that can in any way conduce to the comfort and convenience of the brethren. The hotel is easy of access, being within three minutes' walk of the Queen's-road railway station, and only a short distance from the stations at Old Kent-road and Nunhead. It is, therefore, most conveniently situated for brethren residing in the neighbourhood, and, as we have said, the Lodge promises to be largely used, to the immense advantage of Freemasons in this part of the south-eastern district. Bro. J. H. Morgan was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the meeting on the first Wednesday in March.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—The members held their seventh anniversary meeting on Saturday, the 24th Feb. at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, Islington. Bro. R. Pearcy, the Preceptor, occupied the chair, and he was supported by Bro. W. Cook S.W., Ashton J.W., Fenner Sec., Lorkin Treasurer, Marks S.D., Venning J.D., Rhodes I.G.; also Bros. Cohen, Houghton, Gibbs, Ferrar, Parkes, Archer, Snook, Carr, Gush, Hatch, Wolf, &c. Lodge was opened in usual form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Brother Snook answered the questions leading to the degree of F.C. Lodge was opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed. The brethren responded to the call to refresh. ment, and on to labour, when Brother Carr answered the questions leading to the third degree. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed, Brother Carr acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to the first degree. Brother Cook was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Auditors' made their report; this showed the Lodge was in full work, as the average attendance of the brethren during the past year was shown to be 17-24 per night of meeting. The report was adopted. Brother Fenner, the Secretary, very reluctantly tendered his resignation, as business will prevent him, in the future, attending to the duties with the regularity he has hitherto exhibited; at the same time, he undertook to carry out the work pending the election of a successor. Brother Treasurer was reelected for the ensuing year. Votes of thanks were awarded Bros Auditors, Preceptor, Secretary and Treasurer, for their services

ST. JAMES'S UNION CHAPTER, No. 180.

REGULAR convocation of this Chapter, the members of which A are so noted for their perfect working, was held on the 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street. Comps. Farwig Z., Keays H., Fletcher J., Pillin P.Z. Treasurer, Reed P.Z. S.E., Herbert 1st Assistant, P.Z.'s Comps. Knyvett, Annett; Comps. E. Bateman, Durrant, Hill. Wade, Snell; H. M. Levy P.Z. 188, and Reid 72, visitors. The Chapter was opened, and the minutes were confirmed. The name of a candidate for exaltation was on the agenda paper, but he was not present. The election of Principals took place; Comp. Keays was elected Z., Fletcher H., and Baker J. Companion Pillin was re-elected Treasurer, and Gilbert Tyler; Comps. Wade and Bateman were appointed Auditors. Comp. Pillin proposed, Comp. Fletcher seconded, and it was carried unanimously, that a P.Z.'s jewel be presented to Companion Farwig on his retirement, for the able manner in which he had conducted the duties of the chair, and in testimony of the kind estimation in which he is held by his Companions. The Chapter was then closed, and the company sat down to a very excellent dinner, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited). The M.E Z. after the cloth had been cleared said, this being a so-called off-night, he would dispense with some of the routine toasts, but he felt it a duty and pleasure to propose the health of the Z. elect. Companion Keays had done his duties well, and was well known and respected in the Lodges with which he was associated. He hoped he might have a pros. perous year of office; he was sure he would receive support from all the Companions. Companion Keays in reply said, he had unexpectedly been called upon for a speech on this occasion; he hoped at the next meeting to be better prepared. He would endeavour to perform the duties of the Chapter to their satisfaction. Comp. Annett said he had a pleasing duty to perform, and that was to propose health and long life to the M.E.Z., Comp. Farwig, who was worthy of the high position he occupied in the Chapter. He regretted the Companions did not have an Exaltee to give them an opportunity of hearing Comp. Farwig's excellent working. Comp. Farwig, in reply, thanked Comp. Annett for his kind expressions. It was a great pleasure and satisfaction to hear he had done his duty in the chair. He thanked the Companions for their assistance. He was especially indebted to Comp. Knyvett for many kindnesses. At the next meeting he hoped to be able to instal his successor, who was in every way deserving of the support of all present. Comps. Reid and H. M. Levy responded for the Visitors. Comps. Fletcher, Duret, and Pillin contributed to the harmony.

Grove Chapter, No. 410.—This Chapter met at the Leatherhead Hotel, on Saturday, the 24th February last. There were present amongst others M.E. Comp. George Berington Foster M.E.Z.; Comp. H. J. Dumas occupied the chair of N., in the unavoidable absence of Comp. Charlton; Comps. G. E. Lister J., Clayton Litchfield P.Z., Charles Greenwood P.Z., &c. The minutes of previous Convocation were read and confirmed. £5 5s was voted in aid of the funds of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution. The Companions partook of a most excellent banquet, presided over by the M.E.Z. with his usual ability. The beauty of the dinner table was greatly increased by a present of most lovely flowers sent, from Camilla Lacey, by Mrs. Wylie.

WALLINGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 1892.

WHAT may be described as an extra meeting of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held in the Public Hall, Carshalton, on Thursday, the 1st instant. Bro. G. Horsey P.M. 1619 and W.M. of the mother Lodge presided, and among those present were Bros. W. Pile S.W. and W.M. elect No. 1892, Alfred Bishop J.W., Charles Sawyer Preceptor P.M. 1619 1892, J. W. Baldwin S.D., W. Harwood I.G., Frost, Taylor, Carter, Edwards, Filmer, Davis, Nunnerley 1815, and Haslett; and as Visitors Bros. W. G. Gibbs P.M. 1837, G. K. Pugh 1790, W. H. Ransome 1790, Verdon 188, and W. W. Morgan S.W. 211. Lodge having been opened with the customary ceremonial, Bro. Horsey rehearsed the ceremony of initiation in an able and impressive manner, Bro. Frost acting as candidate; while the charge was given by Bro. Baldwin with unwonted fervour. Bro. Morgan having been briefly introduced to the brethren by the W.M., rose and gave his promised lecture on the "Masonic Institutions, their Establishment and Development." As the lecture is one of a series which has been published in pamphlet form, and has been delivered in other Lodges, it will suffice if we state that Bro. Morgan was listened to throughout with rapt attention and that, on the conclusion of his address, he was most warmly by his audience, a vote of than most cordially passed, and gracefully acknowledged. Lodge was advanced to the second, and Brother Gibbs again won for himself the encomiums of the brethren by the admirable facility and impressiveness with which he explained the tracing board of the second degree. Lodge having been resumed to the first, and closed, the brethren adjourned to the King's Arms, and there sat down to a pleasant repast, which apart from its undoubted merits was the more enjoy. able from the fact of its being of a homely and quiet character. Speeches followed the removal of the cloth, and were interspersed with some capital singing, to which Brothers Taylor, Gibbs, and Bishop contributed very successfully. The Loyal and Masonic toasts, combined, according to Brother Binckes's well-known prescription, having been enthusiastically honoured, that of Prosperity to the Wallington Lodge of Instruction constituted a

