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OBJECTIONS TO FREEMASONRY.

FIRST, its secrecy consists in nothing more than methods by which the members are enabled to recognise each other; and in certain doctrines, symbols, or instructions, which can be obtained only after a process of initiation, and under a promise that they shall be made known to none who have not submitted to the same initiation, but which, with the exception of these particulars, have no reservations from the public; and secondly, of those societies which, in addition to their secret modes of recognition and secret doctrines, add an entire secrecy as to the object of their association, the time of their meetings and even the very names of their members. To the first of these classes belong all those moral or religious secret societies which have existed from the earliest times. Such are the Ancient Mysteries, whose object was by their initiation to cultivate a purer worship than the popular one; such, too, the schools of the old philosophers like Pythagoras and Plato, who in their exoteric instructions taught a higher doctrine than that which they communicated to their exoteric scholars. Such, too, are, the modern secret societies which have adopted an exclusive form, only that they may restrict the social enjoyment which it is their object to cultivate, or the system of benevolence for which they are organised to the persons who are united with them by the tie of a common covenant and the possession of a common knowledge. Such, lastly, is Freemasonry, which is a secret society only as respects its signs, a few of its legends and traditions, and its method of inculcating its mystical philosophy, but which, as to everything else—its design, its objects, its moral and religious tenets, and the great doctrine which it teaches—is as open a society as if it met on the highways beneath the sun of day and not within the well-guarded portals of a Lodge. The great error of writers who have attacked Freemasonry on the ground of its being a secret society, is that they confounded Freemasonry with political societies of revolutionary times whose object was the overthrow of governments. Masonry does nothing of the kind.—*Detroit Freemason.*

THE LEGEND OF THE LOST WORD.

(Continued from page 67).

IT will be of no use to trace any further the numerous superstitions and legends in relation to this fabled "grand omnific word." Dr. Mackey very justly says, in the work before mentioned, that it is "no matter what this word was, or how it was lost," for we now know that *no* word can be at present of any use to a Mason, except to serve as a "password," to prove his right to the honours and benefits of some particular Masonic body or degree; and for that purpose (apart from considerations of a purely *archaeological* and historical nature) one word is just as good as another, so long as it is appropriate to the time and place, and has been established for that purpose either by ancient usages or some competent authority. Much learning, however, as might be expected, together with persistent search, laborious study, and even the practice of magical arts, have been employed in past ages, and even down to a few years, to discover the ancient wonder-working word by those who

believed in its fabled power, or from a motive of historical curiosity desired to obtain it. According to some, the sacred *Tetragrammaton*, or four-lettered name of God in Hebrew, incorrectly pronounced Jehovah, was the true word. Others thought that the Hebrew word was *Jah*, the Chaldic *Rul* or *Bell*, or the Egyptian *On* or *Om*, the Hindoo *Aum*, together with various combinations of them all, constituted the "grand omnific word." But as the possession of no one of them, nor any possible combination of them, seems to confer any miraculous powers on the possessor, neither of them can be the correct one according to ancient traditions. If there ever was actually any such thing as a "grand omnific word" (that is, all-powerful word, from *omnificus*, all-creating), it certainly remains lost to this day, and "I fear it is for ever lost," for certainly none of the words disclosed with so much solemn ceremony in certain Masonic degrees confer any supernatural powers on those to whom they are communicated.

As the Masonic legend of the deposit of the "word" in a secure and secret place, and its consequent loss, has been already quite fully stated by Masonic writers, in works sanctioned by the highest Masonic authority, there can be no sort of impropriety in relating it here, for the purpose of showing its primitive astronomical significance. The legend substantially is as follows:

"Enoch, under the inspiration of the Most High, built a secret temple under ground, consisting of *nine* vaults, or arches, situated perpendicularly under each other. A triangular plate of gold, each side of which was a cubit long, and enriched with precious stones, was fixed to a stone of *agate* of the same form. On this plate was engraved the 'word,' or true name of God; and this was placed on a cubical stone, and deposited in the *ninth* or *lowest* arch. In consequence of the deluge, all knowledge of this secret temple was lost, together with the sacred and ineffable or unutterable name, for ages. The lost word was subsequently found in this long forgotten subterranean temple by David, when digging the foundations for the temple, afterwards built by Solomon, his son."

Other versions of this legend ascribe the building of the underground temple, and the deposit therein of the "word," to Solomon, and its discovery to those "who dug the foundations of the second temple on the same spot, and connect it with the 'substitute ark' deposited in the same place."

Both legends, however, agree in stating that the "word" was buried deep under ground, and in the ninth arch, or lowest one of them all; that it was there lost, and remained "buried in darkness" until it was subsequently found and brought to light.

In ancient times, and according to the mystical theology of those days, God and the sacred name of God were supposed to be one and the same. The "word" was itself considered to be, in some sense, a living, creative power. Thus Plato taught that the divine *logos*, or word, was God. But, as we have shown, the sun was by the ancients universally adopted as the symbol of God, and subsequently confounded with God so that the various names of God became also solar names. The loss of the solar name, therefore, became but another expression of the loss of the sun, or sun-god, in the lower hemisphere. Now let us see how this will harmonize with the legend just related. The sun having reached the summit of the zodiacal arch at the summer solstice, begins to descend toward the region of darkness. From Cancer he descends to Leo, from Leo to Virgo, from Virgo to Libra,

and so on until Capricorn is reached, which is the ninth sign from the vernal equinox, and the undermost one of the zodiac, corresponding to the ninth or lowest arch of the secret vault, and there, on the 21st of December, at his lowest declination to the winter solstice, he is lost, and "lies buried in darkness, until reviving, he commences his ascent toward the vernal equinox, and begins by his more potent rays to rebuild that glorious temple of light and beauty, adorned by flowers and fruits, which the rude assaults of winter have destroyed.

Another allegorical correspondence is found in the fact that the discovery of the word is made, according to the Masonic legend, by "three," which agrees perfectly with the number of signs, Aquarius, Pisces, and Aries, and the months January, February, and March, which separate the winter solstice from the vernal equinox, where, according to the legend of Hiram, the sun is found, as before explained. The sacred name was engraved on a triangular plate of gold, which, according to astrology, is the *solar* metal. This triangular plate, according to the Royal Arch legend, was surrounded by a circle. This triangle within a circle would therefore correctly represent the diagram of the Egyptian year. But, again, the legend informs us that this triangular plate of gold was fixed to a stone of agate of the same form. Now, each month, the ancient astrologers taught, had its appropriate gem :

MARCH, the Bloodstone.	SEPT., the Sapphire.
JAN., the Garnet.	JULY, the Ruby.
FEB., the Amethyst.	AUG., the Sardonyx.
APRIL, the Diamond.	OCT., the Opal.
MAY, the Emerald.	NOV., the Topaz.
JUNE, the Agate.	DEC., the Turquoise.

The agate, therefore, is emblematic of the month of June, the summer solstice, and the resurrection and exaltation of the sun. The whole was placed on a cubical stone, but the cube was sacred to Apollo, who was identical with Helios, the sun-god. The altar of Apollo at Delos was in the form of a cube. The symbolism of this legend is therefore perfect in all its details—the emblematic correspondence is too absolute to be accidental. The legend of the lost word is but another form of the solar allegory of the death and resurrection of Hiram, and teaches the same lesson.—*Freemasons' Repository*.

THE MYSTERIES OF OSIRIS.

FREEMASONRY, with its lesser and greater mysteries analogous to those of Egypt, Asia Minor and Greece, is the only representative of the famous Mysteries of primitive times. The original of all were the Mysteries of Osiris, exemplified in Egypt at Philæ, Sais, Busiris and other places. Of these we know all too little, and yet we know enough to satisfy us of their general character. As Bro. Gould has happily phrased it, "they contained the germs of great moral truths."* They were the most profound and curious, established in all the ages. Mr. Birch says they contained "Masonic mysteries." The account of the death and resurrection of Osiris reads not only like a Masonic legend but also like a foreshadowing of the truth of Divine Revelation, as though it were based upon some early prophecy, information of which had reached Egypt.

The Mysteries of Osiris had their Great Light, as we have ours. It was what we now style "The Ritual of the Dead." On the monuments and on papyrus were many of its fragments, which have been preserved and deciphered. The oldest copy on any monument is of the Eleventh Dynasty (B.C. 2400—Lepsius), while the oldest on papyrus, now in the Turin Museum, is of the Eighteenth Dynasty (B.C. 1600). The latter is on strips, twelve inches wide, and some three hundred feet in length, covering one side of a wall in the Museum. Fragments of the Ritual differing two thousand years in age, have been found to be similar in thought and language. A copy of the Seventeenth Chapter of this Ritual of the Dead was found on the coffin of Queen Mentuhept, whose era was fifteen hundred years before Moses lived. Near the ruined city of Ibreem, on a tomb, a part of it remains to this day, in colours as bright as when first engraved and painted by the artist, forty centuries ago. Such is the antiquity of what Mr. Bouwick has termed the "Egyptian Bible," the Great Light of the Mysteries of Osiris.

* Gould's History of Freemasonry. Vol. I. p 17.

The greatest men among the ancients were initiates in the Ancient Mysteries of Egypt, or Greece. To name them would be to give a list of the most celebrated of the early philosophers and writers. We instance but a few: Herodotus, Sophocles, Plutarch, Isocrates, Diodorus, Macrobius, Plato, Aristotle, Epictetus, Cicero, Sallust, Proclus and Strabo.* Herodotus says: "Though I am well acquainted with the Mysteries I will not reveal them." Sir J. Gardner Wilkinson tells us: "Of the Mysteries, and of the festivals in honour of Osiris, we can obtain little or no information from ancient authors. The former were too sacred to be divulged; and few of the Greeks and other strangers were admitted even into those of the lesser order. They were divided into the greater and lesser mysteries and before admission into the former, it was necessary that the initiated should have passed through all the gradations of the latter. But to merit this great honour, much was expected of the candidate, and many even of the priesthood were unable to obtain it. Besides the proofs of a virtuous life, other recommendations were required; and to be admitted to all the grades of the higher mysteries was the greatest honour to which any one could aspire. It was from these that the Mysteries of Eleusis were borrowed."†

In Greece the comic poets of the time were not slow to avail themselves of opportunities to refer sportively to the Mysteries. For example, Aristophanes, in the "Frogs," thus burlesques the chants of the Eleusinian Mysteries:

"Keep silence, keep silence; let all the profane
From our holy solemnity duly refrain;
Whose souls unenlightened by taste are obscure;
Whose poetical notions are dark and impure;
Whose theatrical conscience
Is sullied by nonsense;
Who never were trained by the mighty Cratinus,
In mystical orgies poetic and vinous;
Who delight in buffooning and jests out of reason,
Who promote the designs of oppression and treason;
Who foster sedition, and strife, and debate—
Are traitors, in short, to the stage and the State."‡

In like manner Apuleius in the "Golden Ass," makes Lucius to be initiated into the Mysteries of Isis. The initiate finds he is also expected to be familiar with the Mysteries "of the great God, and supreme father of the gods, the invincible Osiris." Of one of the initiates he says: "He also walked gently, with a limping step, the ankle-bone of his left foot being a little bent, in order that he might afford me some sign by which I might know him." So in the "Apologia," the author of the "Metamorphosis," says: "If any happens to be present who has been initiated in the same rites as myself, if he will give me the sign, he shall then be at liberty to hear what it is that I keep with so much care." Plautus, in his play of "Miles Gloriosus," also says: *Give me the sign, if you are one of these votaries.*§

Osiris was not the earliest god worshipped in Egypt—Khem, Amen and Ptah having preceded him, but he became the most popular, and was known as the national god of the Egyptians. On the monuments he is styled the "Nameless One," "Light of the World," "King of Gods," the "Eternal One." The 147th chapter of the Ritual of the Dead gives him a hundred names. His name is rare before the sixth dynasty (B.C. 2744); while in the twelfth dynasty (B.C. 2380) he was generally acknowledged. The secret of his popularity lay in the apprehension that he had lived on the earth as man's benefactor, died for his advantage, and lives again as his judge. "Amen," we are told by the monuments, committed all judgment to his once suffering, but now triumphant Son! Wonderful language, in the light of Revelation. Nay, more than this: The one only true and living God, whom the initiate in the Mysteries of Osiris was taught to worship, was identical with the God of the Hebrews, for the initiate carried with him to his grave the name of his God, inscribed on a scroll, and it was "Nuk pu Nuk" signifying, literally, "I am that I am."|| What light does the knowledge of this fact shed on the mission of Moses to Pharaoh—Moses who was skilled in all the learning of the Egyptians, himself in

* Encyclopædia Britannica, article "Mysteries;" Rawlinson's History of Ancient Egypt; and Wilkinson's Manners and Customs of the Ancient Egyptians.

† Wilkinson's Ancient Egyptians. Vol. III. p 73.

‡ Keary's Outlines of Primitive Relief, p 249.

§ Gould's History of Freemasonry. Vol. I. p 20.

|| Brugsch's "Aus dem Orient;" Smith's Ancient History of the East, p 196.

every probability an initiate in their mysteries. When Moses proclaimed to Pharaoh the true God by his title, "I am that I am," this title proved to all initiates that the God of the highest Egyptian theology, to wit, that of the Mysteries of Osiris, was identical with the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob!

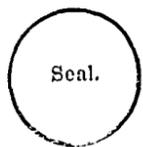
Ra represented the sun in the daytime, Osiris the sun at night. The latter was the "soul of the sun"—dying only to live again, going down in the evening and rising again in the morning, thereby teaching the wondrous theological truths of the Mysteries of Osiris—Death, Resurrection, Immortality. The Egyptian priests of Osiris were a brotherhood of secret-keepers. All mythologies are founded upon secrets, but the symbology of the sun in none of the Mysteries more clearly elucidated their theological truths than does the sun in Freemasonry ours. The very name of Solomon is the name of the sun, in three languages—Solom-on. Even the religious word, chapel, signifies the college of El—the solar divinity. With all of these striking analogies between the ancient Mysteries of Osiris and the Mystery of Freemasonry—with regard to the truth taught, as well as to the manner in which this truth is conveyed—who will deny that there is an intimate relationship between Freemasonry and the Ancient Mysteries, the primitive cults, of which the earliest and chiefest were the Mysteries of Osiris?—*Keystone.*

Old Warrants (E).

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Lodge of Fortitude (*extinct*) No. 517 A.D. 1779, No. 422 in 1781, No. 423 in 1782, No. 341 in 1792, and No. 437 in 1814. Erased prior to the renumbering of 1832.

G. SMITH, P.G.M.



To all and every our Right Worshipful, Worshipful, and loving Brethren, We, George Smith, Esq. Prov. Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honourable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the County of Kent, under the authority of his Grace the Duke of Manchester, Grand Master of Masons, send greeting.

LODGE OF FORTITUDE, No. 517.

Know ye, That we, at the humble Petition of our right Trusty and well-beloved Brethren, George Prentis, Thomas Baldock, Joseph Winter, &c., and several other Brethren residing in or near Maidstone, in the County of Kent, do hereby Constitute the said Brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons to be opened at the House of Brother Geo. Hopkins at the sign of the Bell . . . Maidstone aforesaid. And do further at their said Petition and of the great trust and Confidence reposed in every of the said above-named Brethren hereby appoint the said George Prentis to be Master, Thomas Baldock Senior Warden, and Joseph Winter Junior Warden, for opening the said Lodge and for such farther time only as shall be thought proper by the Brethren thereof. It being our Will that this our appointment of the above Officers shall in no wise effect any future Election of Officers of the Lodge but that such Election shall be regulated agreeable to such Bye Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the general Laws of the Society contained in the Book of Constitutions. And we hereby will and require you the said George Prentis to take special care that all and every the said Brethren are or have been regularly made Masons and that they do observe perform and keep all the Rules and Orders contained in the Book of Constitutions and further that you do from time to time cause to be entered in a Book kept for that purpose an account of your proceedings in the Lodge together with all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good government of the Same that in no wise you omit once in every year to send to Us, or our Successors Provincial Grand Masters or to George St. Lo Mann our Deputy Provincial Grand Master or to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master for the time being an account in Writing of your said proceedings and Copies of all such Rules Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid together with a list of the Members of the Lodge and such a Sum of Money as may suit the circumstances of the Lodge and reasonably be expected towards the Grand Charity. Moreover we hereby will and require you the said George Prentis as soon as conveniently may be to send an account in Writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London under our Hand and Seal of Masonry this 26th Day of August. A.L. 5779 A.D. 1779.

By the Provincial Grand Master's Command,

G. L. MAN, D.P.G.M.

Witness

THOS. FULLJAMES, P.G.S.

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PAST MASTERS' JEWELS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—"QUIZ'S" idea as to Past Masters' jewels being of one uniform design and value—I presume, at least, he intends the latter to be included—is a good one, and deserves general attention. The Charity jewel, which is certainly an equally honourable decoration, is of the character he recommends, though it is differently displayed by contributors of different grades. If that be the case, why should not each Lodge have the P.M.'s jewels it presents to successive outgoing W.M.'s, in recognition of their valuable services to the Craft generally and itself in particular, all precisely of the same uniform character, so that no feeling of jealousy, because the jewel of one P.M. is more showy than another's, will be possible? As to Founders' jewels, there is, perhaps, a pardonable feeling of pride in wearing them, as they serve to indicate that those who are entitled to sport them have had a hand in establishing a new home or homes of Masonry. As to their legality, that is another point altogether. I question very much if jewels not enumerated in the Book of Constitutions may legally be worn by brethren, unless, indeed, it be those jewels the wearing of which has been, as it were, consecrated by immemorial usage, such as the special jewels of Antiquity and the Royal Somerset House and Inverness Lodges, and others of a similar character, but unknown to me. For myself, I should never think of raising any objection to a Founder's jewel being worn, for the reason I have just stated, that it indicates a certain feeling of just pride on the part of the wearer. I would even allow the Master Mason's jewel to pass unquestioned, but I am decidedly opposed to brethren wearing, as I have seen them wear, other than Craft and Arch jewels in Craft Lodges.

Faithfully and fraternally yours,

E. S. L.

MASONS ATTENDING CHURCH.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—The brother who writes on the above subject does not tell us whether he was awake during his recent visit to this young Lodge. I imagine he must have been asleep by the description he endeavours to give of what was merely a suggestion made by me (to which I have no doubt he refers), and before he uses the *nom de plume* "CHISWICK" again I should recommend him to make himself better acquainted with the facts of any case rather than rush into print with such a misleading letter as he has written for your last impression.

I am, yours faithfully and fraternally,

GEORGE GARDNER S.W. 2012.

HOLIDAY HAUNTS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER.—You were kind enough last spring to insert in your paper a letter which I wrote, offering to send particulars to intending tourists of the very many pleasant routes in South Wales (Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire, and Cardiganshire), out of the way places, but yet of great beauty and interest, easily accessible, and where the usual expenses are extremely moderate compared with the cost of living at the more frequented summer resorts, but containing all the elements and amusements which a summer tour or short residence is supposed to supply, and yet possessing all facilities for recruiting the health even of the most delicate subject. As an indication of the extreme mildness of the climate I enclose you some violets and primroses just gathered from the hedges and wood, and I am told a few primroses were blooming here on Christmas Day.

I shall be glad to supply the same information this year as last to any of your readers who may have a few days to spare in search of the beautiful in the early spring or summer months, if they will only notify to me their wants.

I beg to remain,

Dear Sir and Brother,

Fraternally yours,

HENRY BARHAM.

5 High-street, Haverfordwest.

HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT.—Some occupations tend to the development of certain diseases, and those who toil as miners are peculiarly liable to rheumatism, lumbago, and other allied complaints. In the gold fields and copper mines Holloway's remedies have been largely patronized by the workers, to their very great advantage, and they can be confidently recommended as invaluable remedies for inward congestions, spasms, and cramps in the bowels, and all those conditions of the lungs and liver to which those who work underground or in impure atmospheres are so peculiarly liable. For cuts, bruises, sprains, and stiffened joints, the action of Holloway's Ointment is eminently healing and soothing, and a supply should always be at hand in case of need.

THE THEATRES.

VAUDEVILLE.

FOR any of our readers who may need a little bracing after the rather lowering treatment they may have experienced at Dr. Wingfield's sanatorium at St. James's, we could recommend nothing more likely to restore "tone" than a visit to the Vaudeville. "Saints and Sinners," with the sharp contrasts of the virtues and vices of pitiless real life, retire from the stage and make room for their successors, creatures so amusing, so full of vigorous, delightful absurdity, that we accept as perfectly natural phenomena their wildest proceedings. The new play "Loose Tiles" is, perhaps, not very new in the matter of plot. We have heard of one produced at the Adelphi a good many years ago, in which the action is made to pivot on the mistaking a private house for a lunatic asylum. Terence, two thousand years gone by, found all the best plots anticipated, so what can moderns do? Let us have the old plots, if only they come decked with fresh fancies and alive with the life we breathe, as of old they were animated by contemporary vitality. No matter where Mr. Hurst has gathered the stones, so that he has the architect's skill to raise, if not a high art temple, at least a pleasant wayside altar, to kindly old Momus.

"Story? Lord bless you! There is none to tell, sir."

Only the volatile young hero, Charlie Heathcote (Mr. H. Neville), happens to be the son of worthy Dr. Heathcote, director of a private asylum for lunatics. Charlie has been to seek his fortune in Australia, and has just returned, as the curtain rises, accompanied by his amiable and diffident Cockney friend, Bob Twitters (Mr. T. Thorne). They intend a pleasant surprise to the doctor, and arrive at his house not knowing he has made it over to a Mr. Crambley, who has set up a select boarding establishment there. Charlie and his friend interview Mrs. Crambley (Miss Giffard), and arouse her suspicions by their demand for the doctor and the matron, whilst they regard her as one of the lunatic patients, and consider her brusque replies proof of her mental condition. "We must humour them," says Charlie. "Oh, we'll humour them," says Bob, beginning to shake in every limb. Presently enters Maria Snatters (Miss Sophie Larkin) a susceptible elderly spinster. Charlie introduces his friend, the lady evinces a suddenly intense interest in him, with that almost pathetic earnestness which makes the most preposterous caricature become a portrait from life when interpreted by Miss Larkin. The house shook with laughter as the scene proceeded, through a crescendo of misunderstandings to the moment when Maria, who has sent to Truefitts for a *coiffeur*, is deluded by the mischievous Charlie into the belief that Bob is an ardent admirer, disguised as the hairdresser's assistant. He, in abject fright of the supposed lunatic, allows himself to be dragged away by her. In the second act there is an equally effective scene for Mr. Thorne, when, in his great game of *écarte* with an irascible old boarder (Mr. Lestocq), Bob feels his very life may be sacrificed to the chances of the game. Quite speechless, but with an eloquence beyond words, he makes the horror of the situation almost tragic. The sentimental interest is provided by Laura Myrtle (Miss C. Grahame), with whom Charlie falls in love, whilst in sore distress, believing the "poor thing" is out of her mind. The reader will see that the play must owe its value to the actors, but the *motif* is a capital one in such capable hands. Mr. Thorne, Mr. Neville, and Miss Larkin have rarely found better material for the *vis comica*, and the minor characters are harmoniously completed by their clever coadjutors. We must, however, protest against Mr. Lestocq's coarse sketch of Tozer. It is completely out of drawing. Mr. Lestocq has plenty of talent, if he would but discipline it. We congratulate Mr. Thorne on this newest success, and the public for the enjoyment it has in store. The curtain fell on the last act amid enthusiastic plaudits and calls for the author.

COURT.

WE can scarcely congratulate the management of the Court Theatre on the happiness of their choice, exemplified in the "light piece," played for the first time on a Wednesday afternoon, and now appearing in the evening bill. "The Opal Ring," by G. W. Godfrey, is the second appearance in an English form of Octave Feuillet's "Peril en la Demeure." The earlier version, by Tom Taylor, which appeared 26 years ago, was interpreted by Alfred Wigan, as the husband, John Billington, who in those days made a graceful Lothario, Miss Simms the *femme incomprise*, and Mrs. A. Wigan, to whom the honours of the evening chiefly fell. With such a cast a very weak play would have its weak points effectually disguised for the time, and now, in the new version, by our clever dramatist, Mr. Godfrey, the fictitious sentiment and morbid sentimentality of the story gains vigour and reality by the admirable acting of its exponents. The story is simple enough. There is Monsieur, the husband (John Clayton), Madame, *la femme incomprise* (Miss Terry), the "third person" (Mr. Conway). The husband, though much attached to his wife, devotes his chief time and thought to his profession, and in his constant occupations never dreams of the dangers to which the wife may be exposed from the fascinations of a mashing attaché, and want of interest in anything but her own nerves and sentimental yearnings. Miss Marion Terry contrives to make this exasperating simpleton interesting by the sincerity and grace of her acting. Mr. Conway has a still harder task with the objectionable attaché, Harold Rivers, who, notwithstanding Sir George's friendship for himself and his mother, Mrs. Rivers, makes love to Sir George's wife, with an ardent belief in the generous disinterestedness of the proceeding. Mrs. Rivers (Miss Lydia Foote) has discovered he is in love where he ought not to be,

but unsuspecting of the actual object, confides her trouble to Sir George, and to prevent a rendezvous begs Sir George to take charge of the young gentleman till a certain hour. Sir George, busy with a despatch, finds the presence of a nervous young gentleman fidgeting the furniture and pictures very trying, and takes him off to Lady Carteret's boudoir, charging her to keep the prisoner in safe custody. Here was a fine opportunity, and it was well employed by Mr. Conway and Miss Terry. Her nervous anger at her admirer's intrusion, with the underlying fear of her own weakness, was rendered with much delicacy, whilst the lover's embarrassment at the interview being thus obtained, the evident complete and kindly trust shown by his chief, wakes compunction for a moment even in the soul of a masquerader. But the better feeling does not last long. The old refrain, "Je t'adore" is about to have its usual result when the gods intervene in the person of Mrs. Rivers. Exit the masquerader, unseen, as he fondly supposes, by mamma. She, however, has seen him, and has learnt the secret. He had confessed an opal ring was to be a signal, though worn by an unconscious agent. She has noticed one on the hand of Sir George, and thinking to forestal mischief, begs him to lend it her. Lady Carteret's emotion at seeing the opal on her friend's finger explains the mystery to the anxious mother. Here Miss Lydia Foote was able to hold the sympathy of the audience in wrapt attention till the end. As she stands forward to shield these reckless simpletons Sir George enters, with a letter unaddressed and unsigned, but actually written by the attaché, and entrusted to Lady Carteret's maid for her mistress, but intercepted by Toler, a meddling old gentleman, and in perfect good faith and simplicity handed to Sir George. The mother and the wife stand aghast at the probable consequences of the discovery. In the original the mother foresees the inevitable duel. In the English version the dishonour and disgrace of an unmasked intrigue; and though the poignancy of the former result is wanting, we forget it in the moral anguish of this pure and gentle woman. At first almost crushed by the impending misery, suddenly, to save the poor, repentant wife, her son, and his generous friend, finds a heroic falsehood to explain the letter. The curtain falls so soon that Sir George has no time to sift the questionable evidence, and we hope the young folks may be wiser in future. Mr. Clayton has rarely played with greater delicacy and finish. The gentle irony, the kindness and manly dignity of the diplomatist find perfect expression in every touch and intonation. Mr. Cecil, in a quite episodic character (Lord Toler), is Major Pendennis to the life; a delightful etching after Thackeray. Miss Lydia Foote, as Mrs. Rivers, shows the sweetness and refinement so eminently her own; but why should she disguise her pretty hair under that conventional yellow wig, and her own charming features beneath an unnecessary "make-up?"

ST. GEORGE'S HALL.

THESE graceful little dramatic aquarelle sketches at the St. George's Hall show no falling-off, either in merit or in the public appreciation. "Old Knockles" gives capital opportunity for Mr. A. Reed's quaint humour; his make-up as an old fisherman is eminently real. Miss Fanny Holland creates no little enthusiasm by her graceful and artistic rendering of "There is a rare and radiant land," and Mr. A. Reed scores no less well with the salt water ditty, "Jack Bunt, he was a sailor." Mr. Corney Grain's new musical sketch, "Backsheesh," is in his most brilliant vein. He rattles through all the delights and tribulations awaiting the pilgrim between London and Cairo; the experiences of "Three in a state-room," the confidences of the intellectual spinster, whilst the lyric, "It is not so in Angleterre," commanded an irresistible encore. The hall was crowded in every part on the night of our visit, and for those to whom the theatre is tabooed here is a delightful *ombre du vrai*.

NEW UNIVERSITY MEDICAL SCHOOL AT SYDNEY.—With the assistance of the New South Wales Government, a Medical School is to be established in connection with Sydney University, and plans for a suitable building, in the Gothic style, have been prepared by the Colonial Architect. The length will be over 200 feet, with a depth of 115 feet, and walls 60 feet high. Through the centre of the building there runs a large hall 13 feet wide, and out of it the tower rises to an altitude of 80 feet. In the main portion of the ground-floor are rooms for lecturers on pathology and medicine, an anatomical museum, medical class museum, and pathological, histological, and private physiological laboratories. The right wing is set apart as a class-room for practical pathology, with smaller rooms for a materia medica museum, laboratory, and lecturer's room. In the left wing are provided rooms for chemical physiology, physiological class museum, instrument and balance-room, experimental physiology, physiological workshop, and a large room for the practical histological class. The upper floor is reached by staircases from either wing of the ground-floor, and by a lift from the basement. The dissecting-room is situated on the upper floor, to which the lift will bring the bodies as they are wanted for experiments. A large theatre of anatomy, also one of surgery, and museum, each measuring 36 feet by 44 feet, surgical class room, surgical lecturer's room, midwifery class museum, midwifery lecturer's room, anatomy professor's room, anatomical laboratory, demonstrator of anatomy room, small theatre of anatomy, and prosector, occupying the main portion of this floor. In the right wing there is a theatre of pathology and materia medica, and one of midwifery and medical jurisprudence, each 36 feet by 45 feet in measurement. The dissecting-room and theatre of physiology, measuring 51 feet by 41 feet each, are in the other wing. The basement floor is set aside for quarters, students' reading-room, coffee-room, injecting-room, medical jurisprudence lecturer's room, experimental physiology and pathology, large minto-tiled corridors, ten feet wide, running the whole length of the building. The estimated cost is £50,000.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

JOPPA LODGE, No. 188.

THE regular meeting was held on the 2nd instant, at the Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen-street. Bros. A. J. Martin W.M., J. W. Downsnap S.W., L. Wall J.W., L. Lazarus P.M. Secretary, J. S. Lyon Treasurer, G. M. Lion S.D., J. Botibol J.D., L. Davis I.G., A. G. Dodson P.M. D.C., P. E. Van Noorden Organist; P.M.'s H. M. Levy, M. Spiegel, G. Bean I.P.M., L. M. Myers, O. Roberts, &c. Visitors—Bros. Hentsch I.P.M. 211, Laundry 1611, Taff 917, S. Slack P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire, W. Masters P.M. 1339, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Bendit was passed to the second degree. In accordance with notice of motion given, Bro. Lazarus proposed that, in future, instead of the Lodge meetings being held eight times during the year, they be altered to six, namely, January, March, May, October, November, and December. This proposition was carried unanimously. The resignation of a brother was accepted, with regret. A proposition for initiation was given, and then Lodge was closed. The brethren sat down to an excellent supper, provided by Messrs. Spiers and Pond, and superintended by Bros. E. Dawkins and M. Silver. The W.M. in appropriate terms proposed the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts. Bro. H. M. Levy P.M. and Senior Vice President responded for the toast of the Benevolent Fund. It stood now at over £700, but in the last two and a half years they had given the sum of £450. He hoped the members would liberally augment the fund. Bro. Bean said it was with great pleasure he rose to propose the health of the W.M. Bro. Martin was one who was highly esteemed by all who knew him; it might be said his charity knew no bounds; he was ever a true friend and a good Mason. His working, not only in this Lodge, but also in another, showed they had selected the right man for the right place; he would ask the brethren to give the toast the reception it merited. The W.M., in reply, thanked Bro. Bean for his kind remarks. Four weeks ago his health was proposed and kindly received. Anything brought before the Lodge should receive his attention, his desire would ever be to see the Lodge a harmonious one. He hoped to carry out his duties to their satisfaction. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Visitors, whom all were pleased to see—they had distinguished brethren among them, and he hoped they had passed a pleasant evening. Bro. Slack P.P.G.D.C. West Yorkshire in a very eloquent speech responded. He had heard that the working of this Lodge was perfect. In the Provinces Freemasons tried to promote harmony in every particular, especially so in encouraging the visiting at Lodges. He was proud to hear the statement as to the Joppa Benevolent Fund, and then spoke of the noble charity of West Yorkshire. Bro. Hentsch I.P.M. 211 said he was much pleased at receiving so hearty a welcome from the Lodge. The W.M. was his brother-in-law, and he could speak of him as a good Mason. He (Bro. Hentsch) might say he had passed a very agreeable evening. Bro. Laundry followed. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Past Masters. All knew their duties thoroughly, and the success of the Lodge was due to them. They were the standing Council. He would call on his esteemed friend Bro. L. M. Myers P.M. to respond. This brother said the services of the P.M.'s were always at the command of the Lodge. It would ever be their desire to assist the W.M. for the time being. Bro. Martin, however, happily did not require assistance; he knew his duties thoroughly. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Wardens and Junior Officers; also he would refer to Bro. Dodson D.C.—all were thoroughly conversant with their duties. Bro. J. W. Downsnap S.W. briefly and happily responded. The W.M. then proposed the toast of the Secretary and Treasurer, two important Officers of the Lodge. The Secretary is one that has carried out his duties in a very satisfactory manner. The same might be said of their Worthy Treasurer. Bro. J. S. Lyons Treas. appreciated the kind words of the W.M. He knew they came from his heart. Bro. L. Lazarus P.M. and Sec. followed. His sole aim was to support the W.M., and he felt a mutual feeling existed to forward the interests of the Lodge. The Tyler's toast was then given and the brethren separated.

YORK LODGE, No. 236.

PRESENTATION TO BRO. SIR JAMES MEEK.

ON Friday evening, the 23rd ult., at York, the brethren of the above Lodge presented to Bro. Sir James Meek an illuminated address, on the occasion of his departure from the city of York. The brethren assembled at seven p.m., and after auditing the accounts of the Lodge, the ceremony of presentation commenced. All the Officers were present, viz., Bros. Dr. William Draper W.M., Henry Foster S.W., T. G. Hodgson J.W., Joseph Todd P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer, William Smith Secretary, S. Border S.D., Arthur Sample Organist, C. N. Foster I.G., C. Anderson D.C., H. S. Hopton and S. G. Crummack Stewards, and W. G. Calvert Tyler; amongst the other brethren in attendance were Bros. G. Garbutt I.P.M. G.; Kirby P.M., M. Rooke P.P.G.D., G. Balmford P.P.G.O., A. Buckle P.P.G.D., W. H. Gainforth P.P.G.D.C., J. E. McKay P.M., A. H. McGachen P.M., and many other Past Masters and brethren. The W.M., Brother William Draper, occupied the chair, and the presentation was made by Bro. Todd, who said that he esteemed it an honour to present the address to so distinguished a brother, who had been identified with all the public institutions of York longer than most living citizens. Sir James Meek had during the last thirty years supported every movement that had for its object the benefit of the community, and it was felt universally that his departure would be a great public loss. For a quarter of a century their brother had been an honoured member of the York Lodge, and in all matters he had promoted its welfare. As a Freemason, their brother had been an exemplary pattern of what a mem-

ber of the Order should be. He had supported the Charities, and had in his own life carried out the tenets of the Order. It was twenty-one years since Sir James Meek had occupied the chair of the Lodge; but he (Bro. Todd) well remembered the able way in which he had discharged the duties of that office; and since that period he could testify to the able manner in which he had aided and assisted in all matters appertaining to Lodge work. In the Provincial Grand Lodge also, and in other organisations, he had always shown an anxiety to promote Freemasonry, and he believed that his long association with the York Lodge and the Province would not soon be forgotten by the brethren. Bro. Todd then presented the address, which was enclosed in a handsome frame. The illumination was executed by Bro. H. C. Camidge, and displayed considerable artistic taste and ability. The scroll work on the border, which is worked in various Masonic colours, includes numerous devices appropriate to the Craft, and a water-colour sketch of the crypt of York Minster, in which in olden times the Freemasons were accustomed to assemble. The arms of Sir James Meek, those of the ancient city of York, and also those of Prince Edwin, the York Patron of Freemasons, are amongst the devices. The following is a copy of the address:

"To the Worshipful Bro. Sir James Meek, Knight, Past Master of the York Lodge, No. 236, and Past Senior Provincial Grand Warden, and Provincial Grand Treasurer of the North and East Ridings of Yorkshire.

"We, the Worshipful Master, Past Masters, Officers and brethren of the York Lodge, No. 236, of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, have heard with sincere regret of your contemplated departure from the ancient city of York, and, consequent thereupon, of your retirement from the active duties of Masonry in your mother Lodge, of which you have been a member upwards of twenty-four years. We desire to acknowledge with feelings of profound regard and attachment the many services rendered by you to this Lodge and to Masonry in the city of York, as well as to the Provincial Grand Lodge, of which for so many years you have been a prominent member, and to the Charities' Association in connection with the Province, of which you have been the Chairman since its formation. We cannot but feel that your departure from amongst us will create a void in our Masonic ranks that will be most difficult to fill, and in the city of York, where you have thrice sustained the high dignity of Lord Mayor, and to which ancient city you have rendered most valuable services, your loss will be no less sincerely and heartily felt. In wishing you farewell, we desire to assure you of the fraternal esteem and regard entertained for you, not only by the brethren of York, but throughout the Province of North and East Yorkshire, and we entertain the hope that the Great Architect of the Universe will preserve you in health and strength, and may grant you many years of happiness and prosperity. Signed on behalf of the York Lodge.

WM. DRAPER W.M.

HENRY FOSTER S.W.

T. G. HODGSON J.W.

JAS. TODD P.M. P.P.G.R. Treasurer.

WM. SMITH Secretary.

"Masonic Hall, York, 2nd January 1885."

Bro. J. S. Rymer Provincial Grand Registrar thoroughly endorsed the remarks of Bro. Todd. It had been his pleasure, he said, to meet Sir James at other places besides that hall, and he was assured that a gap and a blank would be made in the management of many institutions in the city by the departure of their good brother. But the "farewell" was only the farewell of brethren departing at the close of a Lodge; it was earnestly hoped that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare both Sir James and the members of the Lodge to meet on many Masonic occasions in the future. Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. P.P.G.W. spoke not only as a member of the Lodge, but as representing other Masonic Lodges and bodies. He spoke with a recollection of association with Sir James in other halls, and other degrees, referred to his good and fair work and painstaking carefulness, and expressed, what must have been the general satisfaction, that the Craft had been able to confer on the distinguished brother before his departure the honour of election as P.G.T. This would form a link between York and Cheltenham, and at the latter place no doubt Sir James would be welcomed with as much heartiness as the York brethren regretted his removal. In testifying to the excellence of Sir James's character, Bro. Whytehead alluded to his unflinching courtesy, and in conclusion echoed the hopes uttered by the brethren who had already spoken. Brother A. Buckle P.P.G.D. and Brother W. Smith Secretary 236, referred to the great services rendered by Sir James to local Institutions, more especially to the School for the Blind, and the Boys' Industrial School, of which the speakers are respectively the Superintendents. Bro. Ald. Terry bore evidence that the career of Sir James Meek had been characterised by the virtues which gave Freemasons such pleasure to contemplate. His urbanity had been as constant as his attempts to benefit every philanthropic institution. Although Sir James was now leaving the city, it was ardently to be desired that he would again mingle with the citizens on many occasions. Bro. Sir James Meek on rising was received with prolonged applause. He said that his feelings on the occasion would not permit him to say what he would have wished, but he could assure the brethren present that as long as memory held her seat so long would he remember that evening and the kind expressions of his brother Masons. He should often think of York and the kind hearts he would leave behind him, and he indulged in a hope that he might have future opportunities of meeting them at Masonic gatherings. After the close of the Lodge the brethren met at supper, where the Worshipful Master presided. The health of Sir James Meek was drank with great enthusiasm.

FRIENDSHIP LODGE, No. 928.

AT the Masonic Hall, Petersfield, on Monday, 2nd inst., this Lodge was opened, at four o'clock, by Bro. Swan W.M., and after the usual business Bro. Naylor, of Portsmouth, was presented for installation as W.M. for the ensuing year, in the presence of the following visitors and members:—Bros. Smith, Rastrick, Frost, Croucher, Ellis, Willmott, Beale, Edgeler, Woodhouse, Elverstone, Laverty, Gole, Creedon, Burley, Swan, Miles, Collings, Gieve, Gunnell, Holly, Westaway, Sanders, Cunningham, Bascombe, Deane 457, Baker, Mares, 1423, Ceconi 342, Spriggins 884, Shanks, Bence, Pearson, Oakly, Fowler, Haines, Hyde, Underdown, Grist, Marshall-say, Pocock, Smoker, Duddy, Well, Jacks, 291. The W.M. afterwards invested his Officers, as follow:—Swan I.P.M., Smoker S.W., Marshall-say J.W., Edgeler P.M. Treas., Fowler Sec., Woodhouse P.M. D.C., Pocock S.D., Well J.D., Pearson I.G., Oakley Org., Duddy and Haines Stewards, Knight Tyler. Lodge having been closed, the Officers and members proceeded to the banquet, at the Red Lion Hotel, when the customary toasts were duly honoured.

GLADSMUIR LODGE, No. 1385.

THE Installation meeting was held at the Red Lion Hotel, Barnet, on Friday, the 30th ult. The brethren assembled at three o'clock, when the Lodge was formally opened by the W.M. Bro. George Askew, P.P.S.G.D. After the minutes of the last Lodge meeting had been read and confirmed, it was proposed by Bro. Schmidt S.D. that a sum of money should be voted from the funds of the Lodge for a Treasurer's jewel, to be presented to Bro. Lowthin P.M. on his retirement from the office of Treasurer, as a token of the great esteem and regard in which he is held by the members of the Lodge. This proposition, being duly seconded, was unanimously agreed to, and then Bro. Young P.M. Sec. proposed that the sum of £5 5s be voted from the funds of the Lodge for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and this amount to be placed on the list of Bro. Brittain S.W. and W.M. elect, who had undertaken the duties of Steward for the approaching Festival. The vote was unanimously agreed to. The W.M. elect, Bro. John Brittain, was then presented, and Bro. Askew installed him into the chair; the ceremony being performed in a perfect and careful manner. The following brethren were invested with the respective collars:—W. K. Hopkin S.W., D. Schmidt J.W., H. Edwards P.M. Treas., R. Fisher Young P.M. Sec., W. Lewis S.D., F. W. Durham J.D., T. H. Martin I.G., B. Gotto D.C., G. F. Kempson and W. Barrett Stewards, R. W. Goddard Tyler. One of the first duties of the newly installed Master was to present to his predecessor in the chair a P.M.'s jewel, voted to him by the members of the Lodge, in recognition of his many services in the past. Bro. Cutbush was appointed representative to serve on Provincial Audit Committee, and then a ballot for a Life Governorship, in accordance with Rule IX. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, was carried out. Amongst other business Trustees and Officers were elected, in accordance with Rule VI. of the Gladsmuir Benevolent Fund, and then the visiting brethren tendered their congratulations. The banquet was served, but we regret to say it was not placed on the table with that attention to detail which for so many years has characterised the Red Lion. This establishment had secured for itself a deservedly high reputation for catering for such entertainments, and the present proprietors will doubtless pardon us if we say their efforts on this occasion did not reach the standard we have been in the habit of realizing. On the removal of the cloth Bro. Brittain gave the Loyol toasts, which were done full justice to. Bro. Brittain alluded to two important events which at the present time were exercising the opinions of society at large. These were the betrothal of the Princess Beatrice and the coming of age of the eldest son of the Prince and Princess of Wales. This latter event was especially interesting to Freemasons, from the fact that it had been publicly announced that the M.W. the Grand Master had intimated his wish that Prince Albert Victor should join our ranks. After the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the Grand Officers of England had been toasted, the Provincial Grand Master's sterling qualities were descanted on; and then the Provincial Grand Officers present and past were referred to. After suitable replies had been made, Bro. George Askew P.M. proposed the health of the Worshipful Master. He had had the privilege of being present in the Lodge when their present Worshipful Master was initiated. Bro. Brittain had since proved himself a Mason in every sense of the word. He had striven for the advancement of his Lodge, and that most successfully; he had served the office of Steward for the Charities, and would again this year exercise himself in that capacity. He (Bro. Askew) had great pleasure in calling on the brethren to do honour to the toast. Bro. Brittain tendered his hearty thanks for the kind reception accorded to him by the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge. The way in which they had responded to the toast just proposed by Bro. Askew had placed him in a peculiar position—he could not find words in which to express his feelings. Suffice it to say he thanked them from the bottom of his heart. He felt somewhat in a difficulty in having to follow so zealous a Mason as Bro. Askew, who, moreover, in discharging the duties of the chair, had brought to bear the experience he had gained while filling the office of Master in another Lodge. He next proposed the toast of the I.P.M., making a further enquiry on the qualifications displayed by Bro. Askew in his conduct of the Lodge work. Bro. Askew, in the course of his reply, expressed regret that more work had not devolved on him. True, at the beginning of his year he had had four initiates, and should have been pleased of further opportunities of displaying what capabilities he was told he possessed. However, if he had given the members satisfaction it was gratifying to him to know it. With respect to the installation ceremony, he was indebted to Bro. Terry for the valuable help he had rendered him in his capacity of Director of Ceremonies. In con-

clusion he returned thanks to all, and assured them he should ever prize the jewel with which he had been presented. The toast of the Visitors followed, Bro. Brittain extending to all a cordial greeting, and coupling with the toast the name of Bro. Matier, who responded in due course. To Brother James Cutbush was entrusted the duty of proposing the toast of the Masonic Charities. Our esteemed brother spoke most eloquently of what was being done by each in their respective spheres, and urged how worthy of support they collectively were. During Brother Cutbush's remarks, which were prolonged so as to allow a fair and full perambulation of the room to be made in support of the Stewardship of the Worshipful Master, it was incidentally announced that Brother H. T. Lamb, who was unable to be present, had sent a donation of five guineas. This announcement was received with hearty applause, and the hope expressed that Bro. Lamb might long be spared, and continue to evidence the interest he took in the charitable proclivities of the Lodge and its members. In order of the course Bro. Terry had an opportunity of responding, but, to use a hackneyed expression, the wind had somewhat been taken out of his sails by Brother Cutbush; however, the Secretary of the Benevolent Institution made an earnest appeal for support, at the same time thanking the members of the Gladsmuir Lodge for what they had done in the past, both for his and the other Institutions. The health of the Past Masters was given, and the opportunity was taken to present to Bro. John Lowthin P.M., and for the last eight years Treasurer of the Lodge, the jewel which had been unanimously voted to him in recognition of the interest he had taken in the Gladsmuir Lodge. Bro. Lowthin and other of the Past Masters responded, after which the toast of the Officers was given, and then the Tyler gave the concluding toast, and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. The following Past Masters of the Lodge were present:—Bros. John Lowthin P.P.G.S.W. Herts, Hayward Edwards, Charles Gray, and Charles Allen; among the visitors were Bros. Matier P.G.W. Greece P.G. St. Scotland P.M. 1910, Baxter 194, Clarke 1950, Hay 1708, Roberts 1185, Hudson 1708, Purrott 1479, Knyvett 404, Dickenson 149, Lake 404, Morgan 211, Trunie 1642, Hunt 194.

ROYAL SAVOY LODGE, No. 1744.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place on Tuesday, 27th ult., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen Street, W.C., and was, as usual, attended by a very large number of brethren. Lodge having been opened under the presidency of the W.M. Bro. W. M. Stiles, the report of the Audit Committee was received, and then Bro. J. W. Smith was presented, as W.M. elect, for the benefits of installation. In due course he was placed in the chair and saluted. He then appointed his Officers:—Bros. Sillis Senior Warden, Smith J.W., J. Willing jnn. P.M. Treasurer, Dickey Secretary, Jaques S.D., Burling J.D., Holland I.G., Ross and Holt Directors of Ceremonies, Perry and Verdin Stewards, Mordey Organist, Scurrah Assistant Secretary, and Koester P.M. Tyler. The ceremony of installation was then completed; after which Messrs. William Wagstaff, James Wagstaff, and George May were initiated; Bro. Stiles I.P.M. performing the ceremony in consequence of the ill-health of the Worshipful Master. A vote of thanks to Brother Stiles, for the way in which he had performed the ceremony of installation, was proposed by Brother Willing, and carried unanimously, as also was another proposition by Brother Willing that a sum of ten guineas be voted from the funds of the Lodge to a member who had fallen into distress. The W.M. next presented to his predecessor a Past Master's jewel, which had been unanimously voted to him, in recognition of his services during the past year. The W.M. said that Brother Stiles already wore a number of such decorations, still he hoped that when in years to come he might be engaged in looking over his Masonic mementoes, the jewel of the Royal Savoy Lodge might remind him of many happy evenings spent with its members. Bro. Stiles having acknowledged the gift, it was announced that he had consented to serve as Steward representing the Lodge at the coming Festival of the Benevolent Institution. Bro. Willing thereupon proposed a vote of ten guineas from the Lodge funds, to be placed on Brother Stiles' list, and the proposition was carried. Other formal business having been disposed of the W.M. closed the Lodge and the brethren repaired to the large hall of Freemasons' Tavern to banquet. At its conclusion the W.M. proposed the toast of the Queen, a name honoured in every assemblage of Englishmen, but more particularly so in the Masonic assemblages of the country. With this toast was coupled success to the Craft. The next toast—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.—was sure to meet the approval of the members of the Royal Savoy Lodge, who were at all times most loyal in their attachment to the Grand Master. The toast of the Pro Grand Master and the Grand Officers was next given, and with it was coupled the name of Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. That brother tendered his hearty thanks, on behalf of the Grand Officers of England, for the very kind manner in which the toast had been submitted and received. From an intimate knowledge of the Grand Officers he could say they had at heart the welfare of the Craft and its members. Speaking of the Pro Grand Master and the Deputy Grand Master, he could but say how proud Masons were of the noblemen who occupied those prominent positions, who, it was well known, took the deepest interest in all that appertained to the Order. Personally, he thanked the W.M. for his kind invite and the brethren for their hospitable entertainment. He had had the privilege of meeting their W.M. for many years past in another sphere of life, and did not know he was a Mason until kindly invited to his installation. Wherever Bro. Smith was known he was respected; he was a brother any one might be proud to number among his friends. Referring more particularly to the work in the Lodge, Bro. Greenwood paid a high compliment to the I.P.M., Bro. W. M. Stiles, for the manner in which he performed his part in the

day's proceedings. The beautiful ceremonies of the Order were spoilt or otherwise by the way in which they were rendered. Mere parrot-like repetition of the words did not create that impression which the Ritual should create. Not only a knowledge of the words was needed, but also the heart of the speaker should be thrown into his work. Bro. Stiles had gone through his work most praiseworthy; had thrown heart and soul into the task before him; and had succeeded in a manner seldom, if ever, equalled. He must have made a deep impression on all who had listened to him. The I.P.M. then proposed the toast of the Worshipful Master. The Worshipful Master had been a Mason for many years, and had looked forward to the night of his installation as Master of a Lodge, and the initiation of any candidates who might then come forward, for some time past. It had, therefore, been a great disappointment to him, and a matter of regret to all present, that ill-health had prevented him undertaking the work he was so anxious to perform, and which he was so ably fitted to carry out. Those who knew the present Worshipful Master must know full well that he was quite capable of undertaking any work which he might be called upon to perform, and his present inability to display his powers was therefore all the more to be regretted. Bro. Stiles felt that the brother it had been his pleasure to instal that day would make a good ruler for their Lodge, and would gain even greater distinction in his present office than he had done in those he had hitherto filled. He concluded by asking the brethren to drink to the health, happiness, and prosperity of the Worshipful Master of the Royal Savoy Lodge. The toast was most heartily honoured, and then the Worshipful Master returned thanks. It had given him a considerable amount of sorrow not being able to perform the whole of his duties as Worshipful Master of the Lodge. Still he felt that the initiation ceremony was far too important a matter to be spoilt through his ill-health, and so he had asked Bro. Stiles to take his place. It was within a couple of months of twenty years since he had been initiated, and he still remembered the impression made on him by the ceremony of that day. He considered the event one of the most important of his life, and therefore felt all the more that his ill-health should not mar its impressiveness for their initiates that night. He heartily thanked the brethren for their kind reception of that toast, and hoped he might carry out the work required of him in a satisfactory manner to all of them. He then proposed the health of the Installing Master, coupling with it the name of the other Past Master then present, Bro. J. Willing. Bro. Stiles was very grateful for the kind way in which he was at all times received. His position as W.M. during the past year had been one of great pleasure to him. He was always pleased to be able to do anything for the Lodge, and hoped the members would never find the Past Masters of the Royal Savoy lacking in their interest in the Lodge. Bro. Willing followed. As the first W.M. of the Lodge he could but feel highly gratified at the progress it had made and the prospects it presented for the future. The toast of the Visitors was next given by the W.M. The Royal Savoy Lodge was particularly strong in the number of its visitors. On all occasions they were honoured with several, and he was pleased to find that the night of his installation was no exception to the rule. Bro. Charles Greenwood P.G.S.B. replied. The visitors had been much pleased to attend the Lodge, which, although one of the latest on the register of the Grand Lodge of England, had yet won for itself the reputation of being one of the finest. Its present membership, of something like 120 brethren, was a sign of its prosperity. He hoped the W.M. would speedily be restored to health, and that he would be able, as he had no doubt he could, to conduct the Lodge as successfully as it had been managed in the past. Bro. Secker followed. He had been a constant visitor to various Lodges for many years past, but had certainly had his eyes opened that night in the Royal Savoy as to what it was possible to do by good management. He hoped the Lodge would continue its prosperous career. Bro. George Everett next replied. He felt much indebted for the pleasure he had enjoyed that evening, and that pleasure had been much enhanced from the fact that the brother who had been installed into the chair was a dear old friend of his, and an initiate of a Lodge in which he took considerable interest—the Domestic. He heartily congratulated the W.M. on rising to the position he had attained. He knew there was nothing he undertook but what he performed satisfactorily; so it would be with the ruling of the Royal Savoy Lodge. He could but help feeling, when he heard such good reports of what had been done, and what was being done, by the Royal Savoy Lodge, that great credit was due to the Domestic Lodge, in which many of the heads of the Savoy had been initiated and trained. Bros. McLeod, Chapman, Scales, and others also replied to the toast, after which that of the Initiates was given from the chair. Bro. William Wagstaff having tendered his thanks, said he should do all that lay in his power to promote the welfare of the Craft, and more particularly of the Lodge which had so kindly received him that night. Brother James Wagstaff was highly delighted at the welcome he had received; this far exceeded his expectations. He trusted he might benefit from having joined Freemasonry early in life and that he should eventually rise to the position of Worshipful Master of his Lodge. Brother May followed, and then the Worshipful Master proposed the toast of the Masonic Charities, to which Bro. Mason, Collector of the Benevolent Institution, responded. The Treasurer, Secretary, and Officers were toasted in due course, and they having replied, the Tyler was summoned and the proceedings were brought to a conclusion. Among the visitors were Bros. Hosens 742, Aillard W.M. 615, Mason 309 P.P.S.G.D. Middx., Robinson P.M. 87, Worrall 2048, Chapman W.M. 1922, Scales P.M. 1507, Kauffmann S.D. 1732, Lea 1901, Allard, Smith, Dunsford 1950, Buckhurst 157, Wright 1305, Bolding 91, Ager 957, Spencer W.M. 73, Storr W.M. 167, Harvey W.M. 1314, Meacock 742, Fountain 879, Laker 435, Hammond 569, Garrod P.M. 751, Everett P.M. 177, Bathard W.M. 1287, Jacobs W.M. 1732, Hall 193, Newby 1604, Solomon I.P.M. 1732, Passingham 193, Davis 72, Peacock 201, Axford 2048, McLeod I.P.M. 884, Greenwood P.G.S.B. Eug., Hughes W.M. 179, Procter J.W. 1288, Hare Asst. St. 1987,

Bradford 201, Massey 1297, Hemming J.D. 1288, Newman 619, Taylor P.M. 144 1922, Barham 144, Coalhard S.D. 144, Humphreys P.M. 167, Harvey P.M. 1314, Cain 179, Hurdell 548, Faulkner 209, Churchill 1507, &c.

GALLERY LODGE, No. 1928.

THE Gallery Lodge Ball was held on Friday, the 30th ult., at Brixton Hall, and was a great success. The large number of ladies and gentlemen who attended was a testimony to the great popularity of the new Master of the Lodge, Bro. W. M. Duckworth, who acquitted himself as host with the same determination to make every one comfortable as he did at the Lodge on the day of his installation. Coote and Tinney's band, under the direction of Bro. James Weaver, was all that could be desired, and the Brixton Hall, with its alterations, additions, and improvements, which have been carried out during the last seven months, established itself as a special hall in the South London district for all large entertainments. The arrangements made by the Ball Committee led to a most enjoyable evening being spent.

Royal Alfred Lodge of Instruction, No. 780.—A meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge. Bros. A. Turner W.M., G. Thomas S.W., F. Botley J.W., Andrews Preceptor and Treasurer, C. E. Botley Secretary, Bailey S.D., Sperring J.D. Sherring I.G.; also Bros. Norton, Gunner, Cammell. Lodge having been opened with due observance of ancient form, the minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. The ceremony of initiation was then rehearsed, Bro. Norton candidate. Bro. Sperring answered the questions leading to the second degree, Bro. Cammell acting as Deacon. Lodge was advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Sperring candidate. Bro. C. E. Botley gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for 6th inst. After hearty good wishes to the W.M., Lodge was closed and adjourned.

Upper Norwood Lodge of Instruction, No. 1586.—Under the auspices of this Lodge of Instruction a large gathering of brethren assembled at the White Hart Hotel, Church-street, Upper Norwood, on Monday last, when Bro. James Stevens had undertaken to deliver his popular Masonic lecture, explanatory of the Ritual and ceremonies of the first degree. Amongst others present were Bros. J. A. Stock W.M., J. Miller, J. Lillico, W. Hopekirk P.M., E. J. Kidman P.M., C. A. Wood, J. Arnold, J. Bowyer, J. Larner, J. A. Smith, Brignall, C. Jones, T. Seymour, 1586; H. W. Mitten W.M. 765, J. Brunker, J. Easy 681, Breary P.M. 1321, Hunter 1321, Braun, Pike, Chamberlain, Sly, Sibley; G. Tilling P.M., W. H. Tilling, J. E. Costello 765; Dunkley, Traves 720; Greenslade, Harris, Baker, Diblete, Cathbert, and others. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the W.M. introduced Bro. Stevens, with a few appropriate remarks on the importance of the subject of the lecture. For more than two hours the lecturer rivetted the attention of his audience, whilst he set before them the history of the present ritual, and the causes of divergencies and errors which had of late years crept into the "working" of Lodges. Point by point he considered the details and minutiae of the duties of the Officers, his instructive remarks being frequently received with applause from his hearers. On this occasion, Bro. Stevens appears to have been greatly encouraged by the sympathy evinced towards his views, and was even more earnest than is his wont. As the hour grew late, and progress had not been made beyond "investiture," the lecturer proposed to stop at that point, and complete the lecture at another opportunity. To this the brethren readily assented, and the 9th March was appointed for that purpose. Bro. Stevens resumed his seat amidst hearty plaudits, and the thanks of the Lodge and the compliment of honorary membership were voted with unanimity. Bro. Jones, the worthy host of the White Hart, had made preparation for refreshments, but the interval between the closing of the Lodge and the closing of the house left but little time for its enjoyment: nevertheless, when the brethren separated, there was but one expression among them, of gratification with the entire evening's proceedings. The Lodge added several new members to its roll, and is greatly strengthened for the continuance of good and earnest work in the cause of Masonic instruction. We are asked to state that it meets at the White Hart Hotel, every Monday, at eight p.m.

Kingsland Lodge of Instruction, No. 1693.—At the meeting held on Monday last, at Bro. Baker's, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., there were present Bros. LeGrand W.M., Western S.W., Rhodes J.W., Forge Treasurer, Collingridge Secretary, Turner S.D., Dixie J.D., Ware I.G., Trewinnard Preceptor, and several other brethren. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was advanced, and Bro. Jennings as candidate for raising answered the questions and was entrusted. The Lodge was opened in the third degree and the ceremony rehearsed. Lodge was closed in the three degrees, and adjourned till Monday, 9th February.

The following Dinners were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending 7th February:—

Monday—Caxton Lodge, Urban Chapter, Lodge of Unions. Tuesday—Albion Lodge, Royal York Lodge, Old Concord. Wednesday—Nobody's Friends Club, Grand Chapter Club. Thursday—St. Andrew's Lodge, St. James's Chapter, Victoria Rifles Lodge, Westminster and Keystone Lodge. Friday—Royal Kensington Lodge, Old Volume. Saturday—Phoenix Chapter.

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Brethren are earnestly invited to accept the Office of Steward upon this occasion, and they will greatly oblige by forwarding their Names and Masonic Rank, as soon as convenient, to the Secretary, who will gladly give any information required.

It is fraternally hoped that upon this occasion, owing to the large number of applicants and the few vacancies, Brethren will use their influence to obtain donations towards the funds of the Institution, which are much needed.

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The case is strongly recommended by the Berar, Corinth, and Bombay Lodges, and the undermentioned brethren:—

- Edward Tyrrell Leith, District Grand Master Bombay.
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- * W. Bro. J. Percy Leith P.G.D. P.D.G.M. Bombay.
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- Astley Cooper, M.D., Surgeon-Major, Hissar.
- F. J. Leville G. Sup. of Works Grand Lodge Bombay.
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- * Aaron Stone P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.W. Western Division South Wales.
- * William Bowen P.M. 671 P. Prov. G.D. Western Division South Wales.
- * James Heywood, Constantinople.
- * W. Harvey P.M. 687 P.Z. 107 Secretary and P.D.G. Secretary for Turkey.
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- Stevens P.M. Royal Kensington Lodge, No. 1627, 39 High Street, Battersea, S.W.
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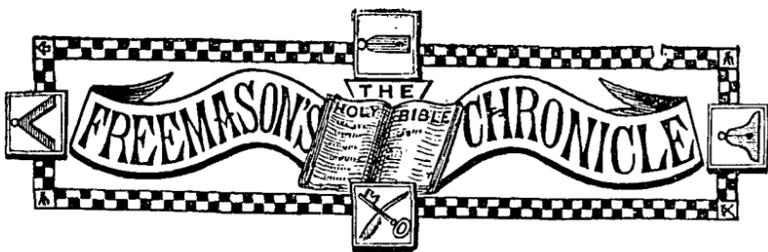
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PROVINCIAL GRAND CHAPTER OF HAMPSHIRE AND THE ISLE OF WIGHT.

THE annual meeting was held on Friday, 30th ult., at the Town Hall, Ryde. The Provincial Grand Superintendent (M.E. Comp. W. W. B. Beach, M.P.) presided, and was supported by a large number of the Companions of the various Chapters in the Province, including Comps. J. E. LeFeuvre, G. F. Lancaster, J. Powell, G. J. Tilling, W. Bowyer, T. P. Payne, F. Newman, W. Menzies, Lord John Taylour, J. W. Gieve, W. H. Jacob, G. A. Mursell, J. C. Arlidge, T. P. Palsgrave, J. Laverty, James Gieve, Rev. A. A. Headley, W. C. Powell, W. Brunwin, C. G. Adames, G. Bond, G. Peck, M. E. Frost, J. Conner, S. Wheeler, Rev. E. W. Watts, A. Barfield, G. H. Curtis, J. Hall, J. Westaway, A. Greenham, E. Goble, S. R. Ellis, J. E. Buck, E. Goldsmith, R. W. Mitchell, T. Francis, Gordon Miller, G. B. Irons, W. Smith, Marshallsay, W. Miles, G. Wilkins, W. Maybour, R. W. Beale, J. Woodhouse, E. Nayler, W. M. Outridge, W. T. Dupree, &c. The Prov. Grand Superintendent said that since they had last met they had experienced a great loss by the death of Comp. W. Hickman, who had filled the post of Second Principal since the year 1876. They had expressed recently on several occasions what they had felt on this loss, but in that Prov. Grand Chapter they had not before had an opportunity of doing so. He was sure they would not be behind the rest of the Province in the extreme regret that they felt at the loss of such an excellent Companion. With regard to the position of Royal Arch Masonry in the Province, he must congratulate them on the progress it had made. One new Chapter had been opened, and the Newport Chapter had been revived. Companion R. Loveland Loveland was unanimously re-elected P.G. Treasurer, and the Audit Committee was appointed. The Prov. Grand Superintendent then appointed the following as the Provincial Grand Officers for the ensuing year:—

Comp. J. E. LeFeuvre	...	...	...	P.G.H.
F. Newman	...	...	...	P.G.J.
Edgar Goble	...	...	...	P.G.S.E.
R. J. Rastrick	...	...	...	P.G.S.N.
Major Walsh	...	...	...	P.G.S.
Bowyer	...	...	...	P.G. 1st A.S.
F. Powell	...	...	...	P.G. 2nd A.S.
R. L. Loveland	...	...	...	P.G. Treas.
Mursell	...	...	...	P.G. Registrar.
J. Hall	...	...	...	P.G. Sword Bearer.
J. Murray	...	...	...	P.G. Standard Bearer.
Arlidge	...	...	...	P.G.D.C.
W. Miles	...	...	...	P.G. Organist.
J. Exell	...	...	...	P.G. Janitor.

A special Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the close of the Prov. Grand Chapter, when Bro. W. W. B. Beach, M.P., Prov. Grand Master, presided. The first business was the consideration of the report of the Prov. Grand Lodge Committee on the scheme for establishing a charitable fund for the Province, to be supported by voluntary contributions, having for its object the education and maintenance, in the vicinity of their own homes, and under the care of parents and guardians, of the children of indigent or deceased Freemasons of the Province, either entirely or pending the election of such children to the Central Schools. A set of by-laws was

presented, with a report, which was introduced by the Prov. Grand Master. Bro. Wallingford P.M. suggested that the consideration of the report should be deferred until the annual meeting. The Prov. Grand Master said that there was so much business for consideration at the annual meeting that there would not then be time to consider the scheme fully, and he thought it a better plan to hold a special Lodge for the purpose. Many brethren had not had an opportunity of reading the proposed by-laws, and he thought that the various Lodges should be given an opportunity of considering the question and making a report before they came to any decision on the matter. Bro. G. F. Lancaster P.M. was in favour of passing the report immediately. He mentioned that in East and West Lancashire similar funds had been established; in one division for 30 and in the other division for 20 years, they having large vested funds available. The Prov. Grand Master said Lancashire was a very rich Province, and could scarcely be compared with Hampshire. Bro. Lancashire said that in Devonshire also, which was a similar county to our own, a like scheme had met with great success. Eventually it was decided that a special meeting of the Provincial Grand Lodge should be called to consider the question; Bro. LeFeuvre suggested that copies of the by-laws should be printed meanwhile and distributed among the brethren of the different Lodges in the Province. Bro. J. E. LeFeuvre was then installed as the Deputy Provincial Grand Master in succession to the late Bro. W. Hickman. The Provincial Grand Master, who performed the ceremony, with much impressiveness, highly eulogised the Masonic services of Bro. LeFeuvre, who had filled the office of Provincial Grand Secretary for 14 or 15 years. The next business was to appoint and invest a Prov. Grand Secretary to succeed Bro. LeFeuvre. The Prov. Grand Master said that in selecting a brother to fill the important office of Secretary of the Province he had taken into consideration, not only the personal qualifications but also the convenient place of residence of the brother he had selected. Fareham was situated in the centre of the whole Province, and in appointing Bro. Edgar Goble he felt sure that he should be consulting the convenience of the whole of the brethren. Bro. Goble was then duly invested, and briefly acknowledged the honour conferred upon him. The usual banquet was held at the close of the business.—*Portsmouth Times*.

POLISH NATIONAL CHAPTER.

THE ordinary convocation was held at the Freemasons' Tavern, on Thursday, 22nd ult., under the presidency of Comps. Palmer Z., Warner H., Dr. Corri Jackson J., Dr. Jagielski S.N., Oliver Bryant P.S., Bieling 1st Assistant, Wm. Paas P.Z. S.E., Nowakowski P.Z. Treasurer, Hyde Clarke P.Z. As there was no candidate for exaltation the business was of a formal nature. During the evening Comps. Shand M.E.Z. and Land S.E., of Robert Burns Chapter, attended, and stated that the Polish National Chapter had been using the furniture of their Chapter for the last thirty-six years, and, as it required renewing, they suggested either a contribution towards its restoration or a hiring fee for its use. Notice of motion was given for considering the matter at the next Chapter meeting. Nothing else offering, Chapter was closed in the usual manner.

MARK MASONRY.

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YORK LODGE (T.I.)

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on the 20th ult., at York. Owing to the illness of the W.M., Bro. M. Millington, the chair was occupied by Bro. T. B. Whytehead P.M. There were also present Bros. Rev. W. C. Lukis, J. Todd, G. Balmford, B. L. Mills, J. T. Seller, A. T. B. Turner, F. Smith, G. Simpson, W. B. Dyson, W. Lackenby, H. C. Pickersgill, G. Lamb, P. Pearson, J. Blenkin, W. Stephenson, R. Ware, E. Purnell, W. Coltman, C. L. Foster, G. H. H. McGachen, J. R. Jackson, &c. The minutes having been read, successful ballots were taken for Bros. W. T. Nance and W. Wreglesworth 1611, G. S. Crummack 236, and Bros. H. S. Hopton, W. T. Nance and W. Wreglesworth were advanced to the honourable degree of M.M.M. The Worshipful Master elect (Bro. J. T. Seller) was then presented and duly installed by Bro. T. B. Whytehead, and the W.M. thanked the brethren for this mark of their confidence. Bro. Sir James Meek P.M., who was retiring from the Lodge on leaving York for Cheltenham, was elected an honorary member. The report of the Auditors showed a substantial balance in hand. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren adjourned to the refreshment room, where they sat down to an excellent supper. The evening was pleasantly spent, the toasts being interspersed with harmony, to which Bros. J. Todd, T. B. Whytehead, W. B. Dyson, A. T. B. Turner, and others contributed. The Officers for the year are as follow:—A. T. B. Turner S.W., F. Smith J.W., G. Simpson M.O., W. B. Dyson S.O., W. Lackenby J.O., Rev. W. C. Lukis P.M. Chaplain, T. B. Whytehead Treasurer and Secretary, J. Blenkin Registrar of Marks, H. C. Pickersgill S.D., G. Lamb J.D., G. Balmford P.M. Organist, Major McGachen I.G., P. Pearson Tyler.

MARK MASONRY IN THE COLONIES.

ON the occasion of the installation of Bro. Sir Henry Burford-Hancock, as Provincial Grand Mark Master of Gibraltar, on the 19th January last, our distinguished Bro. William Foulkes Cottrell, Garrison Staff, Gibraltar, was present with his Patent of Office as Past Grand Senior Deacon of the Grand Lodge of England, in recognition of the zeal and ability and great interest he has always taken in the Degree.

CONSECRATION OF THE EPPING LODGE, No. 2077.

THE Province of Essex added another to its roll of Lodges on Saturday the 31st ult., when a large muster of the brethren assembled at the Cock Hotel, Epping, to do honour to the occasion. In the absence of the Right Hon. Lord Brooke, M.P., the Provincial Grand Master, the work of the day devolved on the V.W. the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, Bro. Fred A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar. Amongst those who assisted were Bros. Richard Clowes P.P.G.S.W., who filled the chair of Senior Warden; J. C. Earle P.G.J.W., who took the Junior Warden's chair; the Rev. Charles H. Roberts P.P.G.C. as Chaplain, Thos. J. Ralling P.G. Sec. as acting Secretary, A. Lucking P.M. and P.Z. Director of Ceremonies, and D. Bartlett P.M. 1313 as Inner Guard. There were also present Bros. E. Letchworth Junior G.D., A. Darrant P.M. 276 Provincial G. Treasurer, T. J. D. Cramphorn P.M. 1024 Provincial G.S.D., A. C. Durrant S.W. 276 Prov. G. Steward, J. B. Read 1364, F. R. Hales 650, W. Herbage 2005, J. Taylor jun. 1817, A. Bryant 1237, H. Clements 754, A. G. Fidler 1237, W. Gray 1489, T. Vincent (Bagshaw), C. J. R. Tijon 1804, G. R. Bolton 1314, T. Fox 1613, W. F. Green 681, W. Hammond 569, J. R. Parkington, C. Smith, E. Wendover 171, H. Marsh I.G. (Rose of Sharon, New South Wales), J. Archer, J. Wilson P.P.J.W. Berks, J. Corble 453, J. Glass 453, A. J. Dixie 453, R. Martin P.P.G.S.D. Essex, F. Eastwood 933, A. A. Mills 754, C. J. Edwards 1457, W. Latter Organist, J. H. Langdon 1457, W. Medwin 1613, C. Handley 475, J. Barber 933, J. T. Austin 1457, G. Corble P.P.J.G.W. Essex, G. Sewell 1457, E. Laurence 453, G. Hollington 933, J. W. Hair 276, W. W. Morgan W.M. 211, J. Willing jun. 1319, R. De Lacy 1705, F. G. Bland 1613, A. L. Fryer 1624, H. Schartau 1549, C. Beckett 1319, T. C. Fryer 181, H. Stevenson 192, W. P. Collin 1216, W. W. Shepherd 754, S. Goodall 754, A. Haig-Brown 174, C. Beaumont 901, A. Buck 453 P.P.S.G.W. Essex, J. Hare 1987, &c. The Lodge having been formally constituted, was opened to the third degree. In his opening address Bro. Philbrick explained the absence of the Prov. Grand Master, and expressed the pleasure he felt, in Lord Brooke's absence, in undertaking the duties of Consecrating Officer. He urged it had been fairly shown a need existed for the establishment of this new Lodge, and he felt that the founders were men to whom might be safely entrusted the destinies of a Lodge of Freemasons. In due course the Chaplain was called upon, and he delivered the following Oration.

V.W. DEPUTY PROV. GRAND MASTER, OFFICERS AND BRETHREN.—The consecration of a new Lodge must be to every thoughtful Mason a most solemn time, and one which should be accompanied by very earnest and serious prayer. As our Deputy Provincial Grand Master has so justly observed, the ritual and ceremonial is most impressive, may it so affect our hearts. Freemasonry is in its ritual and observance either a most holy and pious institution or else a mere form of words and obligations which are valueless and semi-blasphemous. Without divulging to the uninitiated any of our secrets we are at liberty to tell them that the Bible is always open in our Lodges, and all our meetings are commenced and concluded with prayer to Almighty God, for where His Name is invoked we believe the subsequent actions will be blessed, and whose putteth his trust in Him need have no fear of danger. Our great and glorious institution is founded upon and rests upon the Volume of the Sacred Law, its Light of Purity and Truth is derived from God Himself. With the consecration of this new Lodge to-day I would remind my brethren that our Lodges are dedicated to the Most High, and our conduct therein should at all times be fit and seemly; and especially would I recommend this fact to the serious attention of those who are to be entrusted with the government of this new Lodge, so that either with candidates for the rites and privileges of Freemasonry, or with joining members, there may be the knowledge felt that in Lodge they are in a building solemnly consecrated and dedicated to God. The more we feel in ourselves the solemnity of our ritual and ceremonial so much the more will it influence all our brethren for good. All the symbolism of Masonry is as perfect as it is beautiful, and to two of our working tools I would direct your attention—the 24 inch gauge and the pencil. May we carefully remember the 24 hours of the day, and as we spend part in labour and refreshment, and a part in serving a friend or brother in time of need, so let us not forget the part to be spent in prayer to Almighty God; for

“Prayer ardent opens Heaven,
Sends down a shower of consecrated light upon the hour
Of man in communion with the Deity.”

If all our purposes are thus sanctified with prayer, we need have no fear of meeting death cheerfully, for our actions, noted in the Book of Life, though imperfect have yet been to the best of our ability; we shall have marked well, and received the commendation of God and be permitted to dwell “in that Temple not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.”

The ceremony was then completed, with every regard to due solemnity. Brother A. Lucking now took the chair and installed the W.M. designate, Bro. E. G. Lewis. After the regular salutation had been given the following brethren were invested as Officers:—Bros. E. J. Acworth I.P.M., James Salmon S.W., T. J. Woodrow J.W., W. Dance Secretary, J. Fletcher J.D., Parkinson (elected) Tyler. The election of a Treasurer was deferred till the first regular meeting, on which occasion the remaining Officers will be invested. The first item of interest to be recorded is, that it was resolved to send a letter of congratulation to H.R.H. the Grand Master on the happy event of Prince Albert Victor having attained his majority. A cordial vote of thanks was then tendered to the Deputy Provincial Grand Master, and those brethren who had assisted him in the ceremony of the day, special reference being made to the indefatigable zeal displayed both by Bro. Albert Lucking P.G.D.C.

and Bro. T. J. Ralling Prov. G. Sec. The compliment was gracefully acknowledged by Bro. Philbrick. Honorary membership was then voted to the Prov. G. Master, Lord Brooke, and to the brethren who had carried out the consecration. For this Bro. Clowes responded. The proposition for candidates for initiation and joining having been formally handed in, Lodge was closed.

A banquet followed the consecration of the Lodge, and, in due course, the usual toasts were submitted and honoured. The W.M. reviewed the work that had been done by those who had assisted him in the establishment of the Lodge, and referred to some of the more particular points it was their intention to study in the future. The Deputy Provincial Grand Master, in responding to the toast of his health, congratulated the Founders upon the happy auspices under which their Lodge had been started, and wished for them a long and successful career of usefulness. He warned them to be very careful in admitting new members; these, he said, should be men who would reflect honour on the Lodge, it being far easier to keep out any element of discord than to get rid of it afterwards. Remarking that the Lodge they had solemnly consecrated that day brought the number of the roll of the Lodges of Essex to twenty-four, Bro. Philbrick said that while it was always a pleasure to the authorities in the Province to welcome a new Lodge where, like this one, there was shown to be a genuine need for it, and it was likely to have a good local support, they must bear in mind that where those elements were wanting new Lodges could not be sanctioned, as they would prove a source of weakness rather than strength. The musical arrangements for the day, which were admirably carried out, were under the direction of Bro. Robert De Lacy, Vicar Choral of St. Paul's Cathedral, assisted by Bro. Schartau, of Westminster Abbey, Bro. Chas. Beckett, of H.M. Chapel Royal, Bro. Fryer, St. Paul's, and Bro. Latter Organist. A due meed of praise must be given to Bro. Edward Lawrence, the genial host. The resources of his establishment—a most comfortable one by the way—were taxed to the uttermost, but every one seemed satisfied with his efforts. It is not often, we opine, he is called upon to entertain so large a gathering. We look forward to spend an evening with the brethren when the strain will not be so great.

ZETLAND CHAPTER, No. 236.

ON the 28th ult. the regular meeting of this Chapter, attached to the York Lodge, No. 236, was held at the Masonic Hall, York. The Chapter was opened by Companion the Rev. W. Valentine Z., Comp. Buckle P.Z. as H., and Comp. M. Rooke J., and there were also present Comps. Todd, Rev. Young, McKay, Whytehead, Rymer, Foster, Kirby, Simpson, Smith, Blenkin, Hopton, Lee, Parnell, Anderson, Draper, Biscoomb, Forbes, Russell, Cattell, Carter, Hodgson, McGachen, Brown and others. Successful ballots having been taken for several candidates, Bros. W. H. Godley, J. Clarke, and L. Dodsworth, all of the York Lodge, No. 236, were exalted to the Royal Arch. The election of Principals and Officers then took place, with the following result:—Comps. T. B. Whytehead P.Z. Z., M. Rooke H., J. S. Rymer J., J. Todd P.Z. Treasurer, G. Garbutt S.E., H. Foster S.N., and G. Kirby P.S. Comp. W. G. Calvert was re-elected Janitor. On motion of the Treasurer the sum of £10 10s was voted to the Masonic Benevolent Institution, and ordered to be added to the list of the Dean of York, who will represent the York Lodge, No. 236, at the next Festival. After the close of the Chapter, the Companions met at supper and passed an exceedingly enjoyable evening, the toasts alternating with songs, to which Bros. Todd, Kirby, Rymer, and others contributed.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No. 147.—At a meeting, held at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford, on Thursday, 5th inst. There were present Bros. Pitt W.M., Williams S.W., Dille J.W., Hatchins P.M. Preceptor, Speight P.M. Secretary, Prior S.D., Catt J.D., Penrose I.G.; also Bros. Stringer, Cooper, Greener, Till, Strickland, Dale, Good, Emblin. Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes of previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Cooper candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming the questions leading to the degree of F.C. were put, and answered by the members. Lodge was then advanced, and the ceremony of passing rehearsed, Bro. Stringer being the candidate. Lodge was closed in the second degree, and Bro. Williams S.W. was elected W.M. for the ensuing Thursday. Lodge was then closed in due form.

Obituary.

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BRO. FRANK SILLIS.

It is with deep regret we announce the death of Brother Frank Sillis S.W. 1744, which sad event took place on Thursday, the 29th ult., after a brief illness, the immediate cause of death being erysipelas. Bro. Sillis was initiated in the Domestic Lodge 177; he was one of the founders of the Royal Savoy Lodge 1744, and went through all offices herein up to Senior Warden. Brother Sillis was likewise a founder of the Metropolitan Chapter 1507, of which at the time of his decease he was Principal Sojourner. The funeral took place at Nunhead Cemetery, on Wednesday last, when a large assemblage of Craftsmen attended to pay the last tribute of respect to a worthy brother.

The General Committee of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls met at Freemasons' Hall on Thursday, the 29th ult. Bro. Robert Grey P.G.D. Patron presided, and among those present were Bros. Frank Richardson P.G.D., C. H. Webb, Herbert Dicketts, Ralph Clutton, T. Francis, Peter de Lande Long P.G.D., J. J. Caney, Edgar Bowyer P.G. Standard Bearer, E. M. Money, and F. R. W. Hedges Secretary. After confirming the minutes of the previous meeting, two vacancies on the House Committee, arising out of the election of Bro. J. A. Rucker P.G.D. and Joshua Nunn Past G. Sword Bearer as Trustees, were reported, and Bros. H. A. Hunt and James Moon were nominated by Brother Herbert Dicketts Provincial Grand Steward. Two petitions were submitted in respect of candidates for the election, of which one was accepted, and the other approved, but subject to the amendment of one of the certificates in its support. It was resolved that the Government Standard Reading Books should be used in the examination of candidates, as in the case of the Boys' School examinations. Notice of motion was given on behalf of Bro. Henry Smith Prov. Grand Secretary of West Yorkshire, for the next Quarterly Court, to the effect that the said Quarterly Court accept the sum of 1000 guineas from the Province of West Yorkshire, for the purchase of a perpetual presentation, to be called the "Sir Henry Edward's Presentation," which will be vested in Sir Henry for his life, Lady Edwards in the event of her surviving her husband for her life, and will then revert to the Province in perpetuity. A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the proceedings to a close.

Judging from a Christmas Day menu we have just received from that most energetic of Freemasons—Bro. John Constable—we should imagine that the Transvaal Hotel, Kimberley, of which establishment he is the manager, would be very good quarters for fourth degree Masons, or others blessed with good digestive powers. As the menu in question will give some idea of what can be provided in the "depth of winter" outside our "miserable island," we give it in full, merely remarking, in passing, that we should think the entrées would serve as a sufficient excuse for "headache, biliousness," or any other of the ills of life which might be experienced next day, and perhaps, like many other questionable dishes—for we look upon pork cutlets for a start as very questionable—they are put there for the purpose of accounting for a "morning's reflections." It will be seen that the "joints" in Bro. Constable's menu are of a somewhat varied character, indeed it is a piece of information to us that sucking pig, turkey, or chicken are recognised "joints." We have often realised the fact that some of their species appear to have existed without joints, or at least to have outgrown them just previous to being prepared for table; in any case they have offered stout resistance to being disjointed. The menu in question is as follows:—

TRANSVAAL HOTEL, KIMBERLEY.

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SOUP.—Mock Turtle.

ENTREES.—Giblet Pie. Pork Cutlets and Green Peas.

JOINTS.—Roast Sirloin of Beef. Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce. Roast Leg of Mutton. Roast Veal and Tomato Sauce. Roast Sucking Pig and Apple Sauce. Roast Chicken and Ham. Roast Stuffed Turkey. Boiled Turkey and Oyster Sauce. Boiled Chicken and Bechamel Sauce. Corned Beef. Boiled Tongue, Piquante Sauce.

VEGETABLES.—Mashed Potatoes and Green Peas.

PASTRY.—Plum Pudding and Brandy Sauce. Gooseberry Tart. Fruit Pie. Blanc Mange and Jelly.

Cheese; Dessert.

We learn that it is Bro. Constable's intention to visit his native land during the approaching summer.

At the North London Chapter of Improvement, on Thursday evening, Comps. Gregory, Strugnell, Brasted, Sheffield, Knight and George filled the respective offices, and acquitted themselves in an able and masterly manner.

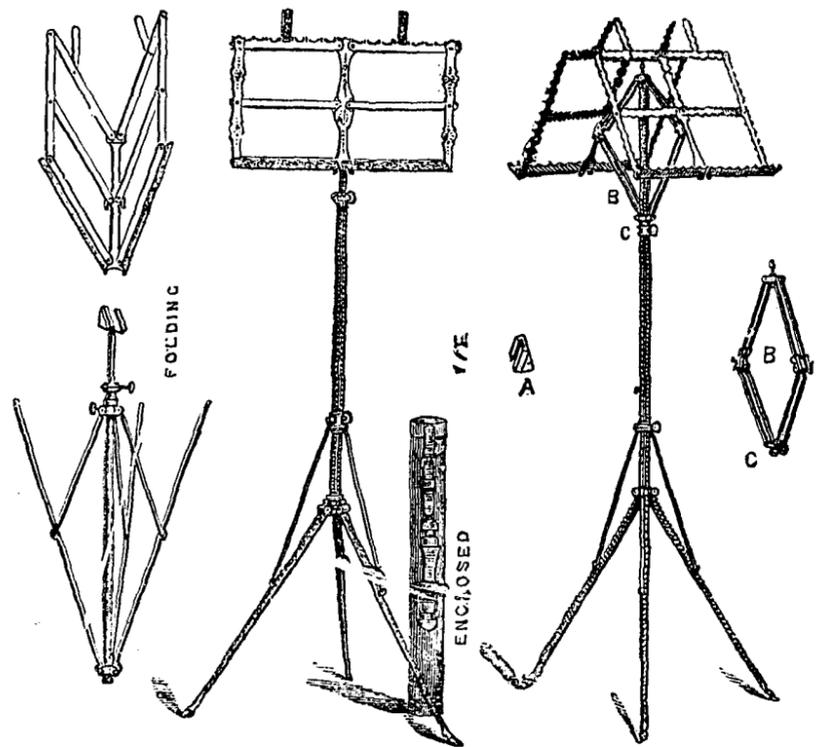
Bro. Frank Venning, Temple Lodge, No. 101, requests us to intimate that the firm in which he is a partner—Messrs. Venning and Venning, auctioneers, valuers, and land agents—have removed their Business Transfer Offices, &c., to 46 Southampton Buildings (two doors from Holborn, E.C.) We trust that this Firm, which boasts of City of London connections of over a century's growth, may continue to prosper in its new quarters.

RAGS AND THEIR REMEDIES.—The Committee of the Ragged School Union have just issued a paper by Prof. Leone Levi, and a Sermon by the Rev. Dr. Dykes, both of which give interesting information respecting the work of the affiliated Ragged School Missions in the Metropolis, and the urgent need for its continuance and extension. It is hoped these effective pleas will be widely circulated, and succeed in onlisting both teachers and funds for this noble work amongst the poorest of our City poor.

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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, 7th FEBRUARY.

General Committee Boys' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 142—St. Thomas, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon Street
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1559—New Cross, New Cross Hall, New Cross
 1572—Carnarvon, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street
 1622—Rose, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1949—Brixton, Brixton Hall, Acre Lane, Brixton
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instruct.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.C. 67—Studholme, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1458—Truth, Private Rooms, Conservative Club, Newton Heath, Manchester
 1466—Hova Ecclesia, Old Ship Hotel, Brighton

MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY.

5—St. George's and Corner Stone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 22—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 29—St. Albans, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 58—Felicity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 59—Royal Naval, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 90—St. John, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 136—Good Report, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln Inn Fields
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 193—Confidence, Anderton's Fleet-street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 222—St. Andrews, 101 Queen Victoria-street
 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 957—Leigh, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1237—Enfield, Market-place, Enfield
 1425—Hyde Park, Fountain Abbey Hotel, Praed Street, Paddington, at 8 (In).
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amburst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1571—Leopold, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 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.)
 1657—Aldersgate, Castle and Falcon, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 1670—Adelphi, 4 Adelphi Terrace, Strand
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1805—Bromley St. Leonard, Vestry Hall, Bow-road, Bromley
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's-court Hotel, West Kensington
 2012—Chiswick, Bolton Hotel, Chiswick
 R.A. 22—Mount Zion, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 R.A. 720—Panmure, Horns Tavern, Kennington
 R.A. 862—Whittington, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 1366—Highgate, Gatehouse Hotel, Highgate
 R.A. 1537—St. Peter Westminster, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 K.T. 140—Studholme, Masonic Hall, Golden-square
 40—Derwent, Castle Hotel, Hastings
 75—Love and Honour, Royal Hotel, Falmouth
 104—St. John, Ashton House, Greek-street, Stockport
 151—Albany, Masonic Hall, Newport, I.W.
 210—St. Hilda, Freemasons' Hall, Fowler-street, South Shields
 262—Salopian, the Lion Hotel, Shrewsbury
 292—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 296—Royal Brunswick, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 297—Witham, New Masonic Hall, Lincoln
 411—Commercial, Flying Horse Hotel, Nottingham
 481—St. Peter, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 502—Rectitude, Town Hall, Rugby
 587—Howe, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 589—Druids of Love and Liberty, Masonic Hall, Redruth
 665—Montague, Royal Lion, Lyme Regis
 721—Independence, Masonic Chambers, Eastgate-row-north, Chester
 724—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 797—Hanley, Hanley Hall, Dartmouth
 893—Meridian, National School Room, Millbrook, Cornwall
 949—Williamson, St. Stephen School, Monkwearmouth, Durham
 1021—Hartington, Masonic Hall, Custom House Buildings, Barrow-in-Furness
 1069—United Brothers, Castle Hotel, Southsea
 1112—Shirley, Masonic Hall, Shirley, Hants
 1174—Pentangle, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 1221—Defence, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 1253—Travellers, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 1350—Fermor Hesketh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1436—Sandgate, Masonic Hall, Sandgate
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury
 1474—Israel, Masonic Hall, Severn-street, Birmingham
 1592—Abbey, Suffolk Hotel, Bury St. Edmunds
 1611—Eboracum, Queen's Hotel, Micklegate, York
 1618—Handyside, Zetland Hotel, Saltburn-by-Sea
 1656—Wolsey, White Hart Hotel, Hampton Wick
 R.A. 89—Royal Cheshire, Ashley's Arms, Dukinfield
 R.A. 276—Essex, White Hart Hotel, Chelmsford
 R.A. 379—Tynte, Masonic Hall, Old Orchard Street, Bath
 R.A. 422—All Saint's, Masonic Hall, Gainsborough
 M.M.—Egerton, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.
 K.T. 52—Richard de Vernon, Dudley Arms Hotel, Dudley

TUESDAY, 10th FEBRUARY.

46—Old Union, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 96—Burlington, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate street
 141—Faith, Queen Anne's Restaurant, Queen Anne's Gate, St. James's Park, Station, at 8. (Instruction)
 167—St. John, Holly Bush, Hampstead
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 180—St. James's Union, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 198—Percy, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 211—St. Michael, Albion, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 228—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, City
 235—Nine Muses, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 548—Wellington, White Swan, Deptford
 654—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)
 834—Ranelagh, Criterion, W.
 840—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston at, 8 (Instruction)
 917—Cosmopolitan, Cannon-street Hotel
 933—Doric, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1044—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1196—Urban, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In.)
 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)
 1446—Mount Edgecombe, Three Stags, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 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)
 1593—Royal Naval College, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 1601—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, King Edward VI., King Edward Street, Liverpool Road, N., at 8. (Instruction)
 1604—Wanderers, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Criterion, Piccadilly
 1635—Canterbury, 33 Golden Square, W.
 1668—Samson, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Hornsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Eleanor, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1769—Clarendon, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street
 1949—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, White Hart, Cannon Street, 6.30.
 R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, Moorgate Street, E.C., at 8 (Instruction)

93—Social, 23 St. Giles Street, Norwich
 131—Fortitude, Masonic Hall, Truro
 184—United Chatham of Benevolence, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Ken
 211—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 272—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Main Ridge, Boston
 281—Shakespeare, Masonic Rooms, High-street, Warwick
 406—Northern Counties, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle (Instruct)
 473—Faithful, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 495—Wakefield, Masonic Hall, Zetland Street, Wakefield
 503—Belvidere, Star Hotel, Maidenhead
 603—Zetland, Royal Hotel, Checkheaton
 626—Lansdowne of Unity, Town Hall, Chippenham
 650—Star in the East, Pier Hotel, Harwich
 696—St. Bartholomew, Anchor Hotel, Wednesday
 726—Staffordshire Knot, North Western Hotel, Stafford
 829—Sydney, Black Horse Hotel, Sidcup
 892—Royal Edward, Royal Oak Hotel, Loominster
 903—Gosport, India Arms Hotel, High-street, Gosport

1120—St. Milburga, Tontine Hotel, Ironbridge
 1250—Gilbert, Masonic Rooms, Sankey Greenhall, Street, Warrington
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1347—Lorne, Greyhound Hotel, Cuckfield, Surrey
 1465—Ockenden, Talbot Hotel, Sutton, Sussex
 1509—Madoc, Queen's Hotel, Portmadoc
 1545—Baildon, Masonic Room, Northgate, Baildon
 1678—Tonbridge, Masonic Hall, Tonbridge
 1713—Wilbraham, Walton Institute, Walton, Liverpool

R.A. 70—St. John's, Huyshe Masonic Temple, Princes Street, Plymouth
 R.A. 111—Vigilance, Masonic Hall, Archer Street, Darlington
 R.A. 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 R.A. 265—Judea, Masonic Club, Hanover-street, Keighley
 R.A. 289—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds
 R.A. 402—Royal Sussex, Masonic Hall, Nottingham
 R.A. 537—Zion, 9 Hamilton Street, Birkenhead
 M.M. 15—St. George's, Masonic Hall, Gandy Street, Exeter
 M.M. 152—Dover and Cinque Ports, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover

WEDNESDAY, 11th FEBRUARY.

Committee Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, Freemasons' Hall, at 3
 3—Fidelity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 11—Enoch, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 13—Waterloo, Union Masonic Hall, William-street, Woolwich
 15—Kent, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 223—United Strength, The Hope, Stanhope Street, Regents Park, 8 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E.
 913—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 861—Pinsbury, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1260—John Hervey, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1288—Finsbury Park, Cock Tavern, Highbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 1305—St. Marylebone, Langham Hotel, W.
 1308—Lodge of St. John, Three Nuns Hotel, Aldgate, E
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1524—Duke of Cornwall, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1538—St. Martin's-le-Grand, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street
 1586—Upper Norwood, White Hart Hotel, Upper Norwood
 1601—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1691—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruct)
 1694—Imperial, Cadogan Hotel, Sloane-street, Chelsea
 1718—Centurion, Imperial Hotel, Holborn-viaduct
 1791—Creaton, Wheatheat Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherd's Bush. (Inst)
 1900—Montague Guest, Inns of Court Hotel, Lincoln's Inn-fields
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction n.)
 R.A. 857—St. Mark, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. (T.U.)—Old Kent, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 R.C. 1—Grand Metropolitan, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square

51—Hope, Spread Eagle Inn, Cheekham-street, Rochdale
 116—Antiquity, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 191—St. John, Knowsley Hotel, Haymarket-street, Bury, Lancashire
 204—Caledonian, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 225—St. Luke's, Coach and Horses Hotel, Ipswich
 281—Fortitude, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster
 283—Harmony, Masonic Hall, Todmorden
 433—Sympathy, Old Falcon Hotel, Gravesend
 567—Unity, Globe Hotel, Warwick
 615—St. John and St. Paul, Prince of Wales Hotel, Erith
 698—Benevolence, Private Rooms, Prince Town, Dartmoor
 753—Ellesmere, Freemasons' Hall, Runcorn, Cheshire
 852—Zetland, Albert Hotel, New Bailey-street, Salford
 854—Albert, Duke of York Inn, Snares, near Oldham
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)

1018—Shakespeare, Freemasons' Hall, Salem-street, Bradford
 1031—Fletcher, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1060—Marmion, Masonic Rooms, Church-street, Tamworth

- 1064—Borough, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 1094—Temple, Mascnic Hall, Liverpool
 1101—Grey Friars, Masonic Hall, Reading
 1209—Lewises, Royal Hotel, Ramsgate
 1248—Denison, Grand Hotel, Scarborough
 1342—Walker, Hope and Anchor Inn, Byker, Newcastle
 1356—De Grey and Ripon, 140 North Hill Street, Toxteth Park, Liverpool
 1398—Baldwin, Dalton Castle, Dalton-in-Furness
 1424—Brownrigg, Assembly Rooms, Old Brompton, Chatham
 1434—Nottinghamshire, George Hotel, Nottingham
 1503—Francis Burdett, Albany Hotel, Twickenham
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1520—Earl Shrewsbury, Public, Rooms, Cannock, Stafford
 1547—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 1582—Llanidloes, Trewythen Arms, Llanidloes
 1643—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Hebburn-on-Tyne.
 R.A. 20—Royal Kent of Antiquity, Sun Hotel, Chatham
 R.A. 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 R.A. 258—Amphibious, Freemasons' Hall, Heckmondwike
 R.A. 261—Sincerity, Masonic Hall, Tunton
 R.A. 293—Unity, 23 Ann Street, Rochdale
 R.A. 333—Royal Preston, Preston
 R.A. 350—Meribah, Grapes Inn, Stoneclough, near Manchester
 R.A. 673—St. John, Masonic Hall, Liverpool

THURSDAY, 12th FEBRUARY.

- 19—Royal Athelstan, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 91—Regularity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 147—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 206—Friendship, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street, E.C.
 238—Pilgrim, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 263—Bank of England, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 534—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 657—Canonbury, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 704—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 305 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 749—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 860—Dalhousie, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 879—Southwark, Southwark Park Tavern
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1076—Capper, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1158—Southern Star, Pheasant, Stangate, Westminster-bridge, at 8 (Inst.)
 1185—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1216—Macdonald, Head Quarters 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
 1278—Burdett Coutts, Swan Tavern, Bethnal Green Road, E., 8. (Instruction)
 1306—St. John, Three Crowns Tavern, Mile End Road, E. (Instruction)
 1339—Stockwell, Cock Tavern, Kennington-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-road, Paddington
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1471—Islington, Cock Tavern, Highbury
 1558—Duke of Connaught, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1558—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1599—Ley Spring, Red Lion, Leytonstone
 1599—Skelmersdale, Masons' Hall Tavern, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden 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.)
 1708—Plucknett, Bald Faced Stag, East Finchley
 1741—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creaton, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1804—Coborn, Vestry Hall, Bow
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1987—Strand, The Criterion, Piccadilly
 R.A. 554—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyno Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 M.M. 86—Samson and Lion, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C.
 K.T. 117—New Temple, Inner Temple, London
 35—Medina, 85 High-street, Cowes
 97—Palatine, Masonic Hall, Toward-road, Sunderland.
 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street Hill, Exeter
 139—Britannia, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 216—Harmonic, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 333—Royal Preston, Castle Hotel, Preston
 339—Unanimity, Crown Hotel, Penrith, Cumberland.
 469—Hundred of Elloe, Masonic Rooms, London Road, Spalding.
 477—Mersey, 55 Argyle-street, Birkenhead.
 546—Etruscan, Masonic Hall, Caroline-street, Longton, Stafford.
 732—Royal Brunswick, Royal Pavilion, Brighton.
 739—Temperance, Masonic Room, New-street, Birmingham.
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 786—Croxteth United Service, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chamber, Abingdon, Berks
 991—Tyne, Masonic Hall, Wellington Quay, Northumberland
 1035—Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
 1055—Derby, Knowsley's Hotel, Cheetham, Lancashire
 1098—St. George, Private Room, Temperance Hotel, Tredegar, Mon.
 1144—Milton, Commercial Hotel, Ashton-under-Lyne
 1145—Equality, Red Lion Hotel, Accrington.
 1147—St. David, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
 1182—Duke of Edinburgh, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1204—Royd, Imperial Hotel, Malvern, Worcestershire.
 1273—St. Michael, Free Church School-rooms, Sittingbourne
 1369—Bala, Plasgoch Hotel, Bala
 1416—Falcon, Masonic Hall, Castle Yard, Thirsk
 1429—Albert Edward Prince of Wales, Masonic Hall, Newport, Mon.
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1583—Corbet, Corbet Arms, Towyn
 1697—Hospitality, Royal Hotel, Waterfoot, near Manchester
 1782—Machen, Swan Hotel, Colleshill
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)
 1915—Graystone, Forester's Hall, Whitstable
 R.A. 51—Patriotic, Three Cups Hotel, Colchester
 R.A. 254—Trinity, Castle Inn, Coventry
 R.A. 275—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 R.A. 484—Hwlfordd, Masonic Hall, Haverfordwest
 R.A. 723—Panmure, Masonic Hall, Barrack Road, Aldershot
 K.T. 21—Salamanca, Masonic Hall, Halifax

FRIDAY, 13th FEBRUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, The North Pole, 115 Oxford-street, W., at 8 (Instruc.)
 33—Britannic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 134—Caledonian, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 157—Bedford, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 177—Domatic, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruct.)
 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)
 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1201—Eclectic, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyno 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)
 1739—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A.—Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 6—Friendship, Willis's Rooms, King Street, St. James's
 R.A. 10—Westminster and Keystone, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 R.A. 95—Eastern Star Chapter of Improvement, Hercules Tav., Lionhall St.
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 R.C. 3—Mount Calvary, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 36—Glamorgan, Freemasons' Hall, Arcade, St. Mary's-street, Cardiff.
 155—Perseverance, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 453—Chigwell, Loughton Tavern, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 458—Aire and Calder, Private Rooms, Ouse-street, Goolo.
 526—Honour, Star and Garter Hotel, Wolverhampton
 662—Dartmouth, Dartmouth Hotel, West Bromwich
 815—Blair, Town Hall, Stretford-road, Hulme
 916—Hartington, Burlington Hotel, Eastbourne
 1001—Harrogate and Claro, Masonic Rooms, Parliament-street Harrogate
 1087—Beaudesert, Assembly Rooms, Corn Exchange, Leighton Buzzard
 1121—Wear Valley, Masonic Hall, Bishop Auckland
 1289—Rock, Royal Rock Hotel, Rock Ferry
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 81—Royal York, Private Rooms, Doric Place, Woodbridge
 R.A. 406—De Sussex, Masonic Hall, Maple Street, Newcastle

SATURDAY, 14th FEBRUARY.

- 103—London, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall-street
 173—Phoenix, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1328—Granite, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1364—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1426—The Great City, Cannon Street Hotel
 1446—Mount Edgcombe, Bridge House Hotel, Battersea
 1584—Loyalty and Charity, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge
 1607—Loyalty, London Tavern, Fenchurch Street
 1612—West Middlesex, The Institute, Ealing
 1624—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1671—Mizpah, Albion Hotel, Aldersgate-street
 1686—Paxton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1743—Perseverance, Imperial Hotel, Holborn Viaduct
 1964—Clerkenwell, Holborn Viaduct Hotel, E.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Hampshire Hog, King Street, Hammersmith, W. (Instrucot.)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvement, Union, Air-street, Regent-st., W., at 8
 M.M. 231—Brixton, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 2069—Prudence, Masonic Hall, Leeds
 R.A. 811—Yarborough, Royal Pavilion, Brighton

Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, the 28th ult., at the Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N. Present:—Bros. Silvester J.W. 193 W.M., Treadwell 1076 S.W., Messer 25 J.W., Wheelock 151 S.D., Putland J.W. 1732 J.D., Vincent 1564 I.G., and Bro. Burgess, of the Henley Lodge, who acted as Preceptor, Bros. Yates and Deighton 1732, Windmill 1598, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. The W.M., assisted by the brethren, worked the first section of the lectures. Bro. Windmill kindly volunteered as candidate for initiation, and that ceremony was rehearsed most ably by the W.M. Bros. Yates, Deighton, Windmill, and Vincent were elected members of this Lodge of Instruction. Bro. Treadwell was duly elected to the chair for the next meeting. All Masonic business being ended the Lodge was closed in due form in perfect harmony.

Brixton Lodge of Instruction, No. 1949.—The annual festival of this prosperous Lodge of Instruction was held at Bro. Monk's, the Prince Regent, Dulwich-road, S.E., on Tuesday, the 27th ult. The accommodation being somewhat limited, numerous brethren were unavoidably disappointed in obtaining tickets. Bro. H. Maunder Williams, W.M. elect of the Honor Oak Lodge, 1986, presided, Bro. Henry Baldwin, W.M. elect of the Brixton Mother Lodge, occupying the vice-chair. Amongst the brethren present were the Preceptor, Bro. C. A. Francis, Bros. C. H. Phillips W.M. 1986 Treas., Bro. D. Richardson Sec., Bro. H. Hooper J.D. 1986, Bro. Rev. I. Wilson Haffenden Chaplain 1986, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, Thomas Poore P.M. 720, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, Joseph Harling P.M. W.M. 30, J. A. Danks, J. M. Buckley, Henry Stokes 1699, J. M. Mayer and A. E. Albert 1949, J. Letchford and G. R. Langley 1986, R. R. Johnston 1777, Hodgson, Monk and others. Amongst the many who were prevented from attending, and for whom apologies were read were, Bros. W. Hopekirk P.M. 1936, John Hammonl P. Prov. J.D. Middx., J. R. Johnson W.M. 1320, G. W. Knight 1507, C. M. Money, C. Longhurst, S. Scott Young, F. Wooten, and other brethren of 1986. A substantial and well-served repast having been partaken of, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, the President proving his capacity for the duties of the office about to devolve upon him. By a courteous request to the W.M. elect of the Brixton Lodge, and to others about to be promoted in office in one or other of the Lodges, opportunities were given them for introducing the toasts which followed that of the W.M., and consequently much variety was given to both the toasts and the responses which followed. The compliment paid to the worthy Preceptor, Bro. Francis, was earnestly expressed and as heartily responded to. None who had done good service to the Lodge during the past year were forgotten. The charitable association connected with the Lodge, which had contributed over £300 to the several Institutions, came in for a fair share of recognition, and its executive were duly honoured. A most agreeable evening was spent by all present, Bros. Stevens, Poore, Monk, Phillips, and others maintaining harmony by songs and recitations, and Bro. Haffenden, who is an excellent musician, adding thereto by his performances on the host's combined harmonium and piano. Separation was not easy, but was effected at a reasonable hour.

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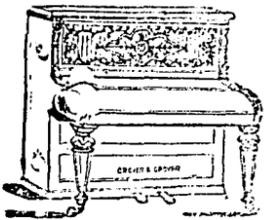
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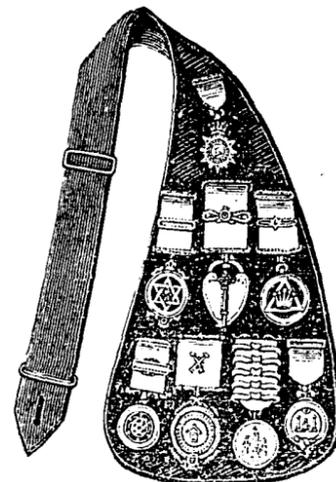
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