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IMITATIONS OF FREEMASONRY.

IT is not necessary for us to give evidences of that imitation which is the sincerest form of flattery to prove the high opinion in which Freemasonry is held by the world in general; if it were, we might point to almost every society or brotherhood established for the purpose of relieving the necessities of its members, and claim each of them as imitators of Freemasonry, for in nearly every instance can we find traces of either the ritual, the forms or the ceremonies of Freemasonry, while in some the similarity is so strong as to induce the belief that the one is but a clumsy copy of the other. But while all, or nearly all of these societies, may be termed imitators of Freemasonry many of them have extended the sphere of their operations far beyond the scope of Freemasonry, with results more or less beneficial or disastrous in different instances. In England it is the boast of a very large section of the Masonic brethren that Freemasonry is not a benefit society. Admission to its ranks is open to all free men of good character, but it has no advantages of a pecuniary nature to offer to those who seek a participation in its mysteries. Its labours are directed rather to the improvement of a man's moral character, than the state of his finances, but this is not the case with some of the imitations of Freemasonry, the advocates of which appear to vie with each other in offering inducements to attract new members. We have before us an instance in the "Chosen Friends," a "Fraternal Society, 30,000 strong," which is being advertised in some of the American papers as "organised on the basis of Masonry and Odd Fellowship." Really we are inclined to think that Free and Accepted Masonry is not only old in point of age, but is also old fashioned in the way its affairs are conducted, when we read of the benefits this new Society is able to offer its members, but we will let our readers judge for themselves. This imitation of Freemasonry offers "3,000 dollars secured! A safe investment for Merchants, Professional Men, Clerks, Employers, and Employes, as soon as a person becomes a Chosen Friend." This sum, says the advertisement, being "as securely invested as if it was in a Trust Company." What do English Craftsmen think of this? Is it desirable, in face of such counter attractions, to continue Freemasonry as a non-benefit Society? Is it not rather desirable that we should discover on what basis these "Chosen Friends" work, and inaugurate a similar system among Freemasons, to entitle each member to "3,000 dollars, as securely invested as if in a Trust Company?" Are we acting up to the principles of Freemasonry if we allow such an opportunity of benefiting our fellow creatures—and ourselves—to pass? If a comparatively new society, only 30,000 strong, can offer 3,000 dollars fully secured to each of its members, how much could Freemasonry offer, with its hundreds of years' existence, and its branches spread over the four quarters of the Globe. We almost imagine ourselves rich, all we want to know is, how is it done? Must we become a "Chosen Friend" to find out, and if so, where shall we find the nearest "Council?"

Do such imitations as this have any effect on Freemasonry?—is a question which might naturally be put by any one reading of this scheme, and in reply we should say, Yes. The effect may be very insignificant, but it is doubtless existent. Just as surely as there are fools in the world

to be caught by such absurd promises, so are there men who will believe that such societies as the one referred to are "organised on the basis of Masonry," and they will carry their belief so far as to actually associate the Society with Freemasonry. When they are duped by some Chosen or unchosen Friend they will blame Masonry for it—because the Society they joined made use of the name of Freemasonry—without authority it is unnecessary to say—and so we get a bad reputation. This, however does not materially affect us. Freemasonry can boast a career of usefulness for ages past; it has done good work in days gone by, and is doing a good work now, but it teaches that Truth is one of the grandest of principles, and if associated with Brotherly Love and Relief is sufficient to keep together a Fraternal Society more than 3,000 strong, without any such nonsense as offering to each of its members 3,000 dollars fully secured. If our imitators would copy our great principles of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, and act up to them, they would do us no harm, while they would greatly benefit themselves.

FREEMASONRY.

THE student of the Science of Masonry, who is desirous of elucidating the reason of its existence, its history, its objects, its mysteries and its works, will naturally be attracted at first to a consideration of its name and title.

The designation of this Brotherhood, the title so proudly owned by all its members, is "The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons."

A critical disquisition on the component parts of this title would involve years of labour. Hundreds and thousands of volumes have been written on the various subjects of which it would be found necessary to treat, but the salient points may perhaps be briefly indicated, so as to awaken thoughtful consideration and a desire for further information regarding our world-wide and world-famed Institution.

It is "ancient," as having existed from time immemorial. There can be no doubt about its antiquity. A great number of theories have been advanced at one time or another as to the origin of Freemasonry, but none of them have been entirely satisfactory, from the simple fact that the Order is so Ancient that it is impossible to trace its beginning. Certain writers have traced it somewhat clearly to the Associations of Builders of the Middle Ages, those wondrous architects whose Cathedrals and Churches and public edifices are the most astonishing erections that the whole history of mankind has ever exhibited. These great works are marvels of beauty and solemnity, with a magnificence of thought and decoration entirely unapproached by all the improvements of modern times and to an appreciative beholder they convey an impression that can never be effaced from the memory.

Other writers have traced a connection of Freemasonry with the Roman *Collegia Fabrorum*, or Colleges of Builders, which were instituted by Numa Pompilius in the year 715 B.C. These colleges were really Fraternities. They had their own laws and their own judiciary. They were free of all contributions to the city or state. They had lodges, and their labours in the lodges were always preceded by religious ceremonies. They had

secret ceremonies and different degrees of membership, with secrets peculiar to each degree. The Presidents of the colleges were called Masters or Teachers (*Magistri*), and their membership was composed of men of all countries and of different beliefs. In nearly all these particulars we find a striking similarity in the Freemasonry of the present day.

A few of our authors have gone further back still. The City of Nineveh was one of the most ancient cities of the world. It is supposed that it was the first city built after the flood. Its ruins have been examined and investigated in modern times, and it is stated to be an undoubted fact that the Builders' Marks found on the stones in the ruins of the ancient City of Nineveh are identical with the Freemasons' marks of the present time. It may therefore be safely asserted that this similarity is a strong proof of the Antiquity of Freemasonry.

It is also known to the initiated that in the ceremonies of Freemasonry there is internal evidence of its antiquity. Some of these ceremonies are evidently founded on incidents and circumstances which took place at the building of the Great Temple at Jerusalem by King Solomon, and which are preserved only in Freemasonry. Likewise the use of corn, wine and oil in the ceremonies of Consecration and Dedication is clearly traceable to a similar custom practised by the Romans.

At all events, whatever may have been its origin, Freemasonry is the most Ancient Fraternity that is now in existence. So much for its antiquity.

Freemasonry is "honourable." It is honourable because "by a natural tendency it conduces to make all those honourable who are strictly obedient to its precepts." One of its fundamental principles is the practice of social and moral virtue. It is honourable because its teachings inculcate the highest morality. Whatever may be mysterious about its origin, there is no secret about its principles. It is based on universal benevolence, universal brotherhood and universal charity.

It is honourable because its objects and aims are pure and good. It is always to be found on the side of Humanity and Progress. It is essentially Philanthropic, Philosophic and Progressive. Its objects are the investigation of truth, the study of universal morals, science and art, and the exercise of benevolence. There may be, and doubtless there are, many members of the Society who do not realize this high ideal, who do not know the high objects and aims of the service in which they are called upon to assist, but that is not the fault of the Institution, and those who study it in the light of these designs and intentions will find themselves amply repaid.

It is honourable from the long line of illustrious and honourable men who have given their time and their talents to further its interests, to engage in its work and to prosecute its designs. The wise and good of all nations have been connected with Freemasonry, and have found in that connection ample scope for their highest and best efforts. Kings and Princes have been proud to wear its badges and share its labours. Church and State have contributed their quota. Professional men, merchants, artificers and all classes are to be found represented in the ranks of Freemasonry. A society so attractive to the best thought and the best minds must be worthy of all respect. Surely Freemasonry is Honourable.

Freemasonry is a Fraternity. One of its leading features is that every Freemason is Brother to his fellows. This Brotherhood is independent of all distinctions. It is not dependent on nationality, race or religion. It is free from any and all considerations of colour, clime or form. It is uninfluenced by political divisions or the distractions of statecraft. Men of the most diverse opinions find in Freemasonry a common meeting-place where they can unite in the prosecution of a common aim. It forms the centre of union between good men and true.

In this connection, the Universality of Freemasonry is a characteristic of its Fraternity. In all parts of the civilised world you will find Freemasons. Wherever civilisation exists you will find Brothers of the mystic tie. The Freemason will find friends wherever he goes, friends bound to him with the same ties of Brotherhood, brothers ready to help and assist him, to cheer him on his way, to comfort him in sickness or distress, and to render to him those kindly offices so dear to the true lover of his fellow-man. If a traveller in a strange land, he needs few letters of introduction, the fraternal grip of a Freemason will amply supply their place.

As a Fraternity, Freemasonry joins in the ties of closest friendship those who otherwise would be widely separated and who would remain perpetually apart. It exercises the principles of a Brotherhood by improving the character of its members, by giving them broader views of their relations to one another, and by inducing them to improve their condition in life and to reach a higher ideal of usefulness.

In following out these designs, Freemasonry binds each of its members to all the others by the most fraternal ties to succour and relieve a Brother when necessary, and to extend a helping hand to those who were dependent upon him when they are deprived of his protecting care. In these good works all must take part. It is impossible to belong to a Masonic Lodge without helping to support some scheme of benevolence. From the moment of his initiation the neophyte is like a cog in a mighty wheel, and he can no more help moving on with the rest of the machinery in the direction of good deeds than the wheel itself can help turning while the motive power exercises its impellent force.

The earliest lesson in Freemasonry is one of charity and toleration, and no individual torpor or demerit can long withstand the beneficial influence of the rules of Freemasonry. It may then be safely asserted that the whole system of Freemasonry is calculated and designed to inculcate and enforce the sentiments and practice of a Brotherhood or Fraternity.

Masons are "Free and Accepted." Free alike in the technical sense, and free also in the utmost liberality of thought and action. Freemasonry requires a perfect freedom of inclination in every candidate for its mysteries. It is of his own free will and accord that he comes forward to join its ranks, and it is of his own free will that he takes upon himself the obligations and duties of a member of the Craft.

Many speculations have been indulged in as to the why and wherefore of the terms "free" and "accepted." The word "free," in connection with operative Masons, originally signified that the person so called was free of the guild or company of Masons, that is, in full membership and entitled to all the privileges of the society, the right to do the highest class of work and to receive the highest wages. The operative Masons who were not free of the guild were not permitted to work with those who were. This distinction still exists in many parts of Europe. The term was perhaps first used in the tenth century, when the travelling Freemasons were incorporated by the Roman Pontiff.

"Accepted" is equivalent to initiated. It alludes to the acceptance by the operatives of those who were not previously members of the guild or company.

One writer asserts that Masons were declared "free" by King Solomon, and termed "accepted" by Cyrus, the founder of the Persian Monarchy, the Conqueror of Babylon, through whose instrumentality the Jews were delivered from captivity and allowed to return to Jerusalem. Also, that they were invested with the privileges of bearing arms and freedom from taxation by Darius, the Mede, and Artaxerxes, the son of Xerxes.

Our Masonic tradition is, that after the building of King Solomon's Temple, the initiated were declared "free" and exempted from all imposts, duties and taxes for them and their descendants; for, as the remnant of the Canaanites employed as labourers and bearers of burdens were associated with the free-born at the erection of this edifice, a distinguishing appellation became necessary to prevent confusion, as well as peculiar privileges to excite emulation. This appellation was "accepted," and the privileges were a perfect immunity from all contributions to the service of the State. A similar plan was pursued by Zerubbabel at the building of the Second Temple, when Freemasonry was revived after the captivity in Babylon. These occurrences affixed to Masons the honourable and permanent designation of "free and accepted."

Last'y, the members of this Fraternity are "Masons," anciently and originally, beyond a doubt, operative mechanics, stone-masons who carried on their handicraft by manual labour and with the actual tools and implements of their calling. Modernly, they are Speculative Masons, who apply these tools as symbols of great moral truths, and who have extended the system to embrace all science and art, and who have laid under contribution all operative terms as symbolical of greater realities to form a comprehensive plan of the highest morality.

The word "Mason" has many fanciful derivations, such as the Persian "Magi," or disciples of Zoroaster, the founder of the Parsee religion (and, by the way, the Magi had three degrees, called Disciples, Masters and Complete Masters); a Hebrew word, *massang* or *masan*, signifying a stone quarry; a Greek word meaning a mystery, and many others. There is plenty of room for the inquirer to speculate to his heart's content in this direction.

It has thus been shown that the titular designation of Freemasonry comprises matters of the most interesting description. Much more might be said upon these various topics. Their significance is capable of being greatly extended. We have, however, written simply to direct, to interest, and, if possible, to instruct. To acquire knowledge and to impart information are duties incumbent upon every conscientious member of "*The Ancient and Honourable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons.*"—*Freemason's Repository.*

THE VARIOUS IMPLEMENTS OF MASONRY.

AS emblematic of our conduct in life, these afford us useful lessons which we would do well to heed. The Holy Bible is one of the great lights of the Craft, one that we cannot fail to follow up if we would be true to our principles, and measure up to the standard required of us. It will guide us in the way of truth, that adorns and strengthens the character of the man. It will guide us in the way of true and abiding happiness, and secure for us an entrance into the Grand Lodge Room on high. "It enriches the memory, it elevates the reason, it enlivens the imagination, it directs the judgment, it moves the affections, it controls the passions, it quickens the conscience, it strengthens the will, it kindles the sacred flame of faith, hope and charity, it purifies, ennobles, sanctifies the whole man, and brings him into a living union with God. It has light for the blind, strength for the weak, food for the hungry, drink for the thirsty; it has a counsel in precept for every sorrow, a balm for every wound; of all the books in the world the Bible is the only one of which we never tire, but which we admire and love more and more in proportion as we use it. Like the diamond, it casts its lustre in every direction; like a torch, the more it is shaken the more it shines; like a healing herb, the harder it is pressed the sweeter is its fragrance." The Holy Bible lies open before every member of the Order, and points out the whole duty of man. Walk in this great light that you may reflect honour upon that Order, whose foundation principles are the truths herein revealed.

Then by other emblems we are taught to regulate our actions, our every movement by the principles of morality and virtue; and in our different stations among men and before God, to walk uprightly, circumscribing our desires within proper limits. We are also directed to move right onward in the way of truth, turning neither to the right nor to the left, and to avoid in our conversation and actions, dissimulation. The earnest student, as he advances in Masonry, may also learn lessons appropriate to the three principal stages in human life, viz.:—youth, manhood and age; and if true to these lessons, he may, as a Master Mason, "enjoy the happy reflection consequent on a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality." Let all the implements and emblems of Masonry be carefully used and closely studied, and we shall ever and always deserve the title of "good men and true." We will come more fully to understand our duty to God, and to each other; there will indeed be enkindled in our hearts a flame of devotion to God, of brotherly love to each other, and charity to all mankind.—*Detroit Freemason.*

MARK MASONRY.

CONSTANTINE LODGE, No. 145.

THE quarterly meeting of this Lodge was held at the George Hotel, Colchester, on Thursday evening, the 10th instant. Bro. J. P. Lewin I.P.M. P.P.G.J.W. East Anglia, in the chair, through illness of the Worshipful Master, Bro. Thomas Eustace. The principal business was the election of W.M. for the ensuing year, and the choice of the brethren fell upon Bro. Thomas G. Mills S.W., who returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. Bro. Fred. A. Cole was re-elected Treasurer, and Bro. Munson Tyler. Great regret was expressed at the illness of the W.M., with best wishes for his speedy recovery.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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MEDINA LODGE, No. 35.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, on 14th inst., Bro. H. C. Manners S.W. was installed W.M. for the ensuing year. The ceremony was performed by Bro. T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W., in a most impressive manner, and the working throughout was excellently done. After taking the chair the W.M. expressed his thanks to the Lodge for the honour they had conferred on him, and proceeded to invest his Officers. It was unanimously decided to present the I.P.M., Bro. Robertson, with a P.M.'s jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered during his year of office. The following are the Officers for the ensuing year:—Bro. H. C. Manners W.M., R. Robertson I.P.M., T. W. Faulkner P.P.J.G.W. Treasurer, G. A. Mursell P.S.G.D. Sec., H. C. Damont S.W., F. Rutland J.W., J. Leftwich S.D., A. Lee J.D., J. C. Airs P.M. D.C., H. Wheeler P.M. Reg., A. Barfield P.P.J.G.D. Charities Committee, F. Ransome Organist, R. Cullingford I.G., T. M. Taylor and A. Perry Stewards, Young Tyler. There was a large attendance of members of the Lodge and visiting brethren. Among those present in addition to the Officers were Bros. O. Haxthausen P.M., F. W. Dyett, W. Snellgrove, S. S. Wheeler, G. Chambers, C. Stock, W. Trew, E. Poland, F. Osborne, F. C. Hayes, and G. A. Brannon 151, George Pack P.M. 175, M. J. Speir and S. A. Wiltshire 245, G. Brown 328, C. J. Hantoun 910, J. C. Hopwood S.D. 1457, R. Kirk, W. Dodson, H. Robinson, and G. Dickenson S.D. 1681, T. Wilkins 1780, John Bailey W.M., A. Greenham S.W., and J. H. Brown 1884. After the Lodge was closed a large number of the brethren partook of a banquet, provided at the Fountain Hotel, to which ample justice was done. Due honour was given to the first toasts, Queen and Craft and the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M.'s reference to the personal qualities of His Royal Highness, which were well-known to many present, meeting with enthusiastic approval. The W.M. then proposed the Earl of Carnarvon Pro G.M. and the Grand Lodge of England, R.W. Bro. Beach and the P.G. Officers, present and past. He paid a high eulogium to the Prov. Grand Master for his great services to the Craft, and his unfailing courtesy, and coupled with the toast the names of Bros. Mursell P.S.G.D., Barfield P.P.J.G.D., and Pack P.P.J.G.D. The toast was responded to by the brethren named, who fully endorsed the praise given to the R.W. Bro. Beach, and bore testimony to the great services which were rendered by other high Officers, notably Bros. Le Fenve and Sheldon Smith. Bro. Faulkner was also called on to respond; he remarked that he had the honour of being the last Grand Warden of the Province of the Isle of Wight. The toast of the W.M. was ably submitted by Bro. Faulkner, who said Bro. Manners had been most regular in his attendance at Lodge, and had proved himself very attentive and earnest in the discharge of his duties. He cordially wished him a prosperous year of office. Bro. Manners expressed his thanks for the way in which the toast had been proposed, and for the enthusiastic reception the brethren had given it. He felt that he was scarcely entitled to all the praise Bro. Faulkner had given him, but they might rely on his doing his best to serve the Lodge and carry out his duties in a proper manner. Bro. Pack proposed the I.P.M. and Medina Lodge, No. 35, and spoke of the value to the Lodge of the services of an experienced body of Past Masters. He was in a position to bear testimony to the services of Bro. Robertson, and it was with particular pleasure that afternoon he heard the Lodge give expression to the regard in which they held him by voting him a Past Master's jewel. Bro. Robertson, in responding, referred to the improvements which had been carried out in the construction of their Lodge-room during his year of office, the completion of which had given him great satisfaction. His best services would continue to be at the disposal of the brethren. The Visitors was submitted in cordial terms by Bro. Mursell, who said no Lodge in the province felt greater pleasure in receiving and welcoming visiting brethren than Medina, No. 35. The toast was responded to by Bros. Pack 175, Brannon 151, Brown 1884, Hopwood Albert Edward, Hantoun 910, Stockton-on-Tees, Wilkins 1780, Southampton, G. Brown, St. John's, Torquay, Wiltshire 245, Mechanics, and Dickenson, Robinson, Dodson, and Kerr, 1681, Londesborough, who all expressed appreciation of the hearty welcome accorded them. The W.M. proposed the Installing Master and the Past Masters of the Lodge. The W.M. referred to the excellent manner in which that day's ceremony had been performed by Bro. Faulkner, whom they regarded as the patriarch of their Lodge, and expressed his thanks for the valuable services rendered by him and other Past Masters. Bro. Faulkner said he was sure there were other Past Masters in the Lodge who, if they cared to undertake it, could do the installation ceremony as well as the W.M. had been pleased to say he (Bro. Faulkner) had done it that day. It was 40 years since he had been initiated in the Medina Lodge, and he should continue to do his best to maintain their good opinion of him. Other respondents to the toast were Bros. Haxthausen, Airs—who spoke of the benefit derived from the Lodge of Instruction they had established—Barfield, Mursell, Wheeler, and Robertson. Bro. Faulkner in submitting the toast of the Masonic Charities eulogised the great services in the work of Charity that had been rendered by that veteran in the cause Bro. Barfield, whom Bro. Mursell seemed determined to emulate. Bro. Barfield, who wore the collar of the three Charities, adorned with 24 clasps, entered very fully in his reply into the working and needs of the Charities. In the course of an interesting speech he said in June last 236 girls were being educated in a thoroughly useful and practical manner, at a cost of over £9,000 per annum. In addition to this the trustees had been able to purchase a house and strip of land, which would prove to be valuable investments. 240 boys were being educated in the Boy's School, at a cost of £10,000, to make up which sum the trustees had to rely almost entirely on subscriptions, as they had very little money invested, and a considerable sum was urgently needed. The Benevolent Institution had 390 annuitants on the books, at a cost last year

of nearly £14,000, and the account was considerably overdrawn. As showing the extent of the Masonic Charities it would be interesting to state the incomes of the several Charities from all sources, as given in their last statement of accounts. The Benevolent Institution received £21,374 7s 1d, the Girls' School 16,768, to which the Sir H. Edwards Presentation Committee contributed 1000 guineas, and the Boys' School £16,272 16s. In addition to the regular work of these three Charities, the Board of Benevolence, whose object was the relief of cases of a temporary character, and who gave assistance in cases of emergency, in grants varying in amount according to the circumstances of the claimant, had disbursed funds to the amount of £10,153. The total income of these several funds reached the sum of £64,569 2s 7d, which gave them an enormous power for relief of the distressed brethren and their families, and was the means of conferring an incalculable amount of good. In conclusion, the speaker expressed considerable dissatisfaction with the manner in which local cases were treated by the Charity Committee of the Province. Bro. Mursell, also responding to the toast of the Charities, said the office of Steward had given him exceptional opportunities for seeing the immense benefits conferred by the manner in which the funds were disbursed. He felt himself specially indebted to Bro. Barfield—whose services he was afraid he could not hope to equal—and the brethren of the Lonsborough Lodge, for the generous assistance they had afforded on several occasions. The brethren present would be pleased to know that the collection that had just been made in the room amounted to £2 5s. Bro. Brannon proposed the Secretary and Officers of the Lodge, which, after a song by the W.M., Bro. Manners, was responded to by Bros. Mursell, Rutland, Leftwich, Cullingford, Taylor, Perry, Robertson, and Young. The proceedings were closed by the Tyler. During the evening some capital songs were given by Bros. Wheeler, Stock, Ains, Faulkner, Mursell, Dickenson, Wilkins, Cullingford, Poland, Rutland, &c.

VITRUVIAN LODGE, No. 87.

ON Wednesday, the 13th instant, a meeting of the members of the above Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London-bridge, Bro. W. R. Davis the Worshipful Master presiding. A numerous attendance of visitors and members of the Lodge were present, including Bros. Thomas Minstrell S.W., Birch J.W.; Bros. P.M.'s Bale, Timothy, Harner, Whiting, Thirkle Treasurer, Stuart Secretary, Janaway; J. M. Moore, Wyatt, Watson, Lambourne, Chamberlain, Nicholls, Nightingale, Woodliffe, Carterer, Massey, Woods, Burnard, Carter, and Comfort. The ceremony of passing was most efficiently performed. Bro. Minstrell was unanimously elected Worshipful Master for the year ensuing. Bro. Thirkle was re-elected Treasurer, and an Audit Committee were appointed. Bro. Bale said it was his pleasing duty as the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge to propose that the usual Past Master's jewel should be presented to their Master, Bro. W. R. Davis, for the very admirable manner in which he had performed the duties of his office during the year. While their Worshipful Master had been in the chair he had shown in every way that he had the interests of the brethren and of the Lodge at heart, and after the very able way he had performed his duties the Worshipful Master, as every one else would do, would feel it very keenly indeed if his services were passed over without acknowledgment. It would be a great pleasure to him to propose the motion, because he believed that they had never had a Master more deserving of the honour than their present one. Brother Past Master Harner seconded the motion, which was carried *nem. con.* After the transaction of other business the Lodge was closed in due form, and the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. The usual Loyal and Craft toasts followed, and in the course of the proceedings Past Master Bale said, by the kindness of the Worshipful Master, who had allowed him to take the initiative in this matter, he had now a duty to perform, which they would all recognise as one of a most pleasing character. It related to their dear old friend, Bro. Thirkle, who had been their honoured and respected Treasurer for very many years, and he had to ask his acceptance—and he did this with very great pleasure indeed—of the testimonials, which would now be placed before him, of their great respect and esteem for him. These consisted of an illuminated address, suitably emblazoned and framed in an elegant gilt frame, and a silver tea service, consisting of a teapot, sugar basin, tongs, and cream jug, upon a Chippendale tray. As their dear old friend would see, the teapot was suitably engraved in commemoration of the occasion, and all the articles bore Bro. Thirkle's monogram. By the inscription Bro. Thirkle would see what they thought of him, and he (Bro. Bale) could only hope that Bro. Thirkle would accept these articles as an expression of their goodwill towards him for the kindness and urbanity he had always displayed towards them in his capacity of Treasurer. It would be most gratifying to Bro. Thirkle to know that these articles had been purchased from subscriptions obtained without a single instance of canvassing; on the contrary, when it was first resolved they should show their gratitude to Bro. Thirkle for his long and continued services to the Lodge, subscriptions were at once forthcoming. Everything that was given was given freely and willingly. In asking their Bro. Thirkle's acceptance of the articles they could only hope that the Great Architect of the Universe would spare him and his family many long years to have their use, and that He would enable him to continue those valuable services to the Lodge which he had rendered so faithfully in years gone by. Bro. Thirkle said he was unable adequately to thank them for their kindness, and the kind words which had accompanied the gift. He heartily reciprocated their wish that the Great Architect would give him health and strength to continue his services to the Lodge for many years to come, and he hoped that when they were called hence that they might all meet in the Grand Lodge above, where the world's Great Architect lives and reigns for ever. Several toasts followed, and a very pleasant evening was passed.

PEACE AND HARMONY LODGE, No. 359.

AT the meeting of this Lodge, held at the Masonic Hall, on Monday afternoon, 18th inst., Bro. G. Aldis was installed W.M., and appointed his Officers, as follow:—Bros. H. Webb I.P.M., E. Brown S.W., C. Dusanoy J.W., J. Young S.D., A. F. Blackman J.D., J. Adams Secretary, J. R. Weston Treasurer, W. Jenvy I.G., G. Cross Dir. of Cers., A. Baker Steward, T. G. Daycombe Assistant Steward, Vere Tyler. The installation ceremony was performed in an impressive manner by Bro. Webb, in the presence of eighteen Past Masters, and the brethren sat down to a banquet, supplied by Bro. Dartnell, of the High-street.

ROYAL UNION, No. 382.

THE January meeting was held on the 18th inst., at the Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge, when Bro. E. Cotton W.M. presided. Bros. Hall S.W., Wilson J.W., Brooks S.D., Taplin J.D., Fleming I.G., Bailey Organist, Stacey Steward, Nicholson I.P.M., P.M.'s Cooke, Fehrenbach, Lonsdale and Rowles; also Bros. Hanson, Jamieson, Lambert, Pilkin, Taylor, &c. Letters of apology for unavoidable absence were read from Bros. Coombes P.M. P.G.S.D. Secretary, King, &c. Bro. Nicholson P.M. officiated as Secretary. After the minutes had been confirmed, a ballot was taken for admission, as joining member, of Bro. Drinkwater, formerly a member of this Lodge. This proved unanimous in his favour. Mr. Mead, of Southall, was proposed as a candidate for initiation, and the ballot proving favourable, he was duly initiated. The brethren then proceeded to elect a Worshipful Master and Treasurer for the ensuing year. Bro. Hall was elected W.M. and Brother Fehrenbach unanimously re-elected Treasurer; the Tyler (Bro. Duffin) was also re-elected; the W.M., S.W., J.W., and Bros. Jamieson and Taylor were appointed as Audit Committee. On the motion of Bro. Nicholson I.P.M. a P.M.'s jewel was voted to Bro. Cotton W.M. as a slight token of the brethren's esteem and admiration for the excellent manner in which he had carried out his duties. The Bye-laws were read, and Bro. Hanson gave notice of motion for the alteration in the law relating to Visitors' fees. A vote of condolence with Bro. Nicholson I.P.M. on the recent loss of his wife was unanimously agreed to. A candidate was proposed for initiation at next meeting. All business ended, Lodge was closed, and adjourned to third Monday in March, the annual installation day. The brethren partook of banquet in an adjoining room, which was well served by Bro. Phillips. The usual Masonic toasts and harmony, &c. followed.

PANMURE LODGE, No. 720.

A REGULAR monthly meeting of this Lodge was held at the Balham Hotel, Balham, S.W., on the 18th inst., the W.M., Bro. George Treves, presiding. The whole of the Officers were present, viz.: Bros. J. D. Arnold S.W., A. Leonard J.W., Geo. Lambert P.M. Treasurer, T. Poore P.M. Secretary, F. Parkiss S.D., Dr. Lewis Jones J.D., A. C. Wood I.G., S. Ash and G. Allen Stewards, C. Thomas Tyler; Past Masters James Stevens, C. Everist, and E. Mitchell, and Bros. J. A. Bell, J. Finch, W. Jones, and others. The visiting brethren were Bros. S. Richardson W.M. "Unity," Edwin George W.M. "Marquis of Ripon," and F. W. Driver P.M. "Strong Man." After confirmation of previous minutes Mr. James Burridge, already approved of by ballot, was introduced, and, in a very creditable manner, initiated into the Order, the ceremony being completed by the delivery of the charge by the Worshipful Master. A junior member of the Lodge, Bro. Bell, gave the lecture on the tracing board in the first degree, and materially assisted to maintain the reputation for good working which this Lodge has always enjoyed. In the course of the routine business at closing, the Worshipful Master referred to his proposed Stewardship at the ensuing Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support, which was readily accorded. "Hearty good wishes" having been, in accordance with good old custom, offered to the Worshipful Master by the respective Visitors, the Lodge was closed in due form and with solemn prayer. Dinner was served in the usual liberal and unostentatious style which has always characterised the efforts to please of Bro. Past Master George Lilley, the proprietor of the Balham Hotel, whose absence from the Lodge on this occasion, owing to his late unfortunate and very severe accident, was specially referred to, and very deeply regretted. The brethren generally expressed their gratification to learn that Bro. Lilley is now convalescing, and may be soon expected to resume active duty, and this his many Masonic friends outside the Panmure Lodge may be also pleased to hear. After the cloth was cleared, the Worshipful Master ably discharged his duty in presenting the Loyal and Masonic toasts. His own health was drunk most cordially, and in his response he congratulated the Lodge on its continued progress. The Initiate, Bro. Burridge, in well-chosen sentences, acknowledged the compliment paid him, and remarked that arrangements made by him to enter the Panmure Lodge some ten years ago had been unfortunately disturbed. He had often regretted this, and the fact that though now located at Westgate-on-Sea he had after all been "made" in Balham, would show that his regret was accompanied by an earnest intention to receive the "Light" of Freemasonry. He could but say now that if he could have conceived that the teachings of the Order and its ceremonial introduction were of so "sacred" a nature, his regret for the delay would have been increased tenfold. He should never forget the impression made upon his mind on this occasion. To the toast of the Visitors, Bros. S. Richardson, F. W. Driver, and Edwin George, respectively responded, and each stated his gratification with the work in Lodge, and his subsequent entertainment. The usual compliments were paid to the Past Masters, the Secretary and Treasurer, and the Officers, and were each briefly acknowledged. In

the course of the evening Bro. G. S. Graham "looked in," and in his usual genial manner placed his musical attainments at the service of the brethren, and, accompanying the several singers, greatly added to the harmony and enjoyment of the social gathering. With the time-honoured Tyler's toast, the pleasant proceedings of the meeting were brought to a close.

KENSINGTON LODGE, No. 1767.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge was held on Saturday, at the Kensington Hotel, Russell Gardens, Kensington, when the following brethren were present: C. A. Walter J.W., J. W. Barker P.M. Treasurer, George Read P.M. Secretary, J. H. Taylor P.M., J. Metcalfe P.P.G.S.W. Leicestershire and Rutland P.M., Lewis Brett P.M., R. H. Williams S.D., Arthur Barclay J.D., F. J. Oliver Organist, A. Norman I.G., J. Wiggins Steward, Robert Schofield P.M. Tyler, several lay members of the Lodge, and the following Visitors: J. R. Hubbard 463, W. W. Snelling S.D. 1541, G. Ellard W.M. 1764, W. C. Williams J.W. 1585, H. J. Rose 1891, S. Cochran 3, C. Woods 865, J. Rewcastle 1892, H. G. Heywood 865, D. P. Cama W.M. 2105, S. W. Keene 898, C. J. Foakes P.M. 1891, J. Banks 834, A. H. Strong S.D. 1585, W. H. Canston P.M. 1726, H. H. Room W.M. 2090, J. F. H. Woodward Prov. G. Sec. Middlesex, W. Bassett S.D. 1892, C. W. Cunningham 1612, Jermyn Boyd P.M. 23 P.G. Steward, John A. Gartley I.P.M. 205, T. W. C. Lenty W.M. 23, C. E. Soppet P.G. Steward, G. C. Harding P.M. 1238, W. W. Morgan jun., and others. After the transaction of some formal business, and the passing of a brother to the second degree, Bro. C. A. Walter was installed as Worshipful Master, and he appointed the following Officers: Williams S.W., Barclay J.W., Barker P.M. Treasurer, Read P.M. Secretary, Norman S.D., Oliver J.D. and Organist, Wiggins I.G., J. Mackay and C. Heath Stewards, Schofield Tyler. After the addresses and other parts of the installation ceremony had been given, the Lodge was closed and the brethren adjourned to banquet. The usual toasts followed, the first being that of the Queen and the Craft. The Queen, the Worshipful Master said, was admired by all for her good qualities and for her desire to advance the interests of those under her rule. In proposing the health of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M., the W.M. felt the brethren would express the heartiest feelings in connection with the toast, as the Prince of Wales was really the one member of the Craft of whom all the brethren were especially proud. He wished it was in the power of the Grand Master to be more frequently present at Masonic meetings, to personally witness the enthusiasm of the brethren when his name was mentioned. The next toast was that of the Pro Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, and the rest of the Grand Officers, Present and Past. They had no Grand Officer then present, but they were honoured with the company of two Past Grand Stewards and the present Provincial Grand Secretary of Middlesex, with whose names the W.M. coupled the toast. Bro. Woodward expressed his thanks for the compliment which had been paid him, and for the hearty way in which the Grand Officers Present and Past had been toasted. It had been a great pleasure to him, as he was sure it was to his Provincial Grand Master, Sir Francis Burdett, when the present Master of the Kensington Lodge was invested as one of the Wardens of the Province of Middlesex. From what he knew of their present Master he felt that the work of the Lodge would be properly carried on during the ensuing year. Bro. Woodward said that one great thing which struck him in connection with Freemasonry, and he had travelled through eleven different countries of the world—was that we could meet in Freemasonry men, relatives, and friends, whom it was impossible to meet in any other institution in the world. He had been entertained by members of the Craft in different countries, and had at all times great pleasure in being present at Masonic gatherings. Bro. Soppet followed, thanking the brethren for the compliment of being associated with the toast of Grand Officers. He briefly reviewed the system under which he and his fellow Grand Stewards were appointed, and their status at the end of their year of office. As a member of the Royal Kensington Lodge he looked upon that of which he was then a guest as a brother or a sister, and felt especial pleasure—as one of the founders and the present Father of the Royal Kensington Lodge—in making the acquaintance of brethren so intimately associated so far as name was concerned. The members of the Royal Kensington Lodge had often wondered what the Kensington Lodge was like. Now, from personal observation he should be able to report to his brethren, and he hoped the two Lodges would learn to know more of each other in consequence. He could truly say that for working and hospitality the Kensington Lodge was not to be excelled. Brother Jermyn Boyd also replied. He was gratified that he had the opportunity of witnessing the proceedings of that day. He could but endorse the remarks of his brother Grand Steward, and bear testimony to the excellent way in which the Worshipful Master had been placed in the chair by Bro. Read the Secretary. Bro. Read then assumed the gavel. Had the Immediate Past Master of the Lodge been present he would no doubt have been better able to submit the toast of the Worshipful Master, but in his absence he would do his best. As the first Master of the Kensington Lodge, Bro. Read had had especial opportunities of judging of the ability of its present ruler. He could truly say that Bro. Walter was a thoroughly good Mason. In any case of benevolence no one could be found more ready to render any assistance that lay in his power, and as ruler of the Lodge for the coming year he felt he would add to his already acquired reputation. The Worshipful Master thanked the brethren most sincerely for the kind manner in which they had drunk to the last toast. He felt he should have a successful year, as he had good Officers and a united body of members. The brethren of the Lodge had supported him hitherto, and would no doubt do so now that he was at the head of the Lodge. The toast of the Visitors followed, the Worshipful Master giving the guests a most cordial welcome, and assuring them that his

Lodge looked upon the large number of visitors as one of the most pleasing points in the day's proceedings. Most of the Visitors replied. Bro. Room, who was the first to respond, had hardly remembered he was a visitor until reminded of the fact by the W.M. coupling his name with the toast. He saw around him so many brethren with whom he was intimately associated—all friends and new—that he felt as if he was in one of his own Lodges. He was particularly pleased that he had been present that day, as he had seen the installation ceremony worked in such a manner as could not be excelled. In the course of two months' time it would be his duty—if he was spared—to instal his successor in the Hammersmith Lodge, and he felt he could not do better on that occasion than copy the working of Bro. Read as displayed that day—as far as he was able. He could not have had a better lesson than he had received in the Kensington Lodge, for which, and for a most hospital reception, he heartily thanked the brethren. Bro. Ellard desired to add his tribute of praise to the Secretary of the Lodge for the way in which he had discharged the duties of Installing Master. As Director of Ceremonies of the Province of Norths and Hunts for the past six years, Bro. Ellard had attended very many installations, but he had never seen the ceremony so ably rendered as it had been that night. Bro. Foakes felt an especial interest in the Lodge, his voice having been among the first heard in it at the time of its consecration. He was indeed pleased to witness the prosperity it was enjoying. The Worshipful Master proposed the health of the Installing Master, and Bro. Read, in replying, said he had heard so much praise of his working that night as to be almost overcome by the flattery of the brethren. If he had performed the work of installation as ably as their praises led him to believe, he was truly pleased. He felt that it was because he always strove to do his best that the compliments had been so numerous. He trusted he might always deserve the same kind feelings as had been expressed towards him that day. He really felt that so many kind expressions must really come from the hearts of those who uttered them, and he sincerely thanked them all for their kindness. The Worshipful Master felt the next toast was one which would give the brethren equal pleasure with the last—it being to the Past Masters. They all knew that the longer the Lodge was in existence the more Past Masters they got, but it was an especial pleasure to him that so many of his predecessors in the chair had been able to attend and support him on the present occasion. Bro. Barker tendered his sincere thanks for the toast, to which he hoped to have to respond for many years to come. Bro. Metcalfe followed, expressing the pleasure he felt at being present, and in seeing so grand an assembly of visitors and members. Bro. Taylor said his greatest pleasure would be to do anything he could for the Worshipful Master or any of the brethren, and he felt that all the Past Masters were actuated with feelings of a similar character. The health of the Treasurer and Secretary was next drunk. Bro. Barker felt an especial pleasure in replying on this, the fourth installation at which he had been honoured as Treasurer of the Lodge. He referred to what the Lodge had been able to do in the past on behalf of the Charities, and hoped they would be able to continue, even if not to increase their grants to the Institutions. He should like to give at least thirty guineas each year to the Charities, even if by so doing the members had to content themselves with one banquet less. Bro. Read assured the brethren he performed the duties of Secretary with especial pleasure. He considered the office the proudest in the Lodge, next to that of Master. Perhaps he was overlooking the Treasurer, but that was an honour of a somewhat different character. He trusted the brethren would support their Treasurer, who would act as a Steward at the next Festival for the Boys' School, and that the contributions he would take up would be worthy of the Kensington Lodge. The toast of the Officers was next honoured, and was replied to by the respective brethren. After this came the Charities, for which the Worshipful Master said all true Masons were proud to do anything in their power. Bro. Norman replied, recounting what had been done on behalf of the widow of an old member. The Masons had come forward and helped her at a most critical time, and the result was that the house in which she resided had been secured for her, while a sufficiency had been saved to keep her and her child. This was a practical illustration of Masonic charity, and he trusted that while he could recount so satisfactory a result it would stimulate his hearers to further acts of benevolence, and convince them that the Charity professed by Freemasons was something more than a mere name. The Tyler's toast was subsequently given, and the proceedings brought to a conclusion. Some excellent songs were given during the evening by members of the Lodge and Visitors, and the benefit of having a practical Organist in the Lodge was amply demonstrated. The result was, to our thinking, much more enjoyable than if we had had to listen to the better—but at the same time much less homely—utterances of professionals.

ALLIANCE LODGE, No. 1827.

AN emergency meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, 13th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, when there was a numerous gathering of the brethren, under the presidency of Bro. Lieut. Henry V. Wright Worshipful Master, who was supported by Bros. E. Garnet Mann, C.C., I.P.M., J. Perkins S.W., Henry Squire J.W., R. Pawley Treasurer, H. Clarke S.D., Major J. Perry Godfrey P.M. J.D., J. C. Whiddington D.C., Frank S. Jackson I.G., Fredrick A. Jewson Organist, B. Emanuel and Beaumont Morice Stewards, P.M.'s L. F. Littell P.G.P., Colonel T. Davies Sewell P.G.S., G. W. Johnson, and others. Bros. E. Pugh, C. W. Bowley, J. Henry Smith, E. F. Fitch, W. T. Roberts, Lieut. V. Dunfee, H. C. Richards, W. E. Bush, Thomas Clarke, E. Jey, C.C., W. Westcott, &c. Amongst the Visitors were A. Boehr P.M. 1585, B. Cooper S.W. 1441, J. Sawyer S.W. 985, A. Gillardoni S.W. 235. Lodge having been opened to the third, Bro. T. W. Roberts was raised to the sublime degree, the

ceremony being carried out in a most admirable manner by Brother Wright. In doing so, he gave not only the traditional history, but also the lecture on the tracing board and the charge. Bro. Hill, not being in attendance, his passing was postponed. Lodge was closed in all three degrees. The W.M. again spoke of the proposition to increase the numbers of the Lodge, and brought forward certain reasons for it. He asked the members to communicate with him before the next Lodge, as he would not propose anything which they would not wish. The Lodge adjourned to banquet, the W.M. having on his left Bro. Sheriff Clarke, and on his right Bro. George Nash Johnson, C.C., Chairman of Commissioners of Sewers, and Brother L. F. Littell Past Grand Pursuivant. The Wardens occupied their respective chairs. In proposing the toast of the Queen and the Craft, the W.M. alluded to her Majesty coming out of her retirement to open Parliament, and was sure she would be well received, and that loyalty to the throne lived in the hearts of the people. In proposing the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the W.M. thought the health of the Prince of Wales had a peculiar interest in that Lodge, connected more or less with the Corporation, in the fact of the chief festival of the civic body—Lord Mayor's Day—being on the Most Worshipful Grand Master's birthday. Bro. Littell, in replying for the Grand Officers, referred to the Pro and Deputy Grand Masters, the Earls of Carnarvon and Lathom, holding office in the present Administration. He said it was a proof of the popularity of the Grand Officers that they were received everywhere with so much cordiality. Bro. Johnson proposed in kindly terms the health of the Master, and felt sure from what he had seen and heard that day, the reputation of the Lodge was quite safe in Bro. Wright's hands. He was assured the members would all support the dignity of the chair. The W.M. replied in suitable words, and before sitting down proposed the health of the new member, Bro. Sheriff Clarke. He observed it was not usual to drink the health of a joining member, but he thought they might do so on this occasion, as their new brother was one of the Sheriffs, and he felt the Lodge was honoured by Sheriff Clarke becoming a member. The Sheriff replied in a short speech, in which he observed that he had left his mother Lodge because they admitted any and every sort of person. He was pleased to join the Alliance Lodge, and if the Master could get the bye-laws altered he had a friend to propose. The Past Masters were honoured, mention being made of Bros. Sir John Monckton, Littell, Frank Green, C.C., Colonel Davies Sewell, and Garnet Mann, &c. The latter, who was the I.P.M., had had to leave early, to fulfil a political engagement at Croydon. He coupled with the toast the name of Bro. Johnson, who responded in a dignified and eloquent manner. For the Visitors Bros. Bareham Cooper, A. Boehr, J. Sawyer, and Alfred Gillardoni replied. The remaining toasts were the Officers, and Tyler's. Bros. J. Perkins, C.C., and H. Squire, C.C., replied, the former assuring the Lodge that all the Officers would do their best in their different stations, and he looked forward with pleasure to the time when he hoped to preside over the Lodge, which would not be the first time he occupied the Master's chair. A very pleasant evening was spent in social happiness and amenity.

LODGE OF KING SOLOMON, No. 2029.

THE installation meeting of this Lodge, which is the only one in London founded on the principles of total abstinence, was held on Saturday evening, 9th instant, at Saville House, Red Lion-square, when there was a goodly attendance of brethren and visitors, under the presidency of Bro. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., Worshipful Master. He was supported by Bros. Harrison Branthwaite S.W. and W.M. elect, W. S. L. Chubb J.W., Matthew Williams S.D., T. W. Richardson J.D., Lieut. Henry V. Wright D.C., H. Maiden I.G., J. P. Baptie J.W., Matthews, R. A. Govan, H. W. Williams, A. Forrow, J. G. Goll, A. Wells, J. H. Hughes, C.C., F.R.S., C. W. Fletcher acting as Secretary, W. Memory, J. Fisher, T. Smith, J. J. Cowley, G. A. Ames P.G.S., J. Ferrier, A. Jardine, T. H. Williams, W. A. Jones, S. A. Wilkins, E. J. Mills Tyler, &c. Amongst the Visitors were Bros. W. Clarke 114 P.G.P., A. M. Broadley P.D.D.G.M. of Malta, Augustus Harris S.W. designate of the Drury-lane Lodge, No. 2127, H. T. Reid P.M. 1287, C. H. Cox 163, Benjamin Williams I.P.M. 1861, W. T. Roberts 1827, and others. Lodge was opened in due form at five o'clock, and prior to entering upon the business the W.M. referred in feeling terms to the unavoidable absence of the excellent Secretary of the Lodge, Bro. Harry Tipper, with whom the brethren heartily sympathised in the bereavement he had sustained by the death of his wife. He desired that a record of their sympathy should be expressed on the minutes of the Lodge, and this was unanimously agreed to. The minutes of the last meeting were read by the Acting-Secretary and confirmed, when Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and resuming in the second, Bro. Harrison Branthwaite was presented as the W.M. elect, and subsequently installed into the chair by Bro. Lieut. Henry V. Wright, whose admirable working elicited frequent expressions of approbation. On the re-admission of the brethren the newly installed Master was greeted, and the duties of the Officers on their investiture were explained by the Installing Master, who also delivered the charges to the Masters and Wardens, with great elocutionary effect. The collars were thus bestowed: Bros. Dr. B. W. Richardson, F.R.S., I.P.M., W. S. L. Chubb S.W., Matthew Williams J.W., Sir Philip Cunliffe Owen, K.C.M.G., C.B., C.L.E., Treasurer, Harry Tipper Secretary, T. W. Richardson S.D., Lieut. Henry V. Wright J.D., H. Maiden I.G., J. Fisher D.C., and E. J. Mills Tyler. During the installation ceremony Bro. H. W. Williams officiated as Director of Ceremonies, and Bro. J. W. Matthews presided at the organ. The Worshipful Master then said a pleasing duty devolved upon him. Those who had anything to do with the founding of this Lodge knew the great amount of work that was undertaken, cheerfully and willingly, by their I.P.M. Dr. Richardson, and they also knew the way in which he had conducted the affairs of the Lodge since its formation. It was now his (the speaker's) duty

to present him, in the name of the Lodge, with a Past Master's jewel, in recognition of the services he had rendered to the Lodge. Might he long live to wear it. The I.P.M., who was received with applause, said, as the Worshipful Master had observed, it was a period of anxiety for a long time to found this Lodge, but all those difficulties which were about them had disappeared, through the truly Masonic spirit with which their proceedings had been carried out. He could say that during the two years he had been Master of the Lodge nothing could have been more in accordance with his feelings—feelings of gratitude, respect, and affection to all present—than what had occurred. The climax came when he received the first jewel ever given by this Lodge to a Master. He should wear it in remembrance of this Lodge whether in it or out of it, and he reciprocated all those feelings which had been shown towards him better than any words could convey, in that sympathy with which he approached all the members, and good feeling towards them all. Eight candidates for initiation, and one joining member, were proposed, and Lodge was then adjourned until the second Saturday in March. Later in the evening the brethren and visitors partook of an excellent banquet at Freemasons' Tavern, supplied by Messrs. Spiers and Pond. There was, of course, no wines, but substitute was provided in the shape of orange, lemon, pine-apple, raspberry, and other fruit champagnes, from the Holywell Works, Finsbury. At the conclusion of the repast the usual loyal and Craft toasts were honoured, Bro. W. Clarke P.G.P. responding for the Grand Officers. The Immediate Past Master, in proposing the health of the Worshipful Master, said Bro. Branthwaite was one of those men who always said "duty before pleasure," and a duty of an exceedingly important kind at this moment called him away, so that they would be obliged to lose his benign presence. Before he went they all wished him success, happiness, and prolonged usefulness through the coming year. The toast was received with enthusiasm, and the Worshipful Master, in response, said he was sorry it should have so happened that he had to leave them on this, to him, auspicious occasion; but those who knew what a medical man's duties were would readily sympathise with him. He was very pleased with the installation that had taken place that night. It was one that most of them would consider unexpected so far as the individual upon whom it rested was concerned. He had no idea that he should be installed as the Worshipful Master of the Lodge of King Solomon. Indeed, he had no intention of being so. This was the third time he had been raised to the sublime position of Master of a Lodge, and his intentions were quietly to have stood aside, and allowed the Junior Warden, whoever he might be at the time, to take the position. However, circumstances had turned out otherwise, and it had become, probably, his duty to take the chair at present. In doing so he could only pledge his best endeavours to carry on the work of the Lodge as it had been carried on by his predecessor; and he hoped in saying that he was saying no more than he should be prepared to fulfil. Bro. Ames then said it had fallen to his lot, in the absence of the newly-installed Worshipful Master, to propose the health of their Immediate Past Master. He felt he could not do justice to that toast. The brethren knew Dr. Richardson as well as he did, and probably better, from a Masonic point of view. He had founded the Lodge, and had now retired from the chair which he had filled in so dignified and practical a manner for nearly two years. With great humility he had the pleasure of proposing the good health of their Immediate Past Master. Bro. Richardson, who was greeted with prolonged applause, said he would not weary the company with a repetition of thanks, but proceed to the duties before him, the first of which was one of a most thrilling character. They had been charmed to-day at the manner in which the installation ceremony had been performed. From the first time he saw the working of this Lodge his eyes had been fixed on one member of it, a young man of the greatest promise, and one who bade fair in days to come to be one of the distinguished ornaments in Freemasonry. When they knew that this was Bro. Wright's maiden essay to instal, they must all have been struck with the emphasis and style of words and manner with which he had fulfilled the important duty that devolved upon him. All they could expect was done, and more. They congratulated Bro. Wright most sincerely on the advance that he was making in Masonic working, and wished that his health might be long maintained, so that those advantages might be pushed to the uttermost. Bro. J. J. Cowley having sang, in excellent voice, "The Vicar of Bray," Bro. Lieut. H. Wright rose to respond. When their Worshipful Master requested him, at their last meeting, a fortnight ago, to undertake the duty of Installing Master, he knew nothing whatever about the ceremony of installation, but he always felt that the W.M.'s request was a command, and as the W.M. asked him, he promised to do the best he could; and he was very gratified that the brethren had been pleased with his small efforts. He hoped that he should always pay due respect to the chair of this Lodge, and behave himself in every way to their satisfaction. He could assure the W.M. and his successors that they could always rely upon him for any assistance it was in his power to render them. The Acting Worshipful Master, in proposing the health of the Visitors, said he could imagine in the old days of early Freemasonry, when men worked with those tools which now only Speculative were used in an Operative sense, there could be nothing more charming than when the work was over, and the rough roof over the place tiled, that some one coming from a distant part of the world, a stranger, should tap at the door, be properly examined by the Wardens, and duly admitted as a friend, and that he should convey to those rude, yet skilful, brethren the facts that he had gathered, and the knowledge he had obtained. It must have been truly delightful in those days, when there were no railways or telegraphs, when there were nothing but the human brain as the condenser of the thoughts, thus for a man to come in and be welcome. He contended that Freemasonry lived largely on social intercourse, and it was one of the signs of its vitality that this pleasant intercourse was still kept up. The light was always burning in our Lodges for the strangers who entered them. And in this Lodge, representing King Solomon in earnest, because they were a Lodge of Lodges in that

respect—for they not only placed their Master in the chair of King Solomon, but they were King Solomon itself—this Lodge of wise men made it part of their wisdom to make all strangers welcome amongst them when they got distinguished wanderers to come and tell them what they knew. To-night their Worshipful Master had missed a great treat, in not hearing the reply to this toast of one who had travelled over the whole world, picking up Masonic lore, and ready to impart it to others—a great scholar and traveller, whose Masonic knowledge was pre-eminent, who had written charming treatises and letters bearing upon the Craft, who was a Knight of Malta, and had written a history of it, who had explored, wherever explorations were to be made, after those hidden secrets, and who had come here to tell of them. He associated with the toast the name of Bro. A. M. Broadley Past District G.M. of Malta. Bro. Broadley, who was loudly cheered, said he intended to have emulated, and if possible excelled, the admirable brevity which had characterised the speeches of this evening. But in proposing this toast the Worshipful Master said so much about the humble individual who had now the honour of addressing them, that he feared if he did not say something of those distant lands in which he had worked as a Freemason, and tell them something of his experiences of Freemasonry in those countries, and his experiences both there and in England, he should very much disappoint the brethren who were now under the gavel. He should, therefore, ask them to bear with him for two or three minutes while he said something of the working of Freemasonry in those distant countries in which the banner of the Grand Lodge of England was appreciated quite as highly as it was here, and countries where the work of Freemasonry took a form which was perhaps more practical, and produced effects which in everyday life were probably more striking, than the Freemasonry with which they were familiar in this country. He must first of all express the pleasure that he felt in visiting them this evening. He was somewhat puzzled at the nomenclature of their excellent Lodge, which he thoroughly understood, and he need hardly say he really appreciated. He not only appreciated the hospitality they had tendered him, but he confessed it was a very great treat to one who was about to rejoin the ranks of London Masonry by becoming the Secretary of the new Drury Lane Lodge, which was to be consecrated on Monday fortnight, and privilege to be able to bring Bro. Augustus Harris to witness the ceremony which had been so ably worked by Bro. Wright to-day. It was the touchstone of true Masonic work to be able to perform the difficult ceremony of installation; and he had rarely seen it done better than that night. He thought the Lodge of King Solomon, which was of course a Lodge pre-eminent for the wisdom of its members, and in fact a Lodge which had taken upon itself a name which rather pertained to the whole Craft, might be congratulated upon so eminent a worker as Bro. Wright, and that he also could claim, in a very humble and inferior degree, some kind of connection (a very remote one) with King Solomon. Ancient Carthage had some connection with ancient Tyre, and ancient Tyre had more or less connection with King Solomon in the building of the Temple. Therefore it was perhaps appropriate for him to come from ancient Carthage to pay his respects to the Lodge of King Solomon. It was exactly eight years ago that he began to work English Masonry in Tunis, on the site of ancient Carthage. The Lodge there, he was happy to say, was surviving many vicissitudes through which that country had passed. If it had survived and flourished, as he was certain it would continue to do, it was on account of the interests and principles of English Masonry, of which they should all be proud. Foreign Masonry did not succeed in foreign countries as English Masonry did, because it embraced political and other considerations which diverted from its best and holiest purposes. In Tunis, which had become almost part of the French Republic—if there English Masonry had survived the disappearance of foreign lives, it was because men of all religions and languages came together and worked under the banner of the Grand Lodge of England, with no other devices than the holy emblems of Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth, put into practical good fellowship, which had nothing whatever to do with factions in politics or nationality. Therefore, he thought the sojourner in that distant land of Tunis, where people of many races and languages met together, would see that the success which had attended Masonry there was due to the fact that English Masonry was so very different, and he ventured to say without fear of contradiction, so very superior, to the offshoots of that Masonry—because Continental Masonry was all, more or less, an offshoot of our own, though unfortunately degenerated. He had every reason to be proud he had founded two Lodges working on the site of ancient Carthage, on which they had so many excellent Masons, on the shores of the Mediterranean. He was for some time Deputy District Grand Master of Malta, which included Tunis within its territorial jurisdiction. Malta was a half-way house to the East, a great centre of our Mediterranean commerce, and the stopping place of our troops; and it was there where Masonry exemplified the sentiments shadowed forth by their W.M. when he spoke of the Visitor's knock at the door. There were doubtless many in London who would remember the pleasure they experienced when the ship cast anchor at Malta, who had gone up to the Lodge and found the brethren meeting there; and the reception, although not so splendid as in Great Queen-street, was nevertheless most refreshing. It was his lot to work in another country of historical interest, which was closely associated with the founders of the Craft—a country which had connection even with King Solomon himself, namely, Egypt. He was taken there by his private avocations, and found English Masonry had fallen into the "sere and yellow leaf." Everything in this life sprang from individual energy, and he was pleased to find how revived the Balwer Lodge, the sentence of death upon which had already been passed by the Grand Lodge of England. That Lodge had now become a flourishing Institution, and formed a rallying-point for our troops, who found there a Masonic centre. When one saw the energies of those countries, and found that a great deal had been done to make Masonry a point of hospitality and intercourse, which he understood was one of the great objects of Masonry, it was most gratifying. It

would be an evil day for Masonry when it was brought to the level of a mere friendly society; its distinguishing characteristic was something more than a friendly society; it was a society which practised the greatest amount of benevolence and charity, combined with hospitality and social amenity and goodwill. Charity must go hand in hand with the great social feature, and this was illustrated in no better way than in the Mediterranean and in those countries which were so rich in the traditions of the Craft; where the emblems of the Craft met the eye in all directions, the old traditional Jewish emblems of which we all knew so much in English Masonry. He was glad to tell the company that a new Lodge was about to be founded in London, a Lodge which would be almost unique in its character—the Drury Lane Lodge. He was sorry that Bro. Augustus Harris, the S.W. designate, had been obliged to go away, but he asked had him to thank them for the excellent lessons in Masonry he had received at the hands of Bro. Wright that day. The Drury Lane Lodge was one that would have traditions of its own; they intended to work in a special Temple that would be fitted up within the precincts of Drury Lane Theatre; which had