the compliment so deservedly paid. Bro. Sawyer modestly acknowledged the kindly expressions of the president of the evening, and expressed a hope that the Lodge of Instruction would continue to be as successful as it had been during the brief period of its existence. Bro. Horsey's health was genially honoured, and Bro Morgan responded for the Visitors, who, one and all, acknowledged the marked courtesy and hospitality they had experienced. Nor was the W.M. elect of the mother Lodge—Bro. Pile—overlooked, and the compliment paid him was accepted in a most fraternal spirit. In fine, the meeting, though marked by an entire absence of anything like extentation, proved to be one of the most agreeable it has been our fortune to attend, and more favourably impressed us than if the proceedings had been attended with greater pomp and ceremony.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.— Meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell S.E., on Friday, 23rd ult. Bros. Bate W.M., Stokes S.W., Thurston J.W., Style S.D., Wiltshire J.D., Dick I.G., Stevens Past Master and Preceptor, Poore Secretary, Terry Past Master, &c. Lodge was opened and minutes were read. For being passed to the F.C. degree, Brother James gave proofs of proficiency, and Lodge being raised to the third, the ceremony was ably rehearsed. The W.M. also gave the charge in the second degree. Lodge having been lowered, Brother Stokes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Lodge was duly closed.

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-:o:-THE GRAND TREASURERSHIP.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—In view of the forthcoming Quarterly meeting of Grand Lodge, on Wednesday next, 7th inst., when the brethren will elect a Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year, I venture to express the hope (which I believe is widely shared in) that a successor will then be appointed to the distinguished brother who has occupied that position for several years past.

The Constitutions provide that all Grand Lodge offices shall be vacated annually; and although it may be expedient at times to reelect, this can hardly apply to the Grand Treasurership, and there is no reason why one brother should hold the office in perpetuity, to the exclusion of brethren equally worthy of preferment.

Morcover, it may fairly be questioned whether the members of Grand Lodge are justified in relinquishing the trust which is vested in them of making an annual selection for this office, seeing that the evil consequences are that emulation, which is the life of Masonry, is discouraged, and an indifference engendered which culminates in procession.

Practically the Craft has but this one purple collar at their disposal, and the responsibility rests with them if they do not confer it, year by year, upon one of their fellows who is deserving of the distinction.

Our ranks abound with brethren who would reflect honour upon the Office, and whose worth and services the Craft cannot recognise in any other way than this. I am glad, therefore, to know that one of this number, who has been a member of the Order for nearly forty years, and is P.M. and Treasurer of a well-known Lodge, and also a Vice-Patron of all our Institutions, is to be proposed as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

Few, I think, will disagree with the correctness of the principle of electing a new Grand Treasurer annually. It is only because this proper course has been deviated from that it seems like an innovation, and to savour of invidiousness, to go back upon the Constitutional lines.

I feel sure, however, that our present Grand Treasurer will not for one moment entertain the thought that any personal reflection upon him is involved or intended in what is about to be done.

He has had ample evidence of the high regard he is held in, and cannot possibly be insensible to the fact that he is a general favourite throughout the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

N. B. HEADON P.M.

Treasurer The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.

65 Friday-street, 1st March 1883.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

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sidered ill-spent by him. These I may say are only a few of the demands he has upon the Craft, and I sincerely hope that the brethren will show their appreciation of his services by again electing him as Grand Treasurer, it being the only position in Grand Lodge the brethren have it in their power to bestow.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

AN OLD P.M.

ADDRESS OF BRO. GRAHAM, LL.D., GRAND MASTER OF QUEBEC.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,-In your article last week on Bro. Graham's Address to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, you refer to Bro. Laurie, Grand Master of Nova Scotia, having expressed his belief that the presence of an English Lodge in his jurisdiction was an advantage rather than a stumbling block in the way of good government by the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, such opinion being diametrically opposed to that of Bro. Graham as described by you. It may be as well perhaps that Bro. Laurie's statement, which was made at the Annual Communication of the Nova Scotia Grand Lodge in June 1880, should receive as much publicity as possible, as showing that Bro. Graham has not the entire sympathy of the Craft in British North America in his denunciations of the United Grand Lodge of England for upholding the three Lodges in Montreal which have preferred remaining in its allegiance to her instead of joining the Quebec Grand Lodge. The following is the passage as I have extracted it from the Masonic Correspondence of the Grand Lodge of Illinois:-

"Royal Standard Lodge "-No. 398, Halifax, N.S., English Constitution-" holding under the Grand Lodge of England, is with us a pattern in matters of ritual and discipline; working side by side with us, a healthy emulation is produced, and both parties are the better for it. By invitation I lately visited this Lodge, accompanied by the Grand Officers and a large body of Nova Scotian Masons, and the cordial feelings reciprocally expressed gave the strongest proof that the working of an English Lodge in our midst was working no injury to the Craft here."

And the Illinois commentator, after quoting this passage from Grand Master Laurie's Address, goes on to remark: "What a contrast this is with the sadly unfraternal doings of the assumed Grand Lodge of New Mexico towards Silver City Lodge and the Grand Lodge of Missouri, and how beautifully it exemplifies the goodness and pleasantness of brethren dwelling together in unity, even when some of their interests do seem to clash. Grand Lodge Sovereignty and exclusive jurisdiction are desirable, but certainly not so much so as to justify the sacrifice of all fraternal relations and principles. We are glad that our Nova Scotian brethren so nobly prove that, under all circumstances, they will remember they are FREENASONS, and govern themselves accordingly."

It will be well if Bro. Graham would condescend to take a leaf out of Bro. Laurie's book. Verb. sap.

Fraternally yours,

" Q."

TEMPERANCE AND MASONRY.

To the Editor of the Freemason's Chronicle.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have read with interest your leader on the above topic, and articles which have appeared in other journals bearing on the subject of Temperance in Masonry. As you say, the question admits of various arguments, for and against the adoption of such a doctrine as is implied by total abstinence or teetotalism; but after all said and done, the result will in the main depend upon individual tastes and temperaments, and not upon any rule either suggested and endeavoured to be enforced. To my mind there is now, and ever has been, absolute liberty for the individual. If I choose to join with my brethren and drink to toasts in "orthodox champagne," I do not snarl at my next door neighbour who does so "on principle" out of a claret glass filled with water. I would rather see him boldly declare his principles, instead of veiling, in the allegory of a coloured glass, his mild deceit; but that is his look out, not mine. I prefer wine with my dinner, and the usages of society render the toasting of our friends in generous beverages both proper and agreeable. As you very correctly observe, intemperance and excess are things unknown in Masonic Lodges, and the brother who would commit himself whilst wearing the "blue ribbon"—for we wear it too, only in a different way-would have reason to remember it long enough afterwards. But it is the very fact (as I have said of my coloured glass and water brother) of his being induced to practise such a little piece of finessing, in order to keep up appearances and simulating to keep pace with the rest of the company, that is objectionable. If a man is an abstainer, by all means let him avow it like a man, and the last place in the world in which he would be scoffed at for his courage is in a Masonic Lodge. As to the complimentary part of it, time was when to decline to drink a friend's health in wine was deemed an insult; but these are days of broader views, and if I were to be installed to-morrow as W.M. of my Lodge -which, unhappily for me, I cannot hope for for a year or two-I should not feel the least insulted if all the brethren drank my health in tea, or anything else they fancied. I will take care they have some of the "orthodox," if they care for it; for I always find there is more heartiness and geniality when the inspiriting loving cup goes round; but if there are any present who are squeamish on the point,

or prefer mild drinks, by all means let them humour their fancy, and be as happy as the rest. I do not know that I have said much now to elucidate the question upon which you have invited comment, but these fugitive thoughts may assist in sustaining interest on the subject, which seems to be pretty freely discussed amongst members of the Craft.

I remain, Dear Sir and Brother,

Yours fraternally,

JUST FLEDGED.

Aldersgate Street, 1st March 1883.

Several other letters on the above subject are unavoidably left over till next week.—ED. F.C.]

According to the Evening News, Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton, M.P., P.G.W., in writing to Bro. H. F. Bussey, Master of the Gallery Lodge, No. 1928, placing his name on the list of subscribers to Bro. Bussey's list as Steward for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, expressed the pleasure that he and some other of his Masonic friends would have in visiting the Gallery Lodge at any of its meetings. Bro. Lord Claud Hamilton and his friends may therefore be expected to be visitors at an early meeting of the Lodge.

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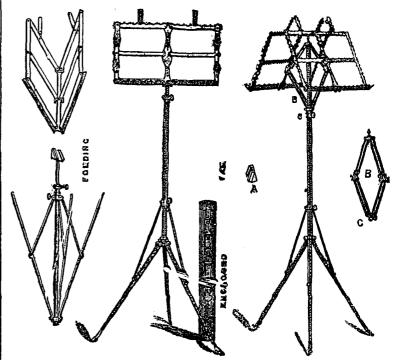
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THE HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

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PENSE à MOI, by E. CROSSE. Just published, at the above address. THE third group (C)—"Printed Copies, Extracts, or References "—comprises Nos. 38-51, both inclusive. Of No. 38, styled the "Dermott," after Laurence Dermott Grand Secretary and subsequently Deputy Grand Master of the "Ancients," and described as "16th Century," no trace has been found, and the same has been remarked of No. 42, the "Morgan," named after Dermott's predecessor in the same Grand Secretaryship, of the "17th century." They are included in this category on the strength of a reference in the minutes of that Grand Lodge of 6th December 1742, when the Grand Secretary is reported to have inquired if there were other books or manuscripts than those which had been delivered to him in the Febrnary preceding, and was answered in the negative by some, while "others said they knew Mr. Morgan had a roll

historical matters relative to the ancient Craft, which parchment they did suppose he had taken abroad with him. It was further said that many manuscripts were lost amongst the Lodges lately modernised, where a vestige of the Ancient Craft was not suffered to be revived or practised; and that it was for this reason so many of them withdrew from Lodges (under the modern sanction) to support the true ancient system. . . . The Grand Secretary produced a very old manuscript, written or copied by one Bramhall, of Canterbury, in the reign of King Henry the Seventh, which was presented to Bro. Dermott (in 1748) by one of the descendants of the Writer. perusal, it proved to contain the whole matter in the forementioned parchment, as well as other matters not in that parchment," though it strikes us as being curious how any proof of this could be established in the absence of the "fore-mentioned parchment," which Mr. Morgan was supposed to have taken abroad with him. No. 39, the "Dowland," of the 17th century, is so-called because it was forwarded by a Mr. James Dowland to the editor of the "Gentleman's Magazine" in 1815, Mr. Dowland describing it as "a curious address respecting Freemasonry," which not long since came into his possession, and adding: "It is written on a long roll of parchment, in a very clear hand, apparently early in the seventeenth century, and very probably is copied from a MS. of earlier date," while Bro. Woodford considers it represents a MS. of about 1500. No. 40 is styled the "Dr. Plot," because it was published in that author's "Natural History of Staffordshire," in 1686. In investigating the claims of the Masons to antiquity, Dr. Plot "particularly alludes to the 'large parchment volum they have among t them, containing the History and Rules of the craft of masonry.' Which is there deduced, not only from sacred writ, but profane story, particularly that it was brought into England by St. Amphibal, and first communicated to St. Alban, who set down the Charges of Masonry, and was made paymaster and Governor of the King's works, and gave them charges and manners as St. Amphibal had taught him. Which were after confirmed by King Athelstan, whose youngest son Edwyn loved well masonry, took upon him the charges and learned the manners, and obtained for them of his father a free-Charter. Whereupon he caused them to assemble at York, and to bring all the old Books of their craft, and out of them ordained such charges and manners, as they then thought fit; which charges on the said Schrole or Parchment volum, are in part declared; and thus was the craft of masonry grounded and confirmed in England. It is also there declared that these charges and manners were after perused and approved by King Hen. 6 and his council, both as to Master and Fellows of the right Worshipfull craft."

No. 41, an "extract from a MS. not now known," is assigned to the seventeenth century, and styled the "Hargrove," because it appeared in Hargrove's "History of the Ancient City of York," published in 1818, the author stating his indebtedness for the information was to Mr. Blanchard, the Grand Secretary of the then extinct York Grand Lodge. Bro. Gould says, it "does not agree with any existing MS., either at York or elsewhere." No. 43, "Masons' Co.," of the seventeenth century, is the MS. referred to in Sir Francis Palgrave's article in the "Edinburch Paris". "Edinburgh Review" in April 1839, in which that learned writer, in describing the inventory of the contents of the Masons' Company's chest, alludes to "a Book wrote on Parchment, and bound or sticht in parchment, containing an 113 annals of the antiquity, rise, and progress of the the seventeenth century, is unhesitatingly set down by Bro. from the fact that there is not another MS. which so resembles it, but also because the differences are so trivial in the text, and the additions so evidently of an editorial character, that the proofs of such an origin are irrefragable. Woodford and Hughan both concur in this view." This version was published in 1722 by J. Roberts, of Warwick Lane, and sold at sixpence. The only known copy was bought at the Spencer Sale for the late Bro. R. F. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa, the sum paid being £8 10s. Its title is "THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS Belonging to the ANCIENT and HONOURABLE Society of Free and Accepted MASONS, Taken from a manuscript wrote about Five Hundred Years Since."

The "Briscoe" of the seventeenth century is No. 45 which exist, or have existed, and to which references are

of parchment of prodigious length which contained some in order, and respecting it Bro. Gould says, "I am persuaded that substantially it is founded on No. 12,"-in the Harleian MSS .- "the reasons for this view are conclusive to my mind, and have been partially given by Hughan." It was published by "Sam Briscoe, at the Bell Savage on Ludgate Hill" in 1724, the original being assumed to have been "of near 300 years Translation into English." A copy of it was in the library of the late Bro. Bower, of Keokuk, Iowa. No. 46, "Baker," 17th century, is referred to by Dr. Rawlinson, in a note in his MS. explaining the legend of King Athelstan, having caused "a Roll or Book to be made, which declared how this Science was first invented . . . which Roll or Book he Commanded to be made and plainly recited when a man was to be made a Free Mason, that he might fully understand what Articles, Rules, and Orders he laid himself under, well and truly keep and observe to the utmost of his power," Dr. Rawlinson stating he had seen one of these Rolls "in the possession of Mr. Baker, a carpenter, in Moorfields." No. 47, "Cole," has a seventeenth century origin assigned it, because No. 32, from which it was derived, was derived from No. 8. It is set down as "the finest issued in the last century." It was "printed from engraved plates," and "dedicated in 1728-29 to the Right Hon. the Lord Kingston, Grand Master," the absence of any date from the title being immaterial, as the dedication determines the period of its publication. The Benjamin Cole, after whom this version is styled, was the publisher of the Grand Lodge Lists 1745-66. As regards No. 48, the "Dodd," which compares with the same Nos. 8 and 32, Bro. Gould endorses Bro. Hughan's opinion that this is a reproduction of No. 47, "with simply a few fanciful changes, for which an example had been set by Masonic historians of the period," Bro. Carson, of Cincinnati, for whom was purchased the copy disposed of at the Spencer Sale, concurring in this view, and adding, "therefore it appears to me that Cole's Editions 1728-31-51, &c., and the Spencer manuscript now in my collection, and the present reprint, are substantially, though not identically, one and the same Constitutions." Its title is "The Beginning and First Foundation of the most worthy Craft of Masonry, with the Charges thereunto belonging;" it is said to be "By a Deceas'd Brother, for the Benefit of his Widow," and was printed for "Mrs. Dodd, at the Peacock, without Temple Bar MDCCXXXIX. (Price Sixpence)." No. 49, belonging to the Bedford Lodge, No. 157, to which it was presented about January 1809, by the then Secretary, Bro. Harris, was published in the Freemason's Chronicle, on the 22nd and 29th April of last year. No. 50, the "Batty Langley," of the eighteenth century, was "published in the "Builders' Compleat Assistant," 3rd edition, 1738. Batty Langley, a prolific writer, published his "Practical Geometry" in 1726, which is dedicated to Lord Paisley, as "the Head of a most Ancient and Honourable Society," and subscribed himself "your most devoted servant." In 1736 appeared his "Ancient Masonry, Both in the Theory and Practice," dedicated to "Francis, Duke of Lorraine, and forty British noblemen, also to all others the Right Hon. and Right Worshipful Masters of Masonry by their humble servant and affectionate brother, B. Langley." The last of all is No. 51, "the Krause," and is assigned to the eighteenth century, though Bro. Gould remarks that it is quite possible that even the eighteenth century is too early a date to assign for its compilation. It is the so-called "York MS. of A.D. 526," and was "first announced in 1808, through a German version having been issued by Herr Schneider, of Altenburg, from a Latin translation, art and mystery of Masonry," which had not long prior to said to be certified by 'Stonehouse, York, January 4, 1839 been in the said chest. No. 44, the "Roberts," of 1806' (of whom no trace can be found)." However, it seems neither Bro. Hughan nor Bro. Woodford believes it Gould as "a reproduction, or a counterpart, of No. 11"—in to be "of any real antiquity." Moreover, "Dr. George the Harleian MSS. at the British Museum—not "only Kloss denied its genuineness, 'and contended that the Latin translation, which was certified by Stonehouse, had been prepared before 1806, and that in preparing it an ancient manuscript had been remodelled on the same basis as the 1738 edition of Anderson's Constitutions, because the term "Noachida" is employed in both, but is found nowhere else." Findel, also, though he visited England especially to investigate the matter, found nothing to confirm its claims to antiquity, and returned home more convinced than ever that it was neither a York Charter nor of the year 926. The character and history of this MS.

made, Bro. Gould proceeds to classify them in five divisions, according to their texts, the "Halliwell" MS. and the "Cooke" MS. each constituting by itself one division, namely, those marked (D) and (E) respectively. These, he says, are not forms of the "Old Charges," strictly speaking. "although they doubtless represent a certain class of masonic documents circulating in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, of which we have otherwise no contemporary record whatever." He adds: "The first was in part a Roman Catholic manual of devotion, the versifier, who was almost certainly a priest, having had access to documents in 'olde tyme wryten,' respecting 'Thys onest craft of good masonry;' and the second distinctly gives, as a personal narrative, what the chronicler found 'write and taught in ye boke of our charges,' and often alludes to 'the olde bokys of masonry' as the source of his statements. His membership, honorary or otherwise, may be assumed from scattered references, such as 'Elders yt wer bi, for us of masons had these charges wryten to hem as we have now in owr charges." As to the Halliwell MS., he considers, from the fact of its dating "shortly after the order of Richard II. for returns from the guilds (1st November 1388), and also those of the Crafts," that it was compiled from "the returns and miscellaneous records" brought to light in obedience to that order; but as it is in a metrical form, he holds that "the form of the historical introduction" and "the arrangement of the laws must not be looked for" in it, "but rather in the style or manner of its less pretentious juniors." He further points out that the compiler would give prominence "to those events which were the best calculated to advance the ends he had in view, by the compilation of his history, while, on the other hand, he would as naturally reject whatever teenth century and later, contained many statements not then reproduces in its entirety, as a specimen of an "ordito be found in those of an earlier period, simply on the nary version," the "Buchanan MS." (15) belonging to the ground of their omission in the Halliwell and Cooke MSS. Not that I deprecate criticism of these two MSS., but I think it has been shown that our attention should be principally directed to what is, rather than what is not said, the more especially since it is quite evident that although what I venture to term the 'Old Charges' proper—i.e. the forms of which the 'Buchanan' (15) presents a typical illustration—are of more modern transcription, they represent, in the opinion of experts, originals of higher antiquity than can be claimed for either of the two senior versions or adaptations of the masonic constitutions." He then describes the matter contained in the MS.

The "Cook" MS., he suggests, "is much more like the The "Cook" MS., he suggests, "is much more like the do not know that the imputation has been deserved, but for many ordinary MSS. than its senior, and hence will be found to years the brethren of "Ye mystic tie" have had the credit of being contain nearly all the legend of the usual 'Charges,' as in ardent devotees to the shrine of Bacchus, and certainly their No. 15, though not always in quite such an orderly réunions, so far as the "outside world" can judge, are characterised fashion." He considers its tone is not so "intensely with much of the exuberance of urbanity which is engendered by the "loving cap." But he that ag it may a state of the considers are characterised. religious" as that of the Halliwell, and notes in the course of his description of its contents that in it is "the only reference to St. Amphibalus in the MS. 'constitutions'" and he con'tyd Seynt Albon to Christendane." In this also is mentioned, for the first time in a Masonic MS., the legend of the preservation of the science of Masonry from the ravages of the Flood—also referred to in the "Poly chronicon," which, indeed, is cited in the MS. itself. Thus Trevisa's translation of 1387 of the "Polychronicon" reads "closede hem in tweie greet pileres i-made of marbyl and Freemasonry, and the first recorded "Temperance Lodge" on the of brent tyle. In a piler of marbyl for water, and in a pyler roll of the Grand Lodge of England will bear upon its banner the of tyle for fuyre." Another translation says: "did write name of Lord Wolseley. The gentleman who has accepted the artes whom thei hade geten by labore in ii pillers of diverse first Mastership has been a "life abstainer," and the whole of the artes whom thei hade geten by labore in ij pillers of diverse ston, that hit scholde not peresche from memory, oon ston was of marbole, ageyne the floenge of water, that other was of tyle ston, ageyne the brennynge of fyre." The Cook MS. states that "ii man of ston of suche wtu yt ye one wolde new breune and yt stone is callyd marbyll, and yt oy stone yt well not synke in wat, yt stone is namyd lacûs"—" later, a brick." The Caxton translation of the Polychronicon styles the two stones "marbel and brent

out in No. 15." Excerpts from these are given, and the clause in one of the York MSS.—No. 25 as enumerated in Bro. Gould's series—in which the word "shee" occurs is discussed at some length, the conclusion at which the author arrives being thus stated: "On the whole, I suppose we must accept the clause in question, either as an error or fancy of the translator or copyist; but it is certainly very singular that there is no record of females having belonged to Masonic guilds or companies, though they were connected with those of other crafts, such as the saddlers and spurriers, carpenters, peltyers (furriers), calendrers and tailors."

The "Inigo Jones" and "Spencer" (Nos. 8 and 32 respectively) with reproductions are allotted to Division G. The distinguishing features of No. 8, which is the prototype of No. 32, are noted, it being here, for instance, that "Prince Edward is spoken of as Brother to King Athelstane,' all the other forms either describing him as a son, or maintaining a discreet silence as to the relationship. historical narrative is also chronologically arranged, and the years of many of the events are inserted, which is unusual in these documents. The omission of the name of Charles Martel is noteworthy, also that of 'Naymus Grecus,' but otherwise the text, as I have said, is more remarkable for the additions to, rather than the deviations from, the ordinary versions. Under these circumstances, I cordially endorse the opinion of the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford as to its 'special verbiage' and peculiarly interesting character.'

"Ordinary versions" constitute the fifth division (H), by which are meant "all the MSS. not included in the four divisions (D to G), excepting only such as are merely reproductions, which naturally belong to the same class as their originals, whether or not the connection has been might tend to unduly exalt the memory of any patron of noted." It is remarked that "in all, the Apprentice Charge the masons, however illustrious, whose conduct had been and the 'New Articles' are wanting, whilst they contain none regarded with disfavour by the highest authorities of the of those clauses, which, in the previous division (G) confer church. It cannot, therefore, be maintained that the a special value on the text for purposes of suspension with legendary history preserved by the Freemasons of the six- the early editions of the Grand Lodge Constitutions. He seventeenth century, because it "combines the chief points of agreement between the 'Old Charges,' and has not hitherto been printed."

Comments on the other features of agreement or divergence among these MSS. &c., with notices of distinctive peculiarities, complete this interesting chapter.

(To be continued.)

Another surprise, and one which cannot fail to be of deep interest to the friends of sobriety, is the proposed establishment in Manchester of a "Temperance" Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. We with much of the exuberance of urbanity which is engendered by the "loving cup." But, be that as it may, a considerable amount of speculation has been aroused amongst the members of the Fraternity as to how the Manchester experiment will answer, and the effect it may have upon the general body of Masonic -"and sone aftyr come Seynt Ad habell in to England Lodges. It may appear anomalous that the amenities of a banquet and the fraternal interchange of sentiments that there find utterance, should be carried on amidst the mildly inspiriting associations of non-intoxicating beverages, but public tastes and notions of pro-priety in this respect have vastly altered in recent years, and it is by no means unusual now-a-days for festivities heartiest and most enjoyable character to be carried on without the aid of wine. The hero of Tel-el-Kebir appears to be the prime proceedings connected with the Lodge are carried on upon the principles of Tectotalism. Such a step may not appear significant to many who are unacquainted with the inner life of an Order, amongst whose cardinal principles temperance and moderation in all things are most religiously enjoined; but the experiment has caused no little comment amongst the ranks of the Fraternity, a very large section of whom will gladly welcome the innovation. - The Echo.

Polychronicon styles the two stones "marbel and brent tile." These stones, according to the legend, were subsequently discovered by Pythagoras and Hermes.

In division F are placed six MSS.—Nos. 11, 19, 20, 25, 30, and 37—because they "present, as a common feature, what is known as the 'Apprentice Charges' or additional rules for the apprentices, not in the ordinary clauses, as set.

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, 3rd MARCH.

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)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street.
1622—Rose, Surrev 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

1223—Amherst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester

MONDAY, 5th MARCH.

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12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough
Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruct.)
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
174—Sincerity, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, at 7. (Instruction)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
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1419—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Norfolk Square Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (Inst.)
1439—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1607—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
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1623—Trederar, Roval Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
1629—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley
R.A. 913—Begularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1056—Victoria, Masonic Hall, Masons' avenue
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath

R.A. 1616—Hayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, Londom Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
M.M. 139—Panmure, Surrey Masonic Hall, Clamberwell.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors
53—Royal Sussax, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven.
133—Harmonv, Ship Hotel, Faversham
144—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield
166—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
199—Pence and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
236—York, Masonic Hall, York
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire
381—Harmonv and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
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3841—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire
597—St. Cybi, Town Hall, Holyhead
282—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
280—Lily of Richmond, Greybound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
282—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
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285—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Abbourne, Derbyshire
109—Shakspeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire
109—Gudulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester
1051—Rowley, Athenaum, Lancaster
1077—Witton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire
1108—Ryal Wharfedale, Privste Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry
1130—Poward, Masonic Hall, Ge, George-street, Leeds
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Shoffield
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Acorington
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1519

TUESDAY, 6th MARCH.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 9-Albion. Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

18-Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
55-Constitutional. Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65-Prosnerity. Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
101-Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141-Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
168-Uniou. Criterion, W.
172-Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177-Domatic. Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188-Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
217-Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
554-Yarborogh, Green Dragon. Stepney (Instruction)
753-Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. 763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8.

(Instruction)
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
860—Dalhousie. Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1257—Grosvenor, Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, W.C.
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
1281—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W.
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
381—Kennington, Horns Tayern, Kennington

1383—Friends in Council, 33 Golden-square
1397—Anerloy, Thicket Hotel, Anerloy
146—Mount Edgeumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
1471—'slington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
1692—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Taveru, Highbury-corner, Islington
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst.)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhil R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
364—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
553—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastl
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
304—Carnaryon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
943—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ilverston.
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6. (Instruction.)
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwich, Anglesea
1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing, at 7,30. (Instruction)
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
M.M. 11—Joppa, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
M.M. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH.

Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, Freemasons' Hall, at 6 for 7
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—Unived Mariners'. The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst).
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In.)
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst.)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
823—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitschapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst.)
1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Upp, Richmond-rd, 8.W.
1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
1662—Beacousfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1687—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields
1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch
1791—Creaton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
1822—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A. 177—Domatic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction) WEDNESDAY, 7th MARCH. 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
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74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
326—Moira, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
679—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton.
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull.
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)
1095—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich
1274—Earl of Durham, Freemasons' Hall, Chester-le-Street.
1323—Talbot, Masonic Rooms, Wind-street, Swansea
1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1356—De Grev and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction) 1335—Lindsay, 20 King-street, Wigan.
1354—Marquis of Lorne, Masonic Rooms, Leigh, Lancashire.
1354—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill-street, Liverpool, at 7.30 (Instruction 1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester 1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, Tue Brook, Liverpool 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londe-borough Rooms, Scarborough R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds R.A. 477—Fidelity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkonhead M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness. M.M. 56—Temperance, Masonic Hall, Todmorden R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

THURSDAY, 8th MARCH.

3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction) 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction) 87—Vitruvian, White Hart. College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction) 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.

233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
233—Bank of England, Albion Tavorn, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
243—Salisbury, Union Tavorn, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
243—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
257—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
251—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
257—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
251—Canden, Crows and Cushion, Loudon Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
253—High Cross, Coach and Morses, Lower Totenham, at 8 (Instruction)
259—Pultonsie, Anderton' Front Twenty Company
250—Pultonie, Canden and Morses, Lower Totenham, at 8 (Instruction)
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250—Pultonyou, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-bill, at 6.30 (Inst)
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251—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
252—Upton, Swan, Bethand Green-road, ear Shoreltich, at 8 (Instruction)
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253—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
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254—Pagabaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
254—Plae Great City, Mason's Hall Tavern, Basingball-street, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
2547—Bagabaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill
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2548—Plae Great City, Mason's Hall Tavern, Basingball-street, E.C.
255—Langton, Mansion Housen Tav., St. John's Gato, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
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257—Langton, Mansion Housen Tav., St. John's Gato, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
258—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Osarbalton, (Instruction)
259—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
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FRIDAY, 9th MARCH.

Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.

25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)

33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street

144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)

157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

177—Domatic, Anderion's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.

507—Jnited Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)

766—William Preston. Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)

780—R y.l Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)

834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)

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1056—Me.ropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)

1058—Belgrave, Jermyr-street. S.W., at 8. (Instruction)

1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.

1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Cartle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)

1365—Clapton. White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)

1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)

1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)

18.A. 65—?rosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Ti.v., Leadenhall St.

R.A. 79—Pythagorean. Portland Hote, London-street, Greenwich, (Inst.)

M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon

36—Gl. norgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.

453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)

468—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-steet, Goole.

526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton.

669—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich.

697—United, George Hotel Colchester.

815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme

1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harriogate

1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard

1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry

General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7

R.A. 993—Alexandra, Meddyay Hotel, Levenshulme 1067—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Beagain 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield

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108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
173—Phenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
176—Caveac, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
198—Percy. Jolly Farme s' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
1275—Stor, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
1607—Lovalty. London Tavern Fenchurch Street
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1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1686—Paxton, Surrer Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct,
1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall. W.C.
1928—Gallery, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
1864—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
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NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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NEPTUNE LODGE, No. 30.

THE first meeting of this old and flourishing Lodge, since the installation of Bro. Henry Povey as Worshipful Master, took place on the evening of Thursday, the 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there were present Bros. J Harper, Ph.D., I.P.M., R. W. Coulcher J.W., E. F. Storr P.M. Treasurer, George Britton P.M. Secretary, W. Cook S.D., J. Corbett J.D., W. Neats I.G.; P.M.'s T. P. Collings, J. S. Norman, C. Harcourt, H. S. Crawford; E. S. Hopper, L. V. Walker, W. J. Charles, E. G. Jolliffe, T. Whiting, A. Macgregor, R. King, W. Brooks, H. Savidge, J. Parkinson Tyler, and others, with Bro. J. C. Anderson 754 as a visitor. There was no business on the agenda, and after opening and closing in the three degrees the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, when the usual toasts were honoured. Bro. Harper, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, referred to the qualifications possessed by Bro. Povey for the office of Worshipful Master, into which they had lately seen him installed; and their only regret must be that they had not the opportunity that evening of witnessing an exemplification of those abilities they all knew were at his command. The Worshipful Master, who was most cordially received, said it was very gratifying to know he had the confidence and entire respect of the brethren of this Lodge. It was yet very early days to mention his qualifications for the office to which, by the kindness of the members, he had been elected; they had no work that evening, and it appeared rather as "a frost." That, however, was his misfortune, and not his fault, and if the year was not to be numerically successful, he trusted it would be so socially. He mentioned his intention of going up this year as a Steward at the Festival for the Girls' School, and as this was the first Stewardship he had taken in connection with this Lodge, he trusted the brethren would co operate with him, and make his list creditable both to their Worshipful Master and the Lodge. In proposing the health of their Visitor, he said this was a toast which was always well received in the Neptune Lodge; at their last meeting they were honoured with the presence of no fewer than twenty visitors. That evening they were favoured with only one, still the toast was as worthy their acceptance as though they had a number. They extended to Bro. Anderson the right hand of fellowship, and gave him a hearty welcome. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. Anderson said, as a young Mason, he felt his position somewhat in being alone to respond for so important a toast as that of the Visitors. He hailed from the North, as they could hear, and was as yet only a fledgling in Masonry, and was not very much at home when he was away from his "mother." He was very pleased to be amongst them to-night, and to meet so joyful and harmonious a company, and hoped he might have the pleasure again at no very distant period. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Past Masters; he said it was only by their co-operation and kindness that the Lodge could expect to prosper. To-night they were favoured with the company of their veteran brother Past Master Norman, whom it was a great pleasure to see, and he would couple his name with the toast. Brother Norman said the Worship. ful Master had been pleased to associate his name with the toast, saying he was glad to see him again. On his part, he could truly say he was glad to meet the brethren once more, and was much disappointed not to have been present at Brother Povey's installation, and at the banquet he heard they had afterwards. It gave him sincere pleasure to meet the new Officers; it was a certainty they had an excellent Treasurer and Secretary. He hoped they might have plenty of work before them at the next meeting, and no doubt from the way in which the W.M. had conducted the opening and closing of the Lodge, he would display all those qualifications which they knew he possessed, and for which the Old Neptune Lodge had long been proverbial. Bro. Povey had presided over their banquet in a very amiable and agreeable manner; he had not spoken too much at length, yet had lest nothing unsaid. He did not know he had ever attended where the duties of the chair had been managed in a neater manner; there had been nothing tedious, but everything was graceful and admirable. No doubt the Past Masters had been looked up to for many years, though they were not so numerous now as in the past. But those who were left had ever the real interests of the Lodge at heart, and were most anxious to see the chair filled by good men. They could all admire and appreciate good working, and he considered from what he had seen that evening the prospects of the Lodge were such as to afford them every satisfaction. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary were well received and acknowledged by Brothers Storr and Britton, after which the Officers were complimented in similar manner, and the list was closed in the usual way by the Tyler. During the evening there was some excellent vocal and instrumental music, and a very happy and harmonious evening was passed.

LODGE OF PROSPERITY, No. 65.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when there was a gratifying attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. J. Roberts W.M. There were also present Bros. Schadler S.W., Rich J.W., Brown P.M. Sec., Hawkins S.D., Ruse acting as J.D., Gregory I.G., Walker M.C., Jones Steward, Chicken I.P.M.; P.M.'s Bros. Cornwall, Leins, Daniel, Ferry, Arnold; and Speight Tyler. Amongst the visitors were Bros. Eastbrook 1128, Thompson 1471, and Harnett 813. Lodge having been opened with the usual formalities, and the minutes of the preceding meeting read and confirmed, was advanced, when Bro. Thomas Buggins, having answered satisfactorily the interrogations, was raised to the sublime degree by the Worshipful Master, assisted by his Officers, the ceremony being

admirably worked. On resuming, the ballot was prepared for Mr. A. distinguished position in the Lodge. Having had that privilege, he Cheney, who had been nominated by Bro. J. H. Hawkins S.D., and seconded by the W.M. The voting was unanimous in his favour, and Mr. Cheney was duly initiated into the mysteries and privileges of the Order, the working being all that could be desired. The brethren then proceeded to the election of W.M., and the choice fell unanimously on Bro. Schadler, who received the hearty congratulations of all present. Bro. Goodwin P.M., who, unfortunately, was not well enough in health to enable him to attend the meeting, was reelected Treasurer, and Bro. Speight Prov. G. Tyler for Surrey Tyler. An Audit Committee was appointed, and after the transaction of some formal business, the brethren and visitors adjourned to a banquet, which was served in the throne-room. After dessert, the usual prefatory toasts were honoured; then Bro. Chicken gave the health of the W.M., alluding in felicitous terms to the ability displayed by Bro. Roberts during his year of office, and the active and unwearied interest he had manifested in the welfare of the Lodge. In response, Bro. Roberts thanked the brethren for the gratifying compliment which had been paid him, and said he had done his ntmost to discharge the responsibilities of the high position which he had been called upon to occupy, through the kindness of the breth. ren. The W.M. tendered his acknowledgments to the Past Masters and his Officers for the very valuable assistance they had rendered him during his year of office, and trusted that his successor might reap the same advantage, and perform the duties with even greater satisfaction to the brethren than he had himself been able to do. He then proposed the health of the Initiate, whom he was pleased to welcome amongst them, and who he felt sure would prove a very useful acquisition to the Lodge. Before sitting down he reminded them that this was the last meeting of the Lodge prior to the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and expressed the hope that the brethren would liberally support his list, which he had the pleasure of stating had now almost reached three figures. Brother Speight having sang the Entered Apprensice song, the chorus of which was lustily sustained, Bro. Cheuey thanked the company for the kind manner in which the mention of his name had been received; as he was yet so little acquainted with the subject he might be excused from responding at any length. The only thing he could say was it should be his aim and interest to do all he could for the benefit of Freemasonry in general, and the Prosperity Lodge in particular. The W.M. then proposed the health of the Visitors, whom he regretted were fewer in number than was usual in this Lodge. One or two other friends had been expected, but for various reasons they had been unable to attend. He could only say that nowhere were visitors more heartily welcome than at the assemblies of the Prosperity Lodge. Bro. Thompson in reply, said he had so frequently enjoyed the friendly association of the brethren of this Lodge, that he could not hardly regard himself as a stranger; indeed, here he always felt quite at home. He heartily wished for the Lodge the utmost realization of its title-Prosperity. Bros. Harnett and Eastbrook responded in a few happily-chosen sentences. The W.M. then gave the health of the W.M. elect, the toast being received with a genuine round of applause. In doing so he said it was a very pleasing duty to congratulate Bro. Schadler upon the prospect of that position to which he had that day been elected by the unanimous voice of the brethren; they had worked together, hand in hand, in Freemasonry for the last eleven years. In fact they sat side by side for five years, but at last they were separated. They were initiated on the same evening, but in the course of events they had been for the last four years separated at the banquet table. Next Lodge night, however, he hoped to have Bro. Schadler again by his side, and that matters would go on swimmingly after that. He was very glad that the brethren had fixed upon their excellent Senior Warden as W.M. for the ensuing year. The admirable way in which he had filled the chair at the Lodge of Instruction was well known to all of them, and he felt assured Bro. Schadler would acquit himself with satisfaction when he assumed a similar position in the mother Lodge. This he was sure to do if he only received the same kindness, courtesy, and assistance as had been so generously extended to him during his year of office. The Worshipful Master elect, who was received with prolonged applause, said very sincerely indeed did he thank the brethren for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, and for the dignity they had conferred upon him that day. Although they had elected him as their President—their general—he wished them to bear in mind that no general, however efficient he might be, could succeed without the cooperation of his Officers and the rank and file; without them he was a powerless individual. What possible victory could Gen. Wolseley have gained in Egypt without the co-operation of his officers and men? He, therefore, asked them, one and all, to give him their support and co-operation, and he had no hesitation in saying that at the end of his year of office the Lodge of Prosperity would have lost none of its present lustre. The Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Past Masters, said they were highly honoured on the present occasion by having no less than seven of the veterans amongst them. Whoever occupied the chair had to look to them for counsel, assistance and advice during his year of office. He again acknowledged the advantage he had himself received through their kindness, and submitted the toast with a vast amount of pleasure for acceptance by the brethren. Bro. Chicken I.P.M. could only say that at all times he and the other Past Masters were ready to do their atmost to assist the W.M. in carrying out the daties of the Lodge; he trusted that the same harmony and thorough good feeling which now pervaded the Lodge would always continue to subsist. As long as he was a member, and able to attend their meetings, which he hoped might be for many years to come, he should always be happy to render whatever assistance he could, and to promote in every possible way the best interests of the Lodge. Brother Arnold also acknowledged the kindness with which they had received his name; and Brother Leius said it afforded him great pleasure to recal the fact that eleven years ago he initiated both their Worshipful

had watched their Masonic career with natural interest, and was highly gratified to see them rising, from time to time, until they attained the proud position which he himself once held. He assured them it would always be his endeavour to do his duty to the utmost of his ability, and trusted he might long be spared to continue those efforts in the same direction. Brother Daniel did not think there was any Lodge in London in which the Past Masters were more united than they were in the Lodge of Prosperity, and had been for many years past. He undertook to say they would all remain true and faithful Past Masters, and as long as they did so, they could do no other than go on and prosper. Brother Leins had referred to the gratification it had afforded him to see Bros. Roberts and Schadler rising on the Masonic ladder, and he was sure he and the rest of the P.M.'s all hoped to see their children attaining to the enviable position of W. Master of the Lodge, and be a credit and an ornament to it. Bro. Brown, in thanking them in a very few words for the kind manner in which they had received the toast, said he had watched the progress of their excellent Worshipful Master with great interest, inasmuch as it was his privilege to give Bro. Roberts his first collar. As to the good feeling existing between the Past Masters of the Lodge, he was very forcibly remiuded of the words of the poem he learnt when a very little boy, written by Eliza Cook-

> "'Tis good to see strong men agree, Held fast by silken link; With lips that seek to wisely speak, And brain that dares to think.'

Such was the feeling existing between the Past Masters of this Lodge. It was four years since he had the pleasure of sitting in that chair, and he had never yet heard a single wry word uttered in the Lodge, though they had all "spoken their minds" unreservedly. During the past few weeks he had received very great kindnesses from the Past Masters of the Lodge, for which he took this opportunity of thanking them. He hoped it might be his privilege to be a Past Master of the Lodge for many years to come, and to be received by the brethren with the same kindness as on this and all former occasions. Brother Ferry also responded, and said he had returned from the Isle of Wight, which he had been visiting, to show respect and fraternal greeting to the Worshipful Master and Worshipful Master elect. The Worshipful Master wished now to propose a toast which was not on the list before them, and heartily he wished success to the Prosperity Chapter. With that toast he would associate the name of their valued Preceptor, Bro. Chicken, and informed the brethren that if they wanted to reach the climax of Freemasonry, they must join the Chapter formed in connection with their Lodge. Those who did not belong to it, must do so if they would secure a full knowledge of the Order, and if they did so they would meet some very able and agreeable companions. Brother Chicken M.E.Z. did not expect this toast, which had been brought forward to-night, he had therefore been taken somewhat by surprise; but, on behalf of the Chapter he returned them his heartfelt thanks. As the Prosperity Lodge had prospered, so it was the inten. tion of the Companions that the Chapter should go forward. He must say that up to the present time, there had been a slight paucity of members, considering the number on the roll of their Lodge; and Master Masons ought to be informed that after all they had learned in the Craft they must go to the Chapter to gain the "grand secret" of Masonry. It was, in fact, the completion of all they had learned in the Craft. He was therefore surprised that more members of the Lodge had not come forward. The Chapter, so far as its work. ing was concerned, had been a success; he hoped before his term of office expired they should double the number of its members. The W.M. next proposed the health of the Treasurer and Secretary, in doing which he regretted the unavoidable absence, through indisposition, of Bro. Goodwin, who had that evening been again elected to the post he so well filled as Treasurer of the Lodge, and congratulated Bro. Brown, their excellent Secretary, upon the new sphere of life he was accepting for himself, and in which the brethren desired for him every possible success. He acknowledged the valuable aid he had received from Bro. Brown on every occasion he required it, during his term of office, and he only hoped he would stick to London, when he might rest assured the brethren would stick to him. Bro. Brown said it was scarcely necessary for him to apologise for the absence of their valued Treasurer, who would have been present but for his old enemy. So far as he himself was concerned, he assured them the duties of Secretary had been a labour of love, and hoped they would be, for some time yet to come. The Worshipful Master had been good enough to allude to the fact that he intended to start in business on his own account; he could only say he hoped it might turn out successfully. He hinted just now that during the past fortnight or three weeks he had received great kindness from the members of this Lodge. He had not yet decided upon what particular part of the town he should settle in, but hoped before next Lodge night he should have definitely fixed his new sphere of work. If it was their pleasure that he should continue as their Secretary, and it did not interfere with him in his business, he should be very happy to retain the confidence that had hitherto been reposed in him. It was an office he was very proud of; indeed, he had always considered the office of Secretary was second to none in the Craft. It was an honograble office, particularly for so comparatively young a Mason to hold. As the adviser of the Worshipful Master, and to whom the members could come in any time of difficulty or anxiety, both Masonically and privately, at all times of the day, it was an office which involved a considerable amount of responsibility; but the brethren might rest assured that in the future they would not have such frequent opportunities of seeing him as they had had hitherto. The little ability he possessed, and the time he had at his disposal, would be gladly devoted to the interests of the Lodge of Prosperity; but directly he found the duties interfered with his business, he should relinquish the office, as a man ought to Master and Bro. Schadler, who had that evening been elected to his to do. Several other toasts were honoured, and the Tyler's closed

the proceedings at a seasonable hour. During the evening some capital songs were sung, and the harmony of the gathering was considerably enhanced by some pleasing airs played on the zither by Bro. Herold, which were received with much appreciation.

CITY OF WESTMINSTER LODGE, No. 1563.

A MEETING was held on Thursday, 22nd ult., at the Regent Masonic Hall (Café Royal), Regent-street, W. The Lodge-room was draped, in testimony of respect to the late Secretary Brother Scott. Present—Bros. Hammond W.M., Eastgate S.W., Jones J.W., Shand P.M. Treasurer and Secretary pro tem, Lee S.D., Smith J.D., Hoare Organist, Hill I.G., Waugh I.P.M., Swallow P.M. W.S., White P.M., Cottebrane P.G.P., Esdell, Cox, Patch, Stevens, and others. Visitors—Bros. Dr. Ramsay P.M. 259 P.G.S.W. Middlesex, McCall S.W. 108, Hammond S.D. 1765, Dudley Rolls P.M. 12, Ruf P.M. 12, Tinney 1319, Collens S.W. 766, and others (19 in all). Bros. Antoine and Wilson were duly passed to degree of F.C. Abellet, taken for Messrs, Watts and Harrington, proved upnamous. A ballot, taken for Messrs. Watts and Harrington, proved unanimous, and those gentlemen were duly initiated. A vote of condolence was agreed to be sent to the relatives of the late Secretary of the Lodge. A P.M. of the Lodge resigned membership, and after routine work, the brethren dined, and the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, the speeches being interspersed with music. The next Lodge meeting will be held on the fourth Thursday in April.

ARNOLD LODGE, No. 1799.

THE Brethren of this Lodge were honoured, at their monthly meeting, at Walton-on-the-Naze, on 20th ult., by a visit from the D.P.G.M. W. Bro. Fred. A. Philbrick, Q.C., P.G.D., who witnessed the excellent working of the W.M. W. Bro. C. Hempson, and also took part in it himself. At the close of the business, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Philbrick for his kindness in attending, and he was unanimously elected an honorary member of the Lodge. The brethren subsequently adjourned to the festive board, where several Masonic toasts were duly honoured. In proposing the health of the R.W.P.G.M. and the P.G. Officers, present and past, the W.M. took occasion to congratulate the brethren upon having a new P.G.M. to preside over them. W. Bro. Philbrick, whose name was coupled with the toast, responded, and stated that the Province was fortunate in having such a P.G.M. as Lord Brooke to preside over them. Brother Philbrick also spoke of the gratification both H.R.H. the Duke of Albany and Lord Brooke had felt at the great success of the late Installation Meeting at Colchester. Some other toasts were given, and the meeting was a very pleasant one. Among the visitors present on the occasion were W. Bros. Thos. J. Ralling P.M. and Secretary 51 P.G. Secretary, Altred Welch P.M. 51 P.P.G.J.W., W. P. Lewis P.M. 51 P.P.G.D., and R. Clowes W.M. 650. There was a good muster of the members of the Lodge, including W. Bros. C. Hempson P.G.A.D.C. W.M., E. Dorling P.M. P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, Dr. Welham Treasurer, Bros. A. G. Rickarby S.W., R. T. Daniell S.W., R. H. Scott Sec., W. R. Bloom I.G., F. Wallis, J. T. Salmon, E. Osmond, P. B. Harris, C. Randall, C. Young, R. Womack, W. E. Turner, T. C. Riddlesdale, &c. &c.

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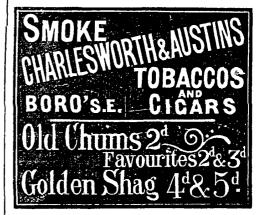
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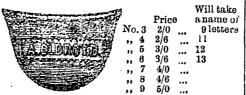
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