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LODGES OF INSTRUCTION; THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO THE MOTHER LODGE.

IN introducing to our readers the subject we have chosen for our present article, we consider it first necessary to glance at one or two of the more prominent forms in which we find the Lodges of Instruction circumstanced. In London and a few other large centres of Freemasonry Lodges of Instruction are scattered about, if not as thickly, at least as widely, as are regular Lodges; while in small, and even medium-sized Provincial towns, the brethren of the entire district frequently assemble at one general Lodge of Instruction, even though there may be two, three, or more regular Lodges in the place. It will therefore be necessary to bear in mind the varieties which exist, as there will doubtless be features in our remarks which will not apply equally to all, though we shall endeavour to shape them in as general a manner as can be.

Before it is possible to establish a Lodge of Instruction the sanction or permit of some regular Lodge must be obtained, and it is usual for some energetic member or members to take the initiative, and apply for sanction to start the Lodge of Instruction. This sanction is, under such circumstances, usually granted; the brother or brethren applying for it being held personally responsible to the Mother Lodge for the good behaviour of all who may assemble and work under the permission given. So long as the brethren who first applied for the privilege remain members of the Mother Lodge, and continue their attendance at the Lodge of Instruction, it is customary for some amount of interest in each other's welfare to exist; but in course of time death, and other causes combined remove the founders of the Lodge of Instruction, and, later on, the Lodge and its offshoot become virtually unknown to each other. True, the Lodge of Instruction may be reminded that it is in a measure connected with the Mother Lodge—by the continual production of its warrant or permit, which should always be shown at the meetings, in the same way as is the warrant from Grand Lodge in the case of an ordinary one, but the members of the Mother Lodge have no such reminder constantly before them, and in time they may actually forget they ever gave permission for a Lodge of Instruction, much less know of its present doings. That we are not going too far in assuming such a want of knowledge amongst the members of a Lodge can be proved by what has actually taken place. We heard lately of a case where certain brethren wished to establish a Lodge of Instruction in connection with their Lodge, but, just as permission was about to be granted, it was found that a similar concession had been made, many years back, and that weekly meetings were being held under such authority; at the same time, in consequence of changes that had occurred, by removals at one time or another, the meetings of the two bodies were held widely apart. In this case it was not deemed desirable to issue a second permit, and, those interested not pressing the matter, the subject was allowed to drop, a "club" for instruction being afterwards formed. We have pointed out this extreme view of the case to show that a Lodge, and its Lodge of Instruction, may become practically unknown to each other; but in how many cases do they become theoretically so? We think we may assert in a very great

many; and we feel justified in saying that when such an event does occur, both the Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction sustain a great loss. The Lodge of Instruction should be a help to the Mother Lodge, while the latter should act as a guardian to the former. The Lodge of Instruction may be of service to the Mother Lodge in many ways. In it it should be possible for the Officers of the parent Lodge to rehearse the parts they would be called upon to enact in their own Lodge, and for this reason we strongly recommend the holding of "Officers'" nights in all Lodges of Instruction; that is to say, nights periodically set apart, on which the Officers of the year are invited to attend and take the same positions they hold in the Mother Lodge. When this becomes a custom, the brethren know where they can meet other members of their Lodge, and it is possible to discuss questions which are likely to arise at the next regular meeting before the day of holding the Lodge arrives, whereby time is saved, and petty annoyances are frequently avoided. As a consequence the Lodge of Instruction benefits; a large number of brethren are attracted who would not otherwise attend; further than this, a variety in the programme is created on these so-called "Officers'" nights, which is frequently much appreciated. Again, there is the advantage of the Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction being, as it were, one united body, rather than two distinct undertakings, known to be connected with each other only because the name of each is the same.

We are likewise advocates for the holding of annual suppers at our Lodges of Instruction. At such times the regular routine of work should be set aside, and a few hours devoted to social intercourse. On these occasions most brethren delight in looking back on the events of the past, calling to mind what was said and done at previous annual gatherings, and renewing acquaintanceships which but for such meetings would die out. Here there is not so much formality as is usual on installation nights in ordinary Lodges: the brethren feel more at home; and a general free-and-easy air—if we may use the expression—pervades the meeting. As a consequence, those present usually enjoy themselves. Again, these annual suppers afford the most ready means of cementing the friendly feeling which should exist between the Mother Lodge and its Lodge of Instruction, and in many cases they are made to serve that purpose. We know of several Lodges in which the annual festival of the Lodge of Instruction is looked forward to with as much interest as is the installation meeting of the Lodge itself, while in others it is noted as being the occasion on which a general muster of the Masons of the district will take place, and all the Masonic affairs of the neighbourhood will be discussed. In some of the Provincial towns this is particularly the case. The annual meeting of the Lodge of Instruction is presided over by the W.M. of the oldest Lodge, with the W.M. of a younger Lodge filling the position of vice chairman, and, as each appears to try and get the largest number of his fellow members to support him, a goodly attendance from each Lodge usually assembles; this gives a large meeting for the Lodge of Instruction, and when it is explained what is done at the weekly meetings, many of those who have hitherto stayed away decide upon attending in the future, with the result that the Lodge of

Instruction is permanently benefitted. In other Lodges of Instruction it is customary to invite the W.M. or W.M. elect of the mother Lodge to take the chair at the annual supper, and as that is usually arranged to take place immediately before or after the installation of the mother Lodge, it forms a first-rate practice night for the Chairman, besides giving him an insight into the working of the Lodge of Instruction meeting under the authority of his Lodge. It may doubtless come strange to some of the brethren who are called upon to preside on such occasions, to find themselves at the head of some twenty or more brethren whom they now meet for the first time, while, on the other hand, the brethren themselves may feel awkward at being presided over by a brother strange to them all; still, with that good feeling which usually pervades such meetings, these drawbacks, if they may so be called, are easily surmounted, and with a good Preceptor, or other permanent official of the Lodge of Instruction to support him, the chairman of the meeting should have no difficulty in scoring a success. In the majority of these cases the Worshipful Master of the parent Lodge, at its next meeting, is likely to refer to what took place at the Lodge of Instruction; here again new interest is likely to be awakened. Among the members present may be one or more initiates, or others comparatively new to the Order, who may thus hear of Lodges of Instruction for the first time, and with that desire for knowledge which pervades every true brother, they immediately set to work to test for themselves the advantages of attending these instruction meetings. Once having made such a resolve, what better place of resort presents itself than the one which bears the name, and works under the sanction, of that Lodge wherein they first received the benefits of Masonic light.

THE GRAND FESTIVAL.

WHAT we have described in former years as the Annual Communication of the United Grand Lodge of England took place on Wednesday last, at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, London. The Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master presided, supported by the Earl of Mar and Kellie Grand Master of Scotland, General Laurie Grand Master of Nova Scotia, Sir Francis Burdett as Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Carrington Grand Senior Warden, Sir J. W. Ellis Grand Junior Warden, Sir Albert Woods (Garter) Grand Director of Ceremonies, J. Derby Allcroft Grand Treasurer, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke Grand Secretary, Æ. J. McIntyre Grand Registrar, Sir John B. Monckton President Board of General Purposes, J. Penrice G.S.D., J. Else and Beswicke N. Royds G.J. Deacons., David Smith Deputy G.D. of Cer., R. T. Pigott Asst. G.D. of Cer., Ernest E. Wendt G. Secretary for German Correspondence, John Messent G.S.B., W. R. Wood G.P., H. Krauss P.D.G.M. British Burmah, Hugh D. Sandeman P.D.G.M. Bengal, Revs. C. W. Arnold, J. Studholme Brownrigg, H. Adair Picard, C. Martyn, Simpson, A. W. Hall, J. E. Cox, D.D., Past G. Chaplains, Capt. N. G. Philips, J. A. Rucker, C. E. Murton, Frank Richardson, Brackstone Baker, R. Grey, Peter de Lande Long, H. J. P. Dumas, Henry Mandslay, Raynham W. Stewart, J. M. Case, J. Sampson Peirce, Raphael Costa, J. H. Scott, Colonel H. S. Somerville-Burney, Past Grand Deacons; George Lambert, Joshua Nunn, Duff-Filer, C. Greenwood, Past Grand Sword Bearers; Magnus Ohren, J. Lewis-Thomas, F.S.A., Dumas, Past Grand Assistant Directors of Ceremonies; Jekyll and Kuhe Past Grand Organists; Albert, Howe, and Cubitt Past Grand Pursuivants, Rev. Dr. Ernest Brette P.M. 1657, Alfred Brookman P.M. 1657, Jolliffe J.W. 1657, Captain Nicols W.M. 1974, Leopold Ruf P.M., Atkins P.M. 27, Hamer P.M. 1426, Headon P.M. Treasurer 1426, Roebuck P.M., Medwin W.M. 1618, Frederick Binckes Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Jas. Terry Secretary Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Hubbuck Past G. Steward, G. P. Festa W.M. 1900, Hammerton P.M., Hammond P.M., Pratt W.M. 192, Fred. Davison Prov. Grand S.W. Middlesex, Lovegrove P.M. 1949, G. Kenning P.M. 192 and 1657, Edmands Past Grand Steward, Murlis P.M., E. Stillwell 1, E. F. Storr P.M. and Treasurer 22, Woodman J.W. 1950, Baker 1471, Keeble W.M. elect 1426, Baber Junior Warden 1426, Henry Povey W.M. 22,

Robert W. Coulcher J.W. 22, F. J. Hentsch W.M. 211, T. H. Lavers and Alfred Withers P.M.'s 211, W. Radcliffe P.M. and Sec. 211, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. After the formal opening of Grand Lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed, and the Prince of Wales was declared duly re-installed as Most Worshipful Grand Master. The Earl of Carnarvon was again appointed by His Royal Highness as Pro Grand Master, and the Earl of Lathom as Deputy Grand Master. The Earl of Lathom then announced that he had received a letter from the Earl of Carnarvon, apologising for his absence, on the ground of ill-health. The Earl of Lathom afterwards said he had a duty to perform which would give him and all the brethren in Grand Lodge pleasure. In consideration of the long and valuable services, as Grand Registrar, rendered to the Order by Bro. Æ. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P., for a period of twenty-one years, the Grand Master had been pleased to confer upon him the rank of a Past Grand Warden, and he (the Earl of Lathom) now asked Grand Lodge to authorise him, in the name of the Grand Master, and on his behalf to invest Bro. McIntyre with the collar and jewel of a Past Grand Warden. The jewel bore the following inscription:—

From the Grand Lodge of England,
to the

Right Worshipful Bro. ÆNEAS JOHN MCINTYRE, Q.C., M.P.,
Grand Registrar,

on his appointment as Past Grand Warden, in recognition of years of faithful, able and zealous service as Grand Registrar,
25th April 1883.

Bro. McIntyre was formally invested.

The following were then appointed and invested as the Grand Officers for the year:—

Bro. The Earl of Milltown	-	Senior Grand Warden
The Right Hon. Col. Stanley	-	Junior Grand Warden
John Derby Allcroft	-	Grand Treasurer
Æneas J. McIntyre, Q.C., M.P.	-	Grand Registrar
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	-	Grand Secretary
E. E. Wendt, D.C.L.	-	Sec. German Correspondence
Sir Albert W. Woods (Garter)	-	Grand Director of Ceremonies
The Rev. H. G. Morse, M.A.	-	Grand Chaplains
Rev. W. O. Thompson, M.A.	-	
Thomas William Tew	-	Senior Grand Deacons
Dr. Ralph Gooding	-	
Frank Green	-	Junior Grand Deacons
T. H. Devonshire	-	
Lieut. Colonel James Peters	-	Grand Sword Bearer
Horace Jones	-	G. Superintendent of Works
Thomas Dolling Bolton	-	Deputy Grand Dir. of Cer.
Raymond Henry Thrupp	-	Assistant Grand Dir. of Cer.
Lieut. Colonel Gough	-	Grand Standard Bearers
Edgar Bowyer	-	
W. Cusins	-	Grand Organist
H. G. Buss	-	Assistant Grand Secretary
L. F. Littell	-	Grand Pursuivant
W. Stephens	-	Assistant do.
H. Sadler	-	Grand Tyler

The following brethren will be the Grand Stewards for the new year:—

Brothers John William Fuller 1, Walter Jarvis 14, George Acland Ames 2, William Tickle Whitmore 4, John William Jones 5, James Robert Fitzjames Claridge 6, Thomas Skewes Cox 8, Thomas Francis Peacock 21, Harry Nicholas Mills 23, Edward Milner 26, John David McKenzie Von Dadelszen 29, Charles Gervaise Boxall 46, Savile Arundel Tucker 58, A. Torkington 60, Benjamin Ball 91, Henry Trueman Wood 99, Edward Henry Burnell 197, and Herbert Addington Rigg 259.

Shortly afterwards Grand Lodge was closed.

The banquet took place as usual in the Large Hall of the Freemasons' Tavern, and the result was most creditable to the Grand Stewards, on whom devolves the responsibility of catering. The chair was taken by the R.W. Prov. Grand Master of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, Bro. W. Wither B. Beach, M.P., who, in speaking to the first toast said, we are commanded by the precepts of our Order to honour our Sovereign, and as loyal subjects and good Freemasons he would ask the brethren to drink to the Queen and the Craft. This request having been responded to, the second toast was the Prince and Princess of Wales and the other members of the Royal Family. The Princess of Wales, ever since her first appearance in this country had endeared herself to the hearts of the people. Few days elapse without the Prince of Wales, or other member of the Royal Family, appear in some public duty, and as a rule the duty is associated with the promotion of Charity. Such services they invariably perform with ability. After the glee, "By Celia's Arbour," the Grand

Master in the chair rose for the next toast: We must congratulate ourselves that amongst the multifarious duties which fall to the lot of the Prince of Wales, he has consented to take the Presidency of the Order of Freemasons. His Royal Highness never fails to transact the business connected with that high position, and as he has taken part in several Masonic ceremonies in the country, we may express the fervent wish that the time may not be far distant when he may do the same in London, where undoubtedly he will receive the most enthusiastic support. The next toast on the list was the Grand Lodges of Scotland and Ireland, and Sister Lodges, and with it was associated the names of the Earl of Mar and Kellie G.M. Scotland, and General Laurie G.M. of Nova Scotia, both of whom responded. In introducing the toast of the M.W. the Pro Grand Master, Bro. Beach said, it had been the intention of the Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Carnarvon, to be present to preside over the Grand Lodge, and to have occupied the position of Chairman at this Festival; but, unfortunately, he had been precluded by illness from attending. He felt sure they would sympathise with him in the cause of his absence, and wish him a speedy recovery to health. The Deputy G.M. was present at Grand Lodge, but in consequence of another engagement, it had been impossible for him to be here. The Rev. J. Edmund Cox, D.D., Past Grand Chaplain, in replying, congratulated the brethren on having such a man as the Earl of Carnarvon to preside over them. The Earl of Carnarvon had done good suit and service during the time he had been Pro Grand Master, and is known and respected by all. So far as the Deputy Grand Master is concerned, we all have a warm affection and regard for him. He is ever ready to be present to fulfil his task, with zeal and with discretion, and is always at the right hand of the M.W.G.M. to succour and assist him in the various duties he has to fulfil. Sir John B. Monckton P.G.D., President of the Board of General Purposes, in proposing the R.W. Prov. Grand Masters, said they were brethren who were known and esteemed among us. The M.W.G.M. in the chair is the senior of the English Grand Masters; he (Bro. Monckton) only obeyed orders when he placed this toast before the brethren. He passed over Bro. Sandeman, a District Grand Master, hailing from the other side of the world (Bengal), but very highly esteemed, in order that he might come nearer home and connect this toast with the much loved name of Bro. Sir Francis Burdett. Bro. Sir Francis Burdett thanked the brethren for the kind and enthusiastic manner in which they had received the toast. He was deputed to represent a very large body of brethren—a body that presides over the greater part of this country. The country is divided into large districts, and those districts were presided over by Prov. Grand Masters and Deputy Prov. Grand Masters. We can include among the Prov. Grand Masters the highest members of the Craft. The Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom come among us, and do their duties satisfactorily to all the brethren in their Provinces. There are very few of the Order who are not in some way or other associated or connected with the Prov. Grand Masters, and he felt very much gratified in having now the opportunity of thanking all for the kind support they gave to their Prov. G. Masters. Bro. H. D. Sandeman, District Grand Master of Bengal, proposed the next toast, the health of the Worshipful Brother who had presided. Bro. Beach was well known to all here; he was well known as an active supporter of their Charities, and he was well known as one who had frequently presided at their meetings; but he was even more known in his own Province of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight. In reply, the Grand Master in the chair, Bro. Beach, said it was at a moment's notice that he was called upon to take the chair. He had little thought of doing so when he entered Grand Lodge, but being called upon to perform the duty, he could not refuse. He was much gratified at the many kind things that had been said as to the discharge of his duties as chairman. In introducing the toast of the Visitors, the Grand Master in the chair said they had had the pleasure of drinking the health of the representatives of other Grand Lodges; but there were other visitors, and all would be glad to show they appreciated their presence there. Bro. Macnamara, in reply, said there were two subjects connected with this toast which demanded the attention of Masons; he was happy in his own person to be able to return his most sincere thanks for the two in combination—one is, that of hospitality; he thanked them exceedingly for the noble

display and kind manner to himself individually, and to his country, in which they had received him. Masonry is one of the best Institutions in the world; is one of the greatest Institutions that existed in Ireland, one of the Institutions that claim loyalty to the Crown as one of its greatest aims. There is not throughout the length and breadth of that great land a single man who is a Mason who is not a loyal supporter of the Crown and a devoted adherent of his Royal Highness and the distinguished lady who had once honoured them with her presence; who are loved throughout the length and breadth of the land. The other subject is, the splendid Masonic Charities of this country; he had the distinguished honour to be received at the Girls' School last Thursday, and if ever conceit was knocked out of any man completely and entirely, it was the conceit that they could do anything in Ireland like that. When he perceived the noble Institution which their generosity had instituted and carried out, and the children they had there, he asked them to allow him to compliment them upon every measure connected with it; whether it were the generous and courteously kind way in which they receive any one who visit, the nice pleasant affectionate looking girls that they saw there, or the admirable way the governesses go through and discharge their duties. He never spent a happier day than he did last Thursday when he visited the Girls' School. Professor Galbraith said it was a common thing for speakers to say they were taken by surprise when called upon to address a meeting, but he might say on that occasion that he was so taken by surprise, because all that could be said, and well said by men coming from his country, had been already uttered by Bro. Macnamara. He had nothing to add, except to say that his heart overflowed with gratitude for the reception they had met with at the hands of our English brethren. The toast of the Grand Stewards was replied to by Bro. G. Martin, No. 1, President. A Concert was afterwards given in the Temple, under the direction of the Grand Organist.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met on Thursday, at Freemasons' Hall, when there were present Brother Colonel Creaton in the chair, and the following brethren: Bros. J. H. Matthews, Frank Richardson, John A. Rucker, Robert Grey, A. H. Tattershall, Henry Venn, E. Letchworth, E. M. Money, W. G. Kentish, Peter de L. Long, Edgar Bowyer, J. J. Caney, Joseph Cleaver, James Peters, Samuel H. Parkhouse, John French, H. A. Dubois, C. Hammerton, C. H. Webb, E. C. Massey. The minutes of this Committee's meeting of 29th March were read and verified, and those of the Quarterly Court on 14th April, of the House Committee on 19th April, and of the Audit Committee on 24th April were read for information. Four petitions were considered, and approved, and the names added to the list of candidates. These included one on behalf of the daughter of the late Brother Weber, formerly senior clerk in the office of the Secretary of the Instruction. The following brethren were nominated for election on the House and Audit Committees:

HOUSE COMMITTEE:—By Brother Matier, Brother James Moore; by Brother Grey, Brother Edgar Bowyer; by Brother Samuel Glover, Bros. Ralph Clutton and Raymond H. Thrupp; by Brother Colonel Creaton, Brother A. H. Tattershall; by Brother J. J. Caney, Brother Joseph Cleaver; by Brother J. M. Case, Bros. Edgar Bowyer, Dubois, Grey, Hammerton, Letchworth, Long, Mather, Matthews, Nunn, Col. Peters, Richardson, Rucker.

AUDIT COMMITTEE:—Brother R. Grey nominates Brother G. Drysdale; Brother Venn nominates E. C. Davies; Brother Parkhouse nominates Brother W. J. Murlis; Brother Tattershall nominates Brother George Brown; Brother F. Richardson nominates Brothers W. Bailey, J. G. Chancellor, J. Cutbush, Herbert Dicketts, Thomas Kingston, H. C. Levander, William Roebuck, Henry Venn.

Bros. Earny, Newton, Stevens and Tyerman were appointed Scrutineers.

FUNERALS.

Bros. W. K. L. & G. A. HUTTON,
COFFIN MAKERS & UNDERTAKERS,
17 NEWCASTLE STREET, STRAND, W.C.
And at 30 FOREST HILL ROAD, PECKHAM RYE, S.E.

MASONRY IN GERMANY.

HAMBURG, 18TH APRIL 1883.

IN my first letter I gave you a short account of the Festival of the Grand Lodge in Frankfort, and if my time had not been so very limited then I should have accompanied said account with a few remarks on Masonry in general which might have come, perhaps, not quite *mal à propos* on that occasion. However, better late than never. It is generally admitted that a reform of our Lodge life is essential, and it seems to me that as a first step in this direction it would be advisable for Lodges to become more scrupulous in the admission of candidates; *we should not count our members, but weigh them*. If the following remarks, which occurred to me after a conversation on the subject of Masonry with a conspicuous brother in this city, are the means of reminding one or other of the lukewarm or lazy brethren of their duty towards their Lodge, I shall be well paid for my trouble.

It lies in the nature—in the true and so often questioned, so often misunderstood, so often disputed nature—of Masonry that the *best* she is striving for, the *best* she is able to accomplish, and really does accomplish, withdraws itself not only from the perception of the profane, but often enough also of the initiated. To him, however, who only pays attention to self, and to his brethren, it must have become clear that the living, simple word, coming from and going to the heart, produces in the soul manifold emotions which will gain a certain influence on the activity of thought and on the will. All impurity suppressed here, and all the room gained for noble exertions, is the cause of many a return from the wrong, and of many an earnest resolve to remain in the right way after this has once been gained. Not the phrase and not the ceremonies can produce such an influence on our mind; it is the holiness of the place, the symbol, and above all, a single tone of speech that comes from the heart; that takes and prepares our heart and mind for good deeds. But such deeds as Masonry can boast of cannot be registered, they cannot be expressed in numbers, measure, or weight; they are invisible. They are the *best* Freemasonry accomplishes, and they hide the precious treasure of the real Masonic secret. No traitor could ever yet betray that. If Masonry aims at the mental and moral perfection of mankind, if she strives to equalise the existing contrasts, then the question whether Freemasonry is still in accordance with the spirit of the age appears to be almost a mockery, for in our days those ideal treasures of mankind are endangered the preservation and furtherance of which is the aim and striving of Masonry.

And what does the Order accomplish in this respect? We cannot, and ought not, to deceive ourselves; the present requires more at our hands than we have accomplished heretofore, for only as in the measure we meet these greater requirements the Order will gain authority and credit; or, what is better still, will be better able to serve the great aims of Freemasonry.

The proposals which may be made to us to bring Lodge life more in accordance with the spirit of the age should not be spurned because something altogether new is proposed, or an old and even endeared custom is to be abolished or to be replaced by another one; by no means, the merits and demerits of such proposals should be well examined into and the best selected. But *every* brother *Freemason* should participate in such examination, at least all those who have an earnest and devout perception of their duty. His *first* duty is a regular attendance at the workings of his Lodge. Whoever cannot, and will not, make a sacrifice to his Lodge of a part of his time, otherwise devoted to pleasure, or of a certain part of personal labour, he is in my opinion no real Freemason. The good and able men amongst us do not see themselves, because the lukewarm and indifferent ones stand between them. May the number become smaller if we only increase in power within. Either the combined endeavours will succeed (only the will is to be doubted, not the possibility) in intellectually raising the Lodge to a more prominent position, till she becomes a power which, through intelligence and moral efficiency, gains a powerful influence on the profane world, or she will more and more become a friendly alliance, thereby deviating from her great and noble aims. The Lodge will become a power if men of great moral character and intelligence of the profane world, who *are* Freemasons without belonging to the Order, come to our temples for admittance, and become

working members; a power, not in the usual sense of the word, not visible and loud, but a power deliberating in modest secrecy, whose champions, ever strengthened by the feeling of unity, and armed with the consciousness of a widely spread confederation, will courageously struggle for light and truth.

"Remember thy duty towards Freemasonry, and thou art standing in the service of the moral invariable laws of nature which you believe."

LODGE ATTENDANCE.

FROM THE FREEMASON'S ADVOCATE.

WHILE in conversation with the W.M. of one of our Lodges, a short time since, he asked this question: "What can I do to increase the attendance at the communications of my Lodge?" The question asked is a very important one, and it made a deep impression on my mind—knowing that he was not the only one that was racking his brain to devise some means whereby he could increase the attendance at the communications of his Lodge. The question has been often asked, and probably will be in the future, and I, for one, do not know that it has been ever satisfactorily answered, either in practice or in theory. I am well aware that any one can theorise; but to put each theory into practice is entirely another affair. It is a serious question how a Master that has the welfare of Masonry, and his own Lodge in particular at heart, can put new life into the sluggish blood of his brethren? He often asks himself, What can he do to cause a *revival* amongst Masons? Theoretically, we all have our ideas how it can be done; but theory and practice do not always go hand in hand. Practice fails where theory has made it perfectly plain. At the first thought one would naturally suppose that the brethren alone were wholly to blame, and that no responsibility rests upon the Officers—especially the Master—for the non-attendance at Lodge communications. In many of our Lodges the Masters act as if they were mere figure-heads (such as is too often the case) who think when the hours of labour close their labours cease; and when the Lodge is at refreshment they put a literal construction upon refreshments as far as the affairs of their Lodges are concerned. Now, let us take the unpopular view of the question and attempt to show that the brethren at large are not wholly to blame; but that the responsibility rests, in a great measure, upon the Officers themselves, more especially upon the W.M. He may do it theoretically, but practically, at any rate, a little scolding to some of our Officers may not do them any harm.

Now, I claim that the attendance of a Lodge depends a great deal upon what kind of a Master presides over that Lodge. If he be a man of an easy, careless, don't-like-to-exert-himself temperament, he will conduct the affairs of his Lodge in about the same manner that he does his own affairs; if he does not like to exert himself in them, he will not be very apt to exert himself in the affairs of his Lodge, and that Masonic business is the last and least of his troubles. After a good deal of physical effort, on his part, he succeeds in getting to his Lodge-room, on the evening appointed for the meetings. After he does once get there, and if there should not happen to be enough present to commence business, he sits down in the easiest position he can find, and languidly wonders why the brethren do not turn out; or, perhaps, he elevates his heels to an angle of forty-five degrees—Yankee fashion—and entertains his hearer or hearers (if he has any) with choice bits of slang and scandal. The moments pass away, until he finally concludes to go to work, and he does it in just about as easy, indifferent a way as he does everything else. Well, he blunderingly opens his Lodge, transacts the usual routine business, closes it, turns out the lights and goes home—or somewhere else. "Out of sight out of mind." Out of his Lodge-room, no thought or care, unless he is to assist in the eating degree—and he does not forget that, I assure you. Oh no! That is the best part of Masonry to him. Such a Master as that is not long in bringing his Lodge into the same way of thinking, and they, as well as he, lose all interest and care of the real work of Masonry. No life, no energy—unless there happens to be a banquet, then:

"Alas! what a change—
What once was dead
Is dead no more."

There is life enough then; no laggards or drones then, I can assure you.

The members, after a time, begin to ask themselves the question, that if the man they have appointed to preside over them does not manifest any interest in the Lodge, why should they?—forgetting that if he does not they should. The influence of such a Master is greater than one would imagine. In a few years, at the most, that Lodge is numbered amongst "the things that were," its influence gone, its mission unfulfilled, and Masonry a bye-word and reproach. Now, what is the remedy? In the first place, when the brethren find they have erred in their judgment, and that their Master is one of that kind of men, and that the Lodge interests are to suffer by his hands, let each one of the workers (no use talking of the drones) put their shoulder to the wheel and do their best to counteract the influence of the Master. Let them exert every nerve, and put forth every energy to keep up their Lodge, even if then they may be accused of doing the work of the Master, remembering that it is for the good of Masonry that they are engaged in, not for the personal good of any one member or any particular class of members. Let this thought buoy them up, that the time is coming when a new Master is to be elected, and then let them do their duty and elect a working man to preside over them. Have a care that he has some

life in him. If he does commit a few trifling mistakes, better put up with them than have a Lodge of drones, or the influence of that Lodge destroyed by laxity. Let him be a fair ritualist—do not ask him to be perfect, for that is an impossibility. Ritualism is good in its place; but it is but a small part of Masonry. Let him be one who is familiar with the Bye-laws of his own Lodge and of his Grand Lodge; besides that, a general knowledge of Masonic Jurisprudence and custom. But, above all, have him a man that is not afraid to take off his coat, roll up his sleeves and go to work with a vim; not one of your dilly-dally, white-gloved fellows, who thinks more of parting his hair in the middle and the perfect faultlessness of his attire than he does of real Masonry; but have him a worker—a real live worker—one who views Masonry as it is, and as founders designed that it should be. If he has a lifeless Lodge to preside over, let him go to each one of his members, personally, and plead, beg—coax, and even throw in a few mild threats—for them to assist him in bringing his Lodge back to its original standing. He will get many a sharp rebuff, and, no doubt, will get discouraged; but keep digging, keep at work—put up with everything if you can only accomplish good by it. After he has pursued this course, he will find them straggling in one by one. He will find that he has infused some of his own life into them, and they will be as anxious as he is himself. Let him despatch the business of his Lodge as if it was his own business; but let him fully realise that to be a good Master is no boy's play. Do not let the routine affairs drag along as if you were fighting against time, but do it promptly, quickly, and to the point. Do not wear a long-faced, solemn visage, as if you were the chief mourner at a funeral, or that the responsibility of the welfare of the whole Fraternity rested upon your shoulders. When you are in your station, do your duty as a man and a Mason; but when you leave it, unbend and be a brother amongst them. If a question should arise which is detrimental to the best interests of Masonry, and in conflict to law and usage, *squelch* it. If you are in doubt, let it rest until your doubts are removed, and then decide it; it will not spoil by delay. When you are performing the opening ceremonies, it is not necessary that you should repeat from the Alpha to the Omega of the ritualistic lectures, but cut it short where it can be done without marring any of the beauty of the ceremony; not too terse—but, at the same time, not long enough to weary your brethren, for when one is tired he loses interest,—as it may be as familiar to them as it is to you. When you get to the real, solid work of the Lodge-room, then take off your coat, infuse life into your actions; do not stand like a stock of wood, but have some animation about. Do not go through the ritualistic work as if you were a parrot, and could only say “pretty Polly,” but put some force into it—emphasise it when necessary—do it with your voice, though, not with your hands and feet. Above all else, use every effort to impress upon the minds of seekers after light that there is something in our beautiful ritual besides a schoolboy declamation. Study it. Find out for yourself its beautiful points, and then impress them upon the minds of all. Act and speak as if you meant every word you said, and knew just what you were about—that you knew your duty and place, and meant to do it. If any Lodge or Master has not tried that course, let them try it and see if the result will not be beneficial. Mark the difference between the wide-awake, active Master, and the good-natured, easy, indifferent one. The work of both prove for themselves.

If that course does not improve the attendance of the Lodge, try some other. In the majority of cases it will be found that *as the Master of the Lodge*. Brethren do not like to come from a distance to simply see the opening and closing ceremonies, and the usual details spun out to the very end of tediousness, nor will they do it many times, for they soon lose all interest in Masonry, until, finally, they give it up altogether, when, had the Officers, especially the Master, been faithful to their trust, the result might have been different. There are other reasons, perhaps, why the Lodge attendance is not increased; but whatever they may be, it must be admitted, in both theory and practice, that upon the Master, in a great measure, depends the prosperity of the Lodge. Let the Master look well to the East, and, as the sun governs the day with regularity, so must he be as regular in governing his Lodge. Let wisdom, strength and beauty be combined; each, when separate, fully able to support the other. Let them who bear the rods be well versed in their parts, and who bespeak for that Lodge prosperity and plenty. Infuse life into the Lodge by means of its Officers, and right nobly will the mission of that Lodge be accomplished. Put theory into practice, and no fear of the result. Sit down and idly dream over it, and the result is just as plain,—on the one hand, prosperity; but, on the other, indifference and ultimate destruction.

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THE MAY ELECTION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—At the forthcoming Election of Aged Freemasons and Widows of Freemasons, there are no less than 120 candidates, and, accordingly, the same number of sets of papers to be sorted and counted. In order, therefore, to lighten and expedite the work of the Scrutineers, I would venture to suggest to those brethren who are working the respective cases, to place their votes together, in

packets of fifties, hundreds, or more, and not in single papers; also if there is time, and they could place the papers of the same value together, it would greatly assist the enumeration.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

A PAST SCRUTINEER.

THE FREEMASON'S SECRET.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—A Scotch Brother, on the Cunard Steam Ship Batavia, gave me a slip of a Scotch paper to read, containing the enclosed original poem, recited at the consecration of a Lodge at which the said brother was present. I can only say, its humour amused me greatly. I believe it deserves a corner in your journal, so here is a copy of it, and if your opinion and mine coincide, why, print it.

I remain,

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 13th April 1883.

By BRO. R. HUNTER.

In an auld burgh toon that I daurna weel name,
That boasts of its hicht in the annals o' fame,
There lived at the time of this short rhyming tale,
A canty old couple baith hearty and hale.
Fu' lang had they travelled thegither through life,
Wi' a routh of its joys, and but little o' strife;
For the worthy guidman, sae the neebors wad say,
In settlin' disputes had a pauky auld way,
And when oncht wad arise to annoy and harass,
He wad quietly say, "There noo, Jenny, my lass,
Since for weel or for wae we are tied to ae tether,
Let's look ower ithers fauts and pu' cheerful thegither."
And sae, with a kindly bit word and a smile,
The aul wifie's anger he aft wad beguile.
But the best o' us all are but mortals, I wot,
And the auld proverb's true "There's a crook in ilk lot,"
And sae no to gie ye a lengthy narration,
A crook Jenny had—her guidman was a Mason.
No a mason by trade, but a Freemason grand,
Wi' his secrets, his signs, and his grips of the hand;
And, oh! but it troubled the auld body sair,
To think he had secrets that she couldna' share,
And for week after week, aye, and year after year,
Baith early and late the same questions she'd spier.
She had wrocht roon' his heart, and she'd wrocht roon' his fears,
She had tried him wi' fleeching, wi' flyting, wi' tears,
But it a' wadna do, for by nicht or by day,
He only wad answer her, "Nay, Jenny, nay."
But the hardest of stanes aye maun yield to the stroke,
As the constant drap drapping 'll wear out the rock.
Sae ae cauld winter's nicht when he'd come frae the meeting,
And Jenny began wi' her fleeching and greeting,
He rose frae his seat in the deepest vexation,
Saying, "Weel, weel, at last I shall mak' ye a Mason;
Gae bar ilka door, and mak' a' thing fu' licht,
For awfu's the gait ye maun travel this nicht,
'Mid rapping and chapping, 'mid darkness and gloom,
And a' sorts of horrors on this side the tomb.
Sae mak up ye'r mind e'er I tak ye awa far,
Daur ye gang through the secret?" quo' Jenny "I daur."
"But," quo' the guidman, "I had almost forgot,
Whate'er shall we dae for want o' a goat?
Gae bring the big stool frae the ben ingle neuk,
And bring me the poker, sand glass, and Buik;
Syne tak ye your seat wi' your een steckit ticht,
And ne'er speak a word while I scraw doon the licht.
Noo, tak ye this sand glass, an emblem of death,
And ower the guid Book swear a terrible aith,
That ye'll never reveal what this nicht ye may hear,
Nor at yer guidman ony mair questions speir,
But wi' Masons and Masonry leave me alane;"
To whilk she responded wi' solemn "Amen."
"Noo, tak ye the poker, come, ne'er think to fret,"
Quo' Jenny, "My faith, but ye have made it richt het,
The goodness be wi' us, but this is nae fun,"
But he stampit his fit like the crack o' a gun.
"I daur ye to whisper, far less thus to cry,"
To whilk a sair sich was the only reply;
Syne he bent ower her shoulder fu' solemn and queer,
While Jenny sat quaking and tremlin' wi' fear,
And he whispered fu' low, sae that nae ane might hear,
"Will ye promise again nae mair questions to speir?
But can ye keep secret? speak low in reply;"
Quo' Jenny "I can;" then quo' Tam, "So can I!"
And frae that day till this he can gang to the meeting,
Without either fleeching or flyting or greeting.

At the Jerusalem Chapter, No. 185, Comp. Nathan Moss M.J.Z. was presented with an elegant P.Z.'s jewel, as an acknowledgment of the high esteem in which he is held by the Companions, and in token of their appreciation of the services rendered by him during his year of office.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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ST. GEORGE'S LODGE, No. 1723, BOLTON.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday the 25th April, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton, at four o'clock in the afternoon. Bros. W. Court W.M., Robert Latham S.W., John Barrett J.W., John Priestley Chaplain, Geo. Ferguson Treasurer, Nath. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, E.G. Harwood S.D., J. W. Taylor P.Prov. G.O. M.C., T. E. Smith Organist, T. B. Tong I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler, W.E. Bardsley and B. Derham Stewards. P.M.'s Bros. G. P. Brockbank Past Prov. S.G.D., Grand Steward Scotland, Thomas Morris, J. H. Greenhalgh, J. M. Rutter, John Bromley, James Richardson, James Haywood, N. Nicholson. Bros. J. B. Goulburn, John Collins, William Pendlebury, Thomas Arden, Thomas Naylor, James Fogg, Thomas Morris jun., Miles Settle, James Forbes, J. W. Hawksworth, James Parkinson, Samuel Brierley, W. D. Hughes. Visitors—Bros. H. Greenwood P. Prov. G. Purs., Thomas Provincial Grand Tyler, Rooke Pennington P.M. 37, John Morris P.M. 37 and 146, Charles Brierley W.M. 42, William Cooper P.M. 146, John Isherwood W.M. 221, James Walker J.D. 221, Thomas Rimmer 146, J. Fawcett Skelton J.W. 146, C. A. Pontefract 337, G. W. Dyson 348, W. Crankshaw W.M. 348, Thomas Higson P.M. 348, J. Lee Wood S.W. 350, F. H. Cheeswright 907, John Marsden 381, Peter Lowe 381, and F. M. Bentley, Mns. Doc., Org. 37. Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed; it forthwith proceeded to the second degree, when the W.M. elect—Bro. Robert Latham—was presented by Bro. Job H. Greenhalgh P.M. to a Board of Installed Masters, under the presidency of Bro. G. P. Brockbank W.M. of the Anchor and Hope Lodge, No. 37, and Senior Past Master of this Lodge, and duly obligated as regards the government of the Lodge, the St. George's Lodge choir singing the anthem, "I will lift up mine eyes," by Whitfield, and on saluting they also chanted "Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips that they speak no guile." The Lodge having been opened in the third degree, Bro. Latham was duly installed as Worshipful Master by Bro. Brockbank, the usual proclamation made by Bro. N. Nicholson, and saluted in ancient form by the brethren, under the direction of Bro. J. W. Taylor Past Provincial Grand Organist, Master of Ceremonies. The Auditors presented the balance sheet of the Treasurer, which they certified as correct, and thereupon Bro. Ferguson was re-elected Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Roiley was re-elected Tyler. The following brethren were appointed by the W.M. as his Officers for the ensuing year, and they, along with the Treasurer and Tyler, were duly invested with the collar and jewel of their respective offices, the usual explanation of the duties being rendered by Bro. Nicholson:—Bros. John Barrett (Chairman of the Board of Guardians, Bolton Union) S.W., E. G. Harwood (Mayor of Bolton) J.W., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, A. Cosgrave S.D., T. B. Tong J.D., J. W. Taylor P.M. M.C., E. Smith Organist, W. E. Bardsley I.G., Derham and Naylor Stewards. The customary charges to the W.M., Wardens, and Brethren were delivered by Bro. Brockbank. Anthem—"Send out thy Light," Gounod. A gentleman was proposed for initiation. Bro. Brockbank announced that the W.M. had given him the necessary sum to qualify as a Life Governor for the Boys' School, and also for the Girls' School; also to serve as Steward for those Charities at the forthcoming Festivals. The announcement created the liveliest feeling of satisfaction amongst the brethren present. It was also stated that the Provincial Grand Master, Colonel Starkie, intended to lay the foundation stone of a new church, adjoining his estates at Tong Moor, near Bolton, in the month of May, and that a Masonic ceremony was contemplated for the occasion. The brethren expressed their desire to give support to the Prov. Grand Master at that time, and to make a good muster to meet him. A portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges having been read by the Senior Warden, the Lodge was closed in form, and with prayer, at six o'clock.

ANNUAL SUPPER OF THE DALHOUSIE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION, No. 860.

THE brethren of this Lodge of Instruction held their annual supper on Friday, 20th instant, at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, under the presidency of the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Wallington, who was supported by Bros. Christian and Clark as S.W. and J.W., while among the other brethren present were Bros. Barker (the W.M. of the mother Lodge), Barham, Carr, Smyth, Young, Brasted, &c. After the brethren had enjoyed the good things provided by the worthy host, Bro. Wallington proceeded to give the few toasts customary on such occasions. The first—Her Majesty the Queen and the Craft—was proposed in a few well-chosen words, and heartily acknowledged. "Prosperity to the Lodge of Instruction" followed. Bro. Wallington, in proposing it, said the Lodge had had a varied and chequered career, like most Lodges of Instruction; but on the average it would compare well with any other, no matter where they were situated. Lately, the attendances had somewhat fallen off, but he heard that the Dalhousie was not alone in that respect. Of one thing they could boast—they had a large number of old friends, who came week by week to keep up the work of the Lodge, and he, as Preceptor, felt some amount of honour was done him by their so doing. He was very pleased to continue in the office of Preceptor of the Lodge, and hoped he might live for many years to be present at the weekly meetings of the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. Many brethren who had recently passed the chair of their Lodge, as well as many present Wardens, had obtained their knowledge of the Ritual in the Dalhousie Lodge. It was very gratifying to find so many of the pupils going through the work to the satisfaction of their respective Lodges. He

was quite sure that those who attended week by week enjoyed the meetings as much as he did, and hoped with him that the Lodge might long continue in the path of prosperity, the number of its members increasing week by week. Brother Carr, the Secretary, acknowledged the toast. No one could wish the Lodge more success than he did. Although the attendances during the past twelve months had not been quite so good as in previous years, they were yet able to boast of 615 attendances during the year, giving an average of over 12 for each of the fifty nights on which meetings had been held. The fact that they had held meetings on fifty of the fifty-two Tuesdays in the year was something for them to be proud of. In conclusion, he could but hope that all the old members would rally round the Lodge, and one and all endeavour to secure their friends as members. They could not do better than attend the Dalhousie. The Fifteen Sections had been worked once during the past year, on which occasion Bro. Musto occupied the chair, and it was hoped that he would again undertake the task ere long, when doubtless there would be a good master of brethren to support him. The President next proposed the health of the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge, who was that night present as a guest. Brother Barker was one who they were all pleased to see. It had been the custom for many years past for the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge to preside at the Instruction supper, but, in consequence of some little dissatisfaction having been expressed by some of the members, who seemed to look upon the W.M. as a stranger, Brother Barker had been informed of the state of affairs and agreed the proper thing to do was to make an alteration; accordingly, they that night had their Preceptor in the chair, and the Worshipful Master of the Mother Lodge as a guest. Brother Barker had doubtless met many of those present at one or other of the Lodges of Instruction they were in the habit of attending. Personally he (Bro. Wallington) could refer to him as one of his best pupils, one of whom he was very proud. He had but recently been installed as Master and gave every promise of a successful presidency. Brother Barker tendered his thanks for the cordial reception accorded him. He considered he had virtually been born in the Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction. It was there that he had learned the ritual of Freemasonry, and to it and the careful tuition of Brother Wallington he was indebted for what he knew. His ability to perform the duties required of him now that he was Worshipful Master of his Lodge was entirely owing to the care their Preceptor had taken in teaching him the several points. Brother Christian Senior Warden gave the toast of the health of the Preceptor of the Lodge, the President of the evening. A better friend or Freemason, or a more worthy Preceptor, could not be found. Many of those around the table owed all they knew in Freemasonry to him, and he therefore felt no further comments were necessary. He would conclude by wishing Bro. Wallington long life and good health. Bro. Wallington could but assure the brethren that he was delighted to be present that evening and preside over so large a gathering of the Lodge. He recognised many old faces, and thanked them for their attendance; he could but feel gratified to see around him several new faces; he hoped all would continue their support. The health of Bro. Carr, Secretary of the Lodge, was next given, Bro. Wallington referring to the great interest he took in the Lodge, and thanking him, on behalf of the members, for his services in the past. Bro. Carr having replied, the toasts of the Senior and Junior Wardens, the Press, the Organist, the Host, &c. were given, and each was responded to. The proceedings were interspersed with songs and recitations; a most enjoyable meeting being brought to a conclusion just before midnight.

Obituary.

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CAPTAIN JOHN WORDSWORTH.

It is with extreme regret that we announce the death of Brother Captain John Wordsworth, Past Grand Steward, Past Provincial Grand Junior Warden West Yorkshire, and Provincial Grand Mark Master Mason of West Yorkshire, which sad event occurred on Friday, 20th instant, at his residence, Blenheim House, Manningham, Bradford. Up to within the last year or two Captain Wordsworth was a constant attendant at the Elections for the Masonic Institutions, and was as well known at these meetings as any of the London brethren. He was a consistent supporter of the Charities, and an earnest worker. A full account of his Masonic career will be found in the Second Series of our Masonic Portraits, wherein he is designated "A Grand Steward."

A meeting of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, Islington, on Thursday, 19th inst. Comps. Dean Prov. Grand Registrar occupied the chair of Z., Gregory H., R. Bird (member of the Royal Geographical Society) J., Hunter S.N., Hubbard P.S. The ceremony was conducted throughout in an admirable manner. Comp. Faulkner, of the Era Chapter, joined this Chapter of Improvement, and Captain A. Nicols was present as a visitor. This Chapter of Improvement is rapidly progressing, and is turning out some first class workers, who will do honour in the future to Royal Arch Masonry.

MARK MASONRY.

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HENNIKER LODGE, No. 315.

THIS Lodge was consecrated on Saturday last, the 21st inst., at the Hall of Grand Mark Lodge, Red Lion-square. The Right Hon. Lord Henniker, Most Worshipful Grand Master of the degree, conducted the ceremony; he was supported by Bros. Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, Frank Richardson, Philbrick, Q.C., and several others. His Lordship, in opening the proceedings, reminded the brethren of the great interest he took in the Order; he was pleased to give his sanction to the Lodge being named after him. He added his hope that when his term of office had expired, his name would be handed down as one amongst the Past Grand Masters whose interest in the Mark Degree had not been the least. Brother Frederick Binckes, the Grand Mark Secretary, afterwards installed Brother Edgar Bowyer as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Lord Henniker and the Officers who assisted at the consecration were elected honorary members of the Lodge, and Brother Bowyer undertook a Stewardship on behalf of the Lodge for the next Festival of the Mark Benevolent Fund.

A new Chapter of Instruction has recently been established, entitled the Camden, and the members meet at the "Boston," Junction Road, Holloway, on Wednesday evenings, at half-past eight. Comp. J. D. Collier P.M. P.Z. is the Preceptor, and Comp. H. Slyman H. is the Scribe E.

On Monday afternoon Lord Wolseley was advanced to the degree of a Mark Master Mason at an emergency meeting of the Old Kent (Time Immemorial) Lodge of Mark Master Masons, 8A Red Lion-square. The brethren present on the occasion were Bros. the Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker M.W.G.M., Sir Norman Pringle, Bart., James Moon P.M. as W.M., J. L. Mather S.W., John Ramsey J.W., Thos. Keen M.O., Henry Venn P.M. as S.O., Charles E. Soppet J.O., E. C. Mather P.M. Treasurer, J. E. Pinder R. of M., D. M. Dewar Past Master Secretary, W. H. Gimmingham Senior Deacon, R. Leman Junior Deacon, J. E. Anderson I.G., E. M. Money Director of Ceremonies, George Graveley Steward, Rawles Tyler; P.M.'s Frederick Binckes, H. Dicketts, William Roebuck. Bros. Frederick Davidson, G. H. Hunter, C. E. Ferry, R. H. Halford, F. J. Tyler, A. J. H. Goldney, E. F. Storr, Hatch, C. F. Matier, George Ward Verry, Gilles, Gilliam, James Terry, Edgar Bowyer, Kingston, John Webb, T. C. Walls, and E. Mills. Lodge was opened, and a ballot was taken for Bro. General Lord Wolseley, of Cairo, as a candidate for advancement. Lord Wolseley was proposed by Lord Henniker and seconded by Bro. Dewar. The ballot having proved unanimous, Bro. Lord Wolseley was regularly advanced. A ballot was taken for the Hon. A. H. Henniker, Royal Arch Chapter, No. 33, I.C., as a joining member; this candidate was proposed by the M.W. Grand Master, and seconded by Bro. Dewar. The result was unanimously in his favour. Bro. Dewar proposed a cordial and hearty vote of thanks to the M.W. Grand Master for honouring the Old Kent Lodge with his presence. This was carried by acclamation, and his lordship was unanimously elected an honorary member of this ancient Lodge. Bro. Binckes proposed a vote of thanks to Bro. General Lord Wolseley, for honouring the Old Kent by becoming a member, to which his Lordship replied. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form.

The First annual Ball of the Montefiore Cyclists' Club will be held on the 16th of May, at St. James's Hall, Piccadilly, under the patronage of Bro. Leopold De Rothschild, Arthur Cohen, Q.C., M.P., Israel Abrahams F.R.S. F.R.G.S. P.M. 188, and an efficient body of Stewards. Lady's tickets 2s 6d; Gentlemen's 3s 6d; double tickets 5s; may be obtained from Miss E. P. Vallentine, 9 Huntley-street, W.C., Hon. Sec., S.J. Weingott jun., 72 Fleet-street, E.C., H. T. Marks Enfield-road, N., and I. A. Levy, Resident Sec., 32 Tavistock-place, W.C. It is anticipated there will be a numerous attendance of the members and their friends.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Outward infirmities.—Before the discovery of these remedies, many cases of sores, ulcers, &c., were pronounced to be hopelessly incurable, because the treatment pursued tended to destroy the strength it was incompetent to preserve, and to exasperate the symptoms it was inadequate to remove. Holloway's Pills exert the most wholesome powers over the unhealthy flesh and skin, without debarring the patient from fresh air and exercise, and thus the constitutional vigour is husbanded, while the most malignant ulcers, abscesses, and skin diseases are in process of cure. Both Ointment and Pills make the blood richer and purer, instead of permitting it to fall into that poor and watery state so fatal to many labouring under chronic ulcerations.

The annual meeting of the Provincial Grand Mark Lodge of Leicester, Northampton, and Derby will be held on the 8th of May, at Freemasons' Hall, Northampton, under the banner of the Simon de St. Liz Lodge, No. 245, when the Provincial Grand Master will be installed and the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and the rest of the Provincial Grand Officers appointed.

THE LONDON COTTAGE MISSION HALL, Salmon's Lane, Limehouse, was filled on Wednesday evening with an eager crowd of children, to whom a substantial tea of bread and butter, cake, &c., was given; after which they were entertained with dissolving views, songs, and recitations. Many of these were sung and delivered by the children themselves, and right cleverly done too. One could not help being struck by the change in the little folks; their ragged clothes showed that needle and thread had been at work, and their faces shone again with a liberal supply of soap and water—the result of the teaching their mothers had received at the Mothers' Meetings of the Mission, at which Miss Napton, the Lady Superintendent's lessons of cleanliness and thrift had evidently taken effect. Funds did not allow of the usual Irish stew dinner being given on Wednesday, hence the "tea" but it is earnestly hoped that sufficient will be received in contributions before next week to enable these poor little people to have at least one more Irish stew dinner ere the season is over. Donations and subscriptions will be gladly received, either by Miss Napton, 304 Bardett-road Limehouse, E., or by the Director of the Mission, Mr Walter Austin, 44 Finsbury Pavement, E.C.

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Lord Chancellor Selborne, Lord Justice James, Lord Justice Mellish decided in favour of FREEMAN'S ORIGINAL CHLORODYNE, and against Brown and Davenport, compelling them to pay all costs in the suits. See Times of July 24th, 1873. Bottles 1s 1/2d, 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' longer, dysentery and typhoid fever would have played more havoc in our ranks than the bombs of the Turks. I myself acquired an unenviable reputation as a doctor, owing to my being provided with a small bottle of CHLORODYNE, with which I effected miraculous cures.

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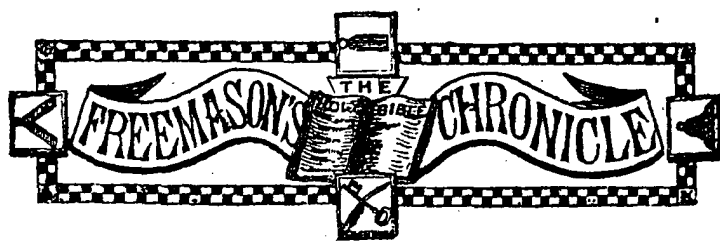
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SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS.

A QUARTERLY Convocation of the Supreme Grand
Chapter will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London,
on Wednesday, the 2nd of May next, at six o'clock in
the evening.

The Regulations for the Government of the Supreme Grand Chap-
ter during the time of public business to be read.

The Minutes of the last Quarterly Convocation to be read for
confirmation.

Installation of Principals, and appointment and investiture of
Officers for the ensuing year.

The report of the Committee of General Purposes (as follows)

will be submitted to the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England.

The Committee of General Purposes beg to report that they have examined the accounts from the 17th January to the 17th April 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows :—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
Balance Grand Chapter -	681	0	7	Disbursements during the quarter -	223	19	11
" Unappropriated Account -	232	14	5	Balance -	912	14	5
Subsequent Receipts -	432	6	8	" in Unappropriated Account -	209	7	4
	£1,346	1	8		£1,346	1	8

which balances are in the Bank of England, Western Branch.

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received the following Petitions :—

1st. From Companions John Derby Allcroft as Z., the Rev. Philip Honoré Ernest Brette as H., Alfred Brookman as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Aldersgate Lodge, No. 1657, London, to be called The Aldersgate Chapter, and to meet at the Castle and Falcon Hotel, Aldersgate Street, in the City of London.

2nd. From Companions Frederick Howell as Z., Edwin Farley as H., James Gladwell as J., and seven others for a Chapter to be attached to the Chiltern Lodge, No. 1470, Dunstable, to be called The Chiltern Chapter, and to meet at the Sugar Loaf Hotel, Dunstable, Bedfordshire.

3rd. From Companions Walter Goddard Rogers as Z., William Robert Woodman, M.D., as H., Mark Farrant as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Union, No. 444, Starcross, to be called The Chapter of Union, and to meet at the Courtenay Arms Hotel, Starcross, in the County of Devon.

4th. From Companions the Rev. Hayman Alfred James Cummings as Z., the Rev. Robert Jamblin as H., Henry Tuff as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lullingstone Lodge, No. 1837, Farningham, to be called The Lullingstone Chapter, and to meet at the Lullingstone Masonic Hall, Hawley, in the County of Kent.

5th. From Companions Arthur Edwin Taylor as Z., William Howard Paddle as H., George William Saul as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the Ewell Lodge, No. 1851, Kingston, to be called The Ewell Chapter, and to meet at the Sun Hotel, Kingston, in the County of Surrey.

The foregoing Petitions being in all respects regular, the Committee recommend that the prayers thereof be respectively granted.

The Committee have further to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Cana Chapter, No. 116, Colne, in the Eastern Division of Lancashire, praying for Charter authorizing them to wear a Centenary Jewel, in accordance with the resolution passed by the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 1st February 1882.

This Memorial being in form and the Chapter having proved an uninterrupted existence of one hundred years, the Committee recommend that the prayer thereof be granted.

The Committee have also to report that they have recently had before them several cases, where through neglect of the Law as contained in Article 67, page 22 of the Royal Arch Regulations (Edition 1879), Candidates have been exalted at a less period than twelve calendar months from the date of becoming Master Masons—one case in particular having occurred 20 years ago, though having only now come to light. The Committee have in each case admonished the Chapters to be more observant of the Law, in the future, and have ordered the Candidates, in question, to be re-obligated. They now call attention to this serious irregularity with a view to greater care being taken in future, that the "satisfactory proof" required by the above quoted regulation be previously obtained in every instance.

(Signed) JOHN CREATON, P.G.Pr. Soj.
Past Grand Treasurer,
President.

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.
18th April 1883.

ELECTION OF THE COMMITTEE OF GENERAL PURPOSES FOR THE ENSUING TWELVE MONTHS.

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.—(Advr).

AN AFRICAN BROTHERHOOD.—The Purrah is a strong brotherhood, in Africa, in the country back of Sierra Leone. Its definite object has not been promulgated. The ceremonies are sealed to the uninitiated, and are only discovered to be in progress by the fearful howls and shrieks heard from the depths of the forest-recesses at midnight, and by occasional flashes of torches. When they are in progress the curious profane understands that death would follow intrusion. Whole nations own the power of the Purrah, and tremble at the mere name. When its members visit a village, which is always in the hours of darkness, the inhabitants hide themselves, in order to escape death or slavery. Another secret Order is entitled the Samo, similar in principle. Another, styled the Bundoo, admits females to membership, or is perhaps exclusively a sisterhood. Those of the sex who are initiated are sold into bondage if they contravene its laws or disobey the chief officer, called the Bundoo woman, whose chief business it is to detect and punish witchcraft.—*Masonic Review*.

REVIEWS.

All Books intended for Review should be addressed to the Editor of The Freemason's Chronicle, Belvidere Works, Hermes Hill, Pentonville, London, N.

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The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Leicestershire and Rutland, 1883. Eleventh year of publication. Compiled by Bro. Samuel S. Partridge P.M. P.Z. P.P.S.G.W. Provincial Grand Secretary.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Oxfordshire and Neighbourhood, 1883. Oxford: Bro. W. R. Bowden, 59 High-street.

The Freemasons' Calendar and Directory for the Province of Gloucester, 1883. Compiled by Brother R. Vassar Smith. Gloucester: Printed by John Bellows, 1883.

Official Directory for the Provincial Grand Lodge of Cornwall. Twelfth year of Publication. With an Appendix, containing a Masonic Sermon, by the Rev. Philip H. Newnham, M.A., P.P.G. Chaplain of Cornwall, &c. Edited by Brother William James Hughan, Past Senior Grand Deacon of England, &c. 1883.

We are glad to see the Provinces are bestirring themselves in the matter of Calendars, and that each new year sees additions to, or improvements in, the contents of previous issues. The four before us are admirable specimens of the Provincial Calendar. They are well arranged, well printed, and well got up. Great pains appears to have been bestowed on each of them. In each there is a table of contents, so that no difficulty will be experienced in seeking for information that may be required in reference to any Masonic body belonging to the district. Each contains a list of the Grand Officers of England and the Grand Officers of the Provinces as well as of the Officers and Past Masters, or Principals as the case may be, of Lodges, Chapters, &c. The Leicestershire and Rutland Calendar also gives a list of the Lodges, Chapters, &c. in the adjoining Provinces, arranged alphabetically as regards the towns in which they meet, and particulars of the three great central Masonic Charities and the Leicestershire and Rutland Masonic Association, its rules, a list of members, and a tabular statement showing its voting strength for the central Institutions. The Oxfordshire Calendar contains, in addition to its local information as to Lodges, &c., particulars respecting the Province of Berks and Bucks, the Mark Provinces of Berks and Oxon and Bucks, and Lodges, like the Westminster and Keystone, the Isaac Newton, University, &c. which have some association with the Apollo University Lodge. It likewise furnishes particulars as to the three great Charities and the Mark Benevolent Fund. The Gloucestershire Calendar adds particulars as to the Lodges in the Provinces of Bristol, Berkshire, Herefordshire, Monmouth, Oxfordshire, Somersetshire, Warwickshire, Wiltshire, and Worcestershire, as well as respecting the Masonic Charities, and the Masonic Charity Association of Gloucestershire, its rules, and constituent members. With respect to the Calendar compiled by Bro. Hughan, it goes almost without saying that great care has been exercised in its production. Bro. Hughan never does anything by halves. The present issue contains the Revised Rules for the Management and Regulation of the Cornwall Annuity and Benevolent Fund, and by way of Appendix an excellent Sermon, preached in the Prov. Cathedral, Truro, before the Right Hon. the Earl of Mount Edgcombe, R.W. Prov. G. Master and the Officers and members of Prov. G. Lodge; in addition to many other interesting items. We congratulate the editors and publishers of these useful works of reference on the able manner in which they have fulfilled their respective duties.

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR.

CALPE PRECEPTORY, GIBRALTAR.

THE regular Convocation of the above Preceptory was held on Saturday, 14th April, at the Masonic Hall, Horse Barrack-lane. Amongst those present Sir Knights Moore-Keys E.P., Cottrell P.E.P. Treasurer, Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock Acting Prelate, Thomas Haynes P.E.P. Acting Constable, Trevelyan, Marshal, Langdon Sub Marshal, Cullato Captain of the Lines, Sir Knights Gilbard Prov. Sub Prior, and Ashton Registrar, were unable to attend, owing to severe indisposition. There were also present Sir Knights Henry P.E.P., Dobranich, J. H. Bryant, and several Visitors. The minutes of the last regular Convocation having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of installing the Eminent Preceptor Elect for the ensuing year (Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock) by Sir Knight C. W. Moore-Keys E.P. the Installing Officer, was proceeded with, the work being extremely well and impressively performed. The E.P. then appointed and invested his Officers, as follow :—Sir Knights Moore-Keys P.E.P. Prelate, Gilbard P.S.P. Constable, Langdon Marshal, Cullato Sub Marshal, Cottrell P.E.P. Treasurer, Ashton P.E.P. Registrar, Haynes P.E.P. Herald, Dobranich Almoner, Bryant Captain of the Lines, and Peterkin (serving brother) Equerry without. The Preceptory was then closed, and the Sir Knights retired for a few moments, while the rooms were re-arranged and prepared for the Knights of Malta. On resuming business, Sir Knight J. H. Bryant received this degree in due form, and the ceremony of installation took place, when our esteemed Sir Knight Sir Henry Burford Burford-Hancock was duly installed, and received the O.B. of E.P. Officers for the ensuing year were appointed and invested; the Priory was then closed in the usual manner, with solemn prayer. The entire evening proved to be a real Masonic treat, and augurs well for the future of this old-established and prosperous Preceptory.

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, 28th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1297—West Kent, Crystal Palace, Sydenham
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1865—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent

MONDAY, 30th APRIL.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, George Hotel, Australian Avenue, Barbican, at 7 (Instruc.)
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1489—Marquess o' Ripon, Penbury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
 1693—Kingsland, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, 1 Caroline Place, East Stonehouse

TUESDAY, 1st MAY.

- Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
 18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 65—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 141—Faith, 2 Westminster Chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 171—Amity, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 890—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, Crisp of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road
 1261—Golden Eagle, Café Royal, Regent-street, W
 1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canring Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, Woolwich
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8 (In.)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 8.30 (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)
 M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
 R.C. 79—Orpheus, 33 Golden Square, W
 70—St. John, Hayshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth
 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.
 120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.
 124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 155—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 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—Canbrian, Masonic Hall, Nenth.
 393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick
 493—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester
 558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.
 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.
 784—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield
 804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.
 847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.
 948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard
 960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
 995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.
 1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.
 1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.
 1241—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.
 1310—Harrow, King's Head, Harrow.
 1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.
 1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.
 1473—Booble, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)
 1750—Cresbridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.
 R.A. 200—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 R.A. 681—Scarsdale, Masonic Hall, Chesterfield.
 R.A. 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 R.A. 938—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, New Street Birmingham
 R.A. 1138—Devon, Masonic Hall, Devon Square, Newton Abbey
 M.M. 115—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham

WEDNESDAY, 2nd MAY.

- Grand Chapter, Freemasons' Hall, at 6
 15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 30—United 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.)
 539—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)
 882—Whittington, Red Lion Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
 1294—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, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1491—Athenaeum, Athenaeum, 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. S.W.
 1604—Wanderers, Black Horse, York Street, S.W., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1707—Eleanor, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1827—Alliance, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 778—Bard of Avon, Greyhound Hotel, Richmond
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

- 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham.
 298—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale
 328—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
 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)
 674—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farworth, 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.)
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon
 1107—Cornwallis, Lullingstone Castle Hotel, Swanley.
 1204—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 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)
 1549—Abercorn, Abercorn Hotel, Great Staunmore.
 1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool
 1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley
 R.A. 200—Old Globe, Lonsborough Rooms, Scarborough
 R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds
 M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness.

THURSDAY, 3rd MAY.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 27—Egyptian, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 45—Strong Man, Masons' Hall Tavern, Maons'-avenue, Basinghall-street.
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 231—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 704—Camden, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1155—Excelsior, Sydney Arms, Lewisham-road
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Village Club Lecture Hall, Wimbledon
 1361—United Service, Greyhound, Richmond
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Mitford Tavern, Sandringham-road, Dalston
 1539—Surrey Masonic Hall, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1614—Covent Garden, Constitution, Bedford-street, W.C., at 7.45 (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1724—Kaisir-i-Hind, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1765—Trinity College, 61 Weymouth Street
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate.
 R.A. 9—Moriah, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 174—Sincerity, Cheshire Cheese Tavern, Crutched Friars
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Canonbury Tavern, Canonbury Place, at 8: (Inst.)
 R.A. 1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 M.M. 109—Duke of Connaught, Town Hall, Shoreditch
 M.M.—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, E., at 8.30 (Inst.)
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
 31—United Industrious, Masonic Room, Canterbury
 38—Union, Council Chamber, Chichester
 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath
 50—Knights of Malta, George Hotel, Hinckley, Leicestershire
 123—Lennox, Freemasons' Hall, Richmond, Yorkshire
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 254—Trinity, Craven Arms Hotel, Coventry
 268—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 269—Fidelity, White Bull Hotel, Blackburn
 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 294—Constitutional, Assembly Rooms, Beverley, Yorks
 295—Combermere Union, Macclesfield Arms, Macclesfield
 300—Minerva, Pitt and Nelson, Ashton-under-Lyne
 309—Harmony, Red Lion, Fareham
 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.
 360—Pomeroy, Abington Street, Northampton.
 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel Wolverhampton.
 425—Cestrian, Grosvenor Hotel, Chester.
 446—Benevolent, Town Hall, Wells, Somersetshire.
 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton, Durham.
 637—Portland, Masonic Rooms, Town Hall, Stoke-upon-Trent.
 792—Pelham Pillar, Masonic Hall, Bullring-lane, Great Grimsby.
 913—Pattison, Lord Raglan Tavern, Plumstead.
 974—Pentalpha, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
 1012—Prince of Wales, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire.
 1074—Underley, Masonic Room, Market-place, Kirkby Lonsdale
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)

1331—Savile, Royal Hotel, Elland
 1382—Ancholme, Foresters' Hall, Brigg, Lincolnshire
 1384—Brent, Globe Hotel, Topsham, Devonshire
 1304—Olive Union, Masonic Hall, Horncastle, Lincolnshire
 1384—Equity, Alford Chambers, Widnes
 1473—Bootle, Town Hall, Bootle, Lancashire
 1500—Walpole, Bell Hotel, Norwich
 1504—Red Rose of Lancaster, Staikie's Arms Hotel, Padiham, near Burnley
 1513—Friendly, King's Head Hotel, Barnsley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1584—Cedewain, Public Rooms, Newtown, Montgomeryshire
 1639—Watling-street, Cock Hotel, Stoney Stratford, Bucks
 1807—Loyal Wye, Builth, Breconshire
 R.A. 187—Charity, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 325—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
 R.A. 496—Mount Edgcombe, Masonic Rooms, St. Austell
 R.A. 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 758—Bridgewater, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 R.A. 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 M.M. 53—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.

FRIDAY, 4th MAY.

Metropolitan Masonic Benevolent Association, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 8.30.
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pillarims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 706—Florence Nightingale, Masonic Hall, William Street, Woolwich
 763—William Preston, Jacob's Well, George-st., Manchester-sq., at 8 (Inst.)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Key Bridge. (Instruction)
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hamme-mith (Instruction)
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Cazenbury, at 8. (In.)
 1345—Clanton, White Hart, Lower Clanton, 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)
 1815—Penge, Thicket Hotel, Anerley
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 78—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 134—Blondel, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.

44—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 81—Doric, Private Room, Woodbridge, Suffolk.
 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 219—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Todmorden.
 242—St. George, Guildhall, Doncaster.
 308—Alfred, Masonic Hall, Kelsall-street, Leeds
 442—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Peterborough
 453—Chiewell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield.
 539—St. Matthew, Dragon Hotel, Walsall.
 574—Loyal Berkshire of Hope, White Hart Hotel, Newbury
 709—Invicta, Bank-street Hall, Ashford
 837—De Grey and Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 839—Royal Gloucestershire, Bell Hotel, Gloucester
 1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1333—Atheletan, Town Hall, Atherstone, Warwick.
 1387—Orlton, Masonic Rooms, Chorlton Cum Hardy
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1528—Fort, Masonic Hall, Newquay, Cornwall.
 1557—Albert Edward, Bush Hotel, Hexham.
 1561—Morecambe, Masonic Hall, Edward-street, Morecambe, Lancashire.
 1648—Prince of Wales, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford.
 1664—Gosforth, Freemasons' Hall, High-street, Gosforth.
 1725—Douglas, College Gateway, Maidstone
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham, at 5.30
 R.A. 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart, Romford
 R.A. 271—Lennox, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 359—Peace, Freemasons' Hall, Albion Terrace, Southampton
 K.T.—Loyal Volunteers, Queens Arms Hotel, George-street, Ashton-under-Ly

SATURDAY, 5th MAY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 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)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Fimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 1223—Amberst, King's Arms Hotel, Westerham, Kent
 1459—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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GROVE LODGE, No. 410.

THE first regular meeting of this Lodge was held at the Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, on the 21st instant. Present—Bros. C. Greenwood jun. Provincial Grand Secretary P.P.G. Registrar W.M., H. J. P. Dumas P.G.D. P.M. acting S.W., Lister J.W., Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. Prov. G.S.W. P.M. Treas., Jepps P.M. S.D., T. Moreton J.D., and others. Lodge was opened, and the minutes confirmed. Brother Lister was elected Worshipful Master for the ensuing year. Lodge was then opened in the second and third degrees, and Brother T. Eustace Smith was raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason, the ceremony being ably performed by the W.M. and his Officers. Upon the Lodge being resumed to the first degree, the Worshipful Master proposed Dr. Francis Ferratin Glanville as an initiate, and gave notice that the candidate would be ballotted for, and, if approved, initiated at the next meeting. The Worshipful Master then addressed the brethren, saying it was his painful duty to announce that since the last meeting, a dear and most esteemed brother had been summoned from amongst them. Brother Alfred Greenland jun., after a comparatively short illness, and at the early age of 26, had joined those who had gone before, and who constituted the Grand Lodge above. To him (the W.M.) their departed brother was not only a brother in Masonry, but a bosom friend and old schoolmate, so that the brethren could judge for themselves how impossible it was to express the deep grief with which he made this

sad announcement. Brother Greenland had, during his short sojourn amongst them, shewn himself a zealous and efficient worker, he had filled the post of Inner Guard with credit, and had it pleased the Great Architect of the Universe to spare him, he would doubtless have continued a bright ornament to the Craft and to the society in which he moved. He had left behind him, not only brother Masons, but sorrowing parents and relations who mourned the irreparable loss of a dutiful son and an affectionate brother. By them some mark of the appreciation in which he was held by the members of the Lodge would be regarded as a graceful tribute of respect. The W.M. concluded by proposing that the Secretary should be requested to write to the father of their late brother, expressing the deep grief of the members of the Grove Lodge at the sad news of his son's death, and offering their sympathy and condolence. This was duly seconded by Brother Thurston, and carried unanimously. Lodge was then closed, and the meeting adjourned until 19th prox. The brethren subsequently partook of a banquet in the Hotel, which was served in Brother Bond's best style, and gave the utmost satisfaction to all present.

LODGE OF UNION, No. 414.

CENTENARY OF FREEMASONRY IN READING, AND JUBILEE OF THE LODGE.

ON Tuesday, 17th April, a regular meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, when a brilliant assemblage of the members of the two Reading Lodges, with visitors from various parts of the Province, attended to do honour to this special occasion. The Officers consisted of Bros. Ferguson W.M., Mount I.P.M. and Treasurer, Wheeler S.W., Withers J.W., Rev. N. T. Garry Chaplain, Parry Secretary, Witherington S.D., Blackwell J.D., Martin M.C., Tirbut Organist, Butler I.G., Webb Steward, Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Stephens, Blowers, Hounslow, Bradley, Oades, Morris, Long 663; also Bros. Stubington, Bracher, Higga, Sydenham, Sherwood, Rayner, Albury, Tubbs, Hawkes, George Miller, Wellman. Visitors—Bros. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101, Pulley P.M. 340 and 1101, Weatherhead 1101, Rev. R. P. Bent P. Grand Chaplain of England I.P.M. Herschel Lodge 1894, Petty 414, Whitfield 1101, Tegg 1101, Sparrow 1101, Slaughter 1101, Hurley P.M. 1101, Coates 1101, Creed 1101, Ferguson P.M. 1101, Welsh P.M. 1101, Bulley P.M. 414 Hon. Member 1101, Bennett 1101, Dowsett W.M. 1101, Blackwell I.P.M. 1101, Greenaway 1101, Margrett P.M. 1101, Ridley S.W. 1101, Ravenscroft J.D. 1101, Horne I.P.M. 1887, Fisher M.C. 1887, &c. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular Lodge and Lodge of Emergency were read and confirmed. The ballot was taken for Mr. Louis de L. Simonds, and for Mr. Arthur Simonds, both of whom were approved and proposed for initiation. The ballot was also taken for Mr. Milton Welling, who was approved. Messrs. L. de L. and Arthur Simonds were admitted and initiated into the mysteries and privileges of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was admirably performed by the W.M.; the musical part, under the direction of Bro. Tirbut, considerably added to the effect; the vocal parts being taken by Bros. Hounslow, Bradley, and Martin. The charge of the first degree was delivered by the I.P.M. Bro. Mount, with his usual correctness and precision. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the W.M. read a most interesting account of the introduction of Freemasonry into Reading in the year 1783, and of its revival in 1833, by the warrant of the Lodge of Union. Since which time there had been a gradual progress of numbers and influence, till two full blown Lodges have appeared, both now in the full tide of prosperity. Allusion was also made to the great necessity of enlarging the reception rooms; this will shortly take place, and add materially to the comfort and convenience of the members and their friends. After the customary ceremonies Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and the brethren adjourned for refreshment to the Great Western Hotel, where an excellent supper was provided by Bro. Flanagan, whose catering invariably gives unqualified satisfaction. Between sixty and seventy Craftsmen sat down; the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and responded to. That of the Initiates met with a cordial reception, and was appropriately responded to by the Brothers Simonds. Bro. R. Dowsett proposed, in a feeling speech, the health of the W.M., who suitably returned thanks, and alluded to the loss of two members of the Grey Friars Lodge, one of whom left a widow and three children in destitute circumstances. He thought this a good opportunity to pass the broken column round for their relief. This resulted in the sum of five pounds being contributed, which sum was at once forwarded to the widow. During the evening some excellent singing was contributed by the brethren, particularly we may mention the song by Bro. W. G. Millar, who gave "Tom Bowling" in a masterly style. After spending a very pleasant evening the brethren separated at an early hour.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The weekly meeting of this successful Lodge of Instruction was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, the chair being occupied by Bro. Western, who was supported by Bros. Ashton S.W., Marks J.W., P.M. Cusworth Preceptor, F. Perl Sec., Weeden S.D., Pallen J.D., Chubb I.G.; also Bros. W. Potter, P.M. Haslip, Bolton, Allsopp, Gadsby, Read, James, Manger, Lone, Ockelford, Dewersby, and others. The customary formalities having been observed in opening the Lodge, the ceremony of initiation was proceeded with, Bro. Lone acting as candidate. Bros. Allsopp and Gadsby then proved themselves qualified to be passed, but were not entrusted, they not having gone beyond the degree of E. Apprentice. After the Lodge had been called off and on, the W.M. rose, and Bros. Allsopp, Gadsby, Read, and James were unanimously elected members. Bro. Ashton was elected to fill the position of W.M. at the ensuing meeting, and the brethren then dispersed, after having spent a pleasant and instructive evening. Brethren are cordially invited to attend this Lodge, and qualify themselves for any position in their parent Lodge.

STOCKWELL LODGE, No. 1339.

THE installation meeting of the above Lodge was held on the 17th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Camberwell, when a large concourse of members and visitors was present. The W.M. had wisely called a previous Lodge of Emergency, to initiate, pass, and raise, so that nothing was left but the ceremony of installation, one always interesting, and which often sacrifices its solemnity by following or preceding other long ceremonies on the same evening. Lodge was opened at five p.m. punctually, when there were present:—Bros. Sawyer P.M. as W.M. (the W.M. Bro. Cocks being absent through illness), W. F. Masters S.W. W.M. elect, McKay J.W., Templeman S.D., Salmon J.D., Moss I.G.; P.M.'s Pain, Klenck, Basnett, Frances P.P.G.D. Secretary; also Bros. C. L. Bowsell, London, Pollard, W. J. Pain, Horsey, Rogers, Woodrow, Hersee, Dresser, Myers, Fletcher, Harvey, J. R. Parkinson (Initiate). Among the Visitors were Bros. Baron De Ferrieres, M.P., P.G.S., Smallpeice W.M. 960, E. Ayling W.M. 975, Sherring 1673, Hollington P.M. 933, Woods P.M. 145, Buck 153 P.G.S.W. Essex, Martin P.M. 453, De Lacey 1706 P.P.G.D. Essex, Green P.M. 27, F. Pincott 1686, Mills 548, Youlden P.M. 1658 P.P.G.D. Surrey, Schartau 1549, Bull P.M. 145, Coots 1381. After the Lodge had been opened, the minutes read, and a very satisfactory audit report passed, the chair was taken by Bro. Frances Secretary. Bro. Masters having been presented, was duly installed into the chair of K.S., the ceremony being performed in Bro. Frances's usual able and impressive manner. Bro. Masters appointed and invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. McKay S.W., Templeman J.W., Hamerton P.M. (by proxy) Treasurer, Frances P.M. Secretary, J. Salmon S.D., Moss J.D., H. J. Pain I.G. The appointments gave the utmost satisfaction to the members of the Lodge, there being but one course pursued in this Lodge from its foundation, viz., giving the members rank according to seniority, that is, on proof of their efficiency. Bro. Masters, following the custom, presented the Lodge with a handsome banner, and received a vote of thanks. After the closing, the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the Worshipful Master being received with every token of appreciation, for Bro. Masters has made himself much respected by the Lodge. The Installing Master, Bro. Frances, was enthusiastically received, and in reply that Brother testified to the particular pleasure he had had that evening in placing one of his most honoured friends in the chair of the Lodge, whose name was known not only in the Order to which it was their privilege to belong, but outside it. In many an Institution formed for the amelioration of the miseries of their fellow creatures, in the lists of many a Charity, his name could be found. In all stations of life, from the palace to the hovel. A wise and good Providence had placed men who, unaffected by their surroundings, acted kindly and nobly to their fellow men, not in obedience to any educational teaching, but from the innate sense of kindness and beneficence within them; he was sure many there that evening could testify that Bro. Masters was deserving of all the honours they could bestow. Bro. Frances hoped the brethren would pardon this digression from the toast of his health, which he heartily thanked them for so cordially receiving. W. Baron de Ferrieres, in replying for the Visitors, complimented the Lodge on the excellency of its work, particularly on the ceremony of the evening, and thought the Lodge fortunate in possessing so able a Mason as Bro. Frances; while the home they met in, the splendid repast, and the hearty welcome, would be something to tell the Gloucester Masons. Some very beautiful singing between the toasts made the evening's entertainment still more enjoyable, the music being under the direction of Bro. De Lacey, who, with Bro. Schartau, and one or two lady singers, was much appreciated.

HALSEY LODGE, No. 1479.

THE installation meeting of this popular Lodge took place at the Town Hall, St. Albans, on Tuesday, 24th inst., when the members were honoured by a visit from the Provincial Grand Master R.W. Bro. T. F. Halsey, M.P. Lodge was opened at four o'clock, by Bro. C. W. Reynolds W.M. Past Prov. Grand Assist. Pursuivant, who was assisted by Bros. C. Miskin S.W., O. R. Ilatt J.W., Thomas R. Webster P.M. Treasurer, John Purrott P.M. Secretary, W. Masters P.M. 428 S.D., T. B. Nichols J.D., Thomas Kent M.C., Horace Slade I.G., G. Barnes Steward; Past Masters I. N. Edwards, Debenham, Marks, &c. Visitors—A. Atkins W.M. 478, W. G. Atkins P.M. 887, J. D. Collier P.M. 1366, W. F. Neave 188, G. R. Park 181, H. Campkin P.M. 403 P.P.G.S.D., W. P. Willson 403, S. Monckton White 199, George Young W.M. 1757, C. W. Allen W.M. 1385, J. G. Yoland I.P.M. 1385, J. Brittain J.W. 1385, W. Reynolds, Selwyn, Graham 1920, Amos T. Ewen S.W. 475, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. George J. Nettleton was examined and entrusted; Lodge was then opened in the second, and Bro. Nettleton was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Bro. Christopher Miskin, one of the earliest initiates of the Lodge, was then presented as the W.M. elect, and Brother Reynolds commenced the duty of installing him into the chair of the Lodge. Bro. Miskin having given his assent to the ancient charges, was duly obligated. At this stage of the proceedings the Provincial Grand Master was announced, and was received with full honours. The ceremony was then proceeded with; a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Brother Miskin was regularly placed in the chair for the ensuing twelve months. On the re-admission of the brethren below the degree of I.M., the W.M. was saluted, and the Officers were appointed and invested, as follow:—Bros. Ilatt S.W., Masters J.W., Webster P.M. Treasurer, Purrott P.M. Secretary, Wilcox Chaplain, Nichols S.D., Slade J.D., Deedes I.G., Gaff Org., Kent P.M. M.C., Barnes and Miles Stewards, Everett Tyler. Bro. Reynolds then gave the addresses in a most impressive manner. Indeed, the work of the day was excellently done, and Brother Reynolds was heartily congratulated on the zeal he had displayed. The report of the Audit Committee was next presented; this

showed the Lodge to be in a sound financial position, and—taking into account the modest amount of the annual subscription—had a substantial balance in the hands of the Treasurer. The report was unanimously received and adopted. Bro. Webster P.M. and Treasurer was appointed Lodge representative to serve on the Provincial Audit Committee, and the sum of £2 2s was voted to the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, the same amount having already been voted this year to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and to the Benevolent Institution. A Past Master's jewel had been subscribed for by the members, to be presented to Bro. C. W. Reynolds on his vacating the chair. Bro. Miskin had now the pleasurable duty of placing it on his breast; he complimented Bro. Reynolds on the admirable way in which he had carried out his duties, and expressed a fervent hope that an improvement might take place in his health, which had not been so favourable during the past twelvemonths as Bro. Reynolds's friends could wish. It was the desire of all that the I.P.M. should have the opportunity of wearing the jewel, not only in this Lodge, but elsewhere, for many, many years to come. This compliment was briefly, but gracefully acknowledged. Bro. Reynolds said he had had every consideration shown him by the Lodge, and he fully appreciated the kindness of the brethren. He reciprocated the wish that he might be with them for many years. Routine work followed; hearty good wishes were tendered, and Lodge was closed. A capital banquet was supplied by Bro. W. Marks, of the "Peabens." The tables were elegantly decorated, and a "buttonhole" was provided for each guest. Brother Marks personally superintended the service, and his exertions resulted most satisfactorily. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. introduced in brief terms the toasts customary on these occasions. The proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character, and altogether a most agreeable day was spent by those who attended.

MONTAGUE GUEST LODGE, No. 1900.

THE meeting of this Lodge, on Wednesday, the 11th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's-inn-Fields, was a very interesting one, and though a record of the event in these columns comes rather later than is our custom, still we feel our readers will pardon us the unavoidable delay. The W.M.—Bro. G. P. Festa—was supported by Bros. W. H. Dean I.P.M., F. R. W. Hedges S.W., Hubert J. Capon J.W., Montague Guest, M.P., Prov. Grand Master of Dorset P.M., J. D. Collier P.M. Secretary, H. Slyman S.D., W. H. Gardener J.D., John M. Doble M.C., Samuel Brooks P.M. I.G., Charles M. Tate Steward, Banks Tyler. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, Frank Richardson P.G.D., H. G. Buss Assist. Grand Sec., J. Cussans 1366 P.G.S.W. Herts, J. Goddard W.M. 771 P.G. Steward Berks and Bucks, Edwin Moss W.M. 1929, T. Walford 771, W. J. Arnold 780, P. T. Webster M.C. 27, Edward Wharton 1716, W. S. Cantrell W.M. 1871, and H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928. After the reading and confirmation of the minutes, Bro. George de Bassompierre was raised to the third degree. The W.M. afterwards initiated Mr. W. W. Goodman. The election of Worshipful Master resulted in favour of Bro. F. R. W. Hedges, Secretary Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, and Bro. W. H. Dean P.M. was re-elected Treasurer. Bros. Pratt, Shelton, and Stacey were appointed Auditors. A Past Master's jewel and a collar and jewel were voted to Brother Festa in recognition of his services to the Lodge during his year of office. The brethren afterwards partook of a capital banquet, served under the superintendence of Bro. Walter Gosden. The W.M. gave the loyal toasts, which were most heartily received, and then proposed the health of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master; and the rest of the Grand Officers, and coupled with it the name of Sir Francis Burdett Prov. Grand Master Middlesex, who, in the course of his reply, said those whom they might call permanent G. Officers, like the G. Master and the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, might hold their respective positions for years to come. Still, at the same time, Grand Lodge was rather a changeable Parliament, for every year they had a change of Officers, but he believed those who had already been before the brethren had done their duty to the satisfaction of the entire Craft. Grand Lodge was now passing on to another change, and he felt confident that the brethren who would be appointed to replace those in office would do their duty as far as lay in their power, and as much to the satisfaction of the Craft as those who had gone before. The W.M. had been kind enough to allude to the Province of Middlesex, and had said it was the best of all the Provinces. He (Sir Francis Burdett) would be very well satisfied if they were as good as any other Province under the Grand Master. They had done what they could to bring the Province of Middlesex to a high position, and he believed it stood well in the estimation of the Craft. It had been ably supported, and there were a few brethren, like Bro. Buss, the Prov. Grand Treasurer, who had assisted it in every possible way. As long as he had the support he now received, he doubted not it would retain its present high standard. In proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Dean I.P.M. said, Bro. Festa had done his work exceedingly well, both in Lodge and at the banquet table. The Lodge was started under most favourable auspices, and it was carried on for the first year to the satisfaction of all. During the past year the W.M. had sustained its prestige in every particular, and the Lodge was prospering under his rule. The Worshipful Master had set an example to the members of the Lodge, both as a ruler and as a supporter of the Institutions. He had been most assiduous and diligent in promoting the cause of charity, and had worked most enthusiastically; in fact he could not say too much of what Brother Festa had done. It was a noble thing to support the Charities. The W.M. would carry with him the honour and love of the brethren for the manner in which he had kept up the prestige of the Lodge, and the brethren would give him their best thanks for what he had done. The Worshipful Master in reply said he wished the compliments so lavishly bestowed on him by

Brother Dean were more thoroughly deserved; however, he had done the best his skill and ability could effect. He always held that what was worth doing at all was worth doing well. He differed rather from Bro. Dean about the last year, it had not been so successful as that of Bro. Dean's Mastership. The progress of the Lodge had not been so great as in the first year, there had not been so large an accession of members. But then it must be remembered that brethren who wish to join this Lodge must be well recommended. The Lodge was not so anxious to have members as to have them of the right sort. If they were fit and proper persons to join the Order, this Lodge would accept them, but not otherwise. Lately there had not been that rushing into Freemasonry there was five or six years since; the brethren had become more cautious in their acceptance of new members. With regard to the working of the Lodge he could only say he hoped the brethren had understood his interpretation of the English language; as a foreigner he had done the best in his power. With regard to the Charities that was another matter. On the night of his installation he had remarked that charity was the sole object of Freemasonry, and if a brother was not anxious for the Charities of the Order he was not fit to be among them. In their happiest moments they must think of what they were taught at their initiation. He had done all that lay in his power for Charity, and he hoped before the year was over he would be able to contribute in proportion to what he had already done to make him worthy of the work and power of Masonry. The W.M. then proposed the W.M. elect. Some five years ago he became acquainted with Bro. Hedges, and was struck with his gentlemanly manner, and the nice way in which he conducted the duties of Secretary to the Girls' School. He (the W.M.) was anxious to make his way in Masonry, and Bro. Hedges was also anxious in the same direction. Bro. Hedges tried to do him a turn, and he desired to return the compliment. The greatest pleasure of his Masonic career would be to instal him as W.M. The brethren had elected the right man for the office. He would follow up the true principles of Masonry, and carry with him all the members of the Lodge. Lodges were not often so fortunate; he envied Bro. Hedges the high character he had won for himself, and in wishing him good health, hoped he would occupy the position with credit to himself, and to the satisfaction of the brethren of the Lodge. Bro. Hedges, in reply, said he really did not know how to find words sufficient to thank the brethren for the very high honour they had paid him by electing him as their W.M. for the coming year; he could only say he thanked them most sincerely and heartily, and he appreciated the honour as fully as any one could. He promised he would exert himself to the best of his ability to follow in the footsteps of those who had gone before him; but he must say, when he looked back at the way in which his predecessors had occupied the chair, that he looked forward to his year of office with some misgivings; he did not think he could come up to them. Nevertheless, he promised the brethren they should not find him wanting in trying worthily to follow them. Bro. Festa had referred to the fact that it was he who had first introduced him to the promoters of the Montague Guest Lodge. He certainly did, and ever since then he had had every reason to be very, very grateful to Bro. Festa for it. He was glad to have this opportunity of thanking him for that kindness. Bro. Festa had been a good friend to him, and to the Institution which was very dear to him, and he was very glad to have the present opportunity of thanking him also for that. Bro. Goodman in replying to the toast of the Initiate said, if he ever felt proud in his life, he did so at the present time; he thanked the brethren for the cordial way in which they had accepted him as a Mason. It was a proud thing for any young man to be initiated, and he should never forget the occasion. As the Worshipful Master had said, what was worth doing at all was worth doing well; he trusted he should be able to do Masonry well. He should not be satisfied until, by paying strict attention, and studying the work, he should make himself competent to be Master of a Lodge. Bros. Goddard, Cussans and Cantrell responded for the Visitors, after which the W.M. proposed the health of the Immediate Past Master and Treasurer, Bro. Dean, and the Secretary, Bro. Collier; of these Officers he spoke in the highest terms of praise as to the way in which they performed their duties. Bro. Dean in reply said it was scarcely worth while to recapitulate the kind expressions of the W.M. He was delighted to see Bro. Frank Richardson present; he acted as M.C. at the consecration of the Lodge, and fully entered into the spirit of the ceremonies of the day. The Lodge had gone on harmoniously, and though the W.M. had said it had not been so successful in his year as in the first, inasmuch as it had not had so many initiates, he might urge the Lodge looked for quality rather than quantity. Plenty of brethren would join a Lodge in its first year. They did not wish their Lodge to be a large, but a leading one. They had exercised discretion; they had not had an influx of members, but he felt everything would turn out well. The members would rally round Brother Hedges, and he was sure his would be a successful year of office. Bro. Collier also replied. Bro. Festa, in proposing the next toast—the Charities—coupled with it the name of Bro. Richardson; he believed that brother was one of the staunchest supporters of the Secretary of the Girls' School. He did not know how Bro. Richardson found time to attend to the Charities as he did. Last year the Girls had a very successful Festival; it could hardly be expected that that of the present would be so satisfactory. He always felt proud when he went to the Girls' School, and hoped all the brethren would go and see it, and when they returned to their homes if they found any spare cash in their pockets they should give it to that Institution. Bro. Frank Richardson, in responding said, the toast was indeed an important one for any brother to undertake to reply to. Although he gave way to no one in the interest he felt in the Charities, still he wished some other brother had been called on to reply. The W.M. had impressed on the initiate that charity was the first thing in Masonry, and although there were many brethren of rank and opulence among the Order, there were others who were in distress; he also taught him that charity blessed him that gave as well as he who received; therefore, it ought to be a source of gratification to

Masons that they helped to relieve not only those who had borne the heat and burden of the day, but also those of their children who required education, and they turned them out good and useful members of society, capable of earning their own livelihood. Many years ago as a child he was taught the line—

"One thing at a time and that done well;"

he should like to take an active part in all the Charities, but time would not permit. He therefore devoted himself to one well, rather than to three badly. He wished that Lodges would follow the example of the Montague Gnest, and subscribe liberally to all the Charities. There was really something wanting when they considered the number of Masons there were, and the comparatively small collections they made. The majority of the subscriptions came from the old Lodges, but why was it that so many of the Lodges that had been formed in the past few years had subscribed so little, or nothing? It was only few amongst the many which subscribed. He thought it should be in some measure compulsory, like the quarterage to the Fund of Benevolence. There would then be no need of elections, for the funds would be large enough to take in all candidates. As a member of the Girls' School Committee he hoped Bro. Hedges, for whom he had the highest respect, would have a good Festival. He knew that royalty drew, and last year they did so well that they could not expect to do a great deal this year. He was quite satisfied of one thing, that if all the members of the Craft had the opportunity which he had, as a member of the House Committee, of going to the Girls' School and seeing the children there, he was sure there would be more Stewards. Nothing gave him so much pleasure as to be at the Institution. From Miss Jarwood, who had been 66 years in the Institution, down to the youngest child, they were one happy family; there was a kindly, friendly tone between matron, governesses, and children. He had made the acquaintance of them all, and he felt he had got 239 friends there. Whenever he went down he had a lot of the children to talk to him, and he was satisfied, if there was anything wrong in the School—any tyranny or any pain—the Committee would know it from the children. It would be impossible to get a better staff, and the system had been carried on very well. All the staff had been made up from those educated in the School, and all the children knew they had a chance of being taken on the staff. If any of the brethren would like to go down to see the School, he should be most happy to receive them and conduct them over it. We congratulate Bro. Hedges on his election to the chair of this Lodge. We feel assured the Past Masters and members will render him every assistance during his period of Mastership.

Loughborough Lodge of Instruction, No. 22.—A meeting was held on Monday evening, 16th April, at Brother McDiarmid's, Cambria Tavern, Cambria-road, Loughborough Junction. Present—Bros. Cornock W.M., Perkins S.W., Rush J.W., McKinley Secretary, Warren S.D., Stafford J.W., Johnson Preceptor, Hampton I.G.; also Bros. Brown, Martin, Sherring, Westley, Bellis, and Banks. Lodge was opened in due form, when the minutes were read and confirmed. Brothers Westley and Bellis worked the second and third sections of the lecture, respectively. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Brother Cornock for his most satisfactory rehearsal of the ceremony, this being his first appearance in the chair. On Monday next, the 30th inst., Brother Stevens will deliver his lecture on the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday 21st inst. Present—Bros. Hirst W.M., Weeden S.W., Spencer J.W., Gribbell S.D., Dixie J.D., Ashton I.G., Percy Preceptor, and Galer Secretary; also Bros. Recknall, Bleakley, and Houghton. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bleakley offered himself as a candidate for raising and was examined and entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising rehearsed. Bro. Percy worked the second section of the lecture, assisted by Bro. Dixie; and the third section, assisted by Bro. Galer. Lodge was then resumed to the second degree and Bro. Percy worked the first section, assisted by Bro. Gribbell. Lodge was closed in the second degree and Bro. Galer proposed, and Bro. Percy seconded, that Bro. Bleakley of the Great Northern Lodge, No. 1287, be elected a member, and this was carried unanimously. Bro. Weeden was appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the Canonbury Tavern, St. Mary's-road, on the 23rd inst. Present—Bros. Killick jun. W.M., Western S.W., Woolf J.W., Snook S.D., Marks J.D., Jones I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, Killick sen. acting Secretary, and a large number of members. After preliminaries, the ceremony of installation was rehearsed. Brother Collingridge was elected Secretary. Brother Trewinnard will occupy the chair on Monday next. Lodge opens at 8.30.

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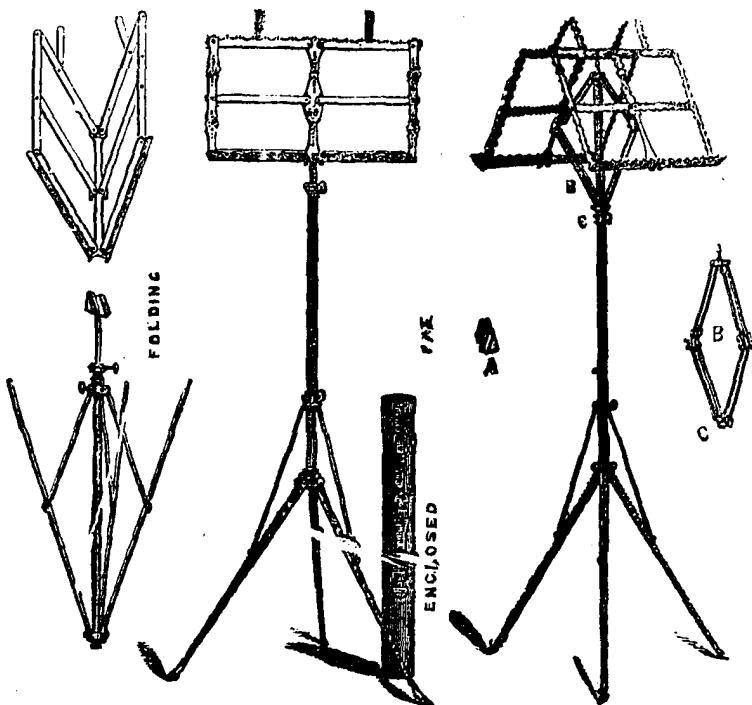
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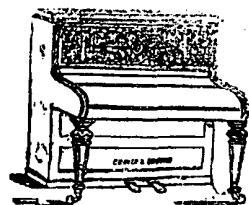
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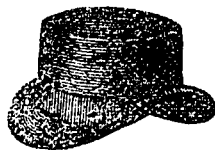
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