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THE PRINCE OF WALES P.G.M.M.M.

AFTER the lapse of little more than a month, the M.W.G.M. of the United Grand Lodge of England has made his second appearance in an assembly of Mark Master Masons. On the first occasion he was advanced to the Mark Degree, and subsequently installed Worshipful Master of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons. On Saturday last, he was installed M.W.G.M. of the Mark Grand Lodge, after which he was assigned and will henceforth hold a position at the head of the Past Grand Masters of the Order. We have already congratulated our Mark brethren on their good fortune in having His Royal Highness enrolled amongst them, and the consummation of the work that was begun so auspiciously on the 30th October last requires no further comment; save this, perhaps, that the 8th day of December will for the future be regarded by all members and admirers of the Mark as probably the reddest of red letter days in the annals of its Grand Lodge. We have likewise laid stress on the fact that the Prince of Wales's advancement to the degree, and his acceptance of the rank of a Past Grand Master, is not to be taken as indicative of any desire on the part of His Royal Highness to disturb the settlement effected at the Union in 1813, and the character of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masonry as then defined by the Constitutions of United Grand Lodge. It is months since the Prince anticipated any objection that was likely to be raised on this score, through his acceptance of the Mark Degree, by stating most emphatically that it was furthest from his thoughts to disturb the basis of English Craft Masonry, and every one is perfectly well aware that His Royal Highness has a perfect sense of the responsibility that attaches to his statements as M.W.G. Master of the Craft Grand Lodge. It is not his habit to commit himself idly to any proposition, neither does he shrink from the responsibility which belongs to his actions. Hence every one is thoroughly persuaded that, as it has been in the past, so it will be in the future. Heretofore there has been a line of demarcation separating Craft from Mark Masonry, and that line of demarcation will still remain. The only difference that is likely to follow in the relations between the two bodies will probably be that the Mark will find still greater favour in the eyes of members of Craft Masonry, but there need be no fear of any changes being introduced into the clauses of our Constitutions, which define so clearly the limits of Antient Craft Masonry. Why, indeed, should there be any such fears now, since the Prince has become a Mark Mason, than there was in the days when he was installed Grand Master of the Temple, or subsequently when he permitted himself to be received into the A. and A. Rite, and had conferred upon him by the Supreme Council of that body the dignity of Grand Patron? It is true that Templar and High Grade Masonry are very much further removed from Craft Masonry than is the Mark, if, indeed, they can be said to have more than an imaginary connection with it. It is likewise true that, in their case at all events, the question of amalgamating them with the Craft has never even been dreamt of, much less raised, while but little more than a quarter of a century since the question of introducing the

Mark among the degrees of Craft Masonry was very fully discussed, and even at one time looked upon with considerable favour. But once the settlement of a grave Masonic question has been arrived at, there is but the very slightest chance of its ever being disturbed, and the fear of any such disturbance ever taking place is no greater now than it has been any time since 1856, when it was finally determined that the Mark had no place among our Craft degrees.

We have laid some stress upon the consideration of these matters, because we have heard it rumoured—whether with or without sufficient authority we cannot say—that the ceremony of Saturday last has seriously disturbed the equanimity of brethren in high places. Why they should allow themselves to be thus affected passeth all understanding. The Prince is free to join as he is free to abstain from joining any Masonic degree outside those which constitute Craft Masonry. It is assuredly no business even of the elect what course he adopts or what he does not adopt. He is not a minister that he must be held in leading strings by the Elders of his flock. He is free to choose the manner of his out-going and of his in-coming. He has, no doubt, a will of his own, which it will be as well, perhaps, that his self-constituted critics should treat with respect. It is very certain that, in all things reasonable and just, he will follow the bent of his own inclinations without troubling himself to summon the over-righteous to his counsels. And our advice to these over-righteous, a class of men who think the world will never come to an end if they have had no hand in arranging the crisis, our advice to them is, that they should—if possible—think less of themselves, so that others, whose good opinion is worth having, may be led to think of them more highly. Let them try and persuade themselves that their approval of another man's acts, or their good offices in his behalf, are not indispensable. The world has jogged on merrily enough without them in the past, and we are much mistaken if it will not jog along as merrily without them in the future. Day and night, spring, summer, autumn, and winter will go on succeeding each other without their intervention. So let them form a somewhat more modest estimate of their own importance. To be practical, let them think more of their own business and less of other people's; and if, as in this instance, it should happen that a Prince, who is Grand Master of Craft Masonry, looks favourably upon the Mark Degree, let it be just a wee bit possible for him to do so without being under the necessity of consulting them.

The following article from the *Times* has reference to the installation of the Prince of Wales as M.W.G.M.M.M., and will, no doubt, be read with interest by our friends, who must feel delighted that important Masonic events should now and again attract to themselves expressions of opinion on the part of the public press. An interesting article also appeared in the *Morning Post*. This letter shall appear in our next week's issue.

Saturday last will be a memorable day in the annals of Mark Masonry. The Prince of Wales who was already a Mark Mason, was then raised with due ceremony to the highest rank which the Mark Masons have it in their power to confer. The position of His

EPPS'S (GRATEFUL) COCOA.

Royal Highness is now that of Senior Past Grand Master of Mark Masonry, and the brightest wishes of the Officers and promoters of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons have been at length realised to the full. We are warned, however, that the dignity of Craft Masonry is in no way endangered by the new importance to which Mark Masonry has risen. The Mark degree and the Craft degree are and will continue to be distinct. The inner world, which is acquainted with Masonic mysteries, will receive this announcement with the satisfaction it unquestionably demands. To outsiders its meaning will be less clear, and it will possibly be a trial of their faith to hold fast to the conviction that it means much or anything. They will be in no doubt, even so, that the adhesion of the Prince of Wales to Mark Masonry means a great deal, and that it will give a fresh stimulus to the growth of a Lodge which had become an important one before the Prince of Wales joined it. Freemasonry, in all its forms, is a very popular institution in this country. Its members have a pleasant sense that they belong to a secret order, that they can communicate with their fellows in some special way, and that they have therefore a claim of right to an acknowledged brotherhood with the highest and noblest in the land. To the uninitiated public, including the whole female sex, the whole thing is supposed to be a mystery, and, as such, an agreeable subject for speculation. Its secrets, it is true, have not been very closely kept. Indiscreet or treacherous brethren have revealed them to the world a dozen times over. The fullest information about them may be picked up for half a crown at almost any London book-stall. But the public prefers to be in the dark, and to go on guessing and speculating. If it really believed that Freemasonry is no more than what the Prince of Wales describes it to be—an order and an institution of charity and of usefulness—it would care much less for it. No one can be very curious about the private rules and regulations of a benefit society or an association for mutual help. Freemasonry must be more than these if it is to maintain itself in its present honour. There have been times and places at which it has been much more. On the Continent it has sometimes taken an anticlerical bent, or has been used as a cover for revolutionary projects. In this country it exists, as it has always done, in a more innocent and more useful form. It raises dining to the rank of a religious function, and it has promoted the establishment of no small number of benevolent and educational funds, from which its poor members have benefited. These are its known merits, but they are small indeed if we compare them with its unknown. It is ever the unknown which is the magnificent, it is the unguessed riddle which the public seeks to pry into. Who would care much about the authorship of the letters of Junius or the personality of the Man in the Iron Mask if we could reach certainty about either of them? So it is with the hidden mysteries of Freemasonry. They attract attention as long as they are hidden. On these terms it is that the degrees of the Craft are willingly accepted by the world as patents of a high nobility, and that the insignia of a Grand Master are looked on with a reverence as sincere as it is uninformed.

Whatever Freemasonry may be, for whatever objects it may exist and whatever by-ends it may be sometimes made to serve, there is one very real and tangible advantage which attaches to it in its international character. To become a Mason is to become the member of a society which ramifies over the whole world. Its signs and tokens are the same everywhere. The new Lodges which Mr. Broadley has been founding in Tunis and Malta and under the shadow of the Pyramids will admit their adherents to the universal Masonic brotherhood. Masonry exists everywhere. In the United States, in South America, in Asia, and in Africa its Lodges are to be found, and its signs pass current. The stranded Mason can claim and will receive help in every quarter of the world. He has only to reveal himself for what he is, and he is pretty sure to discover a friend and a brother among those with whom he has been cast. He will not always be safe even so, but at least his property and his person will have a better chance of being respected, or, if they are maltreated, of being let off on easier terms. We are not to suppose, however, that there is an equality of Masons among themselves, or that the same rank carries everywhere the same distinction. There is no small difference between one Lodge and another. To be a member of a good Lodge is as much of a privilege as to be a member of a good club. To become a member of some Lodge is no hard matter. Any seven Masons have a right to combine and establish a Lodge of their own, and admit members into it. A great Lodge may thus split off in a hundred directions, and grow like a polypus in every one of its parts. The new offshoots may be of a like dignity with their parent, or they may take rank above it or below it. It is a question very much of the social standing of its members. The Lodge which meets under the presidency of the local publican is none the less as truly a Masonic Lodge as any other. Its members, as Freemasons, share the full privileges of their Order, and may become acquainted with every secret of the Craft. More certain it is that they will keep up the traditions of the Masonic body by dining together and drinking together. Freemasonry has been defined or described as an excuse for a good dinner. It was in due course, therefore, that the proceedings on Saturday at the Mark Grand Lodge led up to a grand banquet at the Holborn Restaurant afterwards. To the traveller in distant lands Freemasonry may prove of service at a pinch. Its chief home use is less important, but more certain and possibly more attractive.—*Times*, 10th Dec. 1883.

The brethren of the Feltbam Lodge, No. 1567, are about to do honour to Bro. John Mason, founder and Past Master of the Lodge, Collector to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, on the occasion of his silver wedding, which will be celebrated on Christmas Day next. A testimonial will be presented to commemorate the day. We tender our felicitations on the auspicious event.

Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.G.D. presided at the usual monthly meeting of the Committee of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, held on Wednesday, at Freemasons' Hall. There was a good attendance, and after the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Secretary reported three deaths, one of an accepted candidate for next election, and two of the annuitants. In the Warden's report it was mentioned that Dr. Strong had procured tickets for those of the old people in the Asylum who were able to use them to see the procession when the Duke of Edinburgh visited Croydon. Through Dr. Strong's efforts, seats had been provided at Whitgift's Hospital. Bro. Strong was thanked for this kind service, as was also Bro. Layton for having contributed to the pleasure of the sick. The necessary cheques were ordered to be signed, and it was intimated that the usual New Year's Entertainment would be given to the inmates. The chief business of the meeting was the consideration of a motion proposed by Bro. C. H. Webb, V.P., P.M. 1607, to the effect that the Board should take into consideration what measures (if any) could be adopted to assist accepted candidates for election, according to the amount of money and length of time they had contributed to the funds of the Institution. Bro. Webb's idea is fully embodied in his resolution, and in moving it, he said his object was not to convert the Institution into a benefit society, nor did he think it would lead to that result. Some of those who were candidates, and who might become annuitants, had done little or nothing for the Institutions; he thought the time had arrived when something in the direction he pointed out should be done, that those who really did support the Institution when they were able should have some preference given to them when misfortune compelled them to seek aid. Bro. R. Turtle Pigott said the motion was calculated to create bogus votes; the most deserving cases were those who were too poor to give; many persons were admitted into Masonry without due inquiry having been made as to their means. Bros. Murlis, Goodall, Newton, Brett, and Perceval having spoken, Dr. Hogg observed that the state of things they were now lamenting once existed in the Royal Medical Benevolent College, where it was found that the majority of candidates never assisted at all, and that the fathers of candidates, although in prosperous circumstances, had not subscribed. The Council passed a rule establishing a Committee of Examiners, whose duty it was to investigate every case, and the votes were given according to their report. Bro. Webb, in reply, said that in the Builders' Benevolent Institution they gave a candidate 10 votes for every guinea he had subscribed. The subject was considered of so much importance that its further discussion was adjourned. After placing thirteen petitioners on the list of candidates for next May election, the Committee separated.

The installation of the Prince of Wales on Saturday last as Grand Master of the Mark Degree, was followed by a grand banquet at the Holborn Restaurant, at which, however, His Royal Highness's engagements did not admit of his being present. But previous to the ceremony taking place, His Royal Highness took lunch there in company with a select gathering of Grand Officers, when he was pleased to express himself as being delighted with the surroundings, as well indeed he might, seeing there are few, if any, places of a similar character in London, where, in rooms so handsomely and artistically appointed, the comfort of the guests is so thoroughly considered, and their requirements so promptly and satisfactorily attended to.

The 6th Annual Masonic Ball in connection with the Eccleston Lodge and Chapter, No. 1624, will take place on Friday, the 11th of January, at the Westminster Town Hall, S.W., under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. C. Taylor, and an efficient band of Stewards. Single tickets, 10s 6d, double ditto 18s 6d, to include supper and light refreshments. A dispensation has been granted for the brethren to wear Masonic clothing. Tickets can be obtained of Bro. A. A. Johnson, Hon. Sec., 11 Cambridge Terrace, South Belgravia.

Bro. W. H. Russell S.W. 40 was unanimously elected, on Monday last, Worshipful Master of the Derwent Lodge. Bro. F. Rossiter P.M. was elected Treasurer.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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ST. LEONARD LODGE, No. 1766.

THIS prosperous young Lodge held its annual meeting on Wednesday, at the Town Hall, Shoreditch. Lodge was opened soon after 3 o'clock by the W.M., Bro. James Alfred Jones, who was supported by a very large gathering of Craftsmen, amongst whom we may mention Bros. Past Masters L. Stean, G. T. Barr, Elias Benjamin, Joseph Cox Sec., A. A. Clement S.W. and W.M. elect, the Officers of the Lodge, W. Clarke P.G.P. Hon. Member, and the following Visitors:—Bros. J. Smith W.M. 193, Thos. Fletcher 33, John Roberts 1816, A. Bradgate 55, E. Heard 95, C. Gooding 1329, Max Trenberg 1728, G. H. F. Rowe 1096, G. W. Danter 392, R. J. Saunders 861, G. T. Turner P.M. 183, R. R. Harper P.M. and Sec. 813, G. W. Mustoe 813, G. A. Christmas 27, G. Wade 1310, A. R. Trew 959, C. Lorkin W.M. 1524, C. Sims 861, H. Salter 861, F. Bruce P.M. 1976, C. W. Cox P.M. and Sec. 1566 (Mayor of Maidenhead), C. W. Smyth S.W. 1524, W. Idiens 925, J. Green 933, E. Wallace J.W. 907, J. E. Shand P.M. 1563, S. L. Barker W.M. 860, G. Heritage 860, D. M. Correll 193, J. A. Collings Org. 1693, A. Westerby 185, C. B. Carter W.M. 1662, W. Burroughs S.D. 1437, Thomas Price P.M. 946, H. Brett 1579, W. Clarke 1158, W. H. Baker S.W. 1641, G. Chant 813, R. Senecal P.M. 569, C. Corrick 101, H. G. Buss A.G. Sec., F. W. Terry J.W. 214, Thomas Hill 813, H. P. Matthews 569, T. M. Francis 55, A. Smeed 180, N. Hempstead 180, E. W. Symmons 1471, E. Sims P.M. Sir Hugh Myddelton, W. W. Morgan S.W. 211, &c. After the minutes of last meeting had been read and confirmed, the ballot was taken for Mr. James Austin, who was proposed by Bro. Edgar T. Clark, seconded by Bro. J. W. Griffiths. The result was in favour of the candidate. Bro. A. J. Heard then underwent examination, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The W.M. elect was presented for the benefits of installation, and the outgoing Master performed the ceremony in an eminently satisfactory manner. After the Board of Installed Masters had completed their portion of the work of the day, the members below the rank of I.M. were re-admitted, and they saluted the new Master in the three degrees. The following brethren were then appointed as Officers for the ensuing twelvemonths:—Bros. James Alfred Jones I.P.M., Jas. Funston S.W., E. Walker J.W., Rev. H. G. Henderson, M.A., Chaplain, Daniel King Treas., Joseph Cox Secretary, Frank Matthews S.D., R. Drysdale J.D., H. J. Thrower I.G., L. A. Harrison M.C., G. C. Young Organist, and E. T. Clark Steward. After the addresses had been delivered, the candidate named above—Mr. James Austin—was introduced and initiated into the Order, Bro. Clement performing the ceremony in a very creditable manner. A Past Master's jewel was presented to the outgoing Master, and graceful allusion made to the satisfactory way in which he had carried out the duties of his office. This compliment was suitably acknowledged, and Lodge closed. After a short interval, a capital banquet was served; the arrangements reflecting the highest credit upon Messrs. Humphreys and Devine, to whom the service had been entrusted. No time was lost, and each course was presented with every regard to the comfort and enjoyment of the guests. On the removal of the cloth the W.M. briefly introduced the Royal toasts—The Queen and the Craft, and the Health of H.R.H. the M.W. the Grand Master; the National Anthem and God Bless the Prince of Wales being sung with the customary amount of enthusiasm, Bros. Strickland and Meriton sustaining the solo parts. In speaking to the toast of the Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, the D.G.M. the Earl of Lathom and the rest of the Grand Officers Present and Past, the W.M. referred to the pains displayed by the Pro Grand Master at the last Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge to conduct the business in a complete and dignified manner. Bros. Buss (Assistant Grand Secretary) and Clarke (Past Grand Pursuivant) replied, and then the I.P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He approached this pleasurable duty with all the cordiality and enthusiasm which should follow when a man is called upon to do honour to a consistent and successful Mason. Bro. Clement was one of the founders of the St. Leonard Lodge, and had worked his way up to the chair from the office of Inner Guard. He (Bro. Jones) had great pleasure in offering the toast for the acceptance of the brethren. After a song—the Powder Monkey—by Bro. T. Douglass, the W.M. replied. After thanking the brethren for the honour they had done him in responding to the toast so enthusiastically, he assured them his best services should be at the disposal of the Lodge. In speaking of the Installing Master the W.M. said: The ceremony of the day had been admirably rendered; personally he thanked Bro. Jones for the way in which he had carried it out. After a song by Bro. Strickland, Bro. Jones modestly acknowledged the compliment paid him, and assured the brethren of the gratification he experienced in the assurance he had received that his exertions were appreciated. Each of the Past Masters of the Lodge who were present acknowledged the toast proposed in their honour; Bro. Barr offering some well-considered remarks, that met with cordial endorsement. Our humorous friend and brother H. P. Matthews was next called upon for a song; this he gave so much to the liking of the brethren that an enthusiastic demand for a second ditty had to be complied with. As a matter of course the initiate was complimented, and after his toast had been responded to, the Masonic Institutions were brought under the notice of the members by the W.M., who called on Bros. Buss and Clarke to respond. The latter brother eloquently despatched on what was being done by the three Institutions connected with the Craft, and made a special appeal on behalf of the Benevolent Institution, with which he is associated more closely as a member of the Committee. For the Visitors Bros. Cox and Price replied. Reference was next made to the zeal displayed by the Officers of the Lodge, and after acknowledgment had been made, the Tyler gave the parting toast. In addition to the brethren we have already named, Bros. C. W. Cox and J. Cox contributed some capital songs.

ANCHOR AND HOPE LODGE, No. 37.

THE monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Monday, the 2nd instant, at the Masonic Hall, Swan Hotel, Bolton, at six o'clock in the evening. Bros. G. P. Brockbank P. Prov. S.G.D. Grand Steward Scotland W.M., E. M. Garstang I.P.M., John Booth S.W., H. W. Pacey P. Prov. G. Org. Borke and Bucks J.W., James Newton P. Prov. S.G.D. Secretary, J. W. Poyntz S.D., R. Nightingale as J.D., J. M. Bentley, Mus. Doc., Organist, J. Naylor as I.G., Roiley Tyler, Higson Assistant Tyler; Past Masters Johnson Mills, D. K. Freeman, James Walker; Bros. Gillibrand, Robinson, Musgrave. Visitors—Bros. Geo. Taylor P.M. 146, Richard Duxbury W.M. 146, John Isherwood W.M. 221, Nathaniel Nicholson P.M. 1723, Jas. Heywood P.M. 1723, J. Duxbury W.M. 1335, Edward Barber P.M. 113, J. McAdam 381. The minutes having been confirmed, Lodge was advanced forthwith to the second degree, when Bros. Robinson and Gillibrand passed a satisfactory examination, and were entrusted. Lodge was opened in the third degree, when the candidates were readmitted, and severally raised to the sublime degree of Master Mason by the W.M. Bro. Brockbank, by whom the traditional history was given. The working tools, tokens, &c., were explained by Bros. Nicholson and Duxbury. Lodge was closed to the first degree. Mr. James William Mather, Solicitor, Bolton, who had been duly announced in the circular calling the meeting, having been proposed in open Lodge at the last regular meeting, was balloted for and elected. Brother John Booth Senior Warden was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing year. On the motion of Bro. Newton, seconded by the W.M., it was resolved to contribute one guinea to the "Hughan" Testimonial Fund. Bros. Naylor and Freeman were appointed to audit the accounts for the past year. It was agreed to hold the Annual Festival on the first Monday in January next. Hearty good wishes were expressed from the visiting brethren, after which the S.W. read a portion of the Ancient Rules and Charges. Lodge was then closed in peace and harmony, at 8 o'clock.

RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE.

DE-LA POLE CONCLAVE, KINGSTON-UPON-HULL, No. 132.

A REGULAR meeting of this Conclave was held at the Masonic Rooms, Charlotte-street, Hull, on the 28th ult., under the presidency of E. Sir Kt. George Wilson M.P.S. Amongst other Sir Knights present there were Em. Sir Knights Preston and Ansdell; Sir Knights W. Gillett, A. P. Wilson, Wing, Cheesman, Wright, Cooper, Bevers, Highmoor, and Matthews. After the calling of the muster roll and confirmation of the minutes of the previous Conclaves, Worshipful Brother Geo. L. Shackles P.M. of the Alexandra Lodge No. 1151, and Bros. W. A. Bennett S.W. and J. Chappel I.G. of the De-la-Pole Lodge, No. 1605, who had been elected at previous Conclaves were duly installed and proclaimed as Knights of the Order. A College of Viceroy was subsequently opened, and Sir Knight A. P. Wilson V.E. elect, was duly installed and inducted into the office of Viceroy of the Conclave, the ceremony being rendered by Eminent Sir Knight James R. Ansdell P.S., after which, a Senate being called, Eminent Sir Knight W. Gillett M.P.S. elect was enthroned. The newly-installed M.P.S. stated that owing to the lateness of the hour the investiture of the Officers would be deferred until the following meeting, when the addresses to each Officer would be delivered by Eminent Sir Knight A. P. Wilson, the newly-elected Viceroy. The Conclave was closed in ancient form, after which the Companions adjourned to the refectory, where a substantial and enjoyable banquet was served, and the usual Red Cross toasts given and responded to.

YE ANTIENTE FRATERNITIE OF YE RAHERE ALMONERS.—SMOKING CONCERT.

THERE was a large gathering of members and friends of this Charitable Institution (amongst whom are numbered several well-known Freemasons), at the first of a series of Smoking Concerts, held at the Manchester Hotel, E.C., on Monday last. Amongst the general company were Bros. Joseph Young, A. E. Emdin, J. Deverall C.O., and many others. Amongst the vocalists were Bros. Theodore Distin, Chaplin Henry, Wakefield Reed, Seymour-Smith, G. S. Graham, Egbert Roberts, and others. The whole of the Officers of the Grand Council of the Fraternity were present, and their friends completely occupied all the available space, there being nearly 200 persons present. The entertainment was excellent, and the result very successful, the alms chest largely contributed to, and a large number of annual subscribers being enrolled. The Chairman, Bro. Stevens, and Mr. Sangster, the worthy Recorder (or Secretary), respectively addressed the company during a necessary interval, recounting the past good works of the Institution, and their remarks met with much appreciation. We are informed that the second of the series of these Concerts will be given on the 14th of January next, and we hope it may meet with a like success.

A Convocation was held of the North London Chapter of Improvement on Thursday evening, 6th inst., at the Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8 o'clock. Comps. H. Stiles Z., Hubbard H., Brasted J., Radcliffe S.N., Knight P.S. The attendances at this Chapter of Improvement have greatly increased now the winter has thoroughly set in.

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MASONS AND MASONIC DINING.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

SIR AND BROTHER,—I presume I am right in assuming that the report that appeared in last Monday's daily newspapers of the doings of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of the previous Saturday is correct? It is recorded that they met at Freemasons' Hall to transact business, and afterwards adjourned to the Holborn Restaurant to dine. No doubt the latter place is worthy of the patronage Freemasons bestow upon it; I have no complaint to make against it; on the contrary, I believe it to be admirably adapted for all dining purposes. But what strikes me as very strange is, that with Messrs. Spiers and Pond at Freemasons' Hall for the express purpose of ministering to the inner man, it is considered necessary to go elsewhere so frequently to dine. What is the cause of this singular habit on the part of many brethren? I always thought that Freemasons' Hall was for Freemasons, and that they held it a first duty to patronise their own friends in preference to strangers. In this instance, not only are Messrs. Spiers and Pond friends, as understood in the ordinary sense of the term, but also, in a special degree, as tenants. Why, then, do so many seek in foreign quarters what they should be able to obtain quite as well in their own home? There must be a cause for this singular practice of migration. I believe there is no restaurant at the Hall, and yet when attending a recent election I and another brother were able to get a chop and necessary accompaniments. But I am informed that that was only a temporary arrangement, and by no means as perfect as it should have been. Personally I was well served, and have no fault to find. Then, I believe, there are no club facilities, such as are to be found at the Holborn Restaurant and elsewhere. If this is so, the fault may not be that of Messrs. Spiers and Pond, whose facilities may be limited. These considerations are, by the way; the main question is, why do some of our Lodges go from home to dine? It cannot be owing to lack of skill in management, for I believe Brother Dawkins is equal to any demands that might be made upon him in the way of catering. Is there a lack of accommodation, a want of enterprise, or the absence of desire to meet the wishes and wants of the Craft? It may be that some of the leading brethren are whimsical, and prefer strange to familiar haunts. Whatever may be the cause, I think it a grave scandal that so many leave Freemasons' Hall to go elsewhere to get necessary refreshments. If it is the fault of management, then an authoritative protest should be made; if it arises from prejudice and a hankering after novelty, then I would suggest that a kind of remonstrance should be made by those who, from age and experience, might speak without giving offence. Messrs. Spiers and Pond owe it to themselves to clear the matter up, and if they are wronged it is only just and right that the facts should be known and a remedy sought.

While on the question of the Tavern, I might point out that as balls take place in that part of the building devoted to general purposes, great care ought to be taken against fire. Such assemblies have often ended in serious conflagrations, and too much caution cannot be observed in providing against a similar catastrophe at Freemasons' Tavern.

Yours fraternally,

I.P.M.

No. 79 WAS UNDOUBTEDLY AN ENGLISH LODGE.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—About seven years ago, we had a discussion about the origin of a legally constituted Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, and I have since then sent to your paper several communications upon the same subject, showing in each of my communications additional evidence that the Grand Lodge in Philadelphia in 1732 was constituted without authority from the Grand Lodge of England. Before, however, I proceed to submit some further evidence, permit me, for the information of your new readers, to state briefly the arguments upon which our Philadelphian brethren have based their theory.

1st. Dr. Franklin, in his newspaper of 8th December 1730, stated: "As there are several Lodges erected in this Province," &c. Now, as there is not the slightest doubt that Franklin was not a Mason in 1730, his statement may therefore be regarded either as an invention or an exaggeration. In short, nobody believes in the statement of "several Lodges," even in Philadelphia.

2nd. At the dedication of the Philadelphia Masonic Temple about ten years ago, the orator cited a fragment from a letter said to have been written 17th November 1754, by Henry Bell, of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to Thomas Cadwallader, of Philadelphia, in which Bell claimed that he was one of the originators of a Lodge in Philadelphia in 1730, and that he and others subsequently obtained a charter from Daniel Coxe, who was appointed Prov. Grand Master in 1730, over New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. This letter is evidently an *imposition*, for the several papers and orations upon this question, which have appeared in the Philadelphia *Keystone* during the last two years, are minus of the Henry Bell letter, though all the other arguments were carefully repeated; and with regard to Coxe, there is no evidence whatever that either Franklin or any other prominent

Philadelphia Mason, knew anything about Coxe, and there is no evidence that Coxe had ever done anything in Masonry, even in New Jersey, where he resided.

And 3rd. We have Rawlinson's Lodge list, which terminates with No. 115, constituted in July 1733, in which list No. 79 is *vacant*; that is, the number 79 is there, but the place of its meeting is omitted, signifying that the Lodge was extinct in 1733. We have Pine's official engraved Lodge list of 1734, in which No. 79 is blank, and we have likewise Smith's "Masonic Pocket Companion," printed in London in 1735, to which is appended a Lodge of 1734, in which No. 79 is again blank. Here we have the evidence of three English writers, some of whom undoubtedly had access to the Grand Lodge of England's archives, who all agree that Lodge No. 79 was for some reason erased from the English Register. But in a Dublin reprint of Smith's "Pocket Companion" in 1735, the blank to No. 79 is filled up, with "At the Hoop, Water Street, Philadelphia," and upon his evidence, our Philadelphian friends, and our English Bro. Hughan, claim that No. 79 was chartered in London for Philadelphia.

But that is not all. I have a London "Pocket Companion," to which is appended a Lodge list of 1737, in which list I find that No. 79 was then located at the Crown and Angel in Little St. Martin's Lane, in London. I therefore come to the conclusion that No. 79, after being dropped from the English Register for several years, was restored to its original number in the beginning of 1735. I say 1735, because, on the 24th of February 1735, the Grand Lodge of England passed a law that if a Lodge within the Bills of Mortality shall cease to meet for twelve months, its name shall be erased from the Grand Lodge book, and from the engraved Lodge list, viz., Pine's Lodge list already referred to; and if the brethren of an erased Lodge should petition for its revival, they cannot have their old number or precedence, and it is highly probable that this very petition for the restoration of Lodge No. 79 suggested the enactment of that law in 1735. These and many more arguments upon this subject are not new, but I shall now proceed to furnish evidence which will be fresh to our Philadelphia friends.

On page 50 of Bro. Gould's "Four Old Lodges," a Lodge list, or list of English Lodges, is thus prefaced.

LIST OF LODGES 1730-32.

(From the Minute Book of the Grand Lodge).

"This list seems to have been continued from 1730 to 1732, and is thus headed in the earliest Minute Book of the Grand Lodge.

"List of the names of the members of all the regular Lodges as they were returned in the year 1730." In the list following the above I find that No. 79 used to meet at that time at the "Castle, in Highgate." Now, I know where Highgate is located, near London, but I never heard that, in or near Philadelphia, there was a place called Highgate in 1730. No. 79 must therefore have been originally in 1730 in Highgate, near London, and not in Philadelphia. The record to which Bro. Gould refers I saw in 1880. Bro. Gould himself called my attention to it. It is not a Lodge list or a list of Lodges in the way lists of Lodges appear in the old Pocket Companions, or in the modern Masonic Calendars, but at the head of each page is written the number of a Lodge, with the name of the public-house where it held its meetings, and this is followed with the names of the members of the said Lodge. Now, the page on the record, to which I beg to call attention, is as follows:—

"79, Castle, in Highgate."

Thos. Moore, Esq., Master.	Mr. Thos. Clypperton.
Mr. Thomas Crawford Warden.	Mr. Richard Busby. ✓
Dr. Phillip Chandler Warden.	Claud Crespigny, Esq. ✓
Alexr. Chocke, Esq. ✓	Vinal Taverner, Esq. ✓
Nathl. Blackerby, Esq. ✓	— Shealwood, Esq.
James Smythe, Esq. ✓	— Page, Esq.
John Pollex, Esq. ✓	Mr. Richard Baugh.
John Bridges, Esq. ✓	Mr. Harry Walthoe.
Mr. Edward Price.	Mr. Joshua Lewis.
Mr. Humphrey Primale.	Dr. Cotton.
Mr. John Plumert.	John Pawlet, Esq.
Mr. Henry Stone Street.	Mr. Lester King.
Mr. Thos. Jeffreys.	Mr. Peter Wright.

The lists of the names of the members of the Lodges in the said record were copied from reports made to the G.L. early in 1730, when Lord Lovel was G.M.

Here, then, is irrefutable evidence that Lodge No. 79, of 1730, held its earliest meetings at the Castle, in Highgate. Here are also the names of its officers and members as reported to Grand Lodge in 1732. And, what is more, several of those members held distinguished positions in the Grand Lodge of England. Thus Bro. Alexander Chocke was G.S.W. in 1726 and D.G.M. in 1727, Bro. Nathaniel Blackerby was S.G.W. in 1727, D.G.M. in 1729 and 1730, and G.T. from 1728 to 1737, James [Moore] Smythe was G.S. in 1732 and J.G.W. in 1733, Claud Crespigny was G.S. in 1732, Vinal Taverner was G.S. in 1732, Richard Baugh was G.S. in 1733, Thomas Jeffreys was G.S. in 1733, and Thomas Moore was G.S. in 1731.

Now, with all these facts before us, I ask, in the name of common sense, how can a rational and conscientious man pretend to believe that Lodge No. 79 was located in Philadelphia in 1730?

Fraternally yours,

JACOB NORTON.

Boston, U.S., 27th Nov. 1883.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT AND PILLS.—Sure Relief.—The weak and enervated suffer severely from nervous affections when storms or fogs prevail. Neuralgia, gouty pangs, and rheumatic pains, very distressing to a delicate system, may be readily removed by rubbing this Ointment upon the affected and adjacent parts after they have been fomented with warm water. The Pills taken occasionally in the doses prescribed by the instructions keep the digestion in order, excite a free flow of healthy bile, and regenerate the impoverished blood with richer materials, resulting from thoroughly assimilated food, wanting which the strongest must inevitably soon sink into feebleness, and the delicate find it difficult to maintain existence. Holloway's Ointment and Pills are infallible remedies.

MARK MASONRY.

GRAND CHAPTER OF QUEBEC AND THE MARK GRAND LODGE OF ENGLAND AND WALES.

NOTHING is more natural than that our brethren of the Mark degree should rejoice over the enrolment of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales among the magnates of this Order. It is well understood, of course, that this adhesion of His Royal Highness to a degree which does not come within the scope of Antient, Free, and Accepted Masonry, as defined by the Constitutions of the United Grand Lodge of England, is not to be taken as any evidence of a desire on the part of the Prince to bring about an amalgamation of Mark and Craft Masonry. Still, quite apart from this understanding, which has been fully recognised from the very first, there is, as we have more than once remarked, no doubt whatever that the Mark degree has had a great honour conferred upon it by the Prince's accession to its ranks. However, it may be as well to caution our friends of the Order against being too jubilant as to the additional prosperity that may be in store for them. It not unfrequently happens that an advance in one direction is necessarily followed by a strategic movement to the rear in another direction, and this would almost appear to be the case with the Mark Grand Lodge at this present juncture. It numbers the Prince of Wales amongst its Past Grand Masters, but it has also succeeded in bringing down upon itself the wrath of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, which about two months since set about anathematising it and all its belongings, with a heartiness and thoroughness which speaks volumes for the excommunicative abilities of Quebec Masons. In these circumstances, it may well happen at some period not very remote that the unhappy picture may be presented to us of the chiefs of this supreme body, the Heir-Apparent to the British Crown included, sitting miserably in sackcloth and ashes, and lamenting the sad chance which has brought them into conflict with that august body, the aforesaid Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec. The presence amongst them of the Prince of Wales will avail them nothing in their pitiable condition, nor is it reasonable to suppose there can be the slightest hope for them in the future, and unless they turn forthwith and repent of their grave iniquities. So, at least, thunders forth the Grand Z. of the said Grand Chapter, and who is there that is bold enough to question his dictum?

No doubt the poor English Mark Mason, even in the most terrible paroxysms of his agony, on hearing of the fate that is in store for him, will be anxious to learn what, in the name of all that is reasonable, he has done to have brought upon himself an amount of cursing, to which that recorded in the Ingoldsby Legend is but as a tinkling cymbal. To this reasonable inquiry answer will at once be made that his respected chief, the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons has had the audacity to issue Warrants for the constitution of two new Mark Lodges in Montreal, and a patent to the Hon. W. Badgley, appointing him Prov. Grand Master of Quebec, of which Montreal is the capital. These Warrants of Constitution and this patent of appointment, it should be pointed out, are not intended to be encroachments on any of the rights and privileges possessed by the Grand Chapter of Quebec, but no doubt it will be unavailing to plead this in extenuation—"justification," in ordinary circumstances, would be perhaps a more comfortable word, were it not that we have before our eyes the towering wrath of the Quebec Grand Chapter. Neither will it avail us anything, if we allege in extenuation—or justification as the case may be—that, unless such Warrants are issued, many of our English Quebec Craft brethren must be denied the opportunity, should they desire it, of taking the Mark Degree. The Grand Chapter of Quebec, though, as ill-luck would have it, it was recognised a few years since by our Mark Grand Lodge—the Mark degree being a part of its curriculum—has never yet been recognised by the Supreme Grand Chapter of England. Hence our loyal brethren of the English Montreal Lodges and Chapters find themselves between the horns of a dilemma. Either they must take the Mark Degree, if they would become Mark Masters, in or rather under the auspices of Chapters which are not recognised by their own supreme authority; or they must forego the wish to take this degree altogether, and that notwithstanding it has been worked for a long course of years, and long before the Grand Chapter of Quebec

was ever heard of. True, the working was somewhat informal, and the brethren who cultivated the degree did so without the sanction of any supreme authority. Still, as hundreds of Mark brethren in Montreal can testify, the Mark degree was a distinct entity in Anglo-Montreal Masonry, and members of the Quebec Constitution will have some difficulty in denying this fact.

We are well aware that in inflicting punishment it matters little as to the instrument selected, provided always that, in the opinion of those who use it, it is likely to prove efficacious. We are also aware that, when people have made up their minds to pick a quarrel, it is utterly useless for their opponents to attempt anything like argument to induce in them a better and more charitable frame of mind. So long as the leaders of Quebec Freemasonry can find an opportunity for lashing into their English brethren who resolutely decline to consort with them, it matters little with what instrument the lashing is inflicted. Similarly, there may be a hundred, or even a thousand, cogent reasons adducible in favour of the course that has been adopted by the Mark Grand Lodge. The reasons may be as plentiful as blackberries in season, but the Grand Lodge of Quebec will have none of them. It is a part, an essential part of its Masonic faith, that even a purely imaginary affront to its dignity must be resented, and hence this terrible decree of excommunication which was launched at the devoted heads of all our Mark brethren on the 13th October of the present year of civilisation and common sense by the Grand Lodge of Quebec. It may be as well, however, if we make one further remark. There are many reasons for doubting if the Masons holding under the Grand Lodge and Grand Chapter of Quebec constitute a legal body, that is, whether they are really and truly exempted from the operation of certain Acts passed by the local legislature in respect of secret societies. We understand that our Anglo-Montreal brethren have made up their minds to bring this matter to a direct issue in a Court of law, and should this contention of our anathematised friends turn out to be correct, where then will be the Grand Chapter of Quebec and its bombastic proclamation? We shall look forward with no small amount of curiosity to the answer which in time no doubt will be forthcoming to this somewhat ticklish query.

H.R.H. THE PRINCE OF WALES AND THE MARK DEGREE.

A SPECIAL Grand Lodge of the Mark Degree was held on Saturday afternoon last, at the Freemasons' Tavern, by dispensation from the Grand Master, Lord Henniker, for the purpose of conferring upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the rank of Grand Mark Master and Past Grand Mark Master. At the Grand Lodge last June Lord Henniker announced that the Prince of Wales was about to become a Mark Mason, but that His Royal Highness did not wish his taking that step should be construed into a desire that the Mark Degree should become amalgamated with the Craft Degree, or as an argument to be used by the brethren in favour of such a desire. His Lordship at the same time gave notice that at the following Grand Lodge in December he should move that the rank of Grand Master and Past Grand Master should be conferred upon His Royal Highness, and that his name should be placed at the head of the list of Past Grand Masters of the degree. His Lordship also referred to the fact of His Royal Highness's brother, the Duke of Albany, already holding that rank, and to the interest which various members of the reigning House of England took in the mystic craft. On Tuesday, 4th December, at the Half-Yearly Communication of Grand Mark Lodge, Lord Henniker moved the resolutions of which he had given notice, and they were seconded by Rev. Thomas Robinson, Deputy Provincial Grand Mark Master of Kent, and, of course, carried unanimously. On that occasion the Prince of Wales's numerous engagements prevented his attending to take the degree. The degree of Mark Mason was conferred on him on 30th October at a Lodge held at 33 Golden Square, when the Duke of Albany performed the ceremony, and the Prince of Wales was admitted into the Order. His Royal Highness appointed Saturday as a convenient day for his receiving the rank of Grand Master and Past Grand Master, and Lord Henniker called a special Grand Lodge for that purpose at three o'clock. Long, however, before that hour a large concourse of Mark Masons had assembled in the great hall of the Freemasons' Tavern to do honour to the head of English Freemasons. It was nearly half-past three before the Grand Lodge was opened, and at that time there could not have been less than 500 brethren present. Lord Henniker, the Grand Master, entered the hall with his Officers, who were under the direction of Bro. Robert Berridge, the Grand Director of Ceremonies. When Lord Henniker took his seat on the throne, he was supported on his right by the Earl of Kintore Deputy Grand Mark Master, and on his left by H.R.H. the Duke of Albany Past Grand Master. Brother General Brownrigg, C.B., acted as Grand Senior Warden, and the Hon. Major Henniker, the Grand Junior Warden of the year, took the seat of Grand Junior Warden. Included among the brethren present were Past Grand Masters the

Earl of Limerick, W. W. B. Beach, M.P., and Rev. Canon Portal; Bros. T. Trollope, M.D., Rev. W. M. Heath, W. Kelly, F.S.A., Major J. W. Woodall, W. A. F. Powell, J.P., Rev. J. S. Brownrigg, R. C. Else, J.P., Major A. W. O. Saunders, Capt. C. Hunter, A. M. Broadley, Percy Leith, Captain N. G. Philips, T. F. Halsey, M.P., Lord Arthur Hill, Hon. W. P. Orde-Powlett, Charles F. Matier, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, H. R. Hatherly, Colonel C. E. Bignold, S. G. Kirchhoffer, Capt. A. B. Cook, Magnus Ohren, J. E. Le Feuvre, W. Roebuck, R. Eve, E. C. Mather, T. Cubitt, J. T. Tweedale, O. H. Pearson, R. J. Mure, Col. J. C. Hay, J. Stevens, Revs. F. J. C. de Crespigny, W. Stainton Moses, W. Randall, H. J. Hatch, C. J. Martyn, A. W. Hall; Frederic Davison, H. C. Levander, M.A., Frederick Binckes, D. M. Dewar, A. F. Dodson, C. Stephens, Col. J. R. Bramble, T. Y. Strachan, W. Hickman, Geo. B. Brodie, M.D., Geo. Cooper, T. J. Ralling, R. Harwood, S. Mattison, T. J. Pulley, Capt. T. Hargreaves, F. W. Ramsey, M.D., C. S. Lano, G. Lambert, G. J. McKay, A. Williams, R. W. Eddis, H. Lovegrove, C. H. Driver, S. B. Wilson, S. Rosenthal, C. Lacey, Controller S. G. Bake, G. W. Verry, T. C. Walls, W. Watkins, J. D. Murray, C. T. Sparks, E. M. Lott, W. Ganz, W. Belcher, J. H. Banks, C. Pullman, P. Wallis, W. March, G. Ker, H. Faija, T. Taylor, J. G. Marsh, J. S. Cumberland, C. Davies, W. C. Gilles, J. Barker, T. J. Armstrong, W. J. Meek, T. W. Murley, H. Massey, M. Mildred, J. H. Wynne, C. W. Duke, F. W. Koch, Maj. P. Dunbar, H. J. Lardner, R. P. Spice, C. E. Soppet, W. Stephens, J. E. Anderson, E. Gilbert, R. L. Loveland, W. W. Morgan, W. H. Gimmingham, J. Manwaring, &c., &c.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from M.W. Bros. Right Hon. Lord Leigh, Right Hon. the Earl of Carnarvon, Right Hon. Lord Holmesdale, Right Hon. Earl Percy, and Right Hon. Earl of Lathom; R.W. Bros. Lieut.-Col. J. Tanner Davy, Right Hon. Lord Egerton of Tatton, Rev. T. Robinson, Rev. C. R. Davy, J. Watson, J. Sutcliffe, Right Hon. Earl of Bective, Lieut.-Colonel Foster Gough, LL.D., W. J. Hughan, Dr. Hopkins, G. P. Brockbank, T. B. Whythead, John Walker, Lieut.-Colonel F. Sewell, J. G. Podevin, R. N. Howard, S. G. Homfray, W. Newton, Rev. J. Marsden, T. C. Roden, Lieut.-Col. J. Randle Ford, J. L. Thomas, and A. Cracknell.

After the Grand Lodge had been opened, the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master (the latter of whom has been elected as Grand Master for the ensuing year) were saluted, according to ancient custom, and the minutes of Grand Lodge of the previous Tuesday, as far as they related to the conferring of the rank of Grand Master and Past Grand Master on the Prince of Wales, were read and confirmed. A deputation was then entrusted to proceed out of the Grand Lodge and conduct the Prince of Wales into the Grand Lodge. This deputation consisted of the Grand Stewards, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Assistant Grand Director of Ceremonies, the Grand Deacons, the Grand Chaplains, the Grand Secretary, the Grand Treasurer, the Grand Wardens, Captain N. G. Philips, Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke, the Provincial Grand Masters, and the Duke of Albany. On the deputation returning, Bro. Beach, M.P., and Bro. Rev. Canon Portal bore the cushion and regalia of the Past Grand Master to be worn by the Prince of Wales, while the Prince walked between the Duke of Albany and Lord Limerick. The Grand Organist, Bro. E. M. Lott, during the procession played the National Anthem, and the entrance of the procession was the signal for a loud burst of applause. The Duke of Albany presented the Prince of Wales to the Grand Master.

Lord Henniker then said: May it please your Royal Highness, it gives me very great pleasure to be able, as Grand Master, in the name of all the Mark Master Masons of England, to welcome you most heartily and warmly into our Grand Lodge. I think, sir, that the reception you met with when you entered Grand Lodge this evening justifies me in saying what I have said, that we heartily welcome you; and it would be idle, sir, for me to make a long address to you on an occasion of this kind—you who are so well versed in everything connected with Freemasonry. But perhaps, sir, I may be allowed to say a very few words before I invest you. We congratulate ourselves on the fact that you have joined our Order. We know, sir, what many illustrious members of your family have done in the past for Freemasonry, and we all know what you yourself are doing now, and another member of the Royal House of England. We know this also—we know the value of the fact in itself of your joining our Order; but we know more than this, we know that in everything you do for the good of your countrymen, for the good of your brethren in Freemasonry, and for the good of this country, you do not do by halves, but you do it with all your might, and we think we may safely look with confidence that we shall have your aid to promote the best interests of this Order. Sir, we have gladly taken this opportunity of again showing our loyalty to the Crown of England, and we also take this opportunity of showing our high respect and great regard for your Royal Highness. We are very glad, sir, that you have accepted the compliment that we have ventured to offer to you, the compliment which was unanimously voted at the beginning of this week by Grand Lodge—the compliment of being Most Worshipful Past G. Master of our Order, and that your name shall be placed at the head of the list of those who have occupied the throne on which I now sit. I can assure you, sir, that this compliment is no empty one; for those who have occupied this throne before myself are amongst the most distinguished and most earnest Masons of the present day. It has been said, sir, too, very often that the sun never sets on the British Empire. I think we may make the same boast on our Mark Lodges; and, sir, it is not in the name of this Grand Lodge of England alone of English Mark Masons, but it is in the name of Mark Masons throughout the world that we have ventured to confer on your Royal Highness the highest honour that it is in our power to give. Before I conclude, I would only say one word for myself. I will give place to no Grand Master that has gone before me in my desire to do all I can for Mark Masonry, and, sir, in the three happy years that have passed while I have ruled over this Order I never thought I should be able to look back with the satisfaction I do now to this event, which is one I am most proud of during my term of office of Master Mason—the having had the

honour of welcoming you to Grand Lodge. Sir, we know that you have many engagements and many calls upon your time, but we hope that we may sometimes see you with us, and you may be sure that when you do visit us you will receive always a hearty and a loyal welcome.

The Prince of Wales thereupon went through the Masonic form necessary before being placed on the Throne of a Ruler in the Craft, and having been clothed with the badge of his office, he was duly installed amidst loud cheers, Lord Henniker standing on his immediate left, with the Duke of Albany next. His Royal Highness having been proclaimed by Bro. Berridge, the Grand Director of Ceremonies, was saluted in Mark form.

The Prince of Wales then rose and said: Brethren, I beg to return my warmest thanks to our Brother Lord Henniker, our most Worshipful Grand Master, and to you all, for the high honour and privilege you have conferred on me in making me a Past Grand Master of Mark Master Masons. It is a high compliment I assure you to have received this degree; it is now, I think, almost the last that I have to receive, and I look upon it as by no means the least. The interest in the Craft, brethren, which I hope you will give me credit for having evinced ever since I have been a member of it will, I assure you, not diminish. I only regret that, through the manifold duties which in the course of the year it falls to my lot to perform, I have not had time, unfortunately, to devote as much as I could wish to the interests of Freemasonry. But, brethren, you may be assured that I have your interests at heart, and as long as I live you may be convinced that I shall do all I can to uphold our ancient and honourable Order. As long, brethren, as Freemasonry remains as it is now—an Order and an Institution of charity and of usefulness—it will flourish as long as the world exists. Let us hope the time will never come when we may in any way be biassed by politics. Above all, brethren, let us remember that we must as a charitable body be religious. As long as religion remains engrafted in the hearts of the Craft of our country it is certain to flourish, and be assured of it, that when religion in it ceases, the Craft will also lose its power and its stability. I will not detain you longer, brethren, as I know many of you have travelled long distances and wish to return, but I must thank you once more for the high compliment paid to me to-day, and assure you of the pride I feel in having taken the chair of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons. I will now call upon Bro. Lord Henniker to preside.

Lord Henniker then resumed the chair, and closed the Grand Lodge in the usual form.

The Royal party were loudly cheered as they left the hall.

A grand banquet was afterwards partaken of at the Holborn Restaurant, after which the usual Mark Masonic toasts were proposed.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the usual list of Mark Masonic toasts was proposed by the chairman, Brother A. M. Broadley, Past District Grand Master of the Mediterranean, and were received with great cordiality by the company.

The Chairman gave first the Health of the Queen and the Success of Mark Masonry. He next proposed the Health of the Most Worshipful Grand Mark Master, Lord Henniker. In proposing the toast of the Most Worshipful Past Grand Masters, the Chairman said he thought they must go through the toast which came next upon the list, and which was one of solemnity. The first upon the list was His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. He thought the adhesion of His Royal Highness to their body was an event which was second to none which had occurred in the quarter of a century that this Grand Lodge had existed. The adhesion of His Royal Highness meant a great deal. Before His Royal Highness joined the certificates issued exceeded 180,000, but the admission of the Grand Master would, he was sure, give an additional impetus to Mark Masonry in every part of the world. His Royal Highness had not joined them with any idea of merging Mark Masonry with Craft Masonry, which they knew must ever be a perfectly independent corporation. He could imagine what a satisfaction this day's work must be to those who had borne the burden and heat of the day. He thought Brother Binckes, who a quarter of a century ago associated himself with Mark Grand Lodge, must experience a rare satisfaction when he looked back through the vista of those twenty-five years, and saw his brightest wishes realised in seeing the Prince of Wales take the position of Senior Past Grand Master of Mark Masons.

The Chairman, in proposing the fourth toast, said that it was one which was not less important than that which preceded it. It was the health of the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, the Earl of Kintore, and the Grand Officers present and past. If, as he had said before, the Past Grand Masters of the Order had contributed to the well-being of Mark Masonry, he did not think they could have achieved what they had done if it had not been for the hearty co-operation of the Deputy Grand Master and the Grand Officers, and while they were congratulating themselves on the success they had had they must not forget the services they had received from the Officers of the Grand Lodge. He did not think he need say anything more, because if the Grand Officers had not aided the Grand Masters in the way they had done they would not now be as a body in the proud position in which they found themselves. He thought it would be invidious to name any one in particular, but he should do injustice to himself if he did not say one word in respect to the exertions of their veteran Grand Secretary, Bro. Binckes. They all knew how much of their success was due to his exertions. There were also Bro. Davidson, their Treasurer, Bro. Levander their Grand Registrar, Bro. Dewar the Assistant Grand Secretary, and Bro. Berridge, all of whom it was necessary to name for the services they had rendered. He could associate with this toast the name of Bro. Percy Leith, Past District Grand Master Bombay, upon whom he would call to reply.

Bro. Percy Leith said he considered it a great compliment to have his name associated with the toast, but he was only a Past District Grand Officer of India, which was not equivalent to a Provincial Grand Mastership in this country. He went on to say that he had

done his best while in India to bring native brethren into Mark Masonry.

Brother Binckes, the Grand Secretary, in response to a long-continued call, rose, and said that he was one of a large number whose names were associated with the toast who were quite content to trust the response to the very able hands of Brother Percy Leith, Past District Grand Master of Bombay, and he did not think that he could add anything to what he had said in returning thanks for the very kind manner in which the company had been pleased to receive the toast of the Deputy Grand Master and Grand Officers. But if he dare say a word, it was this—as to the allusion to his services in the past—he would say, and that without fear of contradiction, that when, 25 years ago, or thereabouts, he took his share as a responsible Officer of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons, and engaged to do all he could to promote the interests of the Order that he thought deserved support, he never calculated that he should live to find—as he did find to-night—such a magnificent success. There were brethren there to-night, some of his old fellow labourers, who had with him worked with a stern determination, but they never thought that, with the hostility that was displayed towards them, they would after 25 years of hard work, find the Most Worshipful Grand Master of English Freemasons accepting the Senior Past Grand Mastership of Mark Master Masons. He had ventured to say to a distinguished brother to-night that Mark Masons did many extraordinary things, and he repeated it now. The word used in their order was “advancement,” it was by progress, by advance that they went on from strength to strength, and he would undertake to say that Mark Grand Lodge had that night received within itself the surest keystone that could by any possibility be placed upon it. They would show to the Masonic world that they were an essential part of Masonry, and the Grand Lodge should know, if a day of grief ever came to it (which was not likely), that Mark Masonry was the best friend to Craft Masonry.

Bro. Dewar, Assistant Grand Secretary, also acknowledged the toast.

Bro. Stephens (of Reading) said he had been commissioned to propose the next toast, which was not the least important, that of—The Mark Benevolent Fund. And he would call upon a brother who could give particulars of the fund to reply. He would merely say that the Mark Benevolent Fund deserved the heartiest support, and he would associate the name of Bro. Binckes, while asking the company to drink to its continued success.

Bro. Binckes said it was a very hard task whenever he had an opportunity of addressing his brother Freemasons to be eternally called upon to say something in reference to practical Masonic Charity. There was no charm attaching to it; he simply had to endeavour to press upon every one he had the opportunity of addressing to do something for the support of the Masonic Charities. And what words could he use that should be conveyed in the shape of novelty? What words could he use that would have any charm whatever? It was simply the duty of asking them when they were enjoying themselves, as they were that evening, just to bear in mind that there were those who in the circumstances of life were not so happily situated as those who were then present; that there were the children also of those who had at one time been as happily situated as his hearers, and there were the Old People too. He had an occasion to say in Mark Lodge over and over again that one of the most eminent members of Grand Lodge—Bro. John Havers—had, in reference to the great success of Mark Masonry said to him, “Do not you think it is a great mistake to divert the money from the Charities of the Order for the purpose of fostering an ideal degree like the M.G. Lodge?” His (Bro. Binckes's) reply was, that wherever you meet—under whatever circumstances you meet, you will never find brethren who will not be disposed to do something in the shape of practical charity. What had they done in the Mark Degree? They had a certain amount of money, for their own Charities had been most successful. At two o'clock that afternoon His Royal Highness was partaking of their hospitality at a luncheon; at half-past three he was taking the proud position of Senior Past Grand Master. They would make this a red letter day. He placed his mark there; every one present placed his mark there. They had at the banquet table distinguished brethren from all parts of England. What was the result of their observation of the work of Mark Masonry? Why they knew, as all present knew, that the object of Mark Masters was to do all they possible could to cultivate and support the best interests of Freemasonry. They had nothing in the shape of hostility to the Grand Lodge of England. Would His Royal Highness have honoured them with his presence if he had thought he would violate the obligations he had taken? He (Bro. Binckes) wanted them to bear in mind that His Royal Highness laid it down as a distinct understanding that by his undertaking that position in Mark Grand Lodge it was not to be considered in any shape or way any justification for an appeal that the Mark was to be accepted as an integral portion of Freemasonry. He would tell them they did not wish for that; they were strong enough to hold their own; they had nine Past Masters, the most illustrious brethren in the Grand Lodge of England. A year ago they accepted and paid homage to the Duke of Albany as Past Grand Master, and to-night as they knew they had received, as Senior Past Grand Master, the Prince of Wales. The Craft Grand Lodge could not do that. The Mark word, however, was advancement—progress. Now, as to the Charity, his good friend Brother Havers had asked him, “do you not think it is a great mistake to divert the funds that are supporting Mark Masonry from supporting the Charities of the Order?” Now, what had they found by experience? why, that their Mark Lodges and Mark Grand Lodges had been and were the best supporters of all the great Charities annexed to Craft Masonry: and then they had gone outside and founded Charities of their own—a Benevolent Fund and an Educational Fund—by means of which both boys and girls were supported and educated; and he said, without fear of contradiction, that their Mark Grand Lodge was the best handmaid that the Craft Grand Lodge of England ever had in

the world; and they were carrying out, on parallel lines, its great inestimable truths. Let them go on and prosper. Mark Masonry was recognised by every other body in the old world and in the new; but, as he had said before, they could do without affiliation, as they were strong enough to stand alone.

Bro. Matier said that he had been honoured by the Most Worshipful Master in the chair by being allowed to propose a toast was not in the official programme, and that toast was one he was sure that every Mark Master among them would honour, and revere and drink to with the heartiest enthusiasm. Although they had not been honoured that evening, through unavoidable circumstances, with the presence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master or Deputy Grand Master, they were honoured by the presence of a brother who had presided over them with the utmost ability and most gracious cordiality, and the most perfect manner, in every way in which a Chairman should behave. His Right Worshipful Brother Broadley had presided in the most perfect manner, and the thanks of all of them were due to him for the great ability he had displayed in the chair. He therefore asked them to drink with enthusiasm to the health of their chairman.

Bro. Broadley, in acknowledging the compliment said, that while he was in Tunis and Malta he had done his best to promote Mark Masonry; while in Egypt, though engaged for sixteen hours a day on very special business—the nature of which he need not particularly allude to—he contrived to found a Lodge under the shadow of the Pyramids: he understood that two others only awaited consecration.

Bro. Binckes, on rising to propose the concluding toast, that of the Visitors, said, there was a distinguished brother present for whom he (Bro. Binckes) had a very great regard, one who had done Mark Masonry service in many ways, and while they were pluming themselves on having achieved a large amount of success, he thought they must not lose sight of the fact that every member of Mark Grand Lodge was a member of the Craft Grand Lodge of England. They had amongst them that evening a brother who, while discharging his duties most faithfully in reference to the Grand Lodge of England, did not ignore other degrees outside that system. That brother's presence showed that he had a desire to support a degree not altogether recognised by the Grand Lodge of England. He proposed to them the toast of the Visitors, with which he would couple the name of the Grand Secretary Bro. Col. Shadwell H. Clerke.

Bro. Colonel Shadwell H. Clerke having acknowledged the compliment, the company separated.

At the banquet table the Senior Warden's chair was occupied by Bro. Dewar, while Bro. Berridge occupied that of Junior Warden.

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RANDOM NOTES AND REFLECTIONS.

WERE we not fully alive to the erratic character of the *Times* we should feel disposed to resent its interference in Masonic matters; as it is, we smile and go on our way, feeling assured that the Craft is in no danger, even when assailed by the Thunderer. We should say, the Thunderer that was. The *Times* no longer holds the position that made its frown terrible or its praise glorious. It might cease to-morrow and the skies not fall. England would still exist were the Oracle of Printing House Square silent for ever. We do not desire the extinction of this once mighty journal. With all its peculiarities, its occasional inanities, its Vicar of Bray propensities, it is justly regarded as incorruptible. What Cæsar's wife was said to have been, the *Times* is—above suspicion; and it is this

feature, more than anything else, that makes its name and fame. However much we may differ from some of its utterances, where it records facts within its own knowledge it can be relied upon implicitly.

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It was hardly likely that such an important event as the raising of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales the M.W. the Grand Master of Craft Masons under the English Constitution to the position of Senior Past Grand Master Mark Mason should pass without drawing forth opinions from the Press outside of the Order, especially as they published long reports of the Mark Masters' doings of Saturday last. The article in the *Times* of Tuesday is a curious production, like many another emanating from the same source. It opens in a bantering style, and casts doubts upon the secret character of the Order. It says "The fullest information about them [the secrets] may be picked up for half-a-crown at almost any London bookstall," but in order to escape from the flat contradiction given later on, it adds: "But the public prefers to be in the dark." Practically, then, Freemasonry is a secret organisation, notwithstanding that so much is supposed to be known. No doubt there is a charm about the mysterious, and that the disclosure of a name or a secret tends to destroy the interest in both. If this rule were applied to the *Times*, for instance, it might suffer in consequence. The writer asks: "Who would care much about the authorship of the letters of Junius or the personality of the Man in the Iron Mask if we could reach certainty about either of them?" We should say a great deal, for the power of the one and the circumstances surrounding the other are interwoven with our history, and will ever be regarded with interest. But according to the *Times*, Freemasonry is in a different position to either. Its secrets may become known, and yet the world prefers to remain in ignorance, and to believe that in the "unknown" lurks the "magnificent." We shall not quarrel with this view; we are content with what we ourselves know, and we are perfectly indifferent as to what the world chooses to believe of us, provided they let us alone, and mind their own business.

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The *Times*, however, is fain to admit that there is an "international character" about Freemasonry, that the society "ramifies over the whole world. Its signs and tokens are the same everywhere." It goes on to add: "The stranded Mason can and will receive help in every quarter of the world." Surely these admissions are opposed to the tone of ridicule adopted, and an answer to the assertion that the secrets of the Order are common property. When a scoffer pays such tribute as is here recorded, believers may well remain content.

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Ever since Bro. Sadler raised the question of obtaining copies or substitutes of the pictures destroyed by the great fire at Freemasons' Hall in May last, we have heartily seconded his purpose. It will be remembered that Bro. Sadler, in his letter on this subject, mentioned eight portraits, copies of which were desired. These have now been obtained. Seven of them came readily enough, through various friendly sources, and it now remains for us to state that the missing link has been supplied. To ourselves belongs the credit of having discovered a fine portrait of the Duke of Atholl, through the medium of Bro. Dorling P.P.G. Sec. Suffolk, and P.M. 376, 957, 1799, and of having placed the picture in the hands of Grand Lodge. It is not a copy of the painting destroyed, but it is very much like it, and is justly regarded as a very excellent substitute. It is a full length portrait of the noble Duke, and has the following inscription attached:—

The Most Noble John, Duke, Marquis and Earl of Atholl, Marquis and Earl of Tullibardine, Earl of Strathay and Strathardle, Viscount Balquidder, Glenalmond and Glenlyon, Lord Murray, Belveny and Gask, Baron Strange of England, Earl Strange and Baron of Knocking, &c. &c. &c., Lord of the Isle of Man, Lord Lieutenant of the county of Perth, one of his Majesty's Most Honourable Privy Council, and Knight of the Most Ancient and Most Noble Order of the Thistle.

The print was engraved by C. Knight, 1811, from a painting by John Hooper, R.A. The original was the fourth Duke of Atholl, and was Grand Master (Ancients) from 1791 to 1813, the last a memorable year in the annals of the Craft. The painting that was destroyed by fire was the work of Thomas Phillips, and executed three

years after the date of the print now in possession of Grand Lodge.

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As a matter of information and of interest, too, we quote the following from a letter received from Brother Yarker, dating 2nd December. He says:

Referring to article, p 345, the portrait of the Earl of Zetland was published with the *Freemasons' Magazine and Mirror*, that of Earl Dalhousie followed, and I have both in old frames. My Mother Lodge, the Integrity, Manchester, have an excellent portrait of the Duke of Sussex, in Masonic clothing, presented by P.M. Wm. Dossen Whitehead, about 35 years ago; it now hangs at Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester. I cannot say positively whether it is a copy of that of Freemasons' Hall, London, or not.

After all that has been done, and the interest that has been excited, shall this question of Masonic portraits be allowed to drop? We trust not. One way of inducing Grand Lodge to take action would be by pressing copies of portraits and other articles of interest upon them. We should like to see a Masonic fine art gallery, a museum, and a library worthy of the Craft.

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Three fires in seven months ought to act as a warning. The consequences of the 3rd May last at Freemasons' Hall has not yet been realised, nor will their full effect be felt until the work of restoration is begun. The cause of the accident was attributed "to a huge beam, which ran athwart a flue communicating with the kitchen of the Tavern becoming ignited." A fortnight afterwards, there was another outbreak, arising, as far as we can gather, from the same cause, but which happily did little damage. A third is now recorded as having occurred early on Saturday morning last, when, according to the special Sunday edition of a weekly newspaper, "the Freemasons' Hall was once more the scene of a fire, but fortunately this time only of a minor character. It arose from the old cause—an overheated flue. The chief damage was done in cutting away some timber and brickwork in the old hall, in order to reach the seat of the fire." Without attaching too much importance to this report, there is evidently something seriously wrong in a portion of the structure of the building in Great Queen-street, and the sooner attention is given to the matter the better. The simple restoration of the Temple will not be enough under the circumstances, and possibly the committee will find that in order to do their work safely, they will have to consider the possibilities of the future, so far, at least, as protection from fire is concerned.

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Bro. Webster's motion, carried in Grand Lodge last week, runs as follows:—"That the ancient Temple be reinstated out of the funds received from the Insurance Companies, and that no extensive building operations be undertaken until the expiration of the lease of Bacon's Hotel." A special Committee was afterwards appointed to carry out the terms of the motion, one of which is "that no extensive building operations" shall be undertaken until Bacon's lease falls in, some five years hence. Does this mean that some building operations, in addition to the rebuilding of the Temple, may be carried on, the term "extensive" to be determined by the Committee? If so, is the expenditure to be limited to the sum of £8,500 received from the Insurance Companies? This sum is made up of the following items:—Building £6,400, furniture (with return of damaged carpet) £1,050, statue £500, organ £100, pictures £500. Possibly some may consider little outlay will be necessary with regard to the statue and the pictures; the former is damaged, certainly, but not destroyed, but the latter must be replaced under any circumstances. An organ, worthy of the Craft, will cost considerably more than £100. Perhaps the cost of new furniture will be covered by the insurance money. There does not appear to be any margin for building operations apart from the Temple, and it may fairly be assumed that none will be attempted. If it is so, and Bro. Webster's resolution is to be regarded in the terms in which it is expressed, then when Bacon's lease falls in the whole question of alterations will be revived. We think this aspect of the matter has not been fully considered, it may be that this is no serious motion in reference to the future at all, and that contingencies were only mentioned to satisfy those who think considerable changes are necessary, but who are willing to be put off with wordy promises. If extensive alterations are to be effected when Bacon's lease ends, would it not be well to pause and consider whether the ex-

penditure of over £8,000 now is desirable under the circumstances? If that view of the matter cannot be taken in consequence of the resolve of Grand Lodge, it is certainly worth while to see how far the plans of the present can be made to serve those that may be possible in the future, so that there shall be no waste of money. If it should be found, at the end of five years, that a great portion of the £8,000 had been sacrificed, the brethren would have just cause of complaint. Before it is too late, then, we hope that the question will be considered in all its bearings, and that due caution will be exercised within the meaning of Bro. Webster's motion, which seems to us wide enough to give scope to the Committee for the exercise of their skill and discretion.

NOTICES OF MEETINGS.

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The Great City Lodge, No. 1426.—The monthly meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday evening, 8th December, at the Cannon-street Hotel. Bros. F. T. C. Keeble W.M., Baber S.W., R. Fendick J.W., F. W. Potter S.D., J. K. Gwyn *pro tem* J.D., H. Durrant I.G., J. L. Hudd Steward, G. Jenkins Organist, N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer, G. W. Blackie P.M. Secretary; P.M.'s T. Hamer, J. Stevens, W. Kibble and H. Thompson. Visitors—G. Taylor St. Clair 349, J. Lawrence Lebanon 1326, J. Goslin W.M. 1326, A. E. Staley Tranquillity 185, S. Stretch jun. W.M. Southgate 1950, E. T. Smith 534, T. O. Kelsey Dunedin 931, G. Taylor W.M. Surrey Masonic Hall 1539, A. Nicols W.M. St. Mary Abbots P.D.G. Supt. Works Punjab, T. Hanson Lewes 1785, C. H. E. Corelli W.M. Fitzroy 569, F. Cozens Royal Albert 907. Lodge having been duly opened, the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second and third degrees and Bros. Dottridge and J. C. Goslen were severally raised to the sublime degree. Lodge was lowered to the first degree, when the cases of two widows of deceased members were brought forward, and donations were voted to them from the Samaritan Fund. Bro. N. B. Headon P.M. Treasurer gave notice that at the next meeting he should move that the sum of twenty-five guineas should be placed on the Worshipful Master's list, who intended to represent the Lodge as Steward at the next Festival for the Boys' School; this would complete the list, and make the Lodge Vice-President of all the Masonic Institutions. Two gentlemen were proposed for initiation at the next Lodge, and the meeting, in perfect harmony, was brought to a close. The brethren then adjourned to the dining hall, where a bountiful repast was provided. At its conclusion, and grace said, the Worshipful Master said the first toast he had to propose was the Queen, who lived in the hearts of her people. Then followed the National Anthem by the brethren, the solo parts by Bro. Cozens, who presided at the pianoforte. The Worshipful Master said the next toast he had to propose was the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales Most Worshipful Grand Master; he need say nothing in his praise, for since he had been connected with the Craft he had become the most popular man amongst Masons; proof of this was given when he was again re-nominated as Grand Master on Wednesday last. The proposition was received with loud and unanimous cheering. The toast was heartily responded to, and Bro. Cozens finely rendered Brinsley Richards's well-known ode, "God bless the Prince of Wales." The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was "The Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master the Earl of Lathom, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present." As regarded the Earl of Carnarvon, he was always considered to be the right man in the right place, and all who were present at the Grand Lodge on Wednesday last would bear testimony to the skill and judgment with which he acted on that occasion, when hundreds of brethren were unable to obtain admission into the Temple. He there arranged that those who were unable to get admission, and they were principally Provincial brethren, should not go away without an opportunity being given to them to record their votes, and two rooms were set apart for them to meet in. The toast was well received. Bro. Kibble I.P.M. said he had a duty to perform, which to him was one of real pleasure, and that was to propose a toast of health and prosperity to the Worshipful Master; it was also with great pleasure that he saw Bro. Keeble in the position he occupied. They had seen how he had worked up through the various offices, until he had finally arrived at the chair. Although he unfortunately had that day had a fire on his premises, he was with them to do his duty that night. As to the manner in which he had raised two brethren, he need say nothing but praise, and he was sure the members would hardly expect him to say less. He gave them the health of the W.M., Bro. Keeble. The W.M. said he returned his sincere thanks for the manner in which the toast of his health had been proposed and received; he apologised for any defect in his working that night, and hoped in the future to go through it to their entire satisfaction. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was one The Great City Lodge took particular pride in, for from its foundation it was always pleased to receive visitors, to whom they gave a hearty welcome, and held out the right hand of fellowship. Having enumerated the names of those who were present, he said he should select Captain Nichols, who would shortly sail for the Punjab, and to whom they wished "God speed," and also Bro. Thomas Kelsey, who was about to depart to Dunedin, to respond to the toast. Captain Nichols, on behalf of himself and the other visitors, begged to return his hearty thanks for the kind manner in which the brethren had responded to the toast, and in the presence of such an array of visitors who were truly cosmopolitan. Although

the W.M. had not travelled abroad, he could tell them that Freemasonry was the same all over the world. He did not know why he should have been selected to respond to this toast, unless it was that he was a working man, and had done a good deal of work, and after dinner he had a warm heart. Bro. Kelsey was going to the other side of the Equator, and he was sure he would take with him good wishes to the other parts of the world. Bro. Kelsey thanked the brethren for the high honour they had conferred upon him in coupling his name with the toast; he trusted it would be so considered in the Southern Hemisphere, where a warm feeling of respect was entertained towards the Mother Country. He thanked them on the part of the Lodges of New Zealand for the brotherly love and friendship with which he had been received; these thanks came from the very bottom of his heart. Bros. Staley and Lawrence also returned thanks. The W.M. said the next toast he had to propose was the Masonic Charities; for this Bro. Staley responded. In giving the toast of the Past Masters of the Lodge, the W.M. said it was the most important one of the evening, for the Past Masters might really be considered the pillars of the Lodge; they were always willing to instruct the younger members. As to the Immediate Past Master, whom they had the pleasure of hearing that evening, he had gone through his duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the members; he was kind and courteous, and always able and willing to do his duty. As to Bro. Stevens, he did not know what they should do without him; and as to Bro. Headon, their Treasurer, he was always ready to help them in any way; Bro. Blackie was always, when travelling, attending to the business of The Great City Lodge. Bro. Hamer also deserved thanks. The toast was cordially received. Bro. Kibble I.P.M. said the kind expressions of the W.M. did not brook delay; he felt it to be his duty to reply at once to them, and acknowledge them in a becoming manner. When the Worshipful Master told him of his faults, in speaking of him, he could only say he believed that all he then said of him was true. Bro. Stevens also responded. Bro. Headon jocosely alluded to the reply at the former Lodge, by Brother Stevens, in Latin, and hoped that when next he made a short speech he would speak in a language that they could all understand. The Worshipful Master next gave the Treasurer and Secretary, Bros. Headon and Blackie. Bro. Headon, in responding, said there was one matter in which The Great City Lodge and all Freemasons took a deep interest, and which he was desirous of calling their attention to. Last year they took part in the election of Bro. Allcroft as Grand Treasurer in the place of Col. Creaton, who had held the office for five years. This being the only appointment to the purple which it was the privilege of the Craft to bestow it was expected that Bro. Allcroft would only hold it for one year. Bro. Tomkins held the office for a number of years, and it was then looked upon as a life office, but last year a number of the brethren broke down what they considered to be a monopoly, and elected Bro. Allcroft for the year; it now appeared that he had come forward and allowed himself to be put in nomination again. He therefore trusted that every member would use his influence, and every one who was able to attend Grand Lodge would give his vote, so that this office, the only one in their hands, should be annually conferred upon some brother who was worthy of the distinction. Bro. Blackie returned thanks as Secretary. Brother Thompson urged the members to persevere in the course which Bro. Headon had marked out, as they could not too rigidly guard the appointment to the only office that was open to the Craft in the Grand Lodge. The Worshipful Master next gave the Officers of the Lodge, to which they responded, and the Tyler's toast brought a very harmonious meeting to a close, which had been enlivened by songs and recitations, from Bros. Stevens, Cozens, and others.

Hyde Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1425.—A meeting was held on 3rd inst., at the Fountains' Abbey Hotel, 111 Praed-street, Paddington, W., at which were present Bros. J. Lawrence W.M., W. H. Chalfont W.M. 1425 S.W., F. Swain J.W., G. Read P.M. 511 Preceptor, W. Dehane P.P.G.S.D. Essex Secretary, S. J. Hamfress S.D., C. S. Mote J.D., F. Chandler I.G., J. C. Rhind Steward; P.M.'s James Stevens 720, 1216, 1426, M. S. Spiegel 188, W. Craig 1425, J. T. Michelburgh 1425, Capt. A. Nicols W.M. 1974 P.D.G.S. W. Punjab, C. Andrews 77, H. Povey 22; also Bros. M. J. Green, W. C. Hutton, C. R. Wickens, T. Artaud, R. Masefield, H. P. Fowler, A. Hardy, J. French, J. T. Thomas, G. F. Ferris, D. Shand, J. Collinson, W. G. Mason, C. J. Morse, R. E. Cursons, W. Death, M. S. Rodet, M. J. Daniel, H. Perdue, C. E. Botley, G. Dickenson, &c. Visitors—Bros. J. Dehane 1052, 902, W. Tomkin 1328, Captain F. Wilson 1356, S. Vandyck 1328, H. Wilkinson 733. Lodge was opened, minutes read, and passed to the F.C. Degree. In accordance with a long standing promise, Bro. J. Stevens was called upon to deliver, for the first time, his lecture explanatory of the ceremonial of the second degree, and this he proceeded to do. Although not by any means so lengthy as that he gives in the first degree, the lecture is quite as interesting, and the same close attention which the first lecture receives was given to this. We hope Bro. Stevens will be encouraged by the reception given him to hasten the preparation of the M.M. lecture, and thereby complete a series of addresses which cannot fail to be of great service to the Craft generally. We can strongly recommend other Lodges of Instruction to hear them, and believe the worthy lecturer is open to invitations for that purpose. At the conclusion of his lecture, Bro. Stevens most satisfactorily answered questions relating to disputed points in working, and a cordial vote of thanks was recorded on the minutes for the instruction afforded. Bro. Capt. Wilson 1356 was elected a member. A presentation of a Masonic regalia was made by Bros. Lawrence, Mason and Green, to whom hearty acknowledgments was given. Bro. W. H. Chalfont W.M. 1425 is to preside on the 10th inst. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony. Subsequently ballots were taken for the Masonic Charities, and soon afterwards the brethren separated.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 30th November, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Present—Bros. Weeden W.M., F. Botley S.W., C. E. Botley J.W., Tucker Treas., Hirst S.D., Turner I.G., Andrews Preceptor. The work comprised the rehearsal of the ceremony of raising, Bro. Tucker candidate. Bro. Hirst gave an address from the Installation ceremony, as also did Bro. Preceptor. Bro. F. Botley was elected W.M. for next meeting. After a vote of thanks to Bro. Weeden and to Bros. C. E. and F. Botley, joint Secs., and routine work, Lodge was closed.

Friday, 7th inst., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. F. Botley W.M., C. E. Botley S.W., Gunner J.W., Andrews S.D., Turton J.D. There being but few brethren present, owing to the inclemency of the weather, the work consisted of opening the Lodge, reading the minutes, and working the first and second sections of the first lecture by the W.M. and Bro. Andrews. Bro. C. E. Botley was elected W.M. for 14th December. Lodge was then closed, and adjourned until 14th instant, at eight o'clock p.m.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—Held at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, on Tuesday last. Bros. Watkinson W.M., Smyth S.W., Jenkins J.W., T. Clark S.D., Baker J.D., Christian I.G., Wallington P.M. Preceptor, F. Carr Secretary; and Bros. Hunt, Wardell, Caperoe, East, Banister, Brasted, Catling, C. Lorkin, &c. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Brasted candidate. Lodge was called off. On resuming Bro. C. Lorkin worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The W.M. then vacated the chair in favour of Bro. F. Carr. Bros. Caperoe and East answered the questions leading to the second degree, and retired from the Lodge. Bro. C. Lorkin was entrusted. Lodge was then opened in the second degree, and the ceremony rehearsed, Bro. C. Lorkin candidate. Bro. Watkinson again took the chair, and resumed the Lodge in the first degree. The Auditors' report was received and adopted. The usual sum of one guinea was unanimously voted, through Bro. Wallington, in aid of the Christmas Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Smyth was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. This brother was also elected Treasurer, while Bro. F. Carr continues the duties of Secretary. Nothing further offering for the good of Freemasonry, Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Highgate Lodge of Instruction, No. 1366.—On Thursday, 29th ult., Bro. James Stevens P.M. P.Z., gave his interesting lecture on the ceremonial of the first degree in Freemasonry to the members of this Lodge of Instruction, and a large gathering of influential brethren connected with the neighbouring Lodges, at the Boston Hotel, Junction-road, Kentish Town. Bro. Dellmar, of the Sir Hugh Myddelton Lodge, No. 1602, opened the Lodge at 7.30 p.m. Amongst the numerous assembly on this occasion were Bros. James Terry P.M. (Secretary of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution), Frost P.M. Preceptor 1366, Payne P.M., Lambert P.M. and many other distinguished members of the Craft. The minutes of the previous meeting having been confirmed, the W.M. introduced Brother Stevens, with a few appropriate observations. For rather more than two hours, during which period the most earnest attention was given to his remarks, the worthy lecturer expounded most eloquently the various points of interest contained in the working of the first degree. With but few exceptions, and those only in respect of least important divergencies, his conclusions met with ready acceptance; and it was generally agreed that a more perfect and instructive elucidation of the text of the ritual could not be otherwise obtained. At the conclusion of the lecture, Bro. Frost P.M. proposed a cordial vote of thanks to Bro. Stevens whom, he was glad to know, was associated with the Lodge of Instruction as an honorary member, and expressed his gratification with the interesting address he had listened to. This was seconded by Bro. James Terry P.M., who, whilst taking exception to some few of the opinions of the lecturer, desired, nevertheless, to express his sense of the important services rendered to the Craft generally by the repetition of his work in the several Lodges and Lodges of Instruction. The vote having been unaimously agreed to, Bro. Stevens, in reply, expressed his acknowledgments, thanking the brethren for their very patient attention, and stating his readiness to accept any invite he might receive from other Lodges of Instruction desirous of hearing the lecture. Several new members having been elected, Lodge was closed in harmony. The Highgate Lodge of Instruction meets every Thursday evening, at the Boston Hotel, at eight o'clock.

Royal Military Lodge of Instruction, No. 1449.—On Monday, 3rd inst., at the Masonic Temple, Canterbury. Bros. Carter W.M., Hammond S.W., Blamires J.W., Blamires Treasurer, Beardsley Secretary, Abbs S.D., Develin J.D., Vautier M.C., Geddes Steward, Beardsley I.G.; P.M. Beer. After preliminaries, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Caddington candidate. Lodge was lowered to first degree and called off, and again brought on for Masonic work. After routine work, Lodge was closed in ancient form.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—On Monday 3rd, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N. Bros. Galer W.M., Trick S.W., Brock J.W., Killick P.M. 1693 Treasurer, J. H. Collingridge Secretary, Weeden S.D., Treadwell J.D., Trewinard P.M. 1693 Preceptor, Elliott W.M. 1275 S.W. 749 I.G.; P.M. Crosbie W.M. 1693, and other brethren. After preliminaries, the ceremony of raising was rehearsed, Bro. Collingridge acting as candidate. Lodge was resumed to first degree and ceremony of initiation rehearsed, Bro. Turner candidate. Lodge was closed in due form.

On 10th instant, Brothers. Trick W.M., Brock S.W., Weeden

J.W., Killick Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Gibbs S.D., Rhodes J.D., Bagnall I.G.; also Bros. Clark, Jordan, Forge; Western, &c. Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Goddard as candidate for raising answered the questions, and the ceremony was rehearsed. Lodge was resumed to the first degree, and Bro. Galer and Young-husband answered the questions leading to the second, and in due course the second ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. Young-husband acting as candidate. Bro. Brock will preside on Monday next. The sum of one guinea having been unanimously voted for the Christmas Entertainment to the Old People, Lodge was closed.

The Fifteen Sections will be worked in the Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., this Saturday, 15th December. Bro. D. Moss will preside, and Bros. T. Cull and H. G. Gush will fill the Wardens' chairs, while Bro. R. Percy will act as Immediate Past Master. The following Craftsmen have undertaken to do the work:—Bros. Ashton, Gribbell, Percy, Fenner, Cull, Gush, Powell; Ferrer, Moss, Sparrow, Isaac, Weeden; Cohen, Galer, Strugnell. Lodge will be opened punctually at 7 p.m.; Bro. R. W. Galer J.D. 1365 is the Secretary.

A list of banquets, &c., held at the Freemasons' Tavern for the week ending 15th December 1883:—

Monday, 10th—City Ramblers' Cricket Club Ball, St. George's and Cornerstone Lodge, Leigh Lodge, University Chapter, Finsbury Conservative Association; 11th—Urban Lodge, St. James's Union Lodge, Jerusalem Chapter, Prudent Brethren Chapter, Coutts' Cricket Club; Wednesday, 12th—New Holborn Quadrilles, Amersham Hall Club, Enoch Lodge, Lodge of Fidelity; Thursday, 13th—Old Acquaintance Musical Society, Polish National Lodge, Caledonian Society, Creaton Lodge, Pilgrim Lodge; Friday, 14th—London Morayshire Club Ball, Bees' Cricket Club, Bedford Lodge, Eclectic Lodge; Saturday, 15th—Tottenham House Ball.

AN OLD CITIZEN.

MR. Jedediah Hubbell Dorwin died on Sunday, 10th November, at his residence, 1723 St. Katherine-street, Montreal. The deceased gentleman was born in New Haven, Vermont, on the 25th of May 1792, and was thus in his 92nd year. His grandfather was one of ten brothers who emigrated to the States from Kent, England; his mother was of Welsh descent. He was the last survivor of five children, his brother, Mr. Canfield Dorwin, a private banker of this city, having died in 1872. Mr. Dorwin married in 1817 Miss Williamson, of Albany, N.Y., who died fifteen years ago; he leaves one son besides his adopted daughter. Mr. Dorwin was out walking on Saturday, seeming in very good health; his final illness did not come upon him till Sunday morning.

The late Mr. Dorwin first came to Montreal in 1815, and settled here in the following year, taking a situation as a clerk. In 1817, on his marriage, he started a grocery store in the Quebec suburbs, but bad debts caused the failure of that business. In 1819 he contracted for, and accomplished, the removal of Citadel-hill from the present Dalhousie-square. Some of the earth went to fill up a neighbouring pond, and some was taken to the Champ de Mars. It was during that operation that Mr. Dorwin made the acquaintance of Mr. John (now Colonel) Dyde. About 1840 he entered the lumber trade with Mr. Peter McGill; he retired from business about 24 years ago, after the burning of his mills at Rawdon.

Mr. Dorwin is believed to have been the oldest Freemason but one in Canada. He was initiated in 1819 to one of the English regimental Lodges that came out in 1812. He was First Master of Union Lodge, First Past Master of St. George's Lodge 440 E.R., and First M.E.Z. of the Victoria Chapter of that Lodge, continuing an active member till his death.

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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, 15th DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney
1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
1624—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
1732—King's Cross, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
M.M. 205—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow
M.M. 251—Tenterden, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.

- 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Melham
811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 17th DECEMBER.

- 1—Grand Masters', Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
8—British, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
21—Emulation, Albion, Aldersgate-street
22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-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)
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
862—Whittington, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (In)
1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
1537—St. Peter Westminster, Criterion, W.
1585—Royal Com m em or at ion, Fox and Hounds, Putney, at 8. (Instruction)
1608—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C., at 7 (Inst.)
1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel Mile End Road, corner of Burdett Road. (Inst.)
1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
1910—Shadwell Clerke, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
2021—Queen's Westminster, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. (CONSECRATION)
R.A. 933—Doric, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 7. (Instruction)
R.A. 1319—Asaph, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
M.M. 173—Temple, Green Dragon Tavern, Stepney
77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend
230—York, Masonic Hall, York
331—Phoenix Public Room, Truro
359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton
382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
424—Borough, Half Moom Hotel, Gateshead
466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton
622—St. Onthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne
725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth
823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
925—Bedford Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield
985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport
1037—Portland, Portland Hall, Portland
1141—Mid Sussex, King's Arms Hotel, Horsham
1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury
1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover
1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1909—Carnarvon, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
R.A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
R.A. 40—Emulation, Castle Hotel, Hastings
R.A. 296—Loyalty, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
R.A. 302—Charity, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford
R.A. 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Blackburn
R.A. 432—St. James, New Inn, Handsworth
R.A. 557—Valletort, Masonic Hall, Callington, Cornwall
R.A. 779—St. Augustine, Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch
M.M. 141—Skelmersdale, Pitt and Nelson Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne

TUESDAY, 18th DECEMBER.

- Board of General Purposes, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
30—United Mariners, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst.)
65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Bridge House Hotel, Southwark
95—Eastern Star, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park Station, at 8. (Instruction)
162—Cadogan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney (Instruction)
753—Prince Frederick William, Eagle Tavern, Clifton Road, Maida Hill, at 8 (Instruction)
820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30 (Instruction)
840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pawaal-road, Dalston at 8 (Instruction)
1044—Wandsworth, Star and Garter Hotel, St. Ann's-hill, Wandsworth (Inst.)
1339—Stockwell, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
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)
1420—Earl Spencer, Swan Hotel, Battersea Old Bridge
1448—Mount Edgumbe, 19 Jermyn-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 8. (Instruction)
1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In)
1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Queen's Head, Essex Road, N., at 8.30 (In)
1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
1949—Brixton, Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, 6.30
R.A. 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
R.A. 19—Mount Sinai, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart Tavern, Clapton, at 8. (Instruction)
M.M. 238—Prince Leopold, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
213—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich
241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
243—True Love and Unity, Freemasons' Hall, Brixham, Devon
384—St. David, Masonic Rooms, Bangor.

- 402—Royal Sussex, George the Fourth, Nottingham
414—Union, Masonic Hall, Reading
418—Menturia, Mechanics' Institute, Hanley
448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
468—Light, Great Western Hotel, Birmingham
510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
667—Alliance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
860—Bute, Masonic Hall, 9 Working-street, Cardiff.
1006—Tregulow, Masonic Rooms, St. Day, Scorrier, Cornwall
1052—Callender, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
1089—De Shurland, Fountain Hotel, Sheerness.
1113—Anglesea, Bull Hotel, Llangefni
1276—Warren, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead, Cheshire
1325—Stanley, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
1427—Percy, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
1470—Chiltern, Town Hall, Dunstable
1473—Bootle, 146 Berry-street, Bootle, at 6 (Instruction)
1534—Concord, George Hotel, Prestwich
1551—Charity, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
1570—Prince Arthur, 140 North Hill Street, Liverpool
1726—Gordon, Assembly Room, Bognor
1764—Eleanor Cross, Masonic Hall, Abington-street, Northampton
1941—St. Augustino's, Shrewsbury Arms Hotel, Rugeley
R.A. 41—Royal Cumberland, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
R.A. 80—St. John's, Masonic Hall, Park Terrace, Sunderland
R.A. 315—Royal Pavilion, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
R.A. 419—St. Peter, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
R.A. 792—Oliver, Masonic Hall, Osborne Street, Great Grimsby
R.A. 1151—Unity, Town Hall, Tywardreath, Cornwall
M.M.—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
M.M. 266—Amherst, Masonic Hall, Sandgate

WEDNESDAY, 19th DECEMBER.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C., at 6
15—Kent, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
73—Mount Lebanon, Horse Shoe Inn, Newington Causeway, at 8. (Inst)
174—Sincerity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
228—United Strength, Prince Alfred, 13 Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8 (In)
539—La Tolerance, Morland's Hotel, Dean Street, Oxford St. at 8 (Inst)
700—Nelson, Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
893—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
969—Maybury, Inns of Court Hotel, W.C.
1278—Burdett Coutts, Dicks's Head, 79 Whitechapel Road, E., at 8. (Inst.)
1289—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
1321—Emblematic, Goat and Star, Swallow Street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
1349—Friars, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
1382—Corinthian, George Inn, Glengall Road, Cubitt Town
1445—Prince Leopold, Moorgate Tavern, Moorgate Street, at 7 (Instruction)
1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
1507—Metropolitan, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
1524—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
1624—Eccleston, Criterion, Piccadilly
1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
1673—Langton, Viaduct Hotel, Holborn
1791—Creton, Prince Albert Tavern, Portobello-ter., Notting-hill-gate (Inst.)
1803—Corahill, King's Head, Fenchurch-street
1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
R.A.—Camden, The Boston, Junction Road, Holloway, at 8.30. (Instruction)
R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction)
R.A. 1598—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, at 8 (Instruction)
M.M. 144—Grosvenor, Masonic Hall, Air Street, Regent Street

- 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
121—Mount Sinai, Public-buildings, Penzance
175—East Medina, Masonic Hall, John-street, Ryde, I.W
178—Antiquity Royal Hotel, Wigan
200—Old Globe, Private Rooms, Globe-street, Scarborough
221—St. John, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall Square, Bolton
246—Royal Union, Freemasons Hall, Cheltenham.
274—Tranquillity, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
311—South Saxon, Freemasons' Hall, Lowes
325—St. John's Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford
342—Royal Sussex, Freemasons' Hall, 79 Commercial Road, Llandport
363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
423—Sincerity, Angel Inn, Northwich, Cheshire
451—Sutherland, Town Hall, Burslem
537—Zetland, 9 Hamilton-street, Birkenhead.
581—Faith, Drover's Inn, Openshaw
592—Cotteswold, King's Head Hotel, Cirencester
594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
633—Yarborough, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
683—Isca, Freemasons' Hall, Dock-street, Newport, Monmouthshire
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THURSDAY, 20th DECEMBER.

- House Committee Girls' School, Battersea Rise, at 4
3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8 (Instruction)
27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
49—Gihon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
169—Temperance, White Swan, High-street, Deptford

- 179—Manchester, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 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)
 813—New Concord, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Cock Tavern, St. Martin's-court, Ludgate-hill, at 6.30 (Inst)
 1139—South Norwood, Public Hall, South Norwood
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1227—Upton, Swan, Bethnal Green-road, near Shoreditch, at 8 (Instruction)
 1287—Great Northern, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst.)
 1613—Cripplegate, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 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, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instru.)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich.
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 733—Westbourne, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
 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 8. (Instruction)
 M.M.—Bon Accord, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 M.M. 7—Carnarvon, Café Royal, W.
 M.M. 199—Duke of Connaught, Haverlock, Albion-rd., Dalston, at 8.30 (Inst.)
- 42—Relief, Albion Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction)
 56—Howard, High-street, Arundel
 98—St. Martin, Town Hall, Burslem
 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor, Great Yarmouth
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 215—Commerce, Commercial Hotel, Haslingden
 268—Union, Queen's Arms Inn, George-street, Ashton-under-Lyne
 343—Concord, Militia Officers' Mess Rooms, Starkie-street, Preston
 345—Perseverance, Old Bull Hotel, Church-street, Blackburn
 367—Probity and Freedom, Red Lion Inn, Smallbridge
 432—Abbey, Newdegate Arms, Nuneaton
 523—John of Gaunt, Freemasons' Hall, Halford-street, Leicester
 600—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 605—Combermere, Queen's Hotel, Birkenhead
 663—Wiltshire Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Devizes.
 671—Trafalgar, Private Room, Commercial Street, Batley
 1011—Richmond, Crown Hotel, Blackfriars-street, Salford
 1042—Excelsior, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1184—Abbey, Masonic Hall, Battle
 1299—Pembroke, West Derby Hotel, West Derby, near Liverpool
 1432—Fitzalan, Wynstay Arms, Oswestry
 1514—Thornhill, Masonic Room, Dearn House, Lindley
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1872—St. Margaret's, St. Mark's School, Surbiton
 R.A. 38—Cyrus, Council Chambers, North Street, Chichester
 R.A. 317—Affability, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper Street, Manchester
 R.A. 771—Windsor Castle, Masonic Hall, St. Alban Street, Windsor
 R.A. 1145—Equality, Red Lion, Accrington
 M.M.—Canynge, Freemasons' Hall, Bristol
 M.M. 17—Portsmouth, Masonic Hall, Portsmouth
 K.T.—William de la More, Masonic Rooms, St. Helens, Liverpool

FRIDAY, 21st DECEMBER.

- House Committee Boys' School, Wood Green, at 4
 Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 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)
 201—Jordan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instru.)
 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.)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Guardsman Army Coffee Tavern, Buckingham Palace-road, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 1962—London Rifle Brigade, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 65—Prosperity Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Leadenhall St.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 176—Era, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C.
 K.T. 6—St. George's, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.C. 10—Invicta, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square, W.C.
- 127—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Margate
 152—Virtue, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 271—Royal Clarence, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 347—Noah's Ark, Wagon and Horses Hotel, Tipton
 453—Chigwell, Prince's Hall, Buckhurst Hill, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 516—Phoenix, Fox Hotel, Stowmarket
 541—De Lorraine, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-street, Newcastle
 993—Alexandra, Midway Hotel, Levenshulme
 1098—Lord Warden, Wellington Hall, Deal
 1102—Mirfield, Assembly Rooms, Easthorpe, Mirfield
 1311—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Great George street, Leeds
 1393—Hamer, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 1773—Albert Victor, Town Hall, Pendleton
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A.—General Chapter of Improvement, Masonic Hall, Birmingham
 R.A. 52—Royal George, Norfolk Hotel, Norwich
 R.A. 403—Hertford, Shire Hall, Hertford
 R.A. 521—Truth, Freemasons' Hall, Fitzwilliam-street, Huddersfield
 R.A. 837—Marquess of Ripon, Town Hall, Ripon
 R.A. 1010—Kingston, Masonic Hall, Worship Street, Hull
 M.M. 65—West Lancashire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

SATURDAY, 22nd DECEMBER.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zeland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1621—Eccleston, King's Head, Ebury Bridge, Pimlico, at 7 (Instruction)
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8

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Prosperity Lodge of Instruction, No. 65.—Held at Bro. Maidwell's, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, on Tuesday, 11th inst. Present—Bros. Walker (Sec.) W.M., Haynes S.W., Valentine J.W., Sainte S.D., Dyson J.D., Wall I.G., Moss Preceptor; also Bros. Rich, Schadler, Harris, Roberts, Bourne, Mann. Lodge opened in due form, and minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Rich candidate. The W.M. vacated the chair in favour of Bro. Moss. Lodge opened in second degree. Bro. Schadler answered the questions leading to the third, and was entrusted. Lodge opened in third degree, when Bro. Schadler, as candidate, was duly raised to the sublime degree. The W.M. during the rehearsal giving the traditional history very impressively. Bro. Walker then resumed the chair and Lodge was closed in second and third degrees. Bro. Haynes was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. It was also unanimously agreed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes for the very able way in which the W.M. had presided, for the first time. Bro. Schadler, W.M. Prosperity, No. 65, will rehearse the ceremony of installation on Tuesday, the 18th inst., at seven o'clock.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—On Thursday, 13th inst., at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Present—Bros. S. R. Speight P.M. (Secretary) W.M., J. W. Freeman S.W., Pitt J.W., J. Bedford Williams S.D., Stringer J.D., Penrose I.G., Past Masters Bros. Hutchings Preceptor and Ingram, Bro. Emblem and several others. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Penrose personating the candidate, Bro. Ingram P.M. acting as I.G. The chair was then taken by Bro. B. R. Banks the W.M. elect of the Mother Lodge; he opened the Lodge in the second degree and rehearsed the ceremony of passing, Bro. Stringer being the candidate. Lodge was then advanced to the third, and called off; on resuming it was closed to the first degree, when Bro. J. W. Freeman was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Announcement was made of the death of Bro. H. B. Taylor, the Secretary of the Chislehurst Lodge. We regret to hear he leaves his widow in distressed circumstances. Lodge was then closed in due form.

New Concord Lodge of Instruction, No. 813.—The Annual Supper in connection with this Lodge was held on Wednesday last, at the Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road. Bro. Tiddiman W.M. 813 presided; he was supported by Bro. P.M. Cusworth, Vice-President, Bros. Past Masters James Terry, George, Stiles, Gabb, Harper; Bros. Recknell, Whale, Glass, Galer, Trick, O'Donnell, Ashton, McMillan, Patten, Ockelford, Chubb, Wicks, Loughton, Western, Dixie, A. Perl, Pilley, Powell, Wright, Leoffler, Clark, Freund, F. Sillis, Scurrah, J. B. Smith, W. Potter, Stillwell, Ross, F. Perl Secretary. The brethren having partaken of a sumptuous repast,—the proprietor catering in a manner which did him credit, and fully deserving the praise accorded him,—the President, in eulogistic terms, proposed the health of Her Most Gracious Majesty the Queen. The toast, as usual among Freemasons, was most heartily received, and Bro. A. Perl gave the National Anthem. Then followed the toast of the Most Wor. Grand Master and the Grand Officers past and present. Bro. Powell followed with a song, "God Bless the Prince of Wales." The toast of the evening was next on the list, the President proposing it in terms most encouraging to the members. He recounted the good the Lodge had done in the past, and hoped it might go on successfully in the future. This was received most enthusiastically, the names of the Preceptor Bro. Cusworth and the Secretary Bro. Perl being coupled with the toast; both briefly responded. The next toast was that of the health of the President Bro. Tiddiman, proposed by the Vice-President, which also was most cordially received, and the President suitably acknowledged the compliment. One or two good songs were then indulged in, Bro. Glass rendering the "Ship's Carpenter" in a most amusing style. Bros. Sillis and Wicks each sang a good song, evoking loud applause. "The Charities" was next proposed, the President singling out that of the R.M.B.I., and, in the name of the Lodge, presenting to the Secretary, Bro. James Terry, the sum of £5 5s, as a donation. Bro. Terry's name was, of course, associated with the toast, and he very ably responded, making a most earnest appeal on behalf of the Institution for which he is Secretary. Bro. P.M. Stiles then followed with a song, and Bro. P.M. Cusworth with a recitation, "The Quack Doctor," one able to cure all diseases incidental to humanity. This brought forth a round of applause. The Visitors were next complimented, Bro. P.M. Stiles's name being coupled with the toast. He, with several others, responded. Bro. Terry's rendering of a recitation, entitled "Our Laws," was most amusing, and met with loud applause. A few more good songs followed, and the brethren dispersed after the usual seasonable greetings had been exchanged.

New Finsbury Park Lodge of Instruction, No. 1695.—At the weekly meeting, held at Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, on Tuesday, the 11th December, Bros. Moon W.M., Bolt S.W., Oldis J.W., Davies Preceptor, Berry Secretary, Morris S.D., Haynes J.D., Frampton I.G.; Bros. Fenner, Gush, Gribbell, Eldridge, Cox, Fetch, Scott, Tremere, Knight, Hoare, Dixie, and Gregory. The Lodge opened in due form, and the minutes of last meeting having been confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Gribbell being the candidate. Lodge was opened in the second degree, and Bro. Dixie having offered himself as candidate, the ceremony of passing was rehearsed. Bro. Bolt was elected W.M. for the next meeting, and all business being ended Lodge was closed and adjourned to Tuesday next at eight o'clock.

The consecration of the Queen's Westminster Lodge, No. 2021, will take place on Monday, at the Masonic Hall, 8a Red Lion Square, W.C. Bro. G. Lambert P.G.S.B. is the W.M. designate. A banquet will afterwards take place at the Holborn Restaurant.

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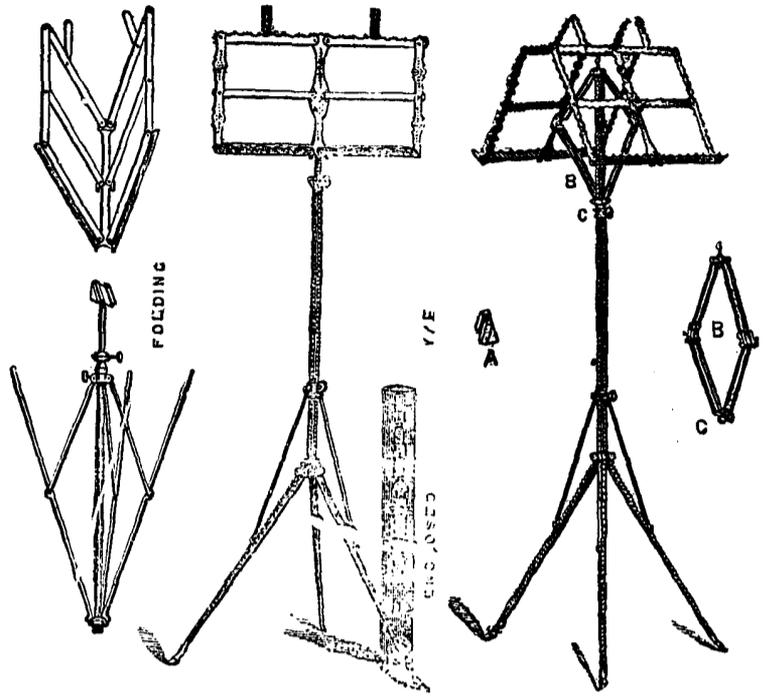
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