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HOW MASONIC HISTORY IS TAUGHT.

(Concluded from page 307).

IN dealing with the third branch of Bro. Yarker's lecture, namely, "the cause of the amalgamation of the two systems and the periods of its occurrence: constituting in effect the derivation and descent of Freemasonry as we now have it," we shall endeavour to observe the same principles of tenderness which influenced us in our treatment of the first and second branches. But the difficulties which face us are incomparably more serious, and should it unfortunately happen that, in our criticisms, we overstep the limits we have marked out, not ours the fault, say we, but Bro. Yarker's.

We have drawn attention to the marvellous fertility of imagination heretofore exhibited by the lecturer in his gentle treatment of operative Masonry, and his remarks on the High Grades and their immense antiquity. It will be seen that this fertility of imagination plays a far more conspicuous part in the portion of the lecture we are now about to examine. It must be conceded that Bro. Yarker begins well as an exponent of Masonic history: "As various branches of Craft Masons in olden times," says he, "were instituted by various High Caste or professedly Theosophic systems, so they possessed more or less of their One learning." It will be seen that this statement is made unreservedly, as though he knew his audience were so well acquainted with the proofs in support of it as to require no arguments in its favour. A little further on we are told that, "in England, as early as the year 1663," the system of the operative Masons "had become nearly extinct as a trade system, and lost its operative character by the admission of Rosicrucians, Geometricians, Alchemists, Theosophists, Knights of Malta, and other learned men and gentlemen of position. These, naturally, in their Lodge attendance, brought into Craft Masonry the various dogmas and ceremonies with which they were acquainted (Rosicrucianism and Templary), out of which—by uniting, adapting, and amending—about the year 1686, sprang the Rite called Ancient Masonry, of seven degrees: virtually, three Craft degrees and three High degrees." We admit this reads prettily enough, and that the several clauses have been so blended together as to apparently produce towards the close of the Seventeenth century a so-called system of Masonry which had no existence in fact till one-half of the Eighteenth century had passed away. We further learn that "at this time the leading spirit both in Craft Masonry and in Rosicrucianism was Elias Ashmole, and he kept a diary, from which we gather that Father Backhouse was his teacher, and that both societies fell into decay together, and both revived together in 1682." As a matter of fact, we learn from Ashmole's diary—at least as regards Masonry—that he was received a member of a Lodge of Freemasons at Warrington in 1646, and that five and thirty years later he attended a Masonic Lodge in London, when several gentlemen were admitted as members. As to the alleged decay and subsequent revival of the Society in 1682, we shall but too gladly welcome any evidence which Bro. Yarker may be able to adduce.

The statement which next claims our attention is the following: "It can be proved that there was (*sic*) in existence, in 1717, certain Craft Lodges which had no participation in the formation of the Grand Lodge of London, and even the Grand Master was prohibited from visiting these Lodges; and in 1738 the two systems—one of which recognised three degrees, called Modern Masonry, and the other seven degrees, called Ancient Masonry—came to wordy quarrels, leading to the establishment of a second London Grand Lodge." Leon Hyneman is quoted as the authority for the existence of the other Lodges which had no part in the establishment of the 1717 Grand Lodge, and which "even the Grand Master was prohibited from visiting;" but we have yet to learn that Hyneman's authority is more than a kind of peg on which Bro. Yarker finds it convenient to hang his pet theory of the exemplary character and presumed antiquity of the A. and P. Rite. If we search the pages of the most trustworthy Masonic historians, we shall look in vain for the Lodges which are said to have held aloof when the Grand Lodge of London was established, and many years afterwards to have set up the rival Grand Lodge of so-called "Ancient" Masons. As far as our knowledge goes, the founders of this latter Grand Lodge were seceders from the Grand Lodge of 1717, while the terms "Ancients" and "Moderns" are misnomers, the true "Moderns" being the secessionists, and the true "Ancients" those from whom they seceded. Unfortunately, we labour under the very serious disadvantage of not being able to expand our knowledge by the aid of the inventive faculty which is so marked a characteristic of Bro. Yarker.

The very next sentence to the one we have just quoted is eminently calculated to excite the interest of the curious. It reads thus: "The Grand Lodge of All England, at York, took the part of the Ancients, and themselves practised the seven degree system; and there is a printed work of 1744 mentioning this fact." We have read in Findel that the York Grand Lodge was more than once in friendly correspondence with the London Grand Lodge, and on the first occasion before the so-called "Ancient" Grand Lodge was dreamt of. We have read also that when Preston and other members of the Lodge of Antiquity seceded from the original G. Lodge, London, they applied to the York Grand Lodge for, and obtained, its sanction for the establishment of a fourth G. Lodge of England, which assumed the style and title of "the Grand Lodge of England South of the Trent." This, we believe, is pretty well all that is known of the relations between the York and London Grand Lodges, while as to the rite practised by the former, we are in the position of most other people who have heard of the so-called York Rite of Masonry, but never learned its character, we are in the profoundest ignorance and must so remain until we can see with the eyes of Bro. Yarker and read history as he is in the habit of reading it.

What shall we say of the following:—"In 1743, there existed in London a body claiming to date from time immemorial as a chapter of Heredom—Rosy Cross or Templar. It had three grades: Arch, or Knight of the East, Rose Cross, and Mystic Point. The same degrees are minuted in 1746 as being practised in Durham." And again:—

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

"The Chevalier Ramsay, in France, was an active member of the Seven Degree Rite from 1728 to 1738. In 1736, according to Folger, but probably from 1725, the Grand Lodge of France had appended to their Craft Warrant obtained in 1725 from the 1717 Grand Lodge of London the three grades of H.R.M., R.S.Y., C.S.S.; to which they added others; and Prince Charles Edward Stuart introduced them at Bordeaux in 1744, and gave a charter from the Rosy Cross to Arras in 1747 as Hereditary Grand Master, stating that previous to the misfortunes of his family it had been styled Knight of the Eagle and Pelican—our own badge, and the banner of his father in 1715." These two sentences contain so many statements, made with such absolute freedom from reservation, as to be tantamount to an equal number of distinct declarations of fact, that we find ourselves in a state of utter amazement—*obstupimus steteruntque comce, &c.* Heredom in 1743; the Chevalier Ramsay in 1728-38; the Grand Lodge of France in 1725 with its Craft Warrant and High Grade appendages; Prince Charles Edward in 1744 and his charter for the Rosy Cross in 1747—where to begin and where, having begun, it will be necessary we should leave off, are questions which it is beyond our feeble intellectual capacity to solve. In these circumstances we believe we shall be acting with a becoming spirit of humility if we abandon all thoughts of saying anything, and for the self-same reason attributed to Burleigh in the *Critic*, in excuse for his silence—because we are so deeply engaged in thinking; and the more we think, the less capable do we seem to grasp the full force of Bro. Yarker's astounding revelations. We will content ourselves, therefore, with expressing our surprise that, after these statements and others which immediately follow, Bro. Yarker should have the boldness to contend that "in England a High Grade Rite of seven degrees existed prior to the establishment of any Grand Lodge, and that such degrees were derived from the occult Rosicrucian School; that this system, in 1730, was known in England as Templars; in France, as Rosy Cross; in Sweden, as Royal Secret; and in Germany, as Rosicrucians." We are very far from being desirous of speaking in terms at all disrespectful of any system of Freemasonry, and least of all of this High Grade Rite of seven degrees which existed in England long before the establishment of any Grand Lodge; yet even this feeling of anxiety will not preclude us from asking Bro. Yarker if he will kindly produce some evidence in support of his theses.

In the concluding portion of the lecture, in which he gives "some information" in regard to the origin of the A. and P. Rite, "with other particulars with reference to it and to Freemasonry generally," Bro. Yarker tenaciously observes the same line of exposition as in the body of his essay. We must content ourselves, however, with the following illustration of his method of teaching Masonic History. Having traced the origin of the A. and P. Rite to the Rite of the Primitive Philalethes—or Primitive Philadelphes, for it is not clear which is intended, though, the two being identical, the point is immaterial—he goes on to observe as follows: "It is believed that the Ancient Mysteries are yet practised in Egypt by certain Dervishes, and Napoleon the Great and Kleber, who were French Masons, received affiliation to the Egyptian by investiture (*sic*) with a ring by an old Egyptian Sage, at the Great Pyramid of Cheops. Napoleon and the officers of his army, upon this, in 1798, established European Freemasonry with a Grand Lodge at Cairo, and, having initiated a brother named Samuel Honis, he reconveyed the present Rite of Memphis to France. It was in 1815 that certain travelled initiates, Frenchmen and Egyptians, of this Rite (Gabriel Matthieu Marconis de Negre, Grand Master and Hierophant; the Baron Dumas, the Marquis de Laroque, Samuel Honis, of Cairo, &c.) reconstituted a Grand Orient of it at Montauban, called Disciples of Memphis. The Egyptian Rite of Memphis continued to prosper, and when Mehemet Ali Pasha obtained the direction of affairs in Egypt he gave his patronage to the Lodges on Egyptian soil; they continued a correspondence by means of cyphers, yet preserved to us, with their confreres in Europe and therestof the world. After the death of the Great Pasha, the Rite of Memphis sank for awhile—perhaps in consequence of their meddling with politics—as it is asserted that in his time Greek and Arab women were members of the Lodges. The son of the first French Grand Hierophant, Jacques Etienne Marconis, a man of great learning and strict morals, and in every way an honour to Masonry, supported by his father, carried our Rite to Brussels in 1838, and to Paris

in 1839, when he founded the Grand Lodge of Osiris, whence it spread again to Egypt, Italy, Roumania and America. The Grand Orient, or Craft Grand Lodge of France, at that time the highest authority on High Grade Masonry in the world, secured the control of it in 1862, and we derive our own origin from them in that year. It is probably the only High Grade Rite which ever had its Charter ratified by a Grand Lodge of Symbolical or Craft Masons, and we can, therefore, ask Craft Masons to admit that we are the most legitimate of all existing Rites." Shall we be venturing too far into the field of logic if we affirm, on the strength of this very prolonged statement and on the supposition that it is proof against the most determined assaults of the sceptical, that it follows as a reasonable deduction from Bro. Yarker's premisses that Napoleon the Great and Kleber were the founders of the A. and P. Rite. We are so accustomed to hear of people propounding the most extraordinary theories that we confess to being surprised at nothing. But there is something exquisitely ludicrous in the proposition that Napoleon the Great, who spent the greater part of his life in overthrowing or attempting to overthrow empires and kingdoms, played a principal part in the establishment of a comparatively unknown and worthless so-called Masonic Rite. The brilliant general, the author of the Code Napoleon, transformed into a pedlar of Masonic wares is a picture on which we do not care to dwell. We have no objection to Adam or Noah, or even Beelzebub, being adopted as the father of the A. and P. Rite; but the memory of one of the greatest men the world has ever seen should be held sacred from the silly, if harmless, pleasantries of a Masonic dreamer.

We have little more to say. Bro. Yarker, by his recent historical effort, has achieved notoriety, if not fame. To him unquestionably belongs the honour of having compressed within the limits of a sixteen-page pamphlet a greater number of the most astounding fictions than we ever remember to have seen gathered together within the compass even of a goodly-sized volume. His enthusiasm has run away with his common sense. It is just possible his lecture may have satisfied his audience. On the spur of the moment men are often led astray by magniloquent phrases and high-sounding titles, and readily accept what they do not understand. But this is rarely done in cold blood, when the listener of yesterday becomes the reader of to-day, and, natural curiosity being aroused, he endeavours to fathom the mysteries that have been referred to. Then it is that the flippant use of a loud-sounding terminology is exposed, and the astounding theory which was built on a foundation of sand comes toppling to the ground. It would have been better had Bro. Yarker remained satisfied with the applause vouchsafed him in the lecture-room by an audience whose ignorance was doubtless on a par with its enthusiasm and good nature. In appealing to the deliberate judgment of the Masonic world as to the value of his extravagant theories, he has merely brought himself more prominently than before into ridicule. As a would-be Masonic historiographer, he is the laughing-stock of his brother Masons.

At the monthly meeting of the Lodge of Benevolence, which met on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, there was a very numerous attendance. Bro. Joshua Nunn President occupied the President's chair; and Bro. James Brett, the Senior Vice-President, was in his place, while the Rev. W. Oswald Thompson, Grand Chaplain, occupied the chair of Junior Vice-President. The agenda paper of the next Grand Lodge was submitted to the Board of Masters, and the Lodge then proceeded with the list of cases before it. The brethren confirmed the recommendations of grants at the October meeting, to the extent of £365. There was a very long list of new cases, consisting of no less than forty-five petitioners who made appeals. During a sitting of nearly four hours and a half the Lodge relieved forty of these, with a total sum of £1,060. Five cases were deferred, the usual requisites not having been complied with.

At the Meeting of the Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 34, held on Thursday, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Brother R. A. Meyer was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year.

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

REMINISCENCES OF A SECRETARY.

THE summons to attend the funeral of a deceased Brother is always more or less shocking to the recipient, but to the Secretary who issues the summons it is even more, for he must generally go to the house of mourning to ascertain the particulars, and there at once finds himself in the midst of great grief, and he should use great discretion to save and respect the feelings of the bereaved family and also protect the interests of his Lodge.

I remember on one occasion our Master was away on business in an Eastern city, when I received a very laconic missive from a member that "Bro. Condin had just died—see to it." Bro. Condin lived on First avenue near Sixteenth street, in a densely populated tenement district. He occupied part of a floor on the fifth story back. He had been a bricklayer, was often out of work, and recently had fallen from a scaffolding, from which injury he never fully recovered, and finally succumbed, leaving a widow with a large family to look after; leaving them, too, with his debts to pay; leaving them alone to continue the fierce battle, and struggle for existence. And such an existence! Five persons in three little rooms, with three more families on the same floor. I counted twenty-seven persons in that little hive, and ascertained that over three hundred human beings were "sardined" into this big trap. I ascertained, however, which concerned me more closely, that we would have to take entire charge of Bro. Condin's funeral, as well as of his family. The only inheritance they had from the husband and father was his excellent reputation and good name—that, of course, was very good; but it does not buy any bread or pay rent.

I had hastened to an undertaker, who took charge of the remains, and then to the Senior Warden, and called upon a Past Master, and it was arranged that the funeral should take place the following Sunday—that gave me two days to issue my summonses, and have everything in readiness. Meantime the family had to be seen to, and through the kindness of some of our Brethren and their good wishes, this was accomplished easier than I at first anticipated. The ladies took charge of the female portion of the family, and with great delicacy loaned them the regulation mourning apparel, and we also provided them with the immediate necessities, and several of the members called at intervals to help and cheer and console the bereaved family.

When I had made all the arrangements for the funeral, and the day and hour had been agreed upon, I hurried home to write out the proper notices. I had hardly got through the list of names when a telegram was brought to me, signed by a Brother of the Lodge, saying that Bro. Walter B. Clarendon "had just died—please call at the house at once."

Bro. Clarendon lived at No. — Madison avenue, and when I arrived at the brownstone mansion I found the stylish and highly varnished wagon of an undertaker already before the door. I was not permitted to ring the bell, a liveried servant was stationed at the elegant vestibule to prevent any noise from disturbing the deathly stillness that prevailed. I made myself known to the person in charge, who referred me to the undertaker, who, being a Mason, understood my motive in insisting to see Mrs. Clarendon at once. I was shown up stairs, where I found several females busily engaged among a heap of mourning goods—cutting, sewing and fitting the stuff—as I supposed, to have it ready for the coming funeral. I saw the beloved widow, bowed down with grief and sorrow, surrounded by her little ones; she, too, was left alone with four orphaned children; but what a contrast to the scene I had witnessed in the morning. True, both women deeply felt their affliction, and felt their lonely condition; but the poor, sorrowing one in the fifth story back had, beside the bleeding wound of her loss, the fearful pangs of hunger and want to bear. She could see nothing in the near future but trouble, struggle, and a desperate fight for a bare living for herself and children, while the widow in the Madison avenue mansion was at least spared that horror—she knew that her husband had left her well provided with this world's goods.

I finally made the arrangements here, too, and as it was the express wish of Mrs. Clarendon to have the funeral take place on Sunday, I had to bestir myself and again summon the Lodge for this second funeral on the same day. We were to meet in the Lodge room altogether, and then divide—one party, headed by the Senior Warden, to go to one house, while another party, with the Junior Warden, to go to the other—each section to be accompanied by some of the Past Masters.

I confess I watched with a great deal of cynical interest to see who among the Brethren would choose to go to the Madison avenue mansion, and who would prefer the tenement house funeral, and to the credit of Masonry in general, and our Lodge in particular, be it said, that a very large majority thought the poor woman in the fifth story back needed more of our countenance and our presence than the Madison avenue lady—for, argued most of the Brethren, the rich lady on Madison avenue no doubt has many friends to-day; even if they do not mean it they will show their pretended respect by their presence; but poor Mrs. Condin will be more neglected than ever, and we must show her that with us, at least, her poverty makes no difference, and that we think as much of her, and as much of the one dead Brother in the tenement house as of the one in the brownstone front. And so we divided ourselves into two parties, but by far the larger of the two repaired to the First avenue mansion, while the other went to the Madison avenue house. At the latter place ample preparations had been made, coaches were provided for everybody, and all the members of the Lodge rode from the house to Greenwood Cemetery; while the other "section" walked a short distance from the house, then by street cars to the ferry, thence again in cars to the same destination.

Both the funeral services were performed by our Past Masters, surrounded by the Brethren and grief-stricken families, and when the coffins were lowered into the ground, the earth looked the same over both graves, as there all ranks are levelled, all distinctions obliterated.—*Keystone.*

COURT RESPONDENCE.

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MASONIC PORTRAITS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—The loss of the valuable and life-like portraits which had for so long a period adorned our famous Old Hall was, I need not say, a severe blow to one who, from long and close association with them, had become as familiar with every feature as though they had been living and very dear friends.

The originals being, as I feared, past restoration, I resolved that no effort should be wanting on my part to replace them, and I at once set about endeavouring to ascertain whether any of them had ever been engraved or copied. A few days after the fire Bro. H. W. Longhurst, of the Canonbury Tavern, Islington, presented to the Grand Lodge a full length engraving of the late Earl of Zetland, an exact copy of the one destroyed, and, as I now fear, the only one of the series that has been engraved in its entirety, although the Craft are much indebted to Bro. R. S. Warrington P.G.S., of Garrick Street, and Bro. Whythead, of York, for two very fine half-length engravings of the Dukes of Kent and Sussex, the latter bearing H.R. Highness's well-known autograph, it having been presented by him to Bro. Warrington's uncle.

Having carefully searched the Records of Grand Lodge, and made inquiries in other directions, with no satisfactory result, I thought it possible that the Masonic Press might assist me, hence my letter of the 13th ult., which, as no doubt you will have observed, only refers to copies of the identical portraits destroyed by the fire.

Owing to the publicity and support so readily given to my endeavours, by yourself and your contemporaries, I have received several letters from brethren (one from Gibraltar), offering portraits for the purpose of being copied. To those I have replied privately, as in most cases they referred to pictures already in the possession of Grand Lodge, and I presume the subject of copying will have due consideration by the authorities on the completion of the New Temple. You will be glad to learn that, in addition to the large engravings I have mentioned, we have now smaller ones of all the noblemen mentioned in my former letter, with the exception of the Duke of Athol. As in your issue of the 10th inst. you were good enough to suggest contributions to the Grand Lodge Library and proposed Museum, you will no doubt be equally pleased to know that some of our brethren are not unmindful of the importance of having a Masonic Museum at the headquarters of English Masonry. Unfortunately, the donations at present are very few in number, but I feel sure that now the Masonic Press has taken the matter in hand, and with the assistance of such well known and energetic Masonic scholars as Bros. the Rev. Woodford P.G.C. and Bro. Geo. Lambert, F.S.A., P.G. Sword Bearer, we shall soon see a very different state of things. These brethren have already contributed several very rare and curious masonic engravings, &c., and the last named has been good enough to permit me to say that the inauguration of a Museum would have his warmest support, and that he has several other scarce Masonic relics which he would have much pleasure in presenting if he found that the Craft in general evinced some interest in the undertaking. I have no recollection of having seen the portrait you mention of the Earl of Zetland, and shall be glad of further information regarding it. I very recently availed myself of the kind permission of Bro. H. Thompson to inspect the portrait of the Earl of Moira, mentioned in his letter to you of the 20th ult.; which, though not a copy of the one that was destroyed, certainly merits every word he said in its favour. The picture is quite new to me, although there is one in the Grand Lodge Library very similar, probably executed about the same period, but by another artist, plainly evincing the well deserved popularity of the distinguished original.

Yours fraternally,

H. SADLER P.M.

A Convocation of the North London Chapter of Improvement was held at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, on Thursday, 22nd inst., at 8 o'clock. Comps. Gregory Z., Dean H., Sheffield J., Radcliffe S.N., Knight P.S. The first section of the Royal Arch Lecture was worked by Comp. Preceptor Edmonds, and afforded much instruction to the R.A. Masons present.

The Winter Number of *Society* for this year will be called *Round The Fireside*, and will contain several complete stories by such well known authors as Richard Dowling, Godfrey Turner, J. Palgrave Simpson, Ernest Warren, William Mackay, C. C. Rhys, &c., and will be illustrated by Frank Feller, Rudolf Blind, Frederick Waddy, &c. The price is to be sixpence, and the number will be ready on 8th December.

"Heath's Fern Portfolio" is the general title of a series of life-size reproductions of ferns in which the author of the "Fern World" will give what has never before been attempted, namely, absolute facsimiles, in form, colour, and venation, of these beautiful plants, together with letter-press descriptions on the same plates. Mr. Heath's new serial will be published monthly by Messrs. Sampson Low, Marston and Co.

RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

WE are not surprised at the pleasure that was felt by Brother the Duke of Albany at the reception he received at the hands of the brethren of West Yorkshire on the occasion of his recent visit to Huddersfield. It was a right loyal welcome, carried out with becoming spirit. Formal recognition of the reception was given at the time, but we now learn that intimation has been conveyed to Brother Sir Henry Edwards, R.W. Provincial Grand Master of West Yorkshire, that his Royal Highness will gladly sign the books of the five Lodges in Huddersfield as a memento and a record of his visit. Bro. the Duke of Albany takes this opportunity to renew the expression of pleasure he felt at the reception he met with, the details of which were arranged and carried out by the five Lodges in question. The signature of our noble brother in the Lodge books will be highly prized by the brethren of the Huddersfield Lodges, and will be taken as a great compliment by the whole of the Craft in the province.

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Judging from the expression of opinion on all hands, the resolution arrived at in August last relative to the status of joining Past Masters will not be confirmed at the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, to be held on 5th December. It is not so easy to predict the precise course that will be taken, nor is it necessary to prophecy. The suggestion of an influential section of the brethren to let matters rest where certain of the new rules leave them, has rather lost than gained favour, and the disposition seems to tend in the direction of doing something to meet the wishes of those who still think they have a grievance, and who were powerful enough to carry Grand Lodge with them in August. The views we have expressed from time to time are now being warmly espoused, and we can see no better way of preserving the dignity of Grand Lodge and of satisfying all reasonable demands, than by leaving the decision as to the status of a joining Past Master in the hands of the members of the Lodge he joins. It will only be recognising a custom that already prevails to some extent, and will permit private Lodges to exercise that discretion which naturally belongs to them, and which it is no part of the duty of Grand Lodge to define. It is purely a local question, and should be determined locally. It is one thing to give a Lodge choice of action, and another to force the members into a precise method, or to have recourse to the painful and objectionable practice of blackballing. There is no necessity for Grand Lodge to act in a matter that in no way affects them or the principles of the Craft, and if they simply make legal what custom now sanctions, they will get rid of a troublesome matter in a very dignified manner, and do all that can fairly be asked of them.

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There is a lull in the discussion anent the rebuilding of the Temple, which is not to be wondered at, seeing that there is yet a good deal to be learned about what is possible. More information is needed before a basis of action can be arrived at, and as time does not seem to be of the first consideration, it is as well that the production of plans should be postponed until it is known what Grand Lodge and the Craft at large desire. The plan of the Special Building Committee has met with little favour, not altogether because of its general demerits as a plan, but because of its costliness in certain directions. We have already expressed our views on this matter, and shall not now further allude to them than to say that, whatever is done we hope the library and museum question will not be forgotten.

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It is pleasant to notice that with one exception Bro. Sadler's appeal has been successful in obtaining likenesses, of one sort or the other, of the noble brethren whose portraits were destroyed by the late fire. The missing one is that of the Duke of Athole, which we trust will be secured. We are glad to find that an interest has been awakened in the matter, and hope that the outcome will be the formation of a gallery of Masonic portraits which shall either find space in the new Temple, or in the library that is to be. We have a home for work and social enjoyment, we ought to have a place where the mind can be stored and the taste cultivated. Looking at the features of a noted Mason may suggest inquiry as to the history of the Craft, and the more

that is known of the early workers and of the past struggles and successes of the Order the better for all.

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Though late, we may be permitted to add our testimony to the worth of the late Bro. Edward M. Hubbuck P.G.S. He was only 64 when he died, on the 12th inst., but his whole life has been one record of kindness. His hospitality at his beautiful home at Catford, Kent, is well known to many who enjoyed it, while his benevolent disposition led him to perform continuous acts of charity. As a Mason of twenty-five years standing, he will be remembered as a correct and painstaking worker upon the plan so ably sustained by the Stability Lodge of Improvement, whose proceedings he at one time conducted, in the absence of Bro. Muggeridge, and as a liberal contributor to various Masonic Charities. Bro. Hubbuck was rather of a retiring disposition, and never sought distinction in the Craft; but he was greatly revered in his mother Lodge, the Felicity, No. 58. We remember meeting him at St. George's Lodge of Instruction, No. 140, on a festive occasion, and was much impressed with his genial courtesy and kindness. He was a great favourite with the St. George's Lodge, of which he was a member, and also with the Blackheath Lodge, No. 1320, which he helped to found. He will be missed by many. His remains lie in Lee Cemetery.

MARK MASONRY.

Porchester Lodge, No. 27.—A numerous attended meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Friday evening, at the Temperance Hall, Newbury, under the presidency of the Wor. Master, Brother F. H. Lyon, M.D., P.G.S.O. The principal item on the agenda was the choice of a Worshipful Master of the Lodge for the ensuing year, and a ballot having been taken, the W.M. announced that the Senior Warden Bro. George J. Cosburn, P.P.G. Standard Bearer, had been unanimously elected to preside over the Lodge during the coming year. The W.M. elect having thanked the Officers and brethren for the honour conferred upon him, the members unanimously re-elected Brother Head to the office of Treasurer, and Brother Dodd was re-appointed Tyler. The installation Lodge will be held towards the close of January.

Brixton Lodge, No. 234.—Bro. G. J. Dunkly was installed W.M. of this prosperous Lodge of Mark Master Masons on Saturday, 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel. Bro. G. Clarke performed the ceremony in a splendid and most impressive manner; there was a large gathering. After the ceremony the brethren sat down to a good banquet, and with some excellent singing, by Bro. Halliday and the W.M., the evening passed off in a most delightful way, the W.M. receiving sincere good wishes from all the brethren. We have no doubt a prosperous and happy year will be the outcome of Brother Dunkly's Mastership.

ROSICRUCIAN SOCIETY.

A MEETING of the Lancashire College was convened for Saturday, 10th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Wigan, when the following Frates formed the M.C.:—Right Wor. G. P. Brockbank 9° Chief Adept, V.W. Robert Harwood Suffragan, J. D. Murray Celebrant, H. T. Byrom 1st Ancient, A. H. Crossley 2nd Ancient, W. W. Wyld Secretary; W. J. Thomson, Thos. Morris, E. Bielby, T. C. Thornburn, J. M. Kerr and W. Wall. The minutes of the preceding meeting having been confirmed, the degree of Zelator was conferred on Bros. T. H. Glendinning, 1055, and Wm. Newsome, 86 and 1384. Letters of apology were read from Frates Wood, Huet, Young, Campbell and Middleton. The following were appointed as Officers of the College for the ensuing year:—Frates Jas. Horrocks Celebrant, J. Hoffgard Deputy Celebrant, A. Middleton 4th Ancient, H. T. Byrom 3rd Ancient, A. H. Crossley 2nd Ancient, W. M. Wyld 1st Ancient, H. B. Seddon Secretary, Thos. Morris Treasurer, Reginald Young Precentor, James Dunbar Organist, J. Barrett Conductor of N., T. T. Richardson Herald, W. Nicholl Guardian of T., W. J. Thomson Torch Bearer, W. D. Dean Medallist. A cordial vote of thanks was tendered to Frater J. D. Murray, for the efficient manner in which he had conducted the business of the College as Celebrant during the past year; and, after a suitably reply, the M.C. was dissolved, and the Frates adjourned to banquet.

A New Masonic Hall was opened at Woolston on Monday, 19th inst., in connection with the Clausentum Lodge No. 1461, the tenth anniversary of which was at the same time celebrated. The ceremony of dedication of the building was performed by Brother W. W. B. Beach, Esq. M.P., Prov. G. Master, who was assisted by the D.P.G.M. and several P.G. Officers, in presence of upwards of one hundred of the brethren of the province. The W.M. of the Lodge, Bro. Methven, presided at the banquet which followed the ceremony.

CONSECRATION OF THE CHISWICK LODGE, No. 2012.

BRANCHING out of the main road leading from Hammersmith to Kew Bridge, and a short distance on the left before reaching Turnham Green Church, there is an estate called the Glebe, out of which a new town has been fashioned. In the midst of a net-work of streets is the Bolton Hotel, in the Duke's Road, the only building of the kind, we believe, on the estate. Here, on Friday afternoon, the 16th inst., a number of the brethren, some of them distinguished in the Craft, and all apparently earnest Masons, assembled on the occasion of the Consecration of a new Lodge, very appropriately called the "Chiswick." What the birth of a son and heir is to a father, so is the consecration of a new Lodge to those who assist at its nativity, especially to the Master, who is to act as parent during the most delicate and infantile period of its existence, and those who are to perform the disciplinary work necessary for growth and strength. Before proceeding to describe the details of the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation, we may state that the Lodge room forms a pretty, and by no means inconvenient, little Temple. Cowans can be carefully excluded, while the necessary approach for the free and enlightened is open during work. Other means of access are available when the brethren seek refreshment. The Tyler is provided with a suitable room for the discharge of his duties, and candidates for initiation have been considered in the arrangements. The Temple is also the banquetting room, but as far as possible any inconvenience that might arise in consequence has been anticipated or provided against. For instance, there is a large billiard saloon, containing two tables and well supplied with lounges. There is plenty of space to move about, and adjoining is an ante-room, so that the comfort and convenience of guests have been thoughtfully considered. The difficulties that arose on the night we are referring to were exceptional, and only likely to recur on rare occasions. Such a banquet as was then provided will not be given again for some time to come, and conversion from Temple to refreshment hall will be an easy task in the future. On Friday night the Temple was filled with brethren during the hours of work; at one time the odour of "sweet incense" pervaded the room: these and the fumes of gas contributed to impair the atmosphere, at any rate to deprive it of that freshness so essential to the development of a good appetite and the gratification of it afterwards. The interval that took place between work and refreshment happened to be a long one, which gave time for the admission of fresh air and the purification of the atmosphere. No real inconvenience was felt, and we shall be surprised indeed if the brethren do not find the "Bolton" a cosy and very pleasant home.

In accordance with arrangement, the V. W. Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke P.G.D., Grand Secretary England, took the chair of King Solomon, and performed the ceremonies of Consecration and Installation in an easy, graceful manner. He was assisted by W. Bro. Dr. Ralph Gooding G.S.D. as Senior Warden, W. Bro. Edgar Bowyer G.S.B. as Junior Warden, V. W. Bro. the Rev. A. F. A. Woodford P.G.C. as Chaplain, W. Bro. Frank Richardson P.G.D. as Director of Ceremonies, Bro. T. C. Walls P.G.D. Middlesex as I.G. There were also present: Bro. J. M. P. Montagu Deputy G.M. Dorset, Bro. H. Sadler G.T., and Bros. J. Welch 3, Thos. Wright P.M. 22, W. Herbage W.M. and W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177, J. M. Levy W.S. 185, A. Louis Chapman 255, Henry Whittick P.M. 511, W. Fieldson I.P.M. 548, H. Massey P.M. 619 and 1928, W. Gomm jun. 780, G. A. Payne P.M. 933, W. E. Harrison 946, W. H. Makins 969, Wm. Rippon 1158, W. P. Webb W.M. and H. M. Appleton S.W. 1381, Geo. Aldred 1507, S. Brooks P.M. and T. H. R. Hartley 1608, Geo. S. Wright 1612. Bro. Seymour Smith, assisted by Brothers Collins and G. T. Carter, very efficiently carried out the musical portion of the service. In addressing the assembled brethren, the W.M. explained the motive of the meeting, and proceeded to say that the number of Lodges in London had pretty well reached the limit. New neighbourhoods were the exception, and in this instance there was no Lodge in the locality; the facts of the case had been represented by several brethren of repute, and Grand Lodge had granted a warrant for a new Lodge. He would advise the brethren not to be in a hurry to build up a Lodge; it was a common fault to hasten to make up a good list of members, to the danger of admitting those who were not suitable. The outside world took more interest now than heretofore in Freemasonry, and the fame of the Institutions and the munificent Charities of the Order was a powerful attraction to many to join, who afterwards found themselves in a false position. Care should be exercised in the admission of members, and time should be taken in order to select those who were really capable of appreciating the Craft. A good beginning had been made in the selection of the W.M. designate, whose experience would be valuable, and through whom high hopes might be formed of the future of the Lodge. The petition and warrant were read in due course. The former was signed by the following brethren: Geo. Everett P.M. 177 and 1381, 1608, Chas. H. Everett 1507, 1987, G. Gardner 177, W. D. Scott P.P.G.D. Surrey and P.M. 410, W. Mann P.M. 186, James Ford 1507, Jno. H. Ratherglen 1642, Adam Pringle jun. I.G. 92, Harry Oliver Smith 1974, Frederick Lawrence P.M. 255. The petition was recommended by the Loyalty and Charity Lodge 1584, meeting at the Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, through its Officers as follow: Brothers G. E. Mortimer W.M., T. Drew Bear S.W., D. Francis Williams J.W. The oration by Bro. Woodford, which followed, was an able composition, and dealt chiefly with certain points of interest in connection with the Fraternity. It was declaimed with the author's accustomed energy and was warmly approved. In alluding to the Brotherhood of the Craft, Bro. Woodford remarked that they had hoped to have had one among them that day who could have given them his experience of the working of Freemasonry amongst various sections of peoples living in India. He was not, however, present, but the fact was well known, that Parsees, Brahmans, Mahomedans, and Christians, widely separated as they were by creeds, and some by lands and seas, were yet united in one common work of humanity, held and bound together

by principles that all could understand and appreciate. After dwelling upon the spirit and practice of toleration which the Craft inculcated, Bro. Woodford closed his oration with an eloquent tribute to charity as exemplified by the Order. The ceremony of Consecration was then proceeded with and carried on in that graceful and reverent manner so characteristic of Bro. Shadwell Clerke. Long practice has made him familiar with the work, and knowledge and experience has given him confidence. He was happy, too, in having intelligent assistance, especially in the Master of the Ceremonies, Bro. Frank Richardson, who discharged his duties "as if to the manner born." Bro. Woodford was equally successful as officiating priest. He was zealous and fervent, and waited the censor with skill. The fumes of the incense mingled with the impressive language of this part of the ceremony, affecting the senses and appealing to the soul. After the final benediction, the W.M. designate, Bro. George Everett, was duly installed into the chair by Bro. Shadwell Clerke, who omitted a small portion of the service, as the W.M. had already passed through the ordeal on two previous occasions. Everything essential, however, was done to make the work complete and impressive. After the usual salutes had been made and addresses delivered, Bro. Chas. H. Everett was appointed S.W., Bro. Gardner J.W., and Bro. Dr. F. Lawrence Treasurer. Each officer was invested and instructed in his duty by the W.M., and all were warmly applauded as they were led to their respective positions. The other offices were left open until the next meeting, when they will be filled up by brethren already selected. We may say that Bro. J. Daly was the Tyler. No fewer than twelve names were handed in by the Secretary *pro tem*, Bro. H. O. Smith, as joining members, and the names of four gentlemen were given who were anxious to become enlightened. After some remarks by the W.M., in which he modestly referred to his position, he moved that a very special vote of thanks be given to the Consecrating Officer for his services that day, and to those who had so ably assisted him, which was seconded by the S.W. and carried unanimously. Bro. Col. Shadwell Clerke responded, and after the usual greetings, the Lodge was closed in the customary form.

Some delay, for reasons we have already given, took place before the brethren sat down to the banquet. In the meantime refreshments had been provided in another room, and all that hospitality could suggest and accommodation furnish was forthcoming for the comfort of those present. The banquet itself was excellent, but somewhat slowly served. This was a drawback, as time was far advanced when the middle of a well-selected musical programme had been reached. The toast list had been carefully prepared, and it was certainly of modest though of ample proportions. The musical programme was equally modest, yet it was found to be too full, for several brethren had to depart without having the opportunity of enjoying it. The first toast, of course, was the Queen and the Craft, followed by the M.W. the Grand Master, H.R.H. the Prince of Wales. Justice was done to both by the W.M. and those present. The Earl of Carnarvon Pro Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers Present and Past, brought up Bro. Woodford in reply, who acknowledged the honour, and said that both he and those who had acted with him that day, were always glad to assist in the grand ceremony of Consecration, and for himself he might add that he was willing at all times to accompany the Grand Secretary in his pilgrimages. During his forty years' experience of Masonry he could say that he had formed the best and dearest friendships of his life, and the longer he lived the more he became attached to the Craft. Bro. Shadwell Clerke then proposed the health of the W.M., the prime mover of their meeting that night. He congratulated the brethren upon the selection they had made; they had acted wisely in securing a brother to preside over them who had already filled the chair in two other Lodges. In addition to his valuable experience, Bro. Everett had secured a large measure of esteem among the brethren generally. Only a week before the Domestic Lodge, of which Bro. Everett was Treasurer, had presented him with a very handsome testimonial. All this showed the estimation in which he was held, the success that had followed his labours, and now that he had a child of his own, the same good fortune would he hoped attend him. The toast was received with enthusiasm. In replying, the W.M. thanked the Grand Secretary for the kind and handsome manner in which he had proposed the toast, and the brethren for the reception they had given to it. A year ago he felt that, after twenty-five years' service, he had earned his retirement, especially as he was at times the victim of attacks of rheumatic gout. Some brethren, however, thought there was good work to be done in the locality in which they then were, and he was induced to get into harness once more. Having accepted office again, he should do his best to make the Lodge a prosperous one. The Grand Secretary had kindly alluded to the presentation made to him, the W.M., on the previous Friday, by the Domestic Lodge; this would encourage him, and he hoped the new Lodge would be very successful and very prosperous. The W.M. proposed the Consecrating Officers, and alluded in complimentary terms to the Grand Secretary and others who had done such yeoman service that day. Bro. Col. H. Shadwell Clerke responded. Bros. Montagu and Herbage responded for the Visitors, Bro. Lawrence for the Treasurer and Secretary, and Bro. Chas. H. Everett S.W. for the Officers. The catering was excellent, and great praise is due to Bro. Harry Price who acted as Wine Steward and looked after the comforts of the brethren. The whole proceedings were highly successful, and the W.M. starts with a prospect full of promise.

The ceremony of Installation will be rehearsed by Bro. Simon J. Byng (424 S.C.) P.M. 902, on Friday, 30th November, at 8 p.m., at the Royal Standard Lodge of Instruction, No. 1298, held at Bro. T. Meekham's, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury. Bro. G. H. Hunter P.M. 1298 is the Hon. Secretary of this Lodge of Instruction.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. JOHN'S LODGE, No. 221, BOLTON.

THE monthly meeting was held on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at the Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton. Bros. John Isherwood W.M., J. Boothroyd I.P.M., E. Melrose S.W., P. Bradburn J.W., G. P. Brockbank Treasurer, C. Crompton S.D., James Walker J.D., W. Siddons as I.G., H. J. Briscoe Organist, R. Cnerden Steward, T. Higson Tyler; and Bros. Forrest, Swanbrick, Makin, J. P. Fletcher, Bradley, and T. Morris P.M. Visitors—Bros. W. Cooper P.M. 146, Skelton J.W. 146. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Bros. Fletcher and Bradley, having passed a satisfactory examination as Fellow Crafts, were severally entrusted, and thereupon retired. Lodge opened in the third degree, when the candidates were re-admitted, and raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the W.M. (Bro. Isherwood) and Bro. Boothroyd I.P.M.; the working tools of the degree were explained to them. Lodge closed to the second, when Brother Swanbrick (who had been previously entrusted with a test of merit) was passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed to the first, when Mr. W. Crompton, of Bolton, decorator, who had been proposed at the last regular meeting as a candidate, was ballotted for, elected, and initiated into Masonry by the W.M., the working tools of the degree being presented by the Junior Warden, and the customary charge delivered by Bro. Brockbank, Senior Past Master. A letter was read from the Provincial Grand Secretary, desiring the duly qualified brethren to attend the Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, when the proceedings of the last meeting will be submitted for confirmation. A gentleman was proposed for initiation, and a portion of the rules and charges read by the Senior Warden. Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, at nine o'clock.

ST. MARY LODGE, No. 1312.

THE annual festival of this Lodge was held at the White Hart Hotel, Bocking, on Tuesday, 13th November, when Bro. R. Guy Kellett S.W. was duly installed as W.M. for the ensuing year, the ceremony being ably performed by Bro. Vero W. Taylor P.M. P.P.G.S.W. The following were invested as Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. J. J. Cavill P.G.J.D. I.P.M., F. Lake P.M. S.W., J. Clayden J.W., W. N. Tufnell P.M. P.P.G.S.W. Treas., Thomas Malyn P.M. Sec., J. Fuller S.D., E. Copus J.D., J. Coates I.G., Metson Tyler. In reference to the appointment of Secretary, the W.M. announced with great regret that Bro. Portway P.M., who had served them so long and so faithfully, had been compelled, owing to continued ill-health, to resign. The W.M. further stated that he considered the services Bro. Portway had rendered had been so distinguished that they deserved some substantial recognition at their hands. He therefore proposed that a Committee be at once formed with a view of collecting subscriptions to present to Bro. Portway some suitable testimonial of their esteem and regard. This having been seconded and carried unanimously, it was decided that the Committee for carrying out the proposal should consist of the W.M., Wardens, Treasurer, and Secretary. At the conclusion of the ceremony of installation, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Vero Taylor for his kindness in attending, and so ably carrying out the duty. The brethren afterwards dined together at the White Hart Hotel, an elegant banquet being served by the host, Bro. Coates. During dinner, an interchange of congratulatory telegrams took place between the new Worshipful Master and the Worshipful Master of the Walden Lodge, who had that day been installed to his office at Saffron Walden. The usual toasts were drunk, and several brethren contributed to the harmony of the evening by some excellent songs. Among the brethren present, in addition to those already mentioned, were—Bros. Joshua Nunn P.M. P.G.S.B., President of the Lodge of Benevolence, Thomas J. Ralling P.M. and Sec. 51 P.G. Sec., E. H. Iuman P.M. 1312, J. Panton 1312, A. B. Collis 1312, W. Newton 1312, &c.

ST. CECILIA LODGE, No. 1336.

AT the last regular meeting, after routine business, Bro. J. Eboral presented the W.M., Bro. W. H. Gibson, with a very elegant christening cup for his infant daughter, who had been born during his year of office. Our worthy brother Gibson has lately been suffering from severe illness; but, thanks to the G.A.O.T.U., was able to be present. Bro. J. H. Scott, Deputy Provincial Grand Master for Sussex, said, in years to come Bro. Gibson would look on the gift as a pleasing remembrance that he was once Master of the St. Cecilia Lodge, and that during his Masonic reign little "Edith Clara" was born. All present wished him renewed health and strength, and long life and happiness with his amiable wife, family, and infant daughter. The cup bore an appropriate inscription. The names of the subscribers were written on vellum.

ROTHESAY LODGE, No. 1687.

THE first regular meeting since the installation was held on the 7th instant, at the Inns of Court Hotel, under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. B. E. Duret; Bros. Green S.W., E. Valeriani J.W., L. Beck P.P.G.O. Middlesex Treasurer, W. C. Parsons P.M. Secretary, Green jun. S.D., Adams I.G.; Bros. Leigh, Culpepper. After preliminaries, Bro. Beroni was raised to the third degree. The W.M., who is a foreigner, impressively rendered the ceremony. A ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. Ernest Maddick, and was unanimously in his favour. This gentleman will be initiated at the next regular meeting. A candidate was also proposed. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren separated.

EBORACUM LODGE, YORK, No. 1611.

THE installation of Master of this Lodge took place on Monday, the 12th instant, at the Queen's Hotel, in the presence of a large assemblage of brethren and visitors. The W.M. elect was Bro. Blenkin. The Lodge was opened by Bro. Millington, the outgoing W.M., who was supported by Bros. Whytehead, Cumberland, Meek, Rooke, Middleton, Lee, Morton, Pickersgill, McGachen, Kirby, Rymer, Cumberland, Strachan, Lukis, Marshall, Binckes, Balmford, Seller, Simpson, and others. Bro. J. S. Cumberland then assumed the gavel and proceeded to open the Lodge in the second degree, Bro. T. B. Whytehead acting as S.W., and Bro. C. Balmford as J.W. In due course a Board of Installed Masters was opened, and Bro. Blenkin was placed in the chair with the customary ceremonies. Having lowered the Lodge and received the usual salutations, the W.M. proceeded to invest his Officers as follow:—Bros. M. Millington I.P.M., Sir F. G. Milner, Bart., S.W., A. T. B. Turner J.W., Rev. J. Metcalfe, M.A., Chaplain, G. Balmford P.M. Treasurer, James Kay Secretary, W. Brown S.D., G. Chapman J.D., W. G. Penty M.C., W. S. Child Org., S. J. Dalton I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, W. Lackenby and W. Stephenson Stewards. The W.M. also appointed Bros. T. B. Whytehead, and J. S. Cumberland P.M. to the respective posts of Lecture Master and Preceptor. After the close of the Lodge, the brethren met at a banquet in the Queen's Hotel, when the newly installed W.M. presided. There was a short toast list, and the evening was enlivened by songs and glees performed admirably by the Lodge glee party, assisted by Bros. J. S. Cumberland, J. E. Wilkinson, W. S. Child, J. Watson, and J. Wilson. The toast list was, as usual, a work of art, and contained many new features. The speeches were also very much to the point, and that of Bro. F. Binckes was, as might be expected, very eloquent. The massive and ancient flagon used as the Loving Cup occupied a conspicuous place on the tables, and was emptied to the prosperity of the Lodge.

COVENT GARDEN LODGE, No. 1614.

THE regular meeting was held on the 13th instant at the Criterion, Piccadilly, under the presidency of Bro. E. Jacobs, who acted in the absence of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Gulliford, Bros. G. Coleman S.W., J. Jacobs J.W., E. Jacobs P.M. Treasurer, Bourne P.M. Secretary, Kedgley S.D. Dixon J.D., B. Solomon I.G., Figgis W.S., Bassett A.W.S., P.M. S. Jacobs. Visitors—J. Robins P.M. 25, W. B. Gulliford 1017, Belsham 733, Harvey Jackson No. 8, Cork, Thompson 169, Valentine 185, C. Greenwood P.G.S.B., Ruf P.M. 12, E. Steers 179, H. Salmon 1558, H. M. Levy P.M. 188. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were confirmed. Bro. J. Napper was raised, and Bros. W. Cousins and S. Hewitt were passed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Frank Gulliford (a Lewis), son of the Worshipful Master, G. H. Reynolds, G. A. Holditch, C. J. Shannon, David Mordecai, and C. E. Joy. Each was unanimous in favour. The first five named were duly initiated into the Order by the W.M., who conducted the duties in a manner that reflected great credit on him. Bro. C. B. Rolph, No. 1421, was unanimously elected a joining member. A telegram was received from the Worshipful Master, thanking Bro. E. Jacobs for taking upon himself the duties of the chair, and tendering hearty good wishes to the brethren. The Lodge was shortly afterwards closed, and the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet and dessert, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond (Limited), and superintended by Bro. Madell. Forty-nine guests were present. Grace having been said, the acting W.M., in eloquent terms, proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. In speaking of the Right Worshipful the Earl of Lathom Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Bro. Jacobs said he was pleased to say they were honoured by the presence of Bro. C. Greenwood P.G.S.B. England, Prov. Grand Secretary Surrey. The brethren were gratified at seeing him in Grand Lodge. Bro. Greenwood, in reply, said all knew that His Royal Highness the Most Worshipful Grand Master and each Officer of Grand Lodge were ready and willing to render service when it was required of them. He was very pleased to see how ably and impressively the acting W.M. had performed the ceremonies. Bro. S. Jacob Senior P.M. said he regretted the W.M. was absent; he, however, had to propose the health of the one who had so ably acted as his representative. Bro. Jacobs was one whom they one and all respected. He had great pleasure in proposing the toast. This having been suitably acknowledged, the health of the Initiates was given, and Bro. Mordecai responded. For the Visitors, who were next complimented, Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. 188, Robins P.M. 25, and Ruf P.M. 12, severally responded. For the P.M.'s Bros. S. Jacobs and Bourne replied, while for the Wardens and Officers Bro. Coleman S.W. was called on. The Tyler shortly afterwards gave the parting toast.

William Preston Lodge of Instruction, No. 766.—On the 16th inst., at the St. Andrew, George-street, Manchester-square, W. Present—Bros. G. Coop Preceptor, W. M. Wood S.W., G. Tribble J.W., F. Smith S.D., R. E. Cursons J.D., Perry I.G., Artaud Acting Secretary; also Bros. Robinson, Simpson, Wilson, Cox, Wilson, Dairy P.M., T. Sedgwick P.M., and several other brethren. After preliminaries the W.M. worked the sections of the second lecture, assisted by Bros. Tribble P.M., Cox, Coop, Wood, and Dairy P.M. The Lodge was opened in the third, and the sections of that lecture were worked by the W.M., assisted by Bros. Cursons, Smith, and Sedgwick. Lodge was resumed to the first, and Bro. Perry was elected a member. A special vote of thanks, proposed by Bro. Cursons and seconded by Bro. Tribble, was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the manner in which he had worked the sections. This was responded to. The W.M. intimated to the brethren that the support of the members would be thankfully received for his Stewardship for the Aged Masons.

Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—At the Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, Bros. Schadler W.M., Rich S.W., Ruse J.W., Wall S.D., Wilkinson J.D., Weil I.G.; also Bros. Roberts, Moss Preceptor, Dyson, Sainte, Schweitzer, Muggleton. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Dyson candidate. Bro. Sainte answered the questions leading to the second, and was duly passed to the degree of Fellow Craft. Lodge closed in the second degree. The following brethren were unanimously elected to the offices:—Maidwell Treasurer, Moss Preceptor, and Walker Secretary, this being the first night of the Prosperity Lodge of Instruction's new year. Bro. Rich was elected as W.M. for the ensuing week. Bro. Wilkinson, of No. 65, was elected a member. There being no further business, Lodge was closed.

Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—The weekly meeting was held on Tuesday last, at the Queen Anne's Restaurant, St. James's Park Station. The business was ably conducted by Bro. Swain W.M., assisted by Bros. Masfield S.W., Forscutt J.W., Mount S.D., Lovegrove J.D., Mason I.G., Cottebrune P.G.P. Preceptor. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Collens candidate. The Worshipful Master then vacated his chair in favour of Bro. Collens, who went through the investiture of Officers. Bro. Swain resumed his position as W.M., and Bros. Orpe 1328, Balchin 1604, Power 1604, Hardy 201 were unanimously elected members of the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony. The total number of members present was twenty-five. After the Lodge was closed, the Subscribers of the Masonic Charities' Association met, and passed the rules of the Association. Bros. Cottebrune was elected President, Collens Vice President, Bassington Treasurer, Croft Secretary; while Bros. Hunt, Dairy, Green, Mason, and Levegrove were successful in gaining the ballot to act as the Committee. It was determined the first payments should be made on Tuesday, 27th November.

Tranquillity Lodge, 185.—The usual meeting was held at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, E.C., on Monday, the 19th inst. Bro. Stailey, the W.M. presided, assisted by Brother T. W. C. Bush I.P.M. A number of brethren attended, although it was what is termed an "off night." Two gentlemen were initiated. A case of severe distress having been made known, by Bro. John Ross P.M., the W.M. exercised his prerogative by ordering £3 3s to be paid to the applicant. Very ample refreshment having been partaken of, the usual toasts were given, and were received most cordially, especially the one referring to the W.M., which was submitted by the I.P.M. Bro. T. W. C. Bush. The W.M. has reason to be proud of his popularity in the Lodge, this was made sufficiently clear by enthusiastic cheering when his name was mentioned. These "off nights" are very much appreciated, as is evidenced by the sparkling flow of conversation and the bright faces round the table. The etiquette and observances which prevail on banquet nights are wisely omitted, and a certain amount of genial laxity permitted by the authorities. A collection among the brethren produced £10 10s in as many minutes, to add to the £3 3s ordered by the W.M.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—The monthly meeting of this old-established Lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Reading, on Tuesday last. Bros. Ferguson W.M., Wheeler junior S.W., Withers J.W., Mount I.P.M. Treasurer, Parry Secretary, Witherington S.D., Blackwell J.D., Martin M.C., Tirbutt Organist, Butler I.G., Webb and Hawkes Stewards, Hemmings Tyler; P.M. Bradley. Bros. Tench, Ld. L. Simonds, A. Simonds, Wellings, Sherwood, Stubington, Wellman, Armstrong, Millar. Visitors—Bros. Luckee P.D.P.G.M. Herefordshire, &c., Coleman, "Cartoon," Penns., U.S.A., 32°, &c., Dowsett I.P.M. 401. The Lodge was opened and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Ld. L. and Arthur Simonds, and Wellings, candidates for raising, gave satisfactory proof of their proficiency and were entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree; Bros. Simonds' and Wellings were re-admitted and raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. performed the ceremony admirably. The traditional history was recited by Brother Mount, with his usual correctness; the working tools and closing parts of the ceremony were rendered by the W.M., whom we congratulate on this his first attempt to perform what has been rightly termed the climax of Craft Masonry. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, when several ballots were taken for joiners and initiates, resulting in the approval of the candidates. The sum of two guineas was voted to the widow of a brother who died rather suddenly, but was not a member of either of the Reading Lodges. Proposals for joiners and initiates were seconded, and, after the customary ceremonies, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the weekly meeting, held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, on Tuesday, the 13th instant. Bros. Hall W.M., H. Morris S.W., Bolt J.W., Davies Preceptor, Berry Secretary, Smethurst S.D., Haynes J.D., Moon I.G., and Bros. Fenner, Follett, Scott, Fitch, Oldis, Flack, and Lewin. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremonies of initiation and passing, Bro. Oldis candidate. The first and second sections of the first lecture were ably worked by Bro. H. Morris. Bro. Morris having been unanimously elected W.M. for next meeting, and all business being ended, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

On Tuesday evening last, Bros. H. Morris W.M., Gush as Preceptor, Bolt S.W., Smethurst J.W., Berry Sec., Scott S.D., Moon J.D., Haynes I.G., and Bros. Fenner, Hall, Follett, Fitch, Oldis, Knight, Lewin, Flack, Snelling, Gregory and Hoare. All formalities observed, the first section of the third lecture was worked by Bro. Fenner.

The ceremony of raising was then rehearsed, Bro. Snelling candidate. The second and third sections of the lecture were worked by Bro. Fenner. Bro. Bolt was elected to fill the chair at the next meeting. A vote of thanks to Bro. Morris for his able conduct in the chair was then proposed and carried.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—On Monday, 12th inst., at the Royal Hotel, Mile End Road, Bros. Hubbert W.M., Brown S.W., West J.W., B. Stewart Secretary, Eastland S.D., C. Kendall J.D., Allen I.G.; also Bro. Hill. After preliminaries, the ceremonies of initiation and passing were rehearsed, Bro. Eastland candidate. Bro. Hill 1625 was elected a member, and Bro. Brown appointed W.M. for next meeting.

UNITED BROTHERS LODGE, No. 1069.

ON Monday last there was a large gathering of the members of the Masonic body at the Grosvenor Hotel, Southsea, on the occasion of the installation of Brother C. J. E. Munby as the Worshipful Master of this Lodge. The ceremony was impressively conducted by Bro. Frost P.G. Senior Warden, and at its conclusion the newly-invested Worshipful Master appointed and invested his Officers as follows:—Brothers W. E. Atkins I.P.M., H. Cook S.W., W. T. Dupree J.W., Reverend P. H. Good Chaplain, Richard James Rastrick Treasurer, G. Whitehall Secretary, German S.D., Lawrence J.D., Lobb M.C., House I.G., Moses and Smith Stewards, Exell and Smith Tylers. A very chaste P.M.'s jewel (supplied by Messrs. Moses, of The Hard), and subscribed for by the members of the Lodge, was presented to the retiring W.M. by Bro. W. E. Atkins, in recognition of his services to the Lodge during the past year. The brethren afterwards sat down to a banquet supplied in *récherché* style by Bro. T. W. Scaddan, the proprietor of the hotel.

LANDPORT LODGE, No. 1776.

BRO. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., P.G.M. Hampshire and Isle of Wight, attended, with the Officers of Provincial Grand Lodge, at the Freemason's Hall, Landport, on Thursday, 15th inst., to conduct the ceremony of installing the W.M. of the Lodge for the ensuing year (Bro. J. G. Niven). There was an unusually large attendance. After the ceremony the W.M. appointed the following as his Officers for the ensuing year:—Bros. T. H. Williams I.P.M., W. Miles S.W., Foster J.W., A. H. Ancox Treasurer, T. A. Bramsdon and Barnden Secs., T. H. Casey S.D., W. Marshallsay J.D., Bucknell M.C., C. F. Brown I.G., Gilbert Organist, G. Buckler and G. Brookland Stewards. The Lodge having been closed, the brethren, numbering upwards of 100, repaired to the dining hall, where the newly-installed W.M. presided at the banquet, which was served in a manner reflecting the highest credit on the *cuisine* of the Club. A special vote of thanks was passed to Bro. T. H. Williams, the retiring W.M., whose services during the two years he has filled the chair, were highly eulogised. Bro. Williams was also presented with a very handsome set of silver fish knives and forks, subscribed for by members of the Lodge, in recognition of the great zeal he has exhibited in the interest of the Craft. Among the brethren present were the following Provincial Officers:—Bros. W. Hickman D.P.G.M., M. E. Frost P.G.S.W., H. Martin Green P.G.J.W., R. J. Rastrick P.G. Treas., J. E. Le Feuvre P.G. Sec., J. S. Hickley P.G.S.D., W. B. Edgeler P.G. Supt. Wks., J. S. Pearce P.G.D.C., H. Croncher P.G.A.D.C., J. Woodhouse P.G.S.B., and Rosoman P.G.S. There were also present Bros. Murrell, Court, Goldsmith, Loveland, Consins, Cudlipp, Cawte, Ellis, Askew, Travess, Beale, Townsend, Knott, Brown, Main, Atkins, Kent, Threadingham, Outridge, Page, Brunwin, Mumby, Knight, Pike, Loader, Grant, Hall, Chamberlain, Cosser, Ash, Cunningham, Dean, Backler, Westerman, Brookland, Sanders, Emanuel, Drake, Poad, Mureb, Guyatt, Maybourn, Corke, Hann, Earwicker, &c.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday last, at the Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Present—Bros. Clark W.M., Jordan S.W., Galer J.W., Collingridge Secretary, Dixie S.D., Rhodes J.D., Treadwell I.G., Cusworth P.M. Preceptor. Lodge opened in due form, and the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brock candidate. Lodge was called off and on. Bros. Turner and Youngusband answered the questions leading to the second degree. Two new members were elected—Bros. E. Kearney I.G. No. 1541, Hurdle W.M. 1348; and Brother Jordan was appointed W.M. for Monday, 3rd December. Brother P. Forge P.M. 1950 will rehearse the installation ceremony on Monday next, the 26th instant.

Bro. J. Stevens P.M. P.Z. will deliver his Lecture, explanatory of the Rituals and Ceremonies of the First Degree, before the members of the Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366, at the Boston Hotel, Junction Road, on Thursday evening, 29th inst., at 7:30 p.m.

The following banquets have been held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 23rd November:—

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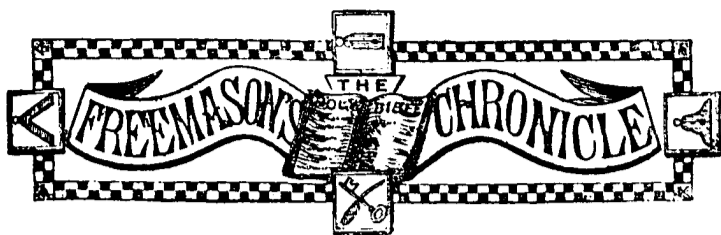
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THE annual meeting of this Provincial Grand Lodge was held at Chippenham, on Tuesday, the 13th instant, the receiving Lodge being the Lansdowne of Unity, No. 626, of that town. The Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen presided, and was supported by a goodly number of the Wiltshire brethren, comprising Bros. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart., M.P., D.P.G.M., Lord H. F. Thynne, M.P., P.G.W. England P.P.S.G.W. and P.G. Superintendent (Royal Arch) Wilts, Colonel Randle Ford P.J.G.W., Rev. Canon Millar P.G. Chaplain, F. H. Goldney P.G. Treasurer, T. Ponting P.G. Registrar, Henry C. Tombs P.G.D. England P.G. Secretary, G. L. Lopes P.S.G.D., John Chandler P.P.S.G.W. P.G.D.C., Thomas H. Chandler P.P.G.S.W., C. F. Marshall P.P.S.G.W., William Nott P.P.J.G.W. Prov. Char. Sec., Rev. G. E. Gardiner P.P. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. A. Lloyd P.P. Grand Chaplain, J. V. Toone P.P.S.G.D., R. S. Edmonds P.P.S.G.D., E. B. Merriman P.P. Grand Supt. of Works P.P.G.D.C., D. A. Gibbs P.P.G.A.D.C., James Sparks P.P.G. Sword Bearer, S. Badham P.P.G.O., A. J. Beaven P.P.G.P., G. W. Collen P.P.G.P., H. E. Bishop P.P.G.P., Edwin Eyres P.P.G.P., Viscount Dangan, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. S. G. Homfray D.P.G.M. Monmouth, and George J. McKay P.G. Sec. Cumberland and Westmoreland.

The roll of the various Lodges was called, and all were found to be duly represented.

The minutes of the last Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Swindon, of which minutes a printed copy had been issued with the Grand Lodge Summons, were taken as read and duly confirmed.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Henry C. Tombs, then read the minutes of the meeting of the Provincial Charity Committee, held that morning, from which it appeared that Bro. Edwin Eyres P.M. 626 P.P.G.P. W.M. was recommended by the Committee to represent the Province as Steward at the forthcoming Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and Bro. Thomas Ponting P.M. 1478 Provincial Grand Registrar to fill a similar office as regards the Girls' School, with contributions from the Province to their respective lists of 20 guineas to the Benevolent Institution, and 10 guineas to the Girls' School. These recommendations were, on the proposition of Lord H. F. Thynne, seconded by Sir Gabriel Goldney, duly adopted.

The Provincial Grand Treasurer, Bro. F. H. Goldney, read an abstract of his accounts which had been duly audited, and which shewed a balance in his hands on the Provincial Charity Account of £81 8s 9d (in addition to £101 17s 6d invested in New Three per Cents.), on the Benevolent Fund Account of £42 19s 10d (in addition to £178 3s 6d invested in Consols), and on the General Account £12 10s.

The Provincial Grand Registrar, Bro. Thos. Ponting, read his usual report, shewing that the number of members in the Province was 440, being substantially the same as in the previous year, but he stated that he was unable, owing to certain circumstances in connection with the returns from one of the Lodges, to render the usual abstract of the accounts of the various Lodges in the Province.

The Secretary to the Provincial Benevolent Fund and Charity Organisation Committee, Bro. William Nott, presented the Report of that Committee, as follows:—Report of Provincial Charity Organisation and Benevolent Fund Committee, to be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge, held at Chippenham, 13th November 1883.

On behalf of the Committee I now as usual lay before the Prov. Grand Lodge an account of the past year's work, both as regards the Benevolent Fund and the Charity Organization.

As to the Benevolent Fund, there is little to report save that the Fund is steadily increasing. The account for the year 1882 shews net receipts for that year of £74 3s, whilst the subsequent receipts were, from Lodges £34 15s, and from the Prov. G. Royal Arch Chapter £5, the latter sum completing the qualification of the Provincial Grand Superintendent for the time being as a Life Governor of this Fund. The sum of £75, covering the balance shewn on last year's account, has been invested in the purchase of £73 1s Consols, making a total of £178 3s 6d of that stock, and in addition thereto there is at present a cash balance in the Treasurer's hands of £42 19s 10d.

Seven out of the ten Lodges in the Province are now regular contributors to this fund, and of the remaining three two are young Lodges, that will doubtless in good time see their way to support it.

No application for assistance from this fund has yet been received, so that the whole of the income has been available for investment.

As to the Charity Organisation, I have to report that at the School elections in April last the votes of this Province were applied in conjunction with those of the other Provinces with which Wiltshire is allied in securing the election of two girls, one each for Somerset and Leicester, and of one boy for Somerset; whilst at the elections for the Benevolent Institution, in May, the associated Provinces were successful in carrying the three widows they had on the list of candidates, viz.: one each for the Provinces of Worcester, Bristol, and Monmouth.

Your Committee, at its meeting in March last, adopted the case of Harold Richard Humphries, grandson of the late Bro. Richard Gane, of Trowbridge, to be supported by this Province as a candidate for the Boys' School, and it was accordingly placed upon the list of candidates for the October election. It was not intended to actually carry this case until April next, but your Secretary, who attended

the election, found that he could readily obtain sufficient votes to then ensure success, and accordingly, as authorised by the Committee, he borrowed them, and pledged this Province to their future repayment. The result was that the case was carried, being twentieth (and the very last) on the list of successful candidates; another candidate for the Eastern Division of South Wales (another of the associated Provinces) succeeded in attaining the eighteenth place.

Your Charity Secretary desires to express his appreciation of the co-operation of the other Provinces, and to say that the Provincial Grand Lodge on this occasion is more especially indebted to Bros. Capt. S. G. Homfray Deputy Provincial Grand Master Monmouth; R. C. Else Deputy Provincial Grand Master Somerset; W. H. Bowden Bristol; and R. V. Vassar-Smith Gloucester, who personally attended the election.

Your Committee has further adopted the case of Henry Maurice Jarvis, son of the late Bro. Henry Jarvis—a member of the Marlborough Lodge, but formerly of Bath,—to be supported at a future election, in conjunction with the Province of Somerset, as a candidate for the Boys' School, and has engaged that when the case shall be taken up by the last-named Province, Wiltshire shall contribute its proportion of the votes which will be required.

It will be readily understood, therefore, that not only on account of the votes already borrowed for the Wiltshire case elected last month, but also to fulfil the engagements thus entered into for the future, the resources of this Province will be taxed to the utmost for the next two or three elections.

The votes the Committee has had placed at its disposal during the last three years by and in connection with the various Lodges in the Province have been as follows:

	1881.	1882.	1883.
Royal Masonic Institution for Boys ...	407	475	498
Do. do. Girls ...	372	356	370
Do. Benevolent Institution for Aged Freemasons ...	219	235	242
Do. do. Widows	119	153	171
	1117	1219	1281

being 62 more votes this year than in 1882, and showing a constant and steady increase.

The Wiltshire recipients of the Masonic Charities are at present as follows:

Benevolent Institution.—The same as last year, namely, 3 widows receiving annuities of £32 each, or a total of £96 per annum; one (whose husband belonged to the Trowbridge Lodge, 632) having been in receipt thereof for seven years, another (Devizes, 663) for five years, and the other (Chippenham, 626) for one year.

The Masonic Schools.—The children from Wiltshire, with the reports of the Governess or Master of the School—as the case may be—with reference to them, are specified in the following list:—

GIRLS' SCHOOL.

M. J. F. (Trowbridge 632), age 16; elected 1877.—“Left the School in July 1883; is teaching in a family at Hilton Farm, near Trowbridge.”

A. M. C. (Old Swindon 355), age 14; elected 1879, leaves the School 1885.—“Is a good girl and making fair progress: is in the third class.”

A. L. W. (New Swindon 1295), age 14; elected 1879, leaves 1885.—“Is only in the fourth class, though 14 years of age, but being now stronger, is making more progress: is a good girl.”

E. M. G. (Salisbury 586), age 12; elected 1879, leaves 1886.—“Is now in the fourth class, and making more progress: is a good girl.”

F. J. N. (Old Swindon 355), age 12; elected 1880, leaves 1887.—“Is making good progress; she is in the fourth class, and likely to pass to the third after Christmas: is a good girl.”

G. E. B. (Old Swindon 355), age 12; elected 1880, leaves 1886.—“Is in the fourth class, and making fair progress: is a good girl.”

G. M. S. (Old Swindon 358), age 10; admitted 1882, leaves 1889.—“Is still in the junior School, but is much improved since last year, having been very backward when she entered the School. She is a good little girl.”

L. M. S. S. (Trowbridge, 632), age 11; admitted 1882, leaves 1882.—“Has just entered the senior School, of which she is in the sixth class, but seems likely to make progress: she is a good girl.”

BOYS' SCHOOL.

H. F. N. B. S. (Trowbridge, 632), age 13; elected 1877, leaves 1886.—“In the third class (first is the highest), conduct satisfactory, progress improved, diligence improved. Place in class of 27 boys, 5th. Sept. 22nd 1883.”

H. R. H. G. (Trowbridge, 632), age 9; elected 1883, leaves 1890 (not yet actually admitted into the School).

It will thus be seen that there are 3 widows and 9 children from Wiltshire enjoying the benefits from these noble Institutions, which benefits may be measured by an annual value of something like £500 or £600.

Stewardships for the Charities.—During the year the following amounts have been taken up to the Festivals of the different Masonic Institutions by Stewards from this Province:

Bro. Dr. Ringer, Benevolent Institution ...	50	1	0
Bro. James Sparks, Boys' School ...	135	9	0
	£185	10	0

WILLIAM KNOTT,
Prov. Char. Sec.

Devizes, 17th Oct. 1883.

Bro. Dr. Theobald Ringer 1533 P.M. 1308 was then called up by the R.W. P.G.M. and presented on behalf of the Provincial Grand Lodge with a Charity bar and ribbon in respect of his third Stewardship as representative of this Province to the Masonic Charities.

The Provincial Grand Secretary, Bro. Henry C. Tombs, on behalf

of the Committee, as to the new Book of Constitutions, called the attention of the Provincial Grand Lodge to the fact that the subject would come before the next Grand Lodge, to be held on Wednesday, the 5th December, and he reminded the brethren that at the same Grand Lodge the question of rebuilding the Masonic Temple, recently damaged by fire, would also be considered. Some discussion took place, and the feeling seemed to be strongly against any part of the property of Grand Lodge being let on lease for such a long term—fifty years—as had been recommended by the Special Grand Lodge Committee on the subject. No formal resolution was taken, but the Provincial Grand Master Lord Methuen expressed the hope that every Wilshire member of Grand Lodge who could possibly attend on the occasion would do so in order to be able to record his vote on the questions indicated after having heard the arguments that might be brought forward.

Lord Methuen then declared all offices vacant, and proposed the re-election as Treasurer of Bro. F. H. Goldney. This was seconded by Lord H. F. Thynne, and carried by acclamation. The Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year were then appointed and invested, the list being headed by the Lord Mayor of London (who is a member of the Chippenham Lodge, but was unfortunately unable to be present on this occasion) as S.W.

The following is the list:

Bro. R. N. Fowler (Lord Mayor) 626	...	Senior Warden
H. Blackmore 586	...	Junior Warden
Rev. C. H. Awdry 626	...	Chaplain
F. H. Goldney (re-elected) 626	...	Treasurer
Thos. Ponting (re-appointed) 1478	...	Registrar
Henry C. Tombs (re-appointed) 355	...	Secretary
B. H. Watts 335, 626	...	Senior Deacon
Viscount Dangan 626	...	Junior Deacon
Jas. Sparks 1295	...	Supt. of Works
John Chandler (re-appointed) 355	...	Dir. of Ceremonies
Dr. T. Ringer 1533	...	A. Dir. of Ceremonies
H. C. Bishop 632	...	Sword Bearer
E. S. Mackrell 1478	...	Organist
H. Merrick 1271	...	Pursuivant
W. Jenkins 355	...	A. Pursuivant
John Savoy (re-elected) 355	...	Tyler

This ended the business of the meeting, and the Provincial Grand Lodge was duly closed, Lord Methuen expressing his regret that, owing to a slight misunderstanding, a previous engagement clashed with the day fixed for the Provincial Grand Lodge; this, he was sorry to say, compelled him at once to leave for his home and rendered him unable to stay to the banquet.

The brethren subsequently dined together at the Angel Hotel, under the presidency of the D.P.G.M. Sir Gabriel Goldney, Bart.

PROVINCIAL GRAND MARK LODGE OF NORTH AND EAST YORKSHIRE.

ON Tuesday, the 13th inst., this body met in the Masonic Hall, York, by invitation of the York Mark Lodge (T.I.) The entertaining Lodge was opened at 1.45 by the W.M., Bro. C. G. Padel, and at two o'clock the Prov. Grand Master, Bro. J. W. Woodall, entered with his Prov. Grand Officers, was saluted, and assumed the chair. Prov. Grand Lodge was then opened, the following officers being in their places:—Bros. Hon. W. T. Orde-Powlett Deputy Prov. G.M., Sir Jas. Meek P.P.G.W. as S.W., H. A. Williamson P.P.G.W. as J.W., T. Thompson Prov. G.M.O., M. G. Collingwood Prov. G.S.O., S. Chadwick Prov. G.J.O., Rev. W. C. Lukis Prov. G. Chaplain, J. M. Meek Prov. G. Reg., T. B. Whytehead Prov. G. Sec., J. Marshall Prov. G.D., S. Middleton Prov. G.D. of C., A. P. Wilson as Prov. G.I.G., and J. Verity Prov. G. Tyler. Letters of apology for absence were read from Bros. J. S. Cumberland Prov. G.S.W., and other brethren, as also from a number of visitors who were unable to accept invitations to be present. The Prov. G. Treasurer's balance-sheet was read and adopted, the roll of Lodges called, and Brother J. Todd P.M. was re-elected Prov. G. Treasurer. The appointment of Prov. G. Officers was then made as follows:—

Bro. W. T. Orde-Powlett	...	Dep. G.M.
W. H. Cowper	...	Senior Warden
T. Thompson	...	Junior Warden
C. G. Padel	...	Master Overseer
V. Fowler	...	S. Overseer
E. Bryan	...	J. Overseer
Rev. W. C. Chilman	...	Chaplain
M. M. Reynard	...	Reg. of Marks
T. B. Whytehead	...	Secretary
M. Millington	...	Senior Deacon
J. Hogg	...	Junior Deacon
J. Dunn	...	Inspector of Works
J. B. Nicholls	...	Sword Bearer
J. S. Camberland	...	Dir. of Cers.
J. T. Seller	...	Inner Guard
A. F. B. Turner	...	Organist
J. Verity	...	Tyler

Bros. Sir. Jas. Meek, Rev. W. C. Lukis, A. P. Wilson, and J. Marshall were elected on the Board of General Purposes. Bros. G. Balmford and C. G. Padel were re-elected Auditors. The question of inviting the Grand Mark Lodge to York was mooted, and it was resolved that the Grand Master be invited to hold a moveable Grand Lodge in York next June. The Prov. Grand Master then addressed the brethren, congratulating them upon the condition of the province. He said he had hoped before that date to see the two strong Lodges at Hull join the province, and so form one of the best provinces in England. He hoped that this would soon be the case, and in the meantime that all the Lodges would work together harmoniously.

Bros. J. Sutcliffe R.W.P.G.M. Lincolnshire, and T. Y. Strachan D.P.G.M. Northumberland, who was present, also addressed the brethren, after which Bro. F. Binckes, Grand Sec., congratulated the province upon its condition and the manner in which it was worked. He alluded to the fact of the Prince of Wales having lately been made a Mark Mason and accepting the rank of Past Grand Master. He described the progress of the Order and its present strength, and urged the brethren to maintain the dignity of the degree.

The Prov. G.M. having signified his wish to hold the next annual meeting at Middlesborough, Prov. G. Lodge was closed, and after the retirement of its officers, the York Lodge was closed.

A banquet was afterwards held at the Queen's Hotel, at which the Prov. Grand Master presided.

SCOTLAND.

ST. ANDREW'S ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER, No. 83.

THE usual monthly meeting of the above-named Chapter was held in the Freemasons' Hall, Edinburgh, on Friday, 16th instant, under the direction of Commander G. Dickson M.E.Z. Dr. Walter Scott Carmichael H., James Mercer S.N., Colin Campbell McFarlane S.E., Allen Rolleston J. Visitors—Dr. Corrie Jackson, P.S. Polish National Chapter, 534, England, and Capt. J. Ward, Royal Navy. There being no candidate for exaltation, the business of the evening merely consisted in the usual routine of confirming the previous minutes. A very interesting discussion took place as to the differences existing between the English and Scottish ritual, the English ritual being given by Comp. Jackson. After the usual hearty good wishes had been given, the Companions retired to refreshment, and a very pleasant time was spent, several of the Companions adding to the harmony of the evening.

TESTIMONIAL TO MISS BERRIE STEPHENS.

THIS young lady, whose musical ability has frequently been referred to in these columns, was, a few evenings since, made the recipient of a handsome testimonial in the shape of a chamber organ. The Rev. J. W. Horne in making the presentation said, the company had assembled there that evening to congratulate Miss Berrie Stephens on her talent and many good qualities, and to mark their respect and esteem in a substantial manner. He did not intend to make a speech, they had not gathered there to listen to speeches, but rather to spend a pleasant evening. They wished to mark their friendly appreciation of the pluck and perseverance of Miss Stephens, and he hoped that as she struck the chords of the organ, she would ever remember the chords of friendship that had prompted the gift. He had great pleasure in handing over to Miss Berrie Stephens the organ and the accompanying testimonial, and, in addition, a purse of sovereigns with which to purchase music. He then called upon Mr. Turpin to open the organ. After a "Fantasia" on a theme by Weber, arranged by Mr. Turpin himself, had been most beautifully rendered, Mr. Laing in a most able and praiseworthy speech, returned thanks on behalf of his niece, Miss Stephens, who was visibly affected. A letter was read from Miss Mary Davies, expressing regret that an engagement at Brighton prevented her being present to congratulate her pupil and friend, but as she herself had been unable to be with them, she had sent her photograph, elegantly framed in crimson plush. The instrument is in a handsome case of black and gold, with bright metal pipes, mounted by a beautifully engraved plate, constructed by Mr. Eustace Ingram, of Eden Grove, Holloway, from designs by Mr. H. Turpin. We would add our congratulations to those of her many friends and admirers, and hope that the musical career of Miss Stephens, already so successful, may become brighter with each year of her life.

The Provincial Grand Lodge of Leicestershire and Rutland will be held next Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall, Leicester, under the Presidency of Earl Ferrers, Provincial Grand Master. The Commercial Lodge, No. 1391, will be the entertaining Lodge. The New Provincial Grand Officers will be appointed at this meeting. The balance sheet to be presented to the Provincial Grand Lodge is encouraging, showing a balance of £92 4s 3d in the Treasurer's hands. The Charity Fund of the Province is also in a prosperous state, for, after gifts of £31 10s to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, a subscription to the Masonic Charity Association, £8 8s to two poor women, and the expenses of the Fund for the year, there is a balance of £23 15s 4d in hand.—*Evening News*.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS.—When inclement weather checks to a considerable extent the natural exhalations of the skin an alternative is required to expel them entirely from the body through some other channel. Holloway's Pills can be confidently recommended as the easiest, surest, and safest means of attaining this desirable end without weakening the most delicate or incommoding the most feeble. When from frequent chills or impure air the blood becomes foul and the secretions vitiated, these Pills present a ready and efficient means of cleansing the former and correcting the latter. By this salutary proceeding disease is arrested at its outset, its pains and inconveniences averted, and the nervous structures saved from the depressing effects entailed upon them by an illness.

NEW SOUTH WALES.

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PRINCE OF WALES LODGE E.C., SYDNEY.

THE Installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Tuesday evening, 25th September, a very numerous assemblage being present, including a number of District Grand Lodge Officers Past and Present, in their private capacity. We noticed 25 P.M.'s on the dais. Wor. Bro. Francis B. Davidson presided. The usual routine business as regards minutes, &c., having been performed, one candidate for initiation was balloted for and accepted; the W.M. Elect Bro. A. Percival Bedford S.W. was presented and ultimately obligated and duly inducted in the chair by the W.M. P.M. Davidson, in such a manner as might have been anticipated from this Masonic veteran. The following Officers were invested for ensuing year: Francis Barnard Davidson I.P.M.; Brothers C. B. Airey Senior Warden, Kelso King Junior Warden, E. L. Hitchens P.M. Treasurer, J. Pope P.M. Master of Ceremonies, Rev. Moore White P.M. Chaplain, N. Thallon Secretary, J. Bryant Organist, Chatfield S.D., White J.D., Pyman, Hogg, Kyngdon and Butler Stewards, Shaw I.G., Stainer O.G. P.M. E. L. Hitchens acted as Master of Ceremonies, although the duties of that Officer were considerably curtailed. The W.M. was saluted in the several degrees. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the Wardens approached the dais, bearing a very handsome blue satin cushion with fringes, on which reclined a massive silver gavel, beautifully engraved, with a handle of carved ivory, which was presented to P.M. Francis B. Davidson, in recognition and appreciation of his services to the Lodge. On one side of the gavel is the monogram of the recipient, on the reverse the Prince of Wales feathers, while on the top is the following inscription:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. Francis B. Davidson, P.D.G.D.C., Past Master Prince of Wales Lodge 1653 E.C., in testimony of the fraternal esteem and respect of the brethren, 25th September, A.L. 5883, A.D. 1883." P.M. Davidson feelingly returned thanks for the token of their appreciation of his efforts, and said if he had done so well in the past such a testimonial as he had just received should prove an incentive to still further endeavours to promote the best interests of the Prince of Wales Lodge. After two Auditors had been appointed, and all business being at an end, Lodge was closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet. The supper rooms were tastefully decorated with twenty-four shields, evergreens, trophies, &c., and draped with flags. Grace was said by the Rev. W. Moore White, LL.D., Chaplain; after which the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were duly proposed and received. Bro. E. O. Smith spoke at some length; he stated that although for reasons probably better known than he need explain, he did not come amongst the brethren as frequently as he formerly did, but he could assure them that his interest in the Craft was as warm as ever; he further intimated that they might shortly expect a distinguished visitor, the King of Hawaii, who recently visited Europe; he is a Mason of high degree, and will doubtless receive a fitting welcome from the Masonic body. Bro. H. Hughes returned thanks for the youngest Lodge, the Rose of Sharon, "only eight days old." Among the various speakers, Bro. E. L. Hitchens P.M. reminded visitors that the Old Samaritan Lodge, once so prosperous, after certain trials and tribulations, Phoenix-like, had arisen, and now was identical with the Lodge they that night were enjoying the hospitality of. The D.G. Chaplain, S.C., who had been attached to the Irish Grand Lodge at Woolwich, Kent, England, in 1846, made an admirable speech in which he stated that the distinguishing trait in Masonry was charity. Letters of apology for the absence of upwards of forty invited guests were received, although about eighty remained to partake of the repast, interspersed by some excellent music, causing a most enjoyable evening to be spent. The Prince of Wales Lodge is now in a flourishing position, its rapid advancement being particularly noticeable during the past twelve months.—*From the Sydney Freemason's Chronicle, 1st October 1883.*

Last Tuesday evening there was a Masonic banquet in connection with the Prince of Wales Lodge, E.C., held at the Freemasons' Hall, which was very handsomely decorated with flags, evergreens, &c., in a tolerably gorgeous style. The ceremonies were of unusual importance, inasmuch as the occasion witnessed the retirement of Bro. Francis B. Davidson from the position of W.M., in which he had been succeeded by Bro. Arthur Percival Bedford. In connection with Bro. Davidson's retirement, a number of that gentleman's friends belonging to the noble Order took the opportunity of making a presentation of a gavel and cushion. The gavel head is of pure silver, brightly burnished and elaborately ornamented in an extremely artistic manner, and coming as it does from the atelier of Messrs. T. T. Jones and Co., of George-street, it may be regarded as a very fine specimen of colonial art. The inscription on the head of the gavel is as follows:—"Presented to Wor. Bro. Francis B. Davidson P.D.G.D.C., Past Master Prince of Wales Lodge 1653, E.C., Sydney, N.S.W., in testimony of the fraternal esteem and respect of the brethren, 25th September, A.L. 5883, A.D. 1883." On each side of the gavel head are the "Prince of Wales' feathers," emblematical of the Lodge, and at the end are Bro. Davidson's initials. The handle is of ivory, and the accompanying cushion is of blue quilted satin fringed with silver filagree work, and having large silver tassels at each corner.—*From the Sydney Daily Telegraph, 29th September 1883.*

At the meeting of the Prince of Wales (E.C.) Lodge, held in the Freemasons' Hall, on Tuesday, the 25th September, a presentation of a very elegant silver gavel was made to Past Master Bro. Francis B. Davidson P.D.G.D.C. The gavel is of the orthodox shape and size, and has an ivory handle. It rests upon a blue satin cushion trimmed with silver cord, and is enclosed in a large glass shade. The article, which is chased in an exquisite manner, was obtained from the establishment of Messrs. T. T. Jones and Son, George Street.

The gavel bears the following inscription:—"Presented to Worshipful Brother Francis B. Davidson P.D.G.D.C., Past Master Prince of Wales Lodge, No. 1653, E.C., Sydney, N.S.W., in testimony of the fraternal esteem and respect of the brethren. 25th September A.L. 5883, A.D. 1883."—*Sydney Morning Herald.*

THE MASTER OF HORSE TO THE LATE
EMPEROR NAPOLEON III.

BRO. Alexander Gamble, a member of Mother Lodge Kilwinning, Scotland, was Master of Horse to the Emperor Napoleon III. His history, which was quite romantic, is related by our friend, Bro. Robert Wylie, J.P., in a communication to the *Ardrrossan Herald* of 17th Aug. last, from which we extract the following interesting particulars: Bro. Gamble was born at Saltcoats, Scotland, in 1817. In 1845 he entered the service of Prince Louis Napoleon, in London, and soon became, not only his servant, but his attached friend. When Napoleon was elected President of the National Assembly, in 1848, Bro. Gamble, who had meanwhile been left in charge of his London establishment, received orders to join the Prince at the Elysée in Paris. It is worthy of note, in passing, that the house which Napoleon occupied in King Street, St. James's, London, now bears the following inscription on an oval plate: "Napoleon the Third lived here in 1848." It may well be imagined that it was a happy moment in Bro. Gamble's life when, on reaching Paris, the Prince told him that he wished to appoint him Master of the Horse—a situation he held at first, however, not without a good deal of jealousy on the part of some of the French courtiers. He industriously set to work to acquire a knowledge of the French language, and soon after was able to speak it almost as fluently as a native. To find a Scotsman Master of the Horse at the Tuileries was a surprise to not a few of the many visitors to the Emperor's stud—the finest in the world. It is worthy of note that, several years after Louis Napoleon had ascended the throne of France, the Earl of Eglinton paid the Emperor his long-promised visit, and, during his stay, he accompanied his guest of the Tournament to the Imperial Stables, who introduced him to Bro. Gamble, saying: "Allow me, Lord Eglinton, to introduce you to a countryman of your own." Bro. Gamble added; "Sire, not only a countryman, but also, I might say, a townsman." Naturally his lordship was surprised, and was still more so when Bro. Gamble told him that he was present when the youthful Scottish nobleman had gained the captaincy of Kilwinning Papingo. A horse named "Sir Walter Scott" was the favourite horse of Napoleon for twenty-two years, and it was a special favour to get a hair out of its tail. Bro. Gamble received valuable presents from most of the Crowned Heads of Europe when visiting Paris, including Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. Bro. Wylie remembers being present at St. Cloud when he was presented with a handsome and valuable snuff-box by the representatives of the London Press, for his attention to them during the Queen's visit, in August of 1855. In the war with Austria, in 1859, Bro. Gamble accompanied the Emperor through the short but brilliant victories of the Italian campaign. He was in the thick of the battles of Magenta and Solferino, and held the Emperor's horse in charge while the treaty of Villafranca was being signed. When the Franco-Prussian war broke out in 1870 he left St. Cloud with the Emperor and the Prince Imperial for Metz, and was at Saarbrück when "Louis received his baptism of fire." The bullets and balls "whistled and hummed" over him and around him, and thrdded on the ground underneath his horse on the battle-field of Sedan. Only once in his life did he disobey the orders of his Imperial master, and that was when he told him to shelter himself from this "storm of bullets." Bro. Gamble was at hand when that memorable interview took place between the Emperor of Napoleon and Bismarck at the wayside house, near Donchery; and Bismarck, who chatted with him afterwards, was surprised to find a Scotsman in charge of the Emperor's war horse. Among other things, he asked him, "How he liked this game?" Bro. Gamble, confessed, however, that his "balls were too peppery for him." Bro. Gamble, after the Emperor's surrender, went with him to his place of captivity at Wilhelmshöhe. He next came to Chislehurst, and remained the faithful and devoted attendant of the Emperor, Empress, and the Prince Imperial. In one of his letters, of date 5th December 1871, he mentions that he spent the summer in Leamington; but having nothing to do, he got into a low, reflective state of mind. He returned to Chislehurst, and saw his old friend and master. He told him that he could not stay away from him; and in his own kind way, the Emperor said, "Gamble, come and amuse yourself with a few horses I have left." The death of the Emperor, and then of the Prince Imperial, to whom he was equally warmly attached, deeply affected him, as one may well imagine and believe, and it is not too much to say that it hastened his own end. He died at Chislehurst, after a brief illness, in the quiet of a Sabbath morning, on the 15th August 1880.—*Keystone.*

VOTES AND INTEREST ARE SOLICITED FOR
MRS. JANE TRIBE, aged 63,

WIDOW of Brother George Henry Tribe, who was initiated 1858 in No. 604, Lyttelton, New Zealand; joined No. 609, Christchurch, New Zealand; was first Worshipful Master of No. 1241, Ross, New Zealand; subsequently District Grand Chaplain Westland; and District Grand Treasurer North Island, New Zealand.

Votes thankfully received by

Mr. C. BECKINGHAM, 415 Strand; or by

Bro. C. J. PERCEVAL (V.P.), 8 Thurloe Place, S.W.

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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, 24th NOVEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Muggerridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 R.A. 176—Caveac, Albion, Aldersgate Street
 1462—Wharnccliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel Penistone
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe
 1965—Eastes, Parish Rooms, Bromley, Kent
 R.A. 178—Harmony, Royal Hotel, Wigan.

MONDAY, 26th NOVEMBER.

- Grand Mark Masters, Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 186—Industry, Bell, Carter-lane, Doctors-commons, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Prnd 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.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Farringdon Hotel, Farringdon-street, E.C. at 8 (Inst.)
 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farringdon, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenæum, Goldhawk-road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1110—Tyrian, Gildredge Hotel, Eastbourne
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1894—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 219—Justice, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 321—Faith, Crewe Arms Hotel, Crewe
 R.A. 411—Commercial, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 448—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 27th NOVEMBER.

- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 111—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
 753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 890—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
 1158—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
 1348—Ebury, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1360—Royal Arthur, Rock Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1381—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1441—Ivy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1448—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyan-street, S.W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1471—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1540—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Borough High Street, at 9. (Instruction)
 1559—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
 1802—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1744—Royal Savoy, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
 R.A. 21—Cyrus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 R.A. 548—Wellington, White Swan Hotel, Deptford
 R.A. 890—Hornsey, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton
 R.C. 29—Palatine, 33 Golden Square, W.
 24—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle, 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle

- 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 573—Perseverance, Shenstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Antient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 74—Athol, Masonic Hall, Severn Street, Birmingham
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 158—Adam, Masonic Rooms, Victoria Hall, Trinity-road, Sheerness
 R.A. 175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John Street, Ryde, Isle of Wight
 R.A. 510—St. Martin's, Masonic Hall, Liskeard
 R.A. 721—Grosvenor, Masonic-chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

WEDNESDAY, 28th NOVEMBER.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 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)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 538—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
 720—Pamure, 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)
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1278—Burdett Courts, 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, 518 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1791—Creation, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 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. 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
 R.A. 907—Royal Albert, White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
 R.C.—St. Andrew, Cafe Royal, Regent Street, W
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Mosley Hotel, Beswick, near Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Empire Hotel, Strangeways, Manchester
 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7 (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central-buildings, Town Hall-street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Brownrigg, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Chard, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Ghuznee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 42—Unanimity, Derby Hotel, Bury, Lancashire
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 323—Hope, Vernon Arms Hotel, Stockport
 R.A. 328—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Torquay, Devon
 R.A. 329—Brotherly Love, Choughs Hotel, Yeovil
 R.A. 357—Apollo University, Apollo University Hall, Oxford
 R.A. 376—Royal Sussex of Perfect Friendship, Masonic Hall, Ipswich
 R.A. 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidstone
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Fowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.M. 178—Wiltshire Keystone, Town Hall, Devizes
 R.C.—Philips, Masonic Rooms, Athenæum, Lancaster

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 8.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1159—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)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Cranbourne, 1 Up, St. Martin's Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1673—Langton, Mansion House Station Restaurant, E.C. at 6, (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tav., St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruck.)
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 7. (Instruction)
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 236—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth

R.A. 360—Northampton, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
 R.A. 1305—Weyside, Masonic Hall, Woking
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 30th NOVEMBER.

House Committee, Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Croydon, at 3
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruc.)
 766—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)
 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction)
 1158—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
 1385—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1788—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.)
 R.A. 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Felham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

SATURDAY, 1st DECEMBER.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1384—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1558—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1672—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
 R.A. 975—Rose of Denmark, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1382—Royal Albert Edward, Market Hall, Redhill
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1486—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Old Ship Hotel Brighton

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—A meeting was held on Thursday, 15th instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. B. R. Banks W.M., Dixon S.W., Stringer J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Secretary, Ingram S.D., Penrose J.D., J. Bedford Williams I.G.; P.M. Hutchins Preceptor. After due observance of formalities, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose candidate. Lodge was then called off, and on resuming was closed to the first degree. Bro. Dixon was elected W.M. for the second Thursday in December, and Bro. R. T. Stringer, J.W. of the Royal Oak Lodge, was unanimously elected a member. Lodge was then closed in due form. Brethren residing in the neighbourhood are most cordially invited to attend.

On Thursday, 22nd November, Bros. Hutchings Preceptor W.M., H. C. Freeman S.W., Penrose J.W., Speight P.M. Secretary, J. W. Freeman S.D., Williams J.D., Ingram P.M. I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. G. Bolton and H. Bartlett; and Bros. Pitt, Emblin, and several other members. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed. Lodge was called off, and on resuming the chair was vacated by Bro. Hutchings, and occupied by Bro. J. W. Freeman (W.M. of the Lodge of Justice). Lodge opened in the second, and the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and closed to the first degree; and, after some formal matters were disposed of, was closed in due form.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—Meeting held at Bro. Langdale's, the Jolly Farmers, Southgate Road, N., on Saturday, 17th inst. Present—Bros. Gribbell W.M., Gellen S.W., Ashton J.W., Capstick S.D., Rhodes J.D., Flack I.G., Percy Preceptor, Galer Secretary; also Bros. Cohen, Gush, Gildersleve, J. A. Jones, Dixie, Weeden, Robinson, Oldis, Fenner, Powell, Mass, Manger, Hall. With due observance of preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Gush candidate. Bro. Cohen worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. Lodge was resumed, and Bros. Flack, of the St. John's Lodge, and Oldis, of Finsbury Park Lodge, were elected members. Bro. Gellen was unanimously appointed W.M. for the ensuing week. A letter was read from Bro. D. Hatch, Provincial Grand Master of Nicaragua, South America, tendering his sincere thanks to the Preceptor and brethren for the instruction he had received in the Percy Lodge of Instruction during his recent stay in London. Nothing further having offered for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed in ancient form, and adjourned to Saturday, 24th inst, on which evening will be held the first monthly meeting of the Masonic Association which has been formed in connection with this Lodge of Instruction. This promises to be a great success. Brethren wishing to support the Masonic Charities and qualify themselves as Life Governors should kindly forward names and addresses to the Secretary, R. W. Galer, at the above address. Bro. Galer will be happy to supply

particulars. Bro. Gush has kindly accepted an invitation to rehearse the installation ceremony on Saturday evening, the 21th inst., at eight o'clock.

United Pilgrims Lodge of Instruction, No. 507.—Meeting at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road, S.E., on Friday evening, 16th instant. Bros. A. J. Style W.M., C. J. Axford S.W., J. N. Bate Treasurer J.W., G. H. Chapman S.D., H. Baldwin J.D., Smith I.G.; also Bros. James Stevens P.M. and Preceptor, A. Pooler, Innes, and others. The Lodge was opened by the W.M. in the three degrees. The ceremony of raising was rehearsed, and the charge in the third degree delivered to the candidate. The W.M. having closed to the first degree, entry drill was practised. Some interesting explanations of certain portions of ceremonial were given by the Preceptor, in response to questions from several brethren present. Bro. C. J. Axford was elected W.M. for the ensuing week, and Officers having been appointed in rotation, the Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—The annual dinner was held at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge, on Friday, 16th inst., under the presidency of Bro. F. Botley, when a most enjoyable evening was spent, the catering of Bro. Brill being much appreciated. The usual Loyal and Masonic toasts having been honoured, Prosperity to the Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction was given by the Worshipful Master, and replied to by Bro. C. Andrews P.M. Preceptor. To the toast of the Secretaries, Bro. C. E. Botley responded, and gave a résumé of the year's work, showing that thirty-four meetings had been held, that the ceremony of initiation had been worked nineteen times, that of passing ten, and raising ten, while thirty-four sections had been worked on twenty evenings. The total number of members on the books is eighty-eight. Bro. Secretary concluded by urging an increased attendance. Bro. F. Botley was re-elected W.M. for the next meeting. During the evening a number of songs were given by Bros. Gillett, Gunner, C. E. Botley, F. Botley, Clarke, &c., Bro. Sugg presiding at the pianoforte. The Lodge will meet on Friday, 23rd inst., at 7.30 p.m., when Bro. J. Terry will rehearse the ceremonies of consecration and installation.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—At the weekly meeting, held on Monday, 5th instant, at the Masonic Hall, Canterbury, Bros. Carter W.M., Davies S.W., Hammond J.W., Pakenham S.D., Webb J.D., Beardsley I.G. and Hon. Sec., Darelaine Steward; also Bros. Cockersell, Blamires, Abba, Caddington, Tomb-lings, Rix P.M. 398 Royal Standard, Vautier I.P.M. 1449, Plant P.M. 31. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Caddington candidate. Bro. P.M. Rix delivered the lecture on the tracing board, in a very impressive manner. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned.

On the 19th inst., Bros. H. Hammond W.M., H. Webb S.W., R. Geddes J.W., T. Blamires Treasurer, W. Beardsley Secretary, A. Abbs S.D., W. Carter J.D., W. Carter M.C., F. Addison Steward, A. Develin I.G.; also Bros. Cockersell, Caddington, Clements. The work done comprised the delivery of the charge in the first degree by Bro. Blamires to Bro. Clements, an E.A. The questions leading from the first to the second degree were answered by the W.M. The working tools were explained. The Lodge was called from labour to refreshment, and again brought on from refreshment to labour. Nothing further being offered for the benefit of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed.

The Annual Banquet of the Faith Lodge of Instruction will take place on Wednesday next, at the Queen Anne's Mansions. Tickets may be had of the Secretary, Brother T. Cross, 13 Bessborough Gardens, S.W.

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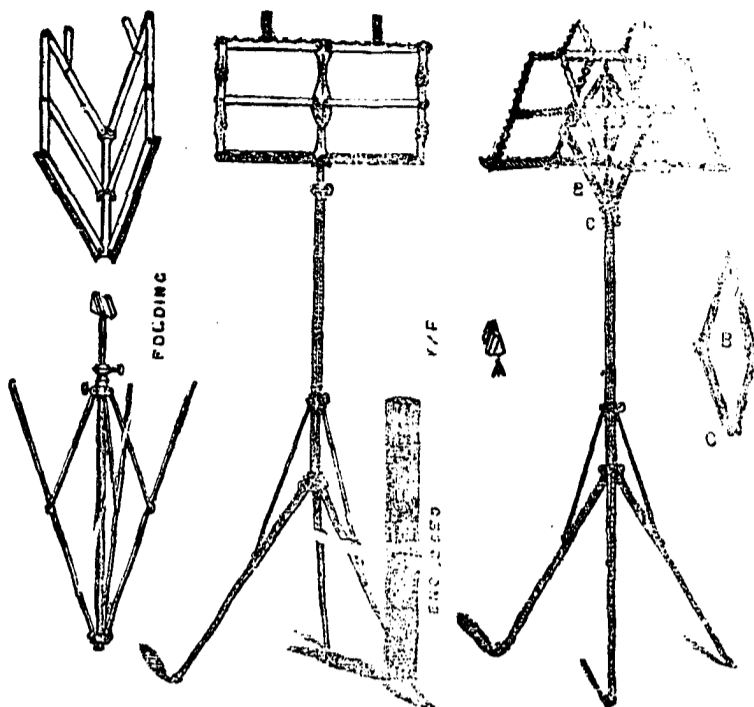
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