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THE MARK GRAND LODGE AND THE  
PRINCE OF WALES.

THOUGH the Mark degree is not recognised as constituting any part of Antient Free and Accepted Masonry, as defined in the Book of the Constitutions of the United G. Lodge of England, it has long been regarded as a worthy adjunct of the second degree, which might legitimately be cultivated in a separate organisation. It has from the very commencement received countenance and support from our most conspicuous brethren in the Craft. Lord Leigh, a sound constitutional Mason, was its first Grand Master, and he was succeeded by our present Pro Grand Master (Craft). Our Deputy G. Master has likewise occupied the throne of Mark Masonry, as also have such other worthy brethren of distinction as Bros. Viscount Holmesdale, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Rev. Canon Portal, Earl Percy, M.P., and the Earl of Limerick, while it is not so very long since that H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Prince of Wales's youngest brother, was installed as Past G.M.M.M. Possibly it may have been this circumstance which led to the interesting ceremony of Tuesday. At all events, at the last Summer Half-yearly Communication of Mark G. Lodge it was announced—and it is needless to say the announcement gave the utmost satisfaction to the brethren of the degree—that H.R.H. the Prince of Wales was anxious, without compromising his position as G. Master of Craft Masonry, to be advanced to the degree. This was followed by another announcement to the effect that the Grand Master would confer on His Royal Highness on some suitable occasion the degree of Past G.M.M.M., with seniority next in order to the G. Master. Accordingly, on Tuesday, a special meeting of Mark G. Lodge was held in the Masonic Hall at 33 Golden-square, in the presence of a full attendance of the Grand Officers for the year, and of other high dignitaries of the Order. The ceremony of advancement was most ably and gracefully performed by the Prince's own brother H.R.H. the Duke of Albany, the Chair of S.W. being occupied by Bro. W. W. B. Beach, and that of J.W. by Bro. C. F. Matier. This done, Lord Henniker M.W. G.M.M., in the presence of a Board of thirty-four P.M.'s, solemnly installed H.R.H. in the Chair of A., after which followed an interchange of mutual felicitations, and Grand Lodge was closed in ample form and with the accustomed ceremonial. We heartily congratulate our brethren of the Mark Degree on the occurrence of so auspicious an event. It will assuredly influence for good the future fortunes of the Grand Lodge, although there is no doubt these had already been firmly established. Be it added that the following constituted the attendance on the occasion, namely:—

Bro. Rt. Hon. Lord Henniker	...	G.M.M.M.
H.R.H. Duke of Albany, K.G.	...	P.G.M.M.M.
Rev. Canon Portal Prov. G.M. Hants	...	P.G.M.M.M.
and the Isle of Wight	...	
W. W. B. Beach, M.P.	...	P.G.M.M.M.
Col. Sir Francis Burdett, Bart., Prov.	...	
G.M. Middlesex and Surrey	...	
John Watson, J.P., Prov. G.M. Notts	...	
General Lord Wolseley, G.C.B.	...	G.S.W.
Hon. Arthur H. Henniker	...	G.J.W.
General J. S. Brownrigg, C.B.	...	P.G.W.
Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke	...	
Captain N. G. Philips	...	
C. F. Matier	...	

Henry R. Hatherly	...	G.M.O.
Colonel C. E. Bignold	...	G.S.O.
S. G. Kirchhoffer	...	G.J.O.
Rev. E. H. Crate	...	G. Chaplains
Rev. F. J. C. de Crespigny	...	
Rev. C. J. Martyn D.P.G.M. of East	...	P.G. Chaplain
Anglia	...	
Frederic Davison	...	G. Treasurer
H. C. Levander, M.A.	...	G. Registrar
Frederick Binckes P.G.W.	...	G. Secretary
D. M. Dewar P.G.M.O.	...	G. Assistant Secretary
Geo. Cooper	...	G.S.D.
Dr. Brodie	...	
Robert Harwood	...	G.J.D.
T. J. Ralling	...	
R. W. Edis, F.S.A.	...	G. Insp. of W.
Robert Berridge	...	C.D. of C.
Geo. Dalrymple	...	G.A.D. of C.
Controller S. G. Bake	...	G.S. Bearer
J. D. Murray	...	G. Std. Br.
Wm. Watkins	...	
E. M. Lott P.G.O.	...	as G. Org.
J. H. Banks	...	G.I.G.
Thomas Taylor	...	G. Stewards
William March	...	
John O. Marsh	...	
J. S. Cumberland	...	
George Ker	...	
W. C. Gilles	...	
John Tomkins	...	
George Austin	...	as G. Tyler

DANGEROUS TENDENCIES.

CRAFT Masonry is the basis upon which all other cognate systems are built. It is complete of itself; easily understood, yet abstruse; simple, yet recondite. These terms, in their nakedness, appear paradoxical; and so they are to the uninitiated. To the enlightened, they embody common truths, which only differ in degree according to the intellectual and moral standpoint from which they are viewed. It is no injustice to the brethren to say that the great majority of them are lay members, whose faith is greater than their knowledge: the few only drink deep of the spiritual essence of the Institution, and in consequence become teachers and rulers. The humblest brother, however, can appreciate the general lessons inculcated by the ceremonies; all can participate in their simple and universal principles, while inexhaustible fields of inquiry are left open to the most erudite. The comprehensiveness of Freemasonry is one of its great distinguishing characteristics, which places it above all other human institutions. It embraces all the virtues, and its principles are co-existent with the soul of man. Like all other human institutions, however, it is subject to abuse, and great care is necessary to preserve it from corruption. It is surrounded with temptations, and these are apt to lead men to forget the spiritual teachings of Freemasonry. There is the pride of office, which some seek to gratify at the sacrifice of duty and family obligations. The lust of power and position tempts many into ways that are seductive and dangerous, and produces that feeling of inequality which destroys the life of the Order. It induces them to become lavish in expenditure, to indulge in excessive social enjoyments, and to lose sight of the higher qualities of the Craft. One of the common vices of prosperity is to ignore fundamental truths, to forget that these alone are the foundations upon which

virtue is raised, and the only sure source of hope in time of adversity. The evils of prosperity are alike manifest in individuals, nations, and institutions, and no wonder need be felt that Freemasonry shares in the common sin. Responsibility varies according to the light that is given, and it is great in the case of members of the Craft, who are blessed with such teaching and guidance that, while they make them heirs of a noble inheritance, they entail upon them duties and obligations which cannot be neglected without danger.

Leaving general principles for the time being, and proceeding to particular subjects, it cannot be denied that there is much in the present condition of Freemasonry that needs amendment. There is a wonderful amount of vitality among the brethren, the outcome of the instinctive recognition of the charitable qualities of the Craft; there is also a great deal of self-indulgence and waste of time; an inordinate love of show, and a prodigal display of hospitality. Nothing can be said against the moderate indulgence of the pleasures of the table. Social enjoyment is one of the elements of the Order—subservient to, and not distinct from nor above, its higher teaching. It is only when banquets become too frequent and costly, and when the time consumed in their service is too great, that evils arise. These, however, are so serious, that the period has come to consider whether a change cannot be brought about. The comparison between old and modern tavern bills, for instance, opens up a question of great importance. Our forefathers were content with modest fare, altogether unlike the feasting of to-day. It is no exaggeration to say that the cost of banquets at the present time is double what it was within the memory of some of the brethren still living, while the time consumed in partaking of them is a waste and a scandal. A modern custom has led to the introduction of professional music on special occasions, as elaborate and artistic as that provided at a public concert, which serves to unduly prolong the time of gatherings. Individuals are chiefly responsible for this late extravagant addition to the pleasures of the table, and they defend it upon the ground that they pay for it themselves. Apart from the objections that are urged upon general principles, it should be remembered that no Worshipful Master is altogether free to indulge in costly show, even though he pays for it himself. He is under a moral obligation to set an example of prudence and modesty, and ought not to fix a standard which, in a vast majority of cases, cannot be followed by his successors. The Lodge should, or does, determine the character of its pleasures, and no single brother, however rich and generous, ought to exceed the limit that is ordered by usage. The social position and circumstances of a Master of a Lodge, in the abstract, make distinctions impossible; but in practice they are the cause of inequalities which are painful to those who are not blessed with an abundance of worldly wealth. The brother with money makes a show and gains popularity, which may or may not be deserved. His other qualifications may be excellent, but then they may not, and he thus arrives at a spurious fame, which is alike inimical to the Craft at large and to his successor. The loss of time which elaborate ceremonies at banquets entail is not so great as their cost; it is, nevertheless, a serious evil, and altogether unnecessary. In venturing to express this view in a recent issue, we gave offence to a brother for whom we have every respect. He questioned our right to "reportorial" criticism, and assumed the privilege to do as he pleased with his own. So he has in his private capacity; but even here that right is often limited by law and custom. As we have shown, he stands in a different position as Master of a Lodge of Freemasons. His first duty is to the genius of the Craft, which is opposed to excessive indulgence in social pleasures; and his next duty is to those who, for the time being, are subordinate to him, but who will follow him in the exalted position he holds. They ought not to be tempted to imitate an example that would be ruinous to them, and it is cruel to expose them to comparisons which have been instituted without their consent, and in defiance of the true principles of the Craft. Music is one of the most beautiful adjuncts of Masonry. The ceremonies, ennobling as they are, gather force when accompanied with the strains of the organ. Here music is in its right place, and performs functions which, if not indispensable, are at least in harmony with the main object, and exceedingly beautiful and impressive. There is no objection to music at banquets either, provided the cost comes out of the Lodge funds, and the brethren have a

voice in controlling expenditure. It should not be allowed to interfere with the complimentary business of the evening, which should always be of a pleasing character. But it is often so late before the toast list is half exhausted that many brethren are compelled to leave without receiving honour or witnessing honour done to others. Confusion and disgust ensue, and many regret such wanton waste of generosity and time. The real business—and a well-arranged toast list is the most important part of the ceremonies of a banquet—should be got through with decency and order, with a due regard to time and convenience. When this has been done, it is competent for those who desire further social intercourse to prolong their stay, as was done recently at Reading, by instituting a smoking concert. This was a happy arrangement, and satisfied the necessary conditions of respect and enjoyment. Guests were honoured, and they reciprocated the feeling by remaining and taking part in all the official proceedings, and the enjoyment and convenience of all were ensured.

We know we shall give offence to some by these remarks, but were we not conscious of a high sense of duty in the matter, the letters that have reached us, and the concurrence of opinion we have heard expressed, would be sufficient justification. We are not mawworms; we have no quarrel with the pleasures of the table; we are not at war with the tavern keeper. We desire that all things should be done in moderation, and with a reverent regard for the high and noble character of the Craft. If Masonry be a solemn institution, as all acknowledge it to be, then our first care ought to be its moral, intellectual, and spiritual development, and social pleasures should be subordinate to the full discharge of duty.

## EMINENT MEN WHO WERE MASONS.

FROM THE KEYSTONE.

MAJOR-GENERAL Sir Robert R. Gillespie, K.C.B., was made in the Lodge at Cromter, County Down, Ireland, in 1783. Major-Gen. Thomas Proctor was made in Lodge No. 3, Philadelphia, in 1766, receiving all the degrees from E.A. to K.T. He was W.M. of No. 3, and afterwards also of Military (now Montgomery) Lodge, No. 19, Philadelphia. Rev. Canon Duckworth was made in the Lodge of Antiquity, London, as was also Prince Leopold. General Rufus Putnam was made in American Union (Army) Lodge, near West Point, N.Y., and was elected the first Grand Master of Ohio. Herman Blannerhassett (the victim of Aaron Burr) was Secretary of American Union Lodge, No. 1, of Marietta, Ohio, in 1798. James T. Brady, the eminent lawyer, was made in New York, in 1866. The remains of Admiral Farragut were interred with Masonic honours at Portsmouth, N.H. General and President Andrew Jackson was Grand Master of Tennessee in 1822 and 1823. Wm. King, the first Governor and first Grand Master of Maine, is honoured by having his statue placed in the national statuary hall in the capitol at Washington. Colonel Augustus Stone was made 5th October 1807, in American Union Lodge, No. 1, Ohio, Gen. Rufus Putnam being W.M. when he received the F.C. degree; and at the time of his death, aged 98 years, he was the oldest affiliated Mason, Secretary and Royal Arch Mason in the United States. George M. Dallas, Grand Master of Pennsylvania and Vice-President of the United States, was made in Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, in March 1818, and in 1820 was elected W.M. Wm. James Hughan, author of the "Masonic Memorials," &c., was made in 1862, in St. Anbyn Lodge, Devonport, England. Robert Freke Gould, the author of "The Four Old Lodges," &c., was made in Royal Naval Lodge, No. 429, Ramsgate, England, in 1855. Dr. A. G. Mackey, author of the "Encyclopædia of Freemasonry," &c., was made in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 10, Charlestown, S.C., in 1841. A. T. C. Pierson P.G.M. P.G.H.P., and P.G. Capt.-Gen. Grand Encampment, author of "The Traditions of Freemasonry," was also made in 1841. The Rev. A. F. A. Woodford, M.A., P.G. Chap. of the Grand Lodge of Eng., editor of the London *Freemason*, and author of "Kenning's Cyclopædia of Freemasonry," is a Past Officer and member of the Lodge of Antiquity, No. 2, London. D. Murray Lyon Grand Secretary, and author of "Freemasonry in Scotland," was made in June 1854, in Lodge Ayr and Renfrew Malitia St. Paul, No. 204, Scotland. George F. Fort, author of "The Early History and Antiquities of Freemasonry," was made in Camden Lodge, No. 15, Camden, N.J., in 1868. Leon Hyneman, compiler of the "Masonic Library," and one of the founders of Shekinah Lodge, No. 246, Philadelphia, was made in La Fayette Lodge, No. 71, Philadelphia. Robert Morris, L.L.D., P.G.M. of Kentucky, the author of "The Level and the Square," was made 5th March 1849, in Gathright Lodge, No. 33, Oxford, Miss. Theodore S. Parvin was made in Nova Cæsarea Lodge, No. 2, Cincinnati, O., 14th March 1838. Enoch T. Carson was made 8th November 1845, in Marion Lodge, No. 120, Mt. Pleasant, O. Charles W. Moore was made in Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell, Me., in May 1822. Chief Justice J. Banister Gibson, in 1852, was elected Grand Master of Pennsylvania, from the floor of the Grand Lodge. Lieut.-Com. Henry H. Goringe is a member of Anglo-Saxon Lodge, No. 137, of New York city. Three recent Lord Mayors of London are Freemasons—Aldermen Knight, J. Whittaker Ellis, and

Francis W. Truscott. King Kalakaua, of the Sandwich Islands, is a P.M. of the Lodge Le Progres de l'Océanie, No. 124, Honolulu (originally chartered by the Grand Lodge of California). Prince Leopold is a P. Em. Com. of Cœur de Lion Preceptory, Oxford, England. John Fitch, the inventor of the steamboat, was a member of Bristol Lodge, No. 25, of Bristol, Pa. General Kit Carson was made in Montezuma Lodge, No. 109, Santa Fé, New Mexico. Brandt, the Indian Chief, was made a Mason while on a visit to Europe. James Milnor, D.D., was made in Lodge No. 31, Norristown, Pa., in August 1795. He served as W.M. of No. 31, and also of No. 3, and for seven years was Grand Master of Pennsylvania. He was eminent as a lawyer, member of Congress, and finally as a clergyman. His son, William H. Milnor, D.D., was Grand Master of New York in 1851. John Dove, M.D., Grand Secretary of Virginia, was made in St. John's Lodge, No. 36, Richmond, Va., on 2nd December 1813. The Duke of Albany is the First Principal of Apollo (University) R.A. Chapter, Oxford. "Artemus Ward"—Charles F. Brown, was a member of Neptune Lodge, N.Y. The Duke of Wellington was made a Mason in Lodge No. 494, Ireland, when he was Arthur Wellesley, Lieutenant in the 12th Light Dragoons, in February 1795. Sir William Johnson, of New York, was the first W.M. of St. Patrick's Lodge, Canajoharie, N.Y., 23rd May 1766. His second wife was a Mohawk girl of rare beauty, Molly Brandt, the sister of Joseph Brandt (Thoyendanegea), an Iroquois chieftain and Freemason. Prince Rhodocanakis, Grand Master of Greece, was made in St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 48, of Edinburgh, Scotland. Cornelius Moore, founder of the *Masonic Review*, Cincinnati, was made in La Fayette Lodge, No. 79, Zanesville, Ohio, in March 1837. Prince Wm. Fred. Charles, of the Netherlands, was made at Berlin, in 1816, and the same year was elected Grand Master. His sixtieth anniversary as Grand Master of the Netherlands was celebrated in 1876. "Father" Taylor (Rev. Edw. T. Taylor) was initiated in 1820 in Duxbury, Mass. Thomas Chalmers, D.D., founder of the Free Church of Scotland, was made in the Lodge St. Vigens, Arbroath, Scotland, 26th April 1800. Chancellor Walworth, of New York, was made in 1811, at Plattaburg, and in 1853 was Grand Master of New York. Chief Justice John M. Read was made in Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, 15th December 1821, and in 1837 was Grand Master of Pennsylvania. His son, J. Meredith Read, U.S. Minister to Greece, was made in 1858, in St. John's Lodge, of Providence, R.I. De Witt Clinton was initiated in Holland Lodge, New York, in 1793, was elected Grand Master of New York in 1806, and filled that station for thirteen consecutive years. Kossuth was made in Covenant Lodge, No. 113, Cincinnati, O. Chief Justice John Marshall was Grand Master of Virginia, and welcomed La Fayette as a visitor to Richmond Lodge, No. 10, Richmond, Va., on his visit to this country in 1824. Belzoni was made a Mason in the Lodge of the Pyramids, Egypt. William Smellie, the natural philosopher, and editor of the first edition of the "Encyclopædia Britannica," was made a Mason on 15th November 1762. Jo. H. Davies, Grand Master of Kentucky, was slain in the Battle of Tippecanoe; Henry Clay delivered his funeral oration before the Grand Lodge. Both Major Andre and William Paulding, one of his captors, were Freemasons. Dr. Robert T. Crucefix, the great promoter of the Masonic Charities of England, was made 6th April 1829, in Burlington Lodge, England. Rev. John Wesley was made 30th October 1788, in Lodge No. 367, Downpatrick, Ireland. His nephew, Samuel Wesley, the son of Charles, was made 17th December 1788. In 1812 he was Grand Organist of the Grand Lodge of England. Sir Walter Hawksworth, Knight and Baronet, was "President" of the old Lodge at York in 1713. Francis Drake, M.D., F.R.S., the antiquarian of York, was made 6th September 1725. Menotti Garibaldi, son of General Garibaldi, who was Grand Master of Italy, was made in Tompkins Lodge, New York city. Mozart was made in Vienna shortly prior to 1783, and composed a number of Masonic cantatas. Gen. James Wilkinson, distinguished for his services against the Indians in 1795, was a member of Bristol Lodge, No. 25, Bristol, Pa. Pierpont Edwards, the eminent lawyer and member of Congress, was the first Grand Master of Connecticut. Charles S. Stratton ("General Tom Thumb") was made a Mason in Bridgeport, Conn. On 24th April 1881, he visited Jerusalem R.A. Chapter, No. 3, Philadelphia. Our diminutive Brother was also a Knight Templar. Edmund Randolph, Governor of Virginia, and Attorney General of the United States, was Grand Master of Virginia, from 1786 to 1788. It was he who warranted Alexandria Lodge, No. 22, with Washington for its first W.M. While he was D.G.M. he was elected to succeed Patrick Henry as Governor of the Commonwealth. Jabez Bowen, LL.D., Lieut.-Governor of Rhode Island, was Grand Master of that jurisdiction from 1794 to 1798. Col. William Barton (the captor of the British General Prescott, in 1777) was made a Mason in St. John's Lodge, Providence, R.I. in 1779. Maj. Gen. and Judge John Sullivan, LL.D., Governor of New Hampshire, was the first Grand Master of that jurisdiction in 1789. Governor William R. Davie, of North Carolina, was Grand Master of that State for several years, until he was sent as ambassador to France in 1799. General Richard Caswell, Governor of North Carolina, was the Second Grand Master of that State, holding the office at the time of his death, in 1789. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Abraham Jarvis in 1798 was Grand Chaplain of Connecticut. The Hon. William Dayton, Chief Justice of South Carolina, was the first Grand Master of that State in 1787. Martin Clare, A.M., F.R.S., was Deputy Grand Master of England in 1741. Thomas Manningham, M.D., was Deputy Grand Master of England from 1754 to 1757. Laurence Dermott was W.M. of Lodge No. 26, Dublin, Ireland, in 1746; afterwards affiliated with Lodge No. 5 (now No. 9), London, England; on 5th February 1752 was elected Grand Secretary of the Ancients, and from 1771 to 1777 and 1783 to 1787 was Deputy Grand Master. Dr. Winslow Lewis, Grand Master of Massachusetts in 1855, 1856 and 1860, was made in Columbia Lodge, Boston, 3rd November 1830. Tecumseh, the Indian Chief, was a Freemason. The Rev. John Entick edited two editions of Anderson's "Constitutions" in 1756 and 1767. John Boswell (of Auchinleck) a member of the Lodge of Edinburgh in

June 1600, is the earliest authentic instance of a Freemason who was not an architect or builder by profession. F. J. B. Clavel, the author of "Histoire Pittoresque de la Franche Maçonnerie," in 1824 was W.M. of the Lodge Emeth, France. John Custos, who was tortured by the Spanish Inquisition, was Worshipful Master of a Lodge at Lisbon. H. J. Da Costa was persecuted by the same tribunal, but was saved by some English brethren. He printed in London, in 1811, a narrative of his sufferings. The Rev. Frederick Dalcho was Grand Secretary and Grand Chaplain of South Carolina. J. G. Findel, author of the "History of Freemasonry," was made in 1856, at Baireuth, Germany. In 1858 he founded the *Bauhütte* Masonic newspaper, of Leipsic. Frederick William, Crown Prince of Prussia, was made 5th November 1853, and became G. Master in 1860. The Emperor Alexander I. of Russia presided in the Russian Military Lodge in which Frederick William III. King of Prussia, was made a Mason in 1814. Herder, the German philosopher, was made in 1766 in a Lodge at Riga. In 1801, he edited the Masonic journal, *Adrastea*. Kloss, the "father of Masonic Bibliography," was initiated in Germany in 1805. His valuable Masonic library, in its entirety, is now in the Royal Library at the Hague. Krause, another distinguished German Masonic writer, was made in Altenburgh in 1805. Lessing, the "father of German criticism," was made at Ham-burgh in 1771. The Hon. Wm. D. Kelley, the senior member of the American Congress, was made in Oriental Lodge, No. 385, Philadelphia, on 28th June 1867. The Right Rev. Cortlandt Whitehead, Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, is a G. Chaplain of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania. Simon Greenleaf, Professor of Law in Harvard University, and author of the "Law of Evidence," was G.M. of Maine. Bro. Thomas S. Webb was exalted in Harmony R.A. Chapter, No. 52, Philadelphia, on 18th May 1906. Space fails us to give further details. We need only mention the following Freemasons by name: Haydn and Meyerbeer, Victor Hugo, Chief Justice Weston and Whitman, of Maine; General Fessenden, Tom Moore, John C. Breckenridge, General N. P. Banks, Louis Philippe, Ethan Allen, Chief Justice Woodbridge, of Vermont; Charles James Fox, Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Dugald Stewart, John Paul Jones, John Notman, Napoleon Le Brun, W. B. Astor, Edwin Forrest, Anthony Trollope, General Houston, Robert Fulton, W. Pinkney, Captain James Riley, the author of "Riley's Narrative;" Dr. David Livingstone, Justice Stanley Matthews, General Richard Montgomery, Signor Blitz, Professor John S. Hart, George Augustus Sala, Sir John Franklin, Professor F. V. Hayden, Earl Canning (Governor General of India), Thomas Cole, the artist; Charles Dickens, Henry Irving, Napoleon III., Dom Pedro, of Brazil; James Lick, the California millionaire, and Ole Bull. Laurence Sterne, the author of "Tristram Shandy," was an applicant for initiation when his career was cut short by death.

What a galaxy of Nature's noblemen does this list afford. Well may Freemasons regard it with complaisance. With such men for our predecessors and cotemporaries—for our brethren, how could the great Fraternity of Freemasons be other than a noble and happy family, each member proud of all the others. Let this record remain as a landmark of the Craft.

## Obituary.

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### THE LATE BROTHER PISSEY.

WE regret to have to record the death of Bro. William Pissey, of Rayleigh, who, for the past 45 years, has carried on the professional business of a chemist in that town. The deceased gentleman—who was in his 66th year, and had been in gradually failing health for upwards of a year—expired on 20th ult., from Bright's disease and enlarged heart. Bro. Pissey was a native of Rayleigh, but, beyond occasionally holding the office of Overseer, he did not take a great interest in parish matters, but, nevertheless, he will be very much missed by all classes, especially so by the poor, on account of the valuable advice he was always ready to give, and the kind inquiries and attentions he paid in all cases of sickness. Next to his strict attention to business, nothing interested him so much as all matters connected with Freemasonry. Initiated at Rochford (True Friendship Lodge, No. 160), on 25th April 1863, he speedily rose to the position of W.M., and soon became Installing Master for several Lodges in the district. For his services in that capacity to the Priory Lodge, No. 1000, Southend, he was presented with a handsome jewel. He was also a P.Z. of the Royal Arch Priory Chapter, No. 1000. In the Provincial Grand Lodge he held the office of P.G.J.W.; and in the Royal Arch G. Chapter that of P.S.B. In the Trinity Lodge, No. 1734 (Rayleigh), he was a leading spirit, being, as he was proud to style himself, the "Father of the Lodge," or in other words, one of its chief promoters and its first Master. On the expiration of his year of office, he accepted the Secretaryship, which post he filled till a month before his decease. The funeral took place on 26th October, when the deceased gentleman was buried amidst many manifestations of respect. Blinds were drawn, and the shops partially closed throughout the town; and in order to give his Masonic brethren an opportunity of following him to the grave, a Lodge of Emergency was held at the Golden Lion. The cortege started from the deceased's residence at two o'clock. The coffin, which was of oak, with brass fittings, bore the following inscription: "William Pissey, died 20th October 1883, aged 65." At the conclusion of the ceremony, each Mason, in accordance with ancient custom, threw a sprig of acacia and his right hand glove into the grave.

At the last meeting of the Landport Lodge, No. 1776, held at the Masonic Hall, Commercial-road, Portsea, Bro. T. H. Williams W.M. presiding, Bro. J. G. Niven S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

## RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

TIME has not diminished the interest that is taken in the status of Past Masters question, although it has tempered the feeling that at one period marred the discussion. Bro. C. W. Arnold P.G.C. and D.P.G.M. Surrey, has contributed to a contemporary a very excellent letter on the subject, and his views coincide with those that have been consistently advocated in these columns. We need not repeat them *in extenso*. No doubt joining Past Masters had two grievances at least, and these were, as Brother Arnold says—(1) That they had no place in their Provincial Grand Lodge; and (2) That their rank as Installed Masters was not acknowledged by the Lodge they joined. By the new rules the first grievance has been completely removed, and by the same authority the second has been substantially met; in the one case a place has been assigned to joining Past Masters in their Provincial Grand Lodge, and in the other it is provided "that in the absence of the P.M. of a Lodge, joining P.M.'s have a right to take the chair." This assigns a distinct position to a joining P.M., and is a full recognition of his rank as an honoured officer of the Craft as a body. The other resolution that was carried, which has given rise to a prolonged discussion, and which will come up for acceptance or rejection on confirmation of the minutes at next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, on 5th December, goes much farther. Not content with what was freely given at the demand of justice, some brethren deemed it right to claim for joining P.M.'s the rank of P.M. of the Lodge they joined, taking rank immediately after the W.M. at the time they entered.

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We need not repeat the objections that have been urged against this attempt to create by law a distinction that should only be conferred as free recognition of merit, or be the result of work done in and for the Lodge. Brother Arnold, like ourselves, thinks that a compromise might be effected. We use the term "compromise" in a limited sense, because the remedy he proposes, and which we from the first advocated, has been in use for years. Bro. Arnold sees objections to making it a law of Grand Lodge that private Lodges may, by a vote of the Lodge, assign a position to a joining P.M. amongst the Past Masters of that Lodge; but he advocates giving power to Lodges to make a bye-law for the purpose. This would meet every just demand, and we trust the views so ably put by Bro. Arnold will be accepted as a solution of a question that has caused much heat, and which cannot be finally settled except upon the broad basis of justice. The following sentence in Bro. Arnold's letter will recall our own opinions so frequently expressed, and we give it because it puts the equity of the case in a very pithy form:

If this power were given to the Lodge, no further grievance could exist; for if a Lodge did not choose to honour, as well as to receive a joining Past Master, it would in all probability be because it considered that he was a speculative rather than a working Mason, and no one would sympathise with him under such circumstances.

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Apparently, we are only on the threshold of the discussion of the question of the rebuilding of the Temple. A weary war of words is before us, and unless the object to be aimed at is definitely settled, there will be no end to the contention. The Special Committee have obtained a great deal of information which is now before the Craft. From the tone and matter of their report it is quite clear they believed that either they had a mandate to consider the points they had to deal with, or that they came within the scope of their work. How they arrived at that conclusion we need not discuss; it is sufficient to know that the cost their scheme would entail has aroused strong opposition, especially in the Province of West Yorkshire. Even in London the feeling seems to be, to some extent, in favour of restoration chiefly, and not in furtherance of the plan of the Committee. It is contended that all that is necessary is to restore the Temple, and perhaps rearrange the kitchen department. We certainly share in the objections that are urged against the purchase of the remaining portion of the lease of Bacon's Hotel; the price demanded is a strong argument against granting a long lease to Messrs. Spiers and Pond. No one knows what the future may bring forth, and for Grand Lodge to tie its hands for fifty years, even were the terms much better than those proposed, would be forging fetters for the

future which would be galling and unjust to our successors, and might involve them in claims which they could not meet without serious injury to the Craft, especially to the cause of charity.

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Still there remain matters to be decided that were, and probably still are, regarded as important. The desire for an enlarged Temple was not a mere sentiment, surely; if so, it would be difficult to determine where the sentimental begins and ends, and where the practical comes in. If the Temple only is to be restored, the matter can soon be disposed of; but if it is to be enlarged, if better accommodation is to be afforded to those who have to go to Freemasons' Hall on business, if there is to be a library and museum worthy of the Craft, if the kitchen arrangements are to be improved, then structural alterations must take place. Until the brethren make up their minds as to what they really do want, it will be impossible to draft a plan. The restoration of the Temple would be the simplest scheme, but we can hardly believe that that is all that is likely to be demanded. It may not be necessary to purchase Mr. Bacon's lease, nor to extend that of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, but it may be desirable to do something more than restore the damaged Temple. The question of banquetting accommodation is not so important as some seem to think. When we find private enterprise doing so much for the service of Lodges, it would be imprudent to incur any large outlay on our own premises, unless the present and prospective advantages were beyond dispute. That does not appear to be so, and were the Craft polled it would be found that they are opposed to speculations which would involve an increased outlay, and tie the hand of Grand Lodge for half a century to come. If our tenants are suffering at our hands, relief ought to be given as a matter of justice; if not, consideration ought to be given to our own wants, and those can best be served by taking the control of our property into our own keeping.

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On Tuesday afternoon the remains of Bro. the Marquis of Donegall, K.P., G.C.H., were interred in the family mausoleum on the estate near Belfast. Our deceased Brother was Provincial Grand Master of the Province of Antrim, and on the occasion of his funeral the brethren assembled in large numbers to swell the mournful *cortège*. He was ripe in years, having been born in 1797, being thus 86 years of age at the time of his death. He was also held in high respect, as not only did the Freemasons of his own and adjoining province take part in the funeral ceremony, but also representatives of the Royal Irish Militia, of the Belfast Corporation and the Harbour Commissioners, while the people assembled in thousands in and around Cave Hill, the name by which the residence of the late Marquis is known.

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There was a cheerful as well as a sorrowful aspect of the meeting of the Craft. A Grand Masonic Bazaar has been held at Belfast during the past few days, which helped to increase the number of the brethren in the town. After attending the funeral of Brother the Marquis of Donegall, the members of the Craft attended the ceremony of closing the bazaar, which was a brilliant finish to an equally brilliant opening. We learn that the financial results are most cheering, and that the local Masonic Charities will receive a great accession of funds.

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There is great activity in the Masonic ranks just now. In addition to the doings in Ireland, we find that Brother Lord Hartington laid the foundation stone of a New Sunday School building in connection with St. James' Church, Buxton, on Tuesday. The ceremony was performed with Masonic rites, and afforded a pleasant and edifying sight to a large crowd gathered on the occasion.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held, on Thursday, 1st inst., at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury. The installation of Principals was conducted by Comp. Brown, in a most praiseworthy and impressive manner, at 7 o'clock; there was a number of Past Principals assembled on this occasion. At 8 o'clock the ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed; Comp. Hunter occupied the chair of Z., Comps. Isaac H., Sparrow J., R. Bird S.N., Hubbard P.S.

## 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 7th day of November next, at six o'clock in the evening.

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

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 18th July to the 17th October 1883, both inclusive, which they find to be as follows:—

£	s	d	£	s	d
Balance Grand Chap-			Disbursements during		
ter -	1043	14 1	the quarter -	201	10 4
„ Unappropriated			Balance -	1031	19 9
Account -	209	9 10	„ in Unappropriated		
Subsequent Receipts-	195	14 6	Account -	215	8 4
	£1,448	18 5		£1,448	18 5

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 William Richard Pratt as Z., James Gray as H., William Barefoot as J., and six others for a Chapter to be attached to the John Miller Lodge, No. 1906, Madras, to be called "The Madras Chapter," and to meet at Royapoorum, or Black Town, Madras, in the East Indies.

2nd. From Companions Theobald Ringer, M.D., as Z., Reverend John Augustus Lloyd, M.A., as H., John Campbell Maclean as J., and ten others for a Chapter to be attached to the Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, Marlborough, to be called "The Methuen Chapter," and to meet at the Masonic Hall, Marlborough, Wiltshire.

3rd. From Companions Sir Michael Edward Hicks Beach, Bart., M.P., as Z., John Walker as H., Richard V. Vassar-Smith as J., and nine others for a Chapter to be attached to the Royal Gloucestershire Lodge, No. 839, Gloucester, to be called "The Royal Gloucestershire Chapter," and to meet at the Bell Hotel, Gloucester.

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

The Committee have likewise to report that they have received a Memorial from the Companions of the Chapter of Unanimity, No. 42, Bury, Lancashire, praying for a Charter authorising 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 likewise to report that the District Grand Lodge of Malta having, on the 18th September 1883, expelled from Masonry a Brother of the Wanderers' Lodge, No. 1604, London, and P.M. and Treasurer of the Wayfarers' Lodge, No. 1926, Malta, also of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, Malta, for defalcation of his Lodge accounts, the Grand Chapter will, in accordance with Article 10, page 6, of the Royal Arch Regulations, proceed to declare the said Companion expelled from the Royal Arch Degree.

The President will therefore move—

"That the said Companion, of the Melita Chapter, No. 349, be declared expelled from the Order of Royal Arch Masons."

The Committee have also to report that the Grand Orient of Portugal having intimated that they had authorised the formation of a Royal Arch Grand Chapter for that Country, with Chapters working in accordance with the English Ritual, and the said Grand Orient and Grand Chapter having each requested the recognition of the latter Body by the Grand Chapter of England; the Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter do accede to the request.

The President will therefore move—

"That the Grand Chapter of Portugal be henceforth recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter."

The Committee also beg to recommend, and the President will move—

"That the sum of £2,000 be granted from the funds of this Grand Chapter, in aid of the proposed re-building of the Temple at Freemasons' Hall, recently destroyed by fire."

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

FREEMASONS' HALL, LONDON, W.C.  
17th October 1883.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are strongly recommended to all persons who are much reduced in power and condition. whose stomachs are weak, and whose nerves are shattered. The beneficial effects of these Pills will be perceptible after a few days' trial, though a more extended course may be required to re-establish perfect health. Holloway's medicine acts on the organs of digestion, and induces complete regularity in the stomach, liver, pancreas, and kidneys. This treatment is both safe and certain in result, and is thoroughly consistent with observation, experience, and common sense. The purification of the blood, the removal of all noxious matter from the secretions, and the excitement of gentle action in the bowels, are the sources of the curative powers of Holloway's Pills.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

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

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

*We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.*

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### "POOR CANDIDATES AND THE VOTING SYSTEM."

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

DEAR SIR,—I have read with much interest your leading article on "Poor Candidates and the Voting System," and if the truths therein expressed could only be brought home to some of the leading and most charitably disposed of the Brotherhood, so as either to abolish, or greatly alter the present "voting system," you will indeed have conferred a great benefit and kindness on many widows and candidates, both of present and future times. The expense is, as you remark, great, and truly places those most in need of assistance at the greatest disadvantage, and just at a time when both money and time is to the widow most valuable. It is not alone the expense, but the time occupied in canvassing for votes, either personally or by letter, which must of necessity be undertaken by the widow; time by this means is lost, as it debars her from obtaining any employment by which to augment her income, and even precludes her, if she enter "heart and soul" into the business of "securing votes," from carrying on the education of younger children, should her means, which is often the case, be insufficient to send them to school with the elder ones. Hence, double evil is wrought where a benefit is intended. I can assure you that ever since my boy was sent in for "election," I have done nothing but write letters, and send out circulars to subscribers; and, finding that no replies were received at first, I the second time enclosed a "stamped envelope" to ensure a reply of some kind, in order to save myself the trouble of writing half a dozen times to no purpose; to enclose a stamp is therefore a saving in the end.

I have two children (out of four) whose education I should be now conducting myself, or else, by obtaining a "Companionship" at a salary, at least maintaining one at school; which would also save friends the burden of its support; but with this voting business on hand, it is impossible; as, if I wish to succeed, I must labour for myself. Doubtless many others are in a similarly uncomfortable position. I could say more on the same head, respecting the great trouble it imposes on friends, &c.

With regard to the "borrowing" system, I was not until very lately aware that any one would dream of guaranteeing "a loan of votes" unless they knew they were in a position to return them at a given time, and had no idea that a failure of "return of votes" to time would necessitate "pecuniary compensation." This places one in a still more awkward position, as, under the circumstances, I for one could never think of asking, or permitting a friend to ask, for a "loan of votes," unless I felt that I could myself pay for the favour, as I should on such terms consider it equivalent to "begging" for £50 or more, which I could not endure. I do not understand the working of the "voting system," but beg to offer a suggestion as to how I think it might be made easier, viz., Suppose that "Presentations" were issued, according to the number of vacancies each time, these to be given each year to Her Majesty, to the Prince of Wales, and the rest of the Vice Presidents in turn. A report of all the cases, with their various necessities, to be sent first to all these for consideration, and when each Vice President has decided on which child he would support, then the whole list of gentlemen having Presentations, with the name of the candidate each intends to support, to be printed on balloting papers, and sent to each subscriber, &c., who would then decide, in turn, for whom they would vote, and send their papers to the Vice President favouring that particular case. Of course, the candidates not chosen by the Vice President would be set aside for next election. There might also be a sum, say from £20 downwards, fixed for candidates to pay, according as they were admitted at first, second, or third elections, which would benefit the Institution, and not as now (with more added) be expended by the widow for benefit of Inland Revenue, printers, stationers, &c.; it would for this purpose be incurred with pleasure. I hope I may be pardoned, being a sufferer, the presumption of offering these suggestions, but it is merely an "idea," which may perhaps be better "worked out" by those who understand these matters. This would, I think, be fair to all parties, and as borrowing is wrong in principle, under a new régime it is to be hoped that it would be considered illegal, and the candidature of any one attempting it be forfeited. I fear that I have trespassed seriously on your valuable time, and hope you will kindly excuse my attempt at a reply.

Yours truly and gratefully,

THE MOTHER OF A CANDIDATE.

## INSTALLATION CONCERTS.

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

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It surprised several of my friends very much, and myself not less than them, that you should have thought it expedient or wise to protest against Lodges having an arranged musical programme to accompany the toasts at their Installation banquets. When, however, after the lapse of a fortnight, your two correspondents in last week's issue of the CHRONICLE have summoned up boldness enough to support the peculiar notions ventilated by you, I think it only meet to say, as one of the opposition, that I am very pleased to think that the majority of the Craft are not of the same opinion. In reference to the opinions of the two correspondents

themselves, I do not propose to dilate, except to say that their effusions appear to me full of contradictions, and beside the question at issue.

I have attended several Installation meetings, at only one of which, I am happy to say, the musical part of the programme was left to the members of the Lodge and their *bona fide* visitors; and, I must say, although "comparisons are odious," that the manner in which the work has been expedited and completed in those Lodges which had made arrangements for everything, viz., visitors' speeches, music, &c., have, in my humble opinion, always carried off the palm.

It is something new to be told, by inference, that the honour of attaining the chair of K.S. is only for him who can manage, by hook or by crook, to keep up his subscriptions, and that any one higher in the social scale, who is entitled and finds himself elected to fill that honourable position, should not be allowed to put his hand into his own pocket in order to minister to the pleasure and edification of the members and visitors to his Lodge. The merest child in Freemasonry should know, that although it makes brothers of us all, it fails to make the poor rich, or the rich poor; and, therefore, it should be no reason, because there happens to be two or three brothers in a Lodge who are in less affluent circumstances than the other members, why the whole body should be afflicted with two hours or more of bad singing and worse speechifying at the principal Masonic meeting of the year. No one would expect of like a brother, who had been elected to fill the chair of K.S., to launch out into an expense which he could not afford, and wherefore, then, should such a brother envy and carp at the laudable endeavours of another to do honour to his Lodge who it is well known can afford an extra five-pound note on one of the most auspicious occasions of his life?

We have heard and read of some peculiar "innovations in Freemasonry," but it would be difficult, I think, to imagine a greater, or one more outrageous to common sense, than that the majority of the members of a Lodge should be made to look niggardly or contemptible before their visitors merely because there are in the Lodge a few brethren who, if they had previously wisely considered their circumstances, would have never become members of a society which, of necessity, is always calling upon its solvent members for fresh proofs of their charity and love.

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

J. G.

London, 31st October 1883.

## SCRUTINEERS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The October election for the young folks is over; and some of their representatives have gone away with hearts full of thankfulness and rejoicing, others buoyed up with hope for the future, and others again in sorrow and despair that their efforts have been in vain, and that they are debarred from all further chance. But such is the lottery; all cannot win, some must of necessity lose; at least until the laws of our Institutions can be rendered more perfect. There are several circumstances which have occurred during this election (not new, because they have happened before) to which it might not be considered time lost to direct the attention of the Craft at large, more especially of those brethren who are actively engaged in working the several cases which come before the Quarterly Courts for decision. Like an Irishman I commence at the end of the proceedings, as the cases in point are more tentative, and require more steady judgment than the first part. I mean, for instance, when a representative officer challenges the correctness of the return of the Scrutineers. Either he should demand a scrutiny or he should be silent, if not certain as to the correctness of the number of votes he has sent in. That there should be mistakes in the enumeration of such a large number of votes is not only possible, but probable; it therefore behoves a brother to be particularly careful before making such a charge. For the information of those who are unacquainted with the business, it may be as well briefly to explain how the counting is done. On the ballot boxes being brought up to the Scrutineers, two brethren open them, take out the papers, and arrange them according to the order of the cases, on shelves duly numbered and set apart for that purpose; they are then taken into an inner room, and each bundle of papers is gone through by two counters, who check each others work; the papers are then handed to a third Scrutineer, who looks them through again, and verifies or rejects them according to circumstances. When correct they are handed to a fourth inspector, who sees whether, even after these tests, they are signed and filled in for the names on the bundles. Thus every provision is made to avoid the least possible chance of error. Now, when a brother challenges the correctness of the return, and when called upon declines to demand a scrutiny, but yet, outside the Court, expresses his opinion that he has been sat upon by the Scrutineers, I venture to assert such a proceeding is not only unfair to himself, but to the Scrutineers, whose honour is at stake as to the correctness of the return they send in. My second point is, the position of a successful candidate, eligible for election, but not to enter the School for a period, it may be of nearly twelve months, and who thus excludes the next highest unsuccessful candidate for a longer period, which difficulty I think might be met by the following method:—The candidate to whom I refer shall be declared elected, and be eligible for the first vacancy that may occur after he has reached the requisite age. It is only natural the friends of a particular candidate desire to secure the benefits of the School as early as possible, and by this means they could still do so, without leaving a vacancy unfilled for any length of time. If this should meet the views of the Fraternity, I shall be happy to propose such a course be adopted at the next Quarterly Court.

With regard to the manner in which some of the worthies in question send in their votes attention has been called previously, and

with marked success; but there are still some to whom a few remarks will be a *propos*. First of all, they should open their papers, and see that they are both properly signed and filled up, and then arrange them in bundles, placing the papers together according to their relative value. These suggestions, if attended to, would facilitate the enumeration, and hasten the declaration of the poll. On the other hand, the opposite course causes much trouble and inconvenience; (1st) when the proxies are sent up singly each paper has to be opened and placed in its respective bundle on the shelves; (2nd) unsigned proxies are of no use to any body; (3rd) when papers are improperly or carelessly filled in, the votes may be recorded to a wrong case; the instructions on the proxy papers are plain enough for any one to understand, viz.: "That you are to place the vote or votes you intend to give opposite the name of the candidate or candidates you are desirous to assist, taking care not to put down more than the paper entitles you to. Thus, if you have three votes, and you desire to poll for John Thomas Smith, the number should come after Smith, not before John. Supposing, which is usually the case, there are two or more columns of names, be careful not to place it on the dividing line, but clearly in front of the case, or still better run a double pencil mark through all the names but that one or those you intend to vote for. Then, unless you have divided your favours, the number does not so much signify, as it will be taken from the value written or printed on the paper.

Now, with a few statistics of the polling I will close this already lengthy letter.

	Votes.		Votes.
Boys—Brought forward ...	28,540	Issued ...	47,703
Issued ...	47,700	Polled ...	43,795
	76,240		3,905
		Spoilt ...	127
		Unpolled ...	3,778
Highest successful, 3,237; lowest successful, 2,285; average, 2,544½.			
Girls—Brought forward ...	2,133	Issued ...	32,877
Issued ...	32,877	Polled ...	29,399
	35,010		3,478
		Spoiled ...	56
		Unpolled ...	3,422
Highest successful, 3,101; lowest successful, 1,862; average, 2,372½.			

The Boys carry forward 19,415 votes for next April, and there will be, as far as can be ascertained now, 29 vacancies; for these there are already 40 candidates.

The Girls carry forward 12,281 votes, and there will be 23 vacancies, for which at present there are only 21 applicants. Three last chances failed at this election.

I remain,

Yours fraternally,

A SCRUTINEER.

60 Queen Victoria-street, E.C.  
20th October 1883.

## ROYAL ARCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND COMPANION,—Like "Rosa Dartle," I want to know. A summons has been issued for Grand Chapter for next Wednesday, enclosing the minutes of the last Quarterly Communication.

In the list of Grand Officers then present—presumably printed in the correct order of precedence—one member is described as *Past A double s ist G. Sojr.* and the next as *Past A single s ist G. Soj.*

Will you kindly advise if either rank is both, or both is neither, or if either is which, or if both have been mixed? or, if in Grand Chapter A double ss ist. takes precedence of A single s ist. how either should be distinguished from each in a private Chapter if both should favour with their company at the same Convocation?

Yours fraternally,

A PUZZLED P.Z.

31st October 1883.

[We have heard it said, that "printers are very stupid people;" if this attempt at an explanation does not meet the views of our correspondent, we fear we must give his conundrum up.—ED. F.C.]

## AN IRREPRESSIBLE MASONIC BLUNDERER.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—There is an old adage, viz., those who cannot bear the smell of powder should not go to war, and in like manner I would recommend those who are apt to get excited by a criticism to keep away from the Press. There seems, however, to be in England a Masonic writer who cannot bear to be criticised, and who is more especially galled when the criticism happens to be unanswerable. Now, I happened to designate the originators of certain fallacies as Masonic blunderers. The cap happened to fit that party; he knows that he has blundered, but he is so over and above opinionated, and so determined to maintain his assumption of Masonic infallibility, that he must still rush to the Press with something; and as he has not a peg to hang an argument on, and has probably been on the look out for some time for something to sting me with, he very for-

tunately, or unfortunately, discovered in the *Keystone* a quotation from my paper on the Compagnons, and with this quotation he rushed to the *Freemason*, wherein his letter, headed "Bro. Jacob Norton," was printed in the 29th September issue. In the said letter he favours the Editor with a witticism of his own, viz., "that Bro. Norton's bark hurts more than his bite," and then adds the isolated quotation from the *Keystone*, and sneakily signs the letter with a *nom de plum*.

Poor fellow! whoever he is; the above letter proves conclusively that he is an out and out Masonic blunderer; and whatever blunders the said writer may have defended or originated, that letter is the greatest blunder of all; his aim was to bring me into discredit; but how can a letter from a *sneak* and a *coward* bring any one into discredit?

Respectfully and fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 15th October 1883.

## AFTER VACATION, WHAT?

IF we have been so fortunate as to enjoy a vacation period, what ought to be its result? If for a little time we have turned aside from the usual routine of life and become interested in new scenes—if we have sought to refresh our jaded bodies and minds by communion with nature, whose glory we have seen upon the mountain or by the seaside—what shall such an experience profit us? Surely we ought to come back from our vacation wanderings and rest with some fresh flow of spirits and strength for the labours to which we are called. The occasional pauses in life have their proper ministry in a revival of both physical and mental energies. We rest awhile that we may take up our work with fresh ardour, and put into its accomplishment more of real power, as we come also to comprehend what is the blessed privilege of activity in that sphere to which each life is appointed. We go away for a little time that we may bring home quickened thought, a more cheerful temper, and some augmented power to discharge the duties which devolve upon us day by day.

After vacation cometh work. After rest and refreshment we must needs return to those labours which engross so large a part of our existence. Doing this we may not murmur or complain, for such is the make and structure of our being that we find highest good in the activities that so much engage our attention. We are subject to the law of a constant service, and we know that we must apply ourselves with diligence to whatsoever our hands find to do, if we are to fulfil the possibilities of a noble being and realize largest blessings. Nature is ever active. Her stupendous laboratory is never closed, and there is no interregnum in the operation of her stupendous forces. Consider how that beautiful process evaporation constantly goes on; the moisture from the earth beneath ascends to the clouds overhead, and then come back in the early and the latter rains; so likewise the streams are ever moving to the great ocean, and the tides are flowing and ebbing all the days of all the years. In all departments of the material universe there is incessant activity, for nature is always at work in soils, rocks, &c.; ever, where operating to produce a higher condition of development.

Man is not able to maintain such constant activity. The body is the machinery of man, and has the touch of weakness upon it. It often needs, as does the mind, a period of comparative rest for the renewal of its strength and its more efficient working. But man's normal condition is that of activity. He must work for the attainment of highest good. He cannot succeed in any department of life except by his earnest and persistent endeavours. He must not weary in well-doing if he would gather the treasures which must bless and satisfy; whatever the obstacles that confront him he must toil and struggle, never losing hope in a brighter and better future, and never doubting the sure rewards which God has appointed for all faithful service. Whoever we are, wherever we are standing, whatever the limitations that surround us, we have yet the opportunity for some good work, some large and blessed achievements.

"Shall we sit idly down and say,  
The night hath come, it is no longer day?  
The night hath not yet come: we are not quite  
Cut off from labour by the falling light.  
Something remains for us to do or dare:  
Even the oldest tree some fruit may bear.  
For age is opportunity no less  
Than youth itself, though in another dress.  
And, as the evening twilight fades away,  
The sky is filled with stars invisible by day."

It is this earnest hopeful spirit that we should carry with us in the resumption of our Masonic communions and work. The vacation period in our Lodges should be followed by a season of awakened zeal and interest. Indolence and indifference will not secure Lodge prosperity. If real progress is to be made there must be an intelligent application of means to ends—a resolute putting forth of energy in the right direction. Brethren must be interested and active if they expect their Lodge, or other Masonic organization, to attain the ideal condition of excellence. No large success is possible unless they put their hearts into the work—unless they are ready to give something of their best thought, love, and service to the association in which they have membership. As they come back from their journeyings, as they enter again the halls that have been closed, privileged once more to exchange fraternal greetings and engage in Masonic work, what so much is needed as that they should be moved by a resolute purpose to help each other and to uphold the interests to which they stand pledged, that thus the true mission of Masonry may be accomplished? May we not hope for this augmented zeal and devotion in all Masonic Lodges?—*Freemasons' Repository*.

## MARK MASONRY.

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**York Lodge (T.I.)**—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on the 16th ult., there being present—Bros. C. G. Padel W.M., J. Todd P.M. as S.W., M. Millington J.W., T. B. Whytehead P.M. Treas. and Sec., G. Balmford P.M., A. T. B. Turner, H. C. Pickersgill, G. Lamb, and many other brethren. Capt. Baldray and Sergt.-Major Knights, 5th Dragoon Guards, were advanced to this degree. The election of Master and Treasurer then took place, resulting in the unanimous return of Bros. Millington and T. B. Whytehead. Auditors were appointed, letters of apology were read, and the Lodge was then closed, the brethren afterwards spending an hour or two in social converse.

## BRASS AND COPPER TRADES PENSION INSTITUTION.

**THE** Thirtieth Annual Festival of the above Institution was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, under the genial presidency of Bro. G. Lambert, F.S.A., Past Grand Sword Bearer, President of the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Annuity and Asylum Institution. After a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Bros. Ritter and Clifford, the Chairman proposed the usual toasts, Bros. Major Shipway and Cutler responding for the Army and Navy. The Chairman, in felicitous terms, proposed the toast of the evening. Mr. London, in proposing the toast of the Sister Institutions, said, it was a trite saying that Charity never faileth, and while they had such men as Bro. Lambert at their head, Charity never would fail. His philanthropy was duly recognised and widespread. Mr. Adams responded. Mr. Brockley proposed the health of the Chairman, and intimated that the Committee of Goldsmiths' Hall had given a special grant of ten guineas. The other toasts included the Secretary, Mr. Manton, who announced subscriptions to the amount of £300, including a donation from the Chairman of one hundred guineas, £52 10s from Mr. A. McGlashan, and £50 from Mr. D. Hulett. A very excellent selection of music was given under the direction of Miss Maria Belval.

Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z. has undertaken to deliver his lecture, explanatory of the ritual and ceremonies of the first degree, to the members of the Eccleston Lodge of Instruction, No. 1624, meeting at the King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, this evening, at 6.45; in the Arboretum Lodge, No. 731, at the Masonic Hall, Derby, on the 8th inst.; and in the Wandsworth Lodge of Instruction, East Hill Hotel, Wandsworth, on the 20th inst.

**SELF-POSSESSION.**—The British correspondent of the *Sanitary Engineer*, New York, writes: "Scotchmen are a cool-headed and matter-of-fact race. Professor Gardner read his address as President of one of the sections from manuscript notes, which he had evidently not had time to modify. It was, however, very amusing to watch him every now and then, in the course of its delivery, pause, take a pencil from his pocket, and then dot an *i*, cross a *t*, or erase a word. The audience stood these eccentricities of genius with marked good temper, and toward the expiration of the hour taken to deliver the address speaker and listeners became an amused and happy family."

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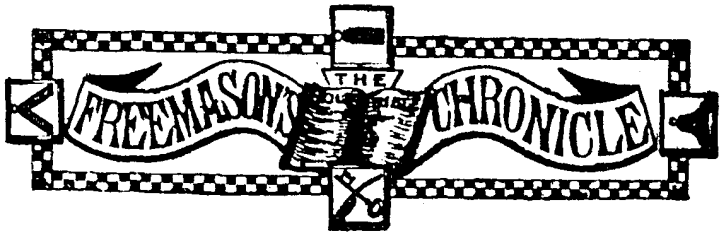
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## HISTORY OF FREEMASONRY.

(Continued from Vol. XVII. p 275.)

**H**AVING given the legend of Maître Jacques and pointed out the absence of information respecting that of Maître Soubise, Bro. Gould pursues his task by giving us some insight into the constitution of the several fraternities. Thus, in that of the Joiners of Solomon, of which Perdiguer was a member, the mode of affiliation is described; the candidate being perfectly free to retire at any moment, and only accepted after due questioning and the ordinances had been read to him. He then takes the first step—the manner of so doing not being described, and becomes eligible to receive the other degrees, of which there are three, accepted companion (*compagnon reçu*), finished companion (*compagnon fini*), and initiated companion (*compagnon initié*). Even the affiliates attended the General Assemblies. In the Maître Jacques system there were only two grades, the Aspirants being the inferior, and the Companions the superior grade. The number in the Maître Soubise system was also two—Companions and Foxes, but in both the inferior grade was denied all participation in the ceremonies, assemblies, and festivals. As regards costume, some societies carried long canes, some short ones, usually iron-tipped, which were used both as walking sticks when journeying, and as weapons of offence in the numerous battles fought between rival societies. Each body had its own emblems, in the shape of ribbons of distinctive colours, which were worn in the hat, collar, or a button-hole, the higher these were carried, the more noble being the society. Members of the first degree were not allowed to carry their distinctive paraphernalia, the stonemasons of Solomon being the one exception, and they wore white and green ribbons attached to the right breast. Then each fraternity and each division of it had its officers, a president, elders, and secretary, who were elected twice a year, the lower class of members taking part in the election in the case of the Sons of Solomon, but not under the other systems, in which they were compelled to accept as president of their degree a member of the upper class. This president took the title of first companion, first fox, &c., according to the class of which he was temporarily the chief, except among the joiners and locksmiths of Solomon, where the four grades formed only one society, of which the chief might belong to the initiates—in which case he was called the dignitary, and wore over his right shoulder and under his left arm a blue scarf fringed with gold lace, and the square and compasses interlaced on his breast—these and other implements were commonly worn as personal badges—or be a Finished Companion, when he took the title of First Companion, and only added gold fringe to his ribbons. Each Craft had its special house of call, which was known as *La Mère*—the mother—and after initiation, each Companion chose a soubriquet, examples of which are given. Each family had also one or more distinctive titles, that of *Compagnons du devoir* being common to all these divisions, the sons of Solomon also calling themselves *Compagnons du devoir de Liberté*, or simply *Compagnons de Liberté*. Among other distinctions we are told the Stonemasons of Solomon called themselves *Compagnons Etrangers*, on the ground that when in Judea they were strangers; while the Stonemasons of Jacques, and the Carpenters of Soubise, call themselves *Compagnons passants*, the reason being that when at Jerusalem they did not intend to make a long stay. Again, the Stonemasons of Solomon call themselves *Wolves*, those of Jacques *Were Wolves*, and the Carpenters *Drilles* or *Bondrilles*, that is, "good fellows;" the Joiners and Locksmiths of Solomon *gavots*, an obsolete word, meaning "highlanders," the Sons of Soubise and Jacques, except the Stonemasons and the Crafts admitted by them, "dogs" and "devorants." Bro. Gould suggests the latter is a corruption of "*devoirants*," that is, members of a *devoir* or charge; and among the Sons of Soubise the apprentice is

a *lapin* (rabbit), the aspirant a *renard* (fox), the Companion a dog, and the master a *singe* (ape), because of his greater knowledge and cunning.

Of the customs of the *Compagnonage*, the one which Bro. Gould rightly sets down as among the most curious and the most pernicious and unreasonable is, the *topage*, the word *tope* being used in challenging to mortal combat. If two Companions of rival Crafts meet in the highway, they challenge each other, and the result is a battle royal, till one or other of them can fight no longer, and the conqueror stalks off the field in triumph, bearing with him his rival's cane as a trophy. Sometimes these fights, from the number engaged on each side, assume the dimensions of pitched battles, and terminate with disastrous, and even fatal, results. But if the two Companions meeting proved to be of the same or friendly Crafts, they rushed into each other's arms, as if they had been brothers long separated, and adjourned to the nearest tavern. Against this brutal custom of *topage*, Perdiguier, we are told, set his face very strongly, and did his best to uproot it.

As to their houses of resort, they formed the quarters of the Companions when on their travels, the whole society being in a measure responsible to *la Mère* for the expenses of any particular member. "It was here," writes Bro. Gould, "that the new comer received his welcome, and applied for work; it was here that on his departure he took a solemn yet jovial farewell of his fellows; it was here that he first was admitted to join the society; here that he entered into the serious questions of trade policy, or joined in the excitement of an annual dance." A member's advantages were numerous. On arriving in a city he was directed where to find employment. "If destitute of funds, he obtained credit at his 'mother's.' If important matters called him away and he had no money, the society would help him from town to town, until he arrived at his own village or destination. In the event of sickness, each member would take it in turn to visit him, and to provide for his wants. In some societies he is granted a sum of ten sous per diem during the time he is in hospital, which amount is presented in a lump sum on his leaving. If he should be cast into prison for any offence not entailing disgrace, he is assisted in every possible way; and if he dies, the society pays for his funeral, and honours his memory by a special service a year afterwards." In every society there is appointed a fresh *Rouleur*, whose duties are onerous, and who "welcomes the new arrivals, finds them work, and on their desiring to leave the town, sees that all their old scores are cleared off, and accompanies them to the gate of the town." This *Rouleur* likewise convokes the assemblies, of which the general assemblies are usually held on the first Sunday of every month, while special assemblies meet as occasion requires. He is also "bound to be present at all partings between master and man, and to take care that their accounts are adjusted. He then calls a special meeting, when the accounts between the society and the journeyman are likewise settled, also any obligations towards his fellow-workmen. On arriving at a fresh town, the society there always inquires of the branch at the last city in which he worked whether the member had cleared off all scores." It is the *Rouleur* who procures the number of men required by a master, who, however, must not employ in one shop the members of two different societies; though, if he is dissatisfied with the members of one great division, he may discharge all in his employ, and seek assistance from the chiefs of another division. In the event of a master seriously offending the society, he is placed under an interdict, and if his fellow-masters support him the whole town is banned.

The manner of providing work for members—the technical term is *embauchage*—which differs in the different systems—is described. Of other customs there is the regular convoy or *Conduite en règle*, which attends a companion when leaving a city to resume his travels. Respecting this we are told that "the leave taking with his master was usually on a Saturday afternoon. The special assembly took place in the evening. On Sunday morning he treated his friends, and the convoy then started. All the members who are anxious to assist decorate themselves in full companionage colours and a band, or at least a fiddler, is commonly engaged. First starts the *Rouleur*, carrying the knapsack or bundle of the traveller, then the *premier* companion and the departing brother arm in arm, the others follow two and two, all of course armed with their long canes. Thus they pass through the gates, singing their companionage songs, and having arrived at some distance from the town, in a wood or other quiet place,

'a ceremony takes place, which differs according to the society.' Perdiguier is far too conscientious to describe this ceremony, but he adds 'they howl, or not, as the case may be, but in all cases they drink.'" Sometimes this leads to the dispatch by an hostile society of a false or fictitious convoy, which arranges matters so as to meet the regular convoy on its return to the city, and a regular *topage* or fight takes place. As to the *Conduite de Grenoble*, or Grenoble convoy, Bro. Gould tells us it "is called into requisition when a companion has disgraced himself or his society. In full assembly he is forced on his knees, the fellows standing round and drinking to his 'eternal damnation' in flowing cups. Meanwhile he is compelled to drink water until nature rebels, and he is unable to imbibe any more, when it is poured over him in torrents. The glass which he uses is broken into fragments; his colours are torn from him and burned; the *Rouleur* then leads him round the room, each companion bestowing a buffet, less to hurt him than as a sign of contempt, and the door being opened, he is finally led to it, and ignominiously expelled."

The annual high festival commences with a special mass, after which the general assembly is held, and the officers elected for the ensuing year, the whole concluding with a banquet, followed by a dance, to which the companions invite their sweethearts and friends, a second dance usually taking place the following day, at which the masters and their families are present. This festival is fixed for the day of its patron saint, who is supposed to have exercised that particular Craft, the Stonemasons, however, selecting Ascension day. It should be noted that the Companions hold their festivities apart, to the exclusion of the aspirants; but the latter, though having a jollification of their own, cannot exclude the former. The Sons of Solomon, being one fraternity, hold joint meetings.

The following account of a funeral ceremony is worth giving in its entirety, the society undertaking all the expenses of interment. "The deceased is carried by four or six of his fellows, who change from time to time. On the coffin are placed two canes crossed, a square and compasses interlaced, and the colours of the society. Each Companion wears a black *crêpe* on his left arm and on his cane, and sports his colours. They march to the church, and thence to the cemetery in two lines, place the coffin on the edge of the grave, and form around it the 'living circle.' One of the Companions next addresses the mourners, all then kneel on one knee and offer a prayer to the Supreme Being. The coffin is lowered, and the *acolade* or *guilbrette* follows," consisting of the following ceremony. "Two canes are placed on the ground near the grave, so as to form a cross. Two Companions take their places, each within one of the quarters so formed; turn half round on the left foot, carrying the right foot forward so as to face each other, and occupy with their feet all four quarters of the cross; then, taking each other by the right hand, they whisper in one another's ear and embrace. All perform the *guilbrette* in turn, kneel once more on the edge of the grave, offer up a prayer, throw their pellets of earth on the coffin, and retire. In a few Crafts the concluding portion of the ceremony is slightly varied, the address to the mourners is diversified by lamentable cries, of which the public can understand nothing. This is evidently a further instance of 'howling.' Perdiguier does not clearly indicate whether the *acolade* takes place or not. When the coffin has been lowered, a Companion descends and places himself beside it; a cloth is stretched over the mouth of the grave, and lamentations arise from below, to which the Companions above reply. If this ceremony takes place for a Companion Carpenter of Soubise, 'something occurs at this moment, of which I am not permitted to speak.' I am inclined to think that Perdiguier has here forgotten his usual caution, and says too much; there can be little doubt that the masked Companion gives the *guilbrette*, or some modification thereof, to the deceased."

Of other customs that of the Stonemasons, Joiners, and Locksmiths establishing and maintaining technical schools in all the towns of the Tour de France is singled out for mention; as also that of the same three Crafts with the Carpenters, all which owed a divided allegiance, whereby when one family was well established in a particular city, the others refrained from intruding. This supremacy was sometimes determined by a trial of skill (*concours*), while sometimes it was settled by a fight, instances of which are cited.

(To be continued.)

## INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &amp;c.

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## CASTLE LODGE, No. 1621.

THE installation meeting was held on Friday, the 26th October, at the Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth, when there were present Bros. E. M. Southwell W.M., Thomas Whitefoot jun. S.W. W.M. elect, W. L. Southwell J.W., Hubert Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, J. H. Cooksey S.D., T. F. Nock J.D., J. Sewell Organist, W. Westcott I.G., George Westcott and Alf. Bethell Stewards, W. Simms I.P.M., and P.M.'s T. Pratt, H. B. Southwell and E. Jones Chitney; also Bros. H. J. Skelding, J. W. Chadwick, Thos. Whitefoot, Ernest Cooper, T. M. Deighton, Rev. R. Lucas, A. S. Trevor, and H. Goodall Tyler. As visiting brethren there were Bros. A. Green 498 P.G.D.C. Worcestershire, Jas. Turner S.D. 254, Jno. Bodenham 1896 P.P.G.S.W., Jas. Smart 1896 P.P.G.O., T. R. Jones P.M. 293, Jno. Cresswell 377, Charles Lewis 1896, T. C. Bird 1896, D. R. Davies 357, W. Barkley 280 P.P.G.S.W. Worcestershire, J. T. Meredith 1874 P.G.D.C. Worcestershire, G. W. Naylor 1874 P.P.G.O. Worcestershire, G. Holdsworth 377, S. Boddington I.P.M. 1016, E. M. Wakeman 262 P.P.S.W., and James Cartwright Tyler 1896. Lodge was opened and advanced, when the Worshipful Master elect, Bro. T. Whitefoot junior, was presented, and the brethren below the degree of Master having withdrawn, a Board of Installed Masters was opened by P.M. Chitney, who also conducted the ceremony, with great regularity and ability. The W.M. invested his Officers as follow:—W. L. Southwell S.W., J. H. Cooksey J.W., Rev. R. Lucas Chaplain, H. Smith Treasurer, H. E. Roberts Secretary, T. F. Nock S.D., W. Westcott J.D., J. Sewell Org., G. Westcott I.G., A. Bethell and H. J. Skelding Stewards, and H. Goodall Tyler. Before closing the Lodge the W.M. presented Bro. E. M. Southwell with a P.M.'s jewel, which had been voted him by the brethren, and in doing so complimented him upon the excellent manner in which he had presided over his Lodge during the year. In returning thanks Bro. Southwell testified to the able manner in which he had been supported by every officer in the Lodge, and thanked them for their unwearying zeal. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren retired to the banqueting-room where a magnificent spread awaited them. The brethren having duly refreshed themselves, did honour to the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. The toast of the Provincial Officers was responded to by Bros. B. Jenham, Smart, and Jones, the former complimenting the Castle Lodge very highly upon its working, whilst the latter, during an eloquent speech, said, "I shall not be improperly exposing secrets if I state that Bro. Sir Offley Wakeman D.P.G.M. told us, after his recent visit to the 'Castle,' that it was the best worked Lodge in Shropshire." The toast of the Visitors was ably acknowledged by Bro. Barkley, who expressed the pleasure he and the visiting brethren had felt in being present to witness such excellent work. Some capitally rendered songs were interspersed with the toasts, and a most enjoyable evening was spent, probably the most brilliant since the foundation of the Lodge.

## PRUDENT BRETHREN LODGE, No. 145.

THE first meeting since the vacation was held on the 23rd ult., at the Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, under the Presidency of the W.M. Bro. Kerrell, J. Read S.W., Brock J.W. Bro. T. Bull (Treasurer) was unavoidably absent through indisposition. D. Haslett P.M. Secretary, G. Banks S.D., Masters J.D., Hampton as I.G., Cox W.S., Reinhardt Tyler; C. A. Woods I.P.M.; P.M.'s J. H. Leggott, Lister, Parkess, G. S. States P.G.S., E. H. Thellay P.P.G.P. Middlesex, &c. Visitors—H. M. Appleton S.W. 1381, E. Swanborough P.M. 1319, Green P.M. 27, W. Daniell W.M. 1107, J. W. Hiscox I.P.M. 1512, E. Lloyd 1141, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188. After the formal opening of Lodge, the minutes were read and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. D. E. Davies; and this being unanimously in favour, that gentleman was duly initiated into the Order. Bro. Capt W. F. P. Moore answered the usual questions, and was duly passed to the 2nd degree. Both ceremonies being ably rendered by the W.M. A vote of condolence was proposed to the widow of the late Bro. Walker. The W.M. and brethren all expressed regret at the enforced absence of the worthy Treasurer, Bro. T. Bull; all wished him a speedy recovery and it was agreed that a letter be sent to him from the Lodge to that effect. After Lodge was closed, the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Brother Dawkins. The Worshipful Master in proposing the loyal toasts remarked, he did not intend to give long speeches. In speaking to the toast of the Initiate, the W.M. said Bro. D. E. Davies had paid great attention to the ceremony, and doubtless would become a good Mason. Bro. Davies appropriately responded. Bro. C. A. Wood I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., and spoke of his popularity as a man and a Mason. The brethren had had an opportunity of seeing Bro. Kerrell's working that evening, which was everything that could be desired. In reply, the W.M. said he was grateful to know that during his occupation of the chair he had given them satisfaction, it would be his continued aim to do this. In speaking of the Past Masters, the W.M. said the I.P.M. is one of the hardest working Masons in London. Whether in Craft or Arch Masonry he is always at his post to do his duty; a more genial friend could not be found. The other Past Masters had all done meritorious work for the Lodge, and were ever ready to strive for its advancement. Bro. C. A. Wood I.P.M., in a characteristic speech, responded; he thanked the W.M. for his kind remarks. Bro. Parkess followed; although he had not been present for nearly three years, he had been pleased to learn the Lodge was in a prosperous condition. For the Visitors, who were next complimented, Bros. E. Swanborough, H. M. Levy and others responded. All complimented the W.M., and gave credit to the Officers for their excellent working.

In proposing the toast of the Treasurer and Secretary, allusion was again made by the W.M. to the enforced absence of Bro. Bull. Both he and the Secretary, Bro. Haslett, worked zealously to sustain the prestige of the Lodge, and their efforts were highly appreciated by the members. Several other toasts were offered before the summons was given for the Tyler to close the meeting. The proceedings throughout were of a most harmonious character.

## SELWYN LODGE, No. 1901.

THE regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Thursday, 18th October, at the East Dulwich Hotel. The W.M., Bro. Bellis, advanced Bro. Dadd jun. to the sublime degree of M.M., and passed Bro. Palmer. Mr. Joseph Henry Stevenson (who had been previously ballotted for) was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Craft. The W.M. can be conscientiously congratulated on his very efficient staff of Officers; visitors generally express themselves to the effect "that they have never seen the work done so well." The M.C., Bro. P.M. Foye, looks well after the business connected with the Lodge. After the labours of the day, the brethren sat down to a very excellent banquet, supplied by the worth host, Bro. Gurney. Among the visitors present were—Bros. Wallis P.M. of the City of London, Leonard W.M. Royal Hanover, Vail Excelsior, Hill Suburban, Forbes P.M. Sphinx, Meggey Hope of Charity, Penny Henry Maggeridge, Bridger Royal Jubilee, Auld Fitzroy. Amongst the members present were Bros. Burnett S.W., Anderson S.D., Wimble J.D., Powles J.W., Hook P.M. Sec., Eagle Treas., Foye P.M.; also Bros. Wells, Dadd jun., Eagle, Beck, Searley, Rowan, Gauntlett, Bridgman, Davis, Lightfoot, Gurney sen., Gurney jun., Shaws, Phillips, Terry, Smeeting, Dean, Campbell, Bosher, Bullimore, and Constable. After having listened to some good speeches and capital songs, well accompanied, the brethren separated.

## POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER, No. 534.

THE first meeting of the Companions of this Chapter for the present season was held at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street, on Thursday, 25th ult., under the presidency of Comp. W. Paas M.E.Z.; Comps. Hyde Clarke P.Z. H., J. F. Lowden J., Dr. Jagielski S.N., and Dr. Jackson P.S. The report of the Auditors was read and confirmed, and congratulations were given that the funds of the Chapter were in such an improving condition. All other business being completed, the Convocation was closed in due form. Refreshments were partaken of; after the usual Loyal and Royal Arch toasts had been given, Comp. Paas, in a short but forcible speech, alluded with pleasure to the improving condition of the Chapter, especially giving thanks to Comp. Nowakowski, who had supported the Chapter during its depression, with funds out of his own pocket. Also touching allusion was made to the fact of our worthy and esteemed Bro. Sir Moses Montefiore that day entering on his 100th year, and congratulations were tendered for his continuance in good health. Several of the Companions contributed to the harmony of the evening; this was very pleasantly spent.

## WHO IS TO BLAME?

WE were quite prepared for complaints against the Jurors' awards at the now late Fisheries Exhibition. They always arise, and not angels from heaven could please inventors. Making allowance, therefore, for the difficulties that jurors have invariably to encounter, and fully discounting Brother John Banting Rogers' claim, we think he has just cause of complaint against those gentlemen who recently adjudicated upon Life Saving Appliances at Sea, shown at the Fisheries Exhibition. Capt. Prowse, R.N. (Board of Trade), Admiral Robinson (late of the National Life Boat Institution), Capt. Sargent, R.N. (late of the Coastguard Service), and the Representative of the United States' Life Boat Saving Appliances, were the jurors in question. Brother Rogers says, that the three first-named gentleman have seen his invention at work years ago, and know that he has beaten the rocket apparatus of the country on several occasions. As far back as 1868 he won the prize offered to the world by the Shipwrecked Mariners' and Fishermen's Royal Benevolent Society, "for the best means of communicating between ship and shore or vessels at sea." Admiral Robinson, who witnessed the trials on that occasion, says Bro. Rogers, "expressed himself satisfied that I had achieved a success." On several occasions the superiority of Bro. Rogers' inventions was proved, and notably at Paris, in 1875, when in a competition he beat a French system, and "Capt. Prowse with fourteen picked coastguardsmen," while only nine landmen worked his own apparatus, which they had never seen before. He took first prize, the lowest being awarded to Captain Prowse. Captain Sargent witnessed experiments at Folkestone in 1876, approved of what he saw, and told Bro. Rogers "that the apparatus appeared perfect in every respect." In addition to these triumphs, the Admiralty awarded Bro. Rogers £200 after severe official trials of his apparatus at Sheerness. He also gained the only gold medal for Life Saving Appliances offered at an exhibition held at the Royal Aquarium in 1878. Add to all these recognitions of merit, testimonials signed by over 500 master mariners holding certificates as captains of the Mercantile Marine, 150 pilots of the Tyne, by 40 men of Callercrofts, and by over 3,000 British seamen who presented Bro. Rogers with an illuminated vellum at a public meeting where Mr. (now) Sir Thomas Brassey presided." It seems passing strange, after what we have recorded, that the jurors in question should have passed over Bro. Rogers' inventions without even naming them. We have no reason to question their honour, and it would be rash on our part to challenge their judgment. What, then, is the explanation? We confess we are puzzled.

## DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

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

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## SATURDAY, 3rd NOVEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street  
108—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)  
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)  
1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street  
1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
1634—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.  
1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester  
1466—Hoya Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton  
1567—Elliot, Railway Hotel, Feltham

## MONDAY, 5th NOVEMBER.

12—Fortitude and Old Cumberland, 129 Leadenhall-street  
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)  
72—Royal Jubilee, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
144—St. Luke, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
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 6.30 (Inst.)  
188—Joppa, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
256—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)  
1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).  
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)  
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1608—Kilburn, 48 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)  
1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)  
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)  
1669—Royal Leopold, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.  
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)  
1853—Caxton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)  
1924—Wickham, St. Peter's Hall, Wickham Park, Brockley  
1996—Priory Lodge of Acton, Royal Oak Assembly Hall, High Street, Acton  
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)  
R.A. 1106—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
R.A. 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
M.M. 139—Panmure, 8A Red Lion Square, W.C.

37—Anchor and Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Church Institute, Bolton-le-Moors  
53—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard-street, Bath  
119—Sun, Square, and Compasses, Freemasons' Hall, College-st., Whitehaven  
133—Harmony, Ship Hotel, Faversham  
154—Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Zetland-street, Wakefield  
156—Harmony, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymouth  
199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover  
236—York, Masonic Hall, York  
338—Vitruvian, Royal Hotel, Ross, Herefordshire  
381—Harmony and Industry, Smalley's Hotel, Market street, Over Darwen  
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)  
395—Guy, Crown Hotel, Leamington Priors  
431—St. George, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, N. Shields  
441—Three Grand Principles, Red Lion Hotel, Petty Curry, Cambridge  
478—Churchhill, Masonic Hall, Oxford  
482—St. James's, Masonic Rooms, Wretham Road, Handsworth, Staffordshire  
597—St. Cybi, Town Hal, Holyhead  
622—St. Outhberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne  
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
850—St. Oswald, Town Hall, Ashbourne, Derbyshire  
1009—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester  
1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham, Cheshire  
1050—Gundulph, King's Head Hotel, Rochester  
1051—Rowley, Athenæum, Lancaster  
1077—Wilton, Red Lion Inn, Blackley, Lancashire  
1108—Royal Wharfedale, Private Room, Boroughgate, Otley, Yorks  
1124—St. Oswald, Wynnstay Arms Hotel, Oswestry  
1180—Forward, Masonic Rooms, New Hall-street, Birmingham  
1211—Goderich, Masonic Hall, Gt. George-street, Leeds  
1239—Wentworth, Freemasons' Hall, Sheffield.  
1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
1302—De Warren, Masonic Hall, White Swan Hotel, Halifax  
1380—Skelmersdale, Queen's Hotel, Waterloo, Liverpool  
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)  
1519—Albert Edward, Albion Hotel, Clayton-le-Moors, near Accrington  
1573—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Caer-street, Swansea  
1678—Merlin, New Inn Hotel, Pontypridd, South Wales  
1676—St. Nicholas, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle  
1798—Zion, Hulme Town Hall, Manchester  
R.A. 380—Integrity, Masonic Temple, Morley  
M.M. 12—Minerva, Masonic Hall, Prince Street, Hull

## TUESDAY, 6th NOVEMBER.

Colonial Board, Freemasons' Hall, at 4  
7—Royal York of Perseverance, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
9—Albion, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
18—Old Dundee, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)  
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)  
101—Temple, Ship and Turtle Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)  
166—Union, Criterion, W.  
172—Old Concord, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)  
763—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)  
765—St. James, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark  
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pymall-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)  
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)  
1259—Duke of Edinburgh, Cape of Good Hope Tavern, Commercial Road  
1361—Golden Rule, Café Royal, Regent-street, W  
1298—Royal Standard, Club, Upper-street, Islington  
1349—F. Iars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1381—Kennington, Horns Tavern, Kennington  
1397—Anerley, Thicket Hotel, Anerley  
1446—Mount Edgumhoe, 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, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)  
1682—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Walthamstow  
1693—Kingsland, Old Cock Tavern, Highbury-corner, Islington  
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)  
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)  
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)  
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30  
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)  
M.M. 1—St. Mark's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.  
R.C. 72—Canterbury, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

70—St. John, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Plymou  
103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol.  
120—Palladian, Green Dragon Hotel, Hereford.  
124—Marquis of Granby, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham  
153—Adams, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness  
209—Etonian, Masonic Hall, Windsor  
226—Benevolence, Red Lion Hotel, Littleborough.  
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)  
248—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon  
265—Royal Yorkshire, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley  
315—Royal York, Royal Pavilion, Brighton  
361—Cambrian, Masonic Hall, Neath.  
393—St. David, Masons' Hall, The Parade, Berwick  
403—Royal Lebanon, Spread Eagle, Gloucester  
558—Temple, Town Hall, Folkestone.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
685—Northumberland, Assembly Rooms, Westgate-road, Newcastle  
702—Sherborne, Subscription Rooms, Stroud, Gloucestershire  
734—Londesborough, Masonic Hall, Bridlington Quay.  
794—Warden, Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield  
804—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Havant.  
847—Fortescue, Manor House, Honiton, Devon.  
948—St. Barnabas, Masonic Room, Linslade, Leighton Buzzard  
960—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.  
995—Furness, Masonic Hall, Ulverston.  
1002—Skiddaw, Lodge Room, Market-place, Cockermouth.  
1134—Newall, Freemasons' Hall, Salford.  
1244—Marwood, Freemasons' Hall, Redcar.  
1322—Waverley, Caledonia Inn, Ashton-under-Lyne.  
1336—Square and Compass, Corn Exchange, Wrexham.  
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 8. (Instruction.)  
1488—St. Eleth, Castle Hotel, Amlwch, Anglesea  
1619—Sackville, Crown Hotel, East Grinstead  
1674—Caradoc, Masonic Hall, Bank Buildings, Sussex Street, Rhyll  
1750—Coleridge, Sandringham House, Clevedon.  
R.A. 203—St. John of Jerusalem, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.  
R.A. 600—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford  
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. 69—United Service, Assembly Rooms, Brompton, Chatham.

## WEDNESDAY, 7th NOVEMBER.

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)  
511—Zetland, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street  
538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)  
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)  
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)  
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)  
862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)  
1278—Burdett Coutts, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)  
1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)  
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)  
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
1491—Athenæum, Athenæum, Camden Road, N.  
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)  
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In).  
1685—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds Hotel, Up. Richmond-rd. S. W  
1852—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)  
1887—The Rothesay, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn Fields  
1766—St. Leonard, Town Hall, Shoreditch  
1791—Creton, 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. 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)

74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham  
86—Loyalty, Masonic Hall, Prescott, Lancashire  
293—Harmony, Masonic Rooms, Ann-street, Rochdale  
326—Moir, Freemasons' Hall, Park-street, Bristol  
327—Wigton St. John, Lion and Lamb, Wigton  
406—Northern Counties, Freemasons' Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle-on-Tyne  
417—Faith and Unanimity, Masonic Hall, Dorchester.  
429—Royal Navy, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate  
471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire  
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)  
611—Marches, Old Rectory, Ludlow  
645—Humphrey Chetham, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.  
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
678—Earl Ellesmere, Church Hotel, Kersley, Farnworth, near Bolton.  
838—Franklin, Peacock and Royal Hotel, Boston  
972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)  
992—St. Thomas, Griffin Hotel, Lower Broughton  
1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship-street, Hull  
1013—Royal Victoria, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland. (Instruction.)  
1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby  
1091—Erme, Erme House, Ivybridge, Devon  
1167—Alnwick, Masonic Hall, Clayport-street, Alnwick  
1206—Cinque Ports, Bell Hotel, Sandwich  
1218—Prince Alfred, Commercial Hotel, Mossley, near Manchester  
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 (Inst)  
1363—Tyndall, Town Hall, Chipping Sodbury, Gloucester  
1431—St. Alphege, George Hotel, Solihull  
1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)  
1620—Marlborough, Derby Hall, The Brook, Liverpool  
1642—St. Leonards, Concert Rooms, St. Leonards-on-Sea  
1903—Prince Edward of Saxe Weimar, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth  
R.A. 126—Nativity, Cross Keys Inn, Burnley  
R.A. 200—Old Globe, Londe-borough Rooms, Scarborough  
R.A. 221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton  
R.A. 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George Street, Leeds  
R.A. 477—Fid-lity, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead  
R.A. 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Arms Hotel, Glossop  
M.M. 36—Furness, Hartington Hotel, Duke-street, Barrow-in-Furness  
R.C.—Palatine, Palatine Hotel, Manchester

## THURSDAY, 8th NOVEMBER.

- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)  
 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street  
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)  
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)  
 208—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.  
 233—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.  
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)  
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street  
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)  
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)  
 880—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern  
 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)  
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.  
 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)  
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington  
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)  
 1457—Bagshaw, Princes Hall, Princes-road, Buckhurst Hill  
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury  
 1523—St. Mary, Ma' dalene, Ship Hotel, Greenwich  
 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone  
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.  
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up. St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)  
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)  
 1642—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill  
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6. (Instruction)  
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)  
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley  
 179—Creston, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow  
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1987—Strand, Ashley's Hotel, Covent Garden  
 R.A. 143—St. George's, Green Man Hotel, Blackheath  
 R.A. 538—Vane, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney  
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)  
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 7. (Instruction)  
 R.C. 42—St. George, 33 Golden Square, W

- 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes  
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.  
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter  
 116—Royal Lancashire, Swan Hotel, Colne  
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield  
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 208—Three Grand Principles, Masonic Hall, Dewsbury  
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.  
 249—Masons, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)  
 275—Harmony, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 283—Amity, Swan Hotel, Market-place, Haslingden  
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston  
 337—Candour, New Masonic Rooms, Uppermill, Saddleworth  
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.  
 341—Wellington, Cinque Ports Hotel, Rye  
 344—Faith, Bull's Head Inn, Radcliffe, Lancashire  
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.  
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.  
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Staffor.  
 636—Ogle, Masonic Hall, Morpeth  
 659—Blagdon, Ridley Arms Hotel, Blyth  
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.  
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.  
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal  
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks  
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland  
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.  
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheeth. n, Lancashire  
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.  
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne  
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.  
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.  
 1164—Eliot, Private Rooms, St. German's, Cornwall.  
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool  
 1201—Royal, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.  
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne  
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala  
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk  
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon  
 1578—Dee, Union Hotel, Parkgate, Cheshire  
 1590—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn  
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester  
 1732—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colshill  
 1911—De La Pré, Masonic Hall, Northampton  
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable  
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester  
 R.A. 220—Harmony, Wellington Hotel, Garston, Lancashire  
 R.A. 251—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry  
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield  
 R.A. 461—Hwlford, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest  
 R.A. 509—Tees, Freemasons' Hall, Stockton-on-Tees  
 R.A. 613—Bridson, Masonic Hall, Southport  
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot  
 R.A. 818—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Lion Street, Abergavenny  
 R.A. 889—Dobie, Griffin Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames  
 R.A. 1130—De Mowbray, George Hotel, Melton Mowbray  
 M.M. 16—Friendship, 2 St. Stephen's Street, Devonport  
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

## FRIDAY, 9th NOVEMBER.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.  
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.  
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 177—Domestic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.  
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 768—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8 (In.)  
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)  
 834—Ranelagh, Six Bells, Hammersmith (Instruction)  
 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1054—Metropolitan, Portland Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)  
 1152—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)  
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)  
 1298—Clanton White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)  
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)  
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)

- R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.  
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)  
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)  
 M.M. 198—Croydon, 105 High Street, Croydon  
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square  
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.  
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)  
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goole.  
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton  
 682—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich  
 697—United, George Hotel Colches ter.  
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme  
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne  
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street, Harrogate  
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard  
 1143—Royal Denbigh, Council Room, Denbigh  
 1299—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry  
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7  
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge  
 R.A. 993—Alexandra, Medway Hotel, Levenshulme  
 K.T.—Hope, Freemasons' Hall, Huddersfield  
 K.T. 126—De Wrenne, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

## SATURDAY, 10th NOVEMBER.

- 108—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street  
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)  
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)  
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triang's, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel  
 1446—Mount Edgumbe, Swan Hotel, Battersea  
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge  
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street  
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)  
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell  
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct  
 1839—Duke of Cornwall, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.  
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.  
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8  
 R.A. 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green  
 M.M. 234—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.  
 308—Prince George, Private Rooms, Bottoms, Eastwood  
 R.C. 43—Eureka, Masonic Rooms, Pavilion, Brighton

## NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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**St. Luke's Lodge of Instruction, No. 144.**—A meeting was held on Friday, the 26th ult., at Bro. Pope's, the White Hart, King's Road, Chelsea. Present—Bros. Markland I.P.M. 144 W.M., Cox W.M. 144 S.W., Murch J.W., R. Byrnes P.M. Sec., R. J. Taylor P.M. S.D. Past Masters Bros. Stuart (Preceptor), Pope; Ansell, Brandon, Fromholtz, Jones, W. W. Morgan, &c., &c. Lodge was formally opened and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge opened in the second, and Bro. Ansell offered himself as a candidate for the sublime degree, and was examined and entrusted. After Lodge had been further advanced, the ceremony of raising was carefully rehearsed by the W.M., who gave the traditional history and explained the tracing board of the degree. Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. Morgan gave his popular lecture, "The Masonic Institutions; their Establishment and Development," to a most attentive audience. A cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Morgan, who was also complimented by having the honorary membership of the Lodge conferred upon him. In acknowledging the honour done him, Bro. Morgan said he feared the state of his health had rendered his efforts less vigorous than he could have desired, but he felt great pleasure in having received so much attention at the hands of the brethren, and would have infinite gratification in complying with their request to revisit them at an early date. Lodge was then closed.

**Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.**—Held at the Jolly Farmers, Brother Langdale's, Southgate-road N., on Saturday 27th October. Present:—Bros. Fenner W.M., Moss S.W., Powell J.W., Gribbell S.D., Cohen J.D., Ashton I.G., Percy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also forty-one other brethren. The Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened to the third degree and resumed to the first, when the W.M. at once proceeded to work the Fifteen Sections, with the assistance of Bros. Ashton, Robinson, Galer, Percy, Sparrow, Cull, and Powell in the first lecture; Bros. Dixie, Moss, Weeden, and Powell in the second; Brothers Gribbell, Galer and Cohen in the third. The following brethren were unanimously elected members, Bros. Patten 813, Saint 193, Isaacs 511, O'Donnell 1524, Amey 1326, Coker 581, L. Prager 15, and J. Very. Cordial votes of thanks were accorded to the W.M. for the excellent way in which he had worked the sections, and to the brethren who had assisted him. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form and adjourned to Saturday next, 3rd November, when Brother C. G. Sparrow, W.M. of the Lodge of Perseverance 1743, has kindly accepted an invitation to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Brethren who can make it convenient to attend will receive a hearty welcome from the members of this the oldest Lodge of Instruction in existence.

**Lodge of St. John, No. 221.**—A weekly meeting for emergency business was held at Bolton, on Tuesday, 30th inst., at seven o'clock. Present—Bros. John Isherwood W.M., Jabez Boothroyd I.P.M., Edwin Melrose S.W., Peter Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. G.S.D. G. Steward Scotland Treasurer, Charles Crompton S.D., James Walker J.D., W. Chambers I.G., W. Seddon and R. Cnerden Stewards, H. J. Briscoe Organist, Thos. Higson Tyler; P.M. Thomas Morris; also Bros. E. M. Makin, R. J. Chirnside, J. R. Haslam. Brother Makin having passed a satisfactory

examination as an E. A. was entrusted with the test of merit and retired. Lodge was then advanced to the second degree, when Bro. Makin was readmitted and passed by the W.M. (Bro. Isherwood); the working tools of the degree were explained by Brother Edwin Melrose S.W. Lodge closed in harmony at eight o'clock.

**William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.**—Held at the St. Andrew's Hall, George-street, Baker-street, W., on Friday evening, 26th October. Bros. Carsons W.M., G. Tribble P.M. S.W., Halliday J.W., Robinson S.D., Simpson J.D., Steng I.G.; also Bros. F. Smith, C. Wood, and G. Coop Preceptor. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. The Preceptor, with the assistance of the brethren, worked the first section of the lecture. Bro. Robinson having offered himself as candidate for raising, answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed by the W.M. Bro. Tribble was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The Preceptor informed the brethren that the Fifteen Sections would be worked in the Manchester Lodge of Instruction, No. 179, held at the Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-square, on Saturday evening, 3rd November, at seven o'clock; and also at the United Strength Lodge of Instruction, held at the Hope, Stanhope-street, Regent's Park, on Wednesday evening, 7th November, also at seven, the attendance of brethren being cordially invited. The Lodge was then closed in ancient form, and in perfect harmony.

**Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.**—A meeting was held on Friday, 26th October, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present:—Bros. Botley W.M., Blasby S.W., Maton J.W., Weeden S.D., Dixie J.D., Monson I.G. The work included the rehearsal of the ceremonies of raising and passing. It is intended to hold the annual dinner soon, and also to rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation. The Lodge of Instruction now meets every Friday evening, at 8 o'clock. Brothers C. E. and F. Botley are the Hon. Secretaries, and Bro. C. Andrews P.M. the Preceptor.

**New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.**—The usual meeting of the above Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road. Bro. R. M. Jones occupied the chair, supported by Bros. Western S.W., A. Potter J.W., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor, F. Perl Secretary, Galer S.D., Lone J.D., Halford I.G.; also Bros. Trewinnard P.M., Weeden, Williams, Trick, Ockelford. After preliminaries, the W.M. proceeded to rehearse the initiation ceremony. Bro. Williams proved himself efficient to be passed, and was entrusted; he then acted as candidate for the rehearsal of the ceremony of the second degree. Bro. Weeden answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of raising was ably rehearsed. Bro. Western was elected to occupy the chair at the ensuing meeting. A letter was read from Bro. A. Perl, tendering his resignation, which was received, with regret. Bro. Trewinnard was unanimously elected Treasurer in his stead. Bros. Cusworth and F. Perl were re-elected, the former to the office of Preceptor, and the latter to that of Secretary. Nothing further offering for the advancement of the Lodge, it was closed and adjourned until Wednesday, 7th November, at the hour of eight p.m. precisely.

**Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1507.**—There was a very large attendance of the members and supporters of this Lodge of Instruction at "The Moorgate," 15 Finsbury Pavement, on Monday evening last, when the Fifteen Sections were worked under the presidency of Bro. J. R. Stacey P.M. 180, who was assisted by members of the Metropolitan Lodge of Instruction, No. 1056. The establishment where the members of No. 1507 Lodge of Instruction now meet has recently changed hands, and the new proprietors, with a spirit of enterprise that we consider most commendable, have already effected, and are still carrying out, most extensive alterations, which will materially add to the convenience and comfort of those who patronise them. The Lodge room has undergone a complete transformation, and may now be considered one of the best appointed and most desirable rooms for the purposes it is intended in the metropolis. Bro. Stacey was supported by Bros. Larchin P.M. 1541, and Abell P.M. 1599, who respectively filled the chairs of Senior and Junior Warden. Bro. W. M. Stiles (Preceptor) occupied the chair of I.P.M., while Bros. Scales (Treasurer) and Storr (Secretary) fulfilled their respective duties. To the following members were allotted the several sections: First Lecture—Bros. Appleton, Shaw, Giddings, Fitzpatrick, Snelling, Larchin, J. A. Powell; Second Lecture—Bros. Jenkins, Abell, Gush, Fox, Fenner; Third Lecture—Bros. E. Storr, Larchin, Gush. The work was admirably conducted by Bro. Stacey, who enjoys a well-earned reputation for skill as a Craftsman, and on the completion of his duties a hearty vote of thanks was passed to him for his attendance. The brethren who assisted also were complimented, while the honorary membership of the Lodge was conferred on Bro. Abell, the J.W., both Bros. Stacey and Larchin having at an earlier date been made the recipients of this mark of the esteem in which they are held by the members. The replies elicited were brief, but were to the purpose, and all expressed their satisfaction with the way in which the arrangements had been carried out. A considerable addition was made to the number on the roll of membership; there were, during the evening, as many as 100 brethren present.

**Rose Lodge of Instruction, No. 1622.**—On Thursday evening, the 25th ultimo, the brethren of this Lodge—so named after Bro. D. Rose, the Preceptor, whose name is as familiar among the brethren of the gentle Craft as household words—assembled at

the Stirling Castle Hotel, Church-street, Camberwell, for the purpose of working the Fifteen Sections. The following brethren occupied the respective positions indicated, namely, Bros. Rose P.M. W.M., Hilton S.W., W. C. Page J.W., Wishart I.G., Grummant Secretary. Business commenced at seven, when the minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, after which the Lodge was opened to the third degree and then resumed. The working of the first lecture was gone through by the following brethren:—Brothers Leonard, Stone, Wishart, Stone, Murche, the W.M., and Hilton; the second lecture was worked by Bros. Wishart, Grummant, Voisey (two sections), and Hilton. The third lecture was undertaken by Bros. W. C. Page, Vincent, and Grummant. The time occupied was two hours and a half, no prompting being needed. At the close, about twenty brethren were added as members, and Bro. J. Richards, P.M. Lodge 1329, in an excellent speech, proposed a vote of thanks to the W.M. and the brethren who had laboured during the evening. This was seconded by Bro. Brinton S.D. 1329, and carried. After the compliment had been appropriately replied to, the Lodge was closed in due form. This Lodge of Instruction has hitherto met at the Walmer Castle, but has now been removed, owing to the rapid increase of its members. During the evening the spacious room of the new quarters of the brethren was crowded in every part. Bro. Terry, of the United Pilgrims Lodge, is the Manager, and he attended to the comforts of the brethren. The Panmure Lodge of Mark Master Masons holds a Chapter of Instruction here, under the Preceptorship of Bro. Poore P.M., every Friday evening. We anticipate that this hotel will in future become a centre of Freemasonry in this locality.

**St. George's Lodge, No. 1723.**—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, the 24th October, at the Commercial Hotel, Bolton. Brethren present—Bros. R. Latham W.M., W. Court I.P.M., W. Blair P.M. as S.W., E. G. Harwood J.W., John Priestly Chaplain, G. Ferguson P.M. Prov. G.S. of W. Treas., N. Nicholson P.M. Secretary, A. Cosgrave S.D., G. B. Tong J.D., J. W. Taylor P.M. P.Prov. G. Organist M. of Ceremonies, T. E. Smith Organist, W. E. Bardsly I.G., J. W. Roiley Tyler, T. Naylor and B. Derham Stewards; P.M.'s G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. G.S. Scotland W.M. 37 Secretary 64 Treasurer 221, J. Heywood, T. Morris, J. H. Greenhalgh; Bros. J. Smith, W. Pendlebury, J. Fogg, T. M. Whewell, J. B. Bolton, J. Parkinson, T. Arden, J. Hall; Visitors—W. Bowden P.M. 1213 and 1814 P. Prov. G.S.B. West Lancashire, J. Andrews P.M. 1213 and 1268, J. McAdam 381, J. F. Skelton Junior Warden 146, C. Pontefract 337, J. F. Ellerton 221, Richard Duxbury Worshipful Master 146. The Lodge was opened at 5 o'clock in the evening, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Gowanlock passed satisfactory examination and was entrusted. Opened in the second degree when Bro. Whewell underwent an examination as to his proficiency as a F.C.; this proving satisfactory he was entrusted and retired. Lodge was further advanced, when Brother Whewell was readmitted and raised to the degree of Master Mason by Brother Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. and Secretary, who also instructed him in the working tools of the degree. Lodge closed to the second, when Bro. Gowanlock was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed to the first degree. Mr. Edwin Kershaw of Bolton was balloted for, elected, and initiated into Masonry by the W.M. (Bro. Latham), the working tools being explained by the J.W. and the customary charge given by Bro. G. P. Brockbank Senior P.M. Grand Steward of Scotland. An old member of the lodge was proposed as a candidate for rejoining, and one gentleman for initiation in the Lodge. Hearty good wishes were tendered by the visiting brethren, and a portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges read by the Senior Warden. After this the Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, at 8 o'clock.

**Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.**—On Tuesday evening last, the 30th ult., at the Prince Regent Hotel, Dalwich-road, East Brixton, Bros. S. Richards W.M., Henry M. Williams S.W., G. W. Knight J.W., E. A. Francis Preceptor, C. H. Phillips Treas., R. Poore Acting Secretary, E. H. Albert S.D., A. Jones J.D., J. G. Banks I.G.; also Bros. J. Harling P.M., Hy. Baldwin J.W. 1949, J. Warren, W. Miller, H. Taylor, Hy. Stokes S.D. 1986, T. C. Edmonds 1507, J. H. Hudspohl 1669, F. Wootton, A. Martin, Sadler, F. Hill, C. J. Axford, G. F. Bruce 1507, H. J. Brotheridge 1649. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was ably rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Phillips as candidate. Bro. Edmonds proved his efficiency in the degree, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed by the W.M., with Bro. Edmonds as candidate. Bro. Baldwin answered the usual questions most satisfactorily, and was duly entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, and the W.M. rehearsed the ceremony of raising, Bro. Hy. Baldwin being the candidate. Lodge was regularly closed to the first degree. The Preceptor, Bro. E. A. Francis, having been elected W.M. for the ensuing week, promised to rehearse the ceremony of installation. Bro. G. F. Bruce 1507 and H. J. Brotheridge 1649 were elected members. After hearty good wishes, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Tuesday next, at 8 p.m. After Lodge work the usual monthly meeting (first Tuesday) of the Benevolent Institution in connection with the Lodge will be held, and two ballots for £5 5s each will be taken.

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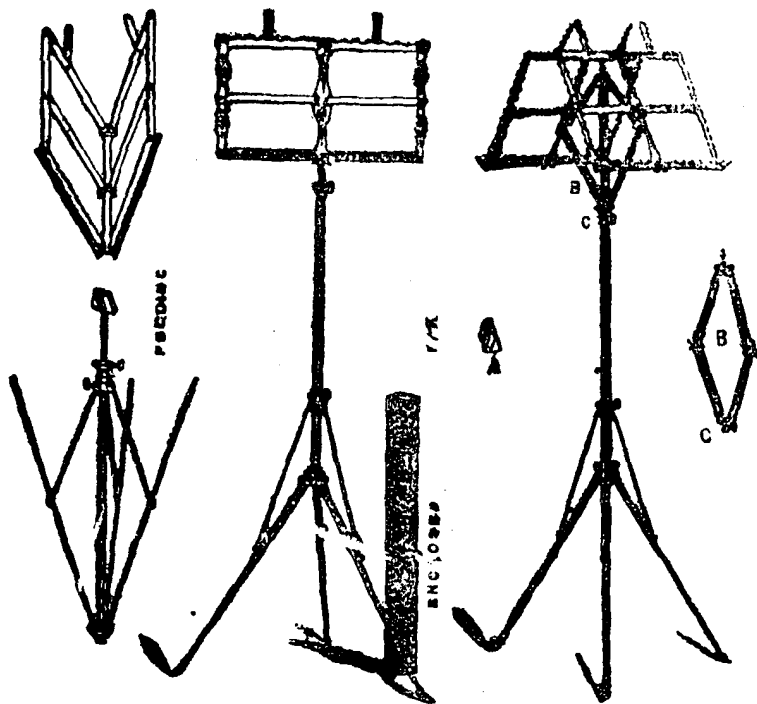
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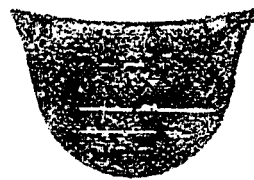
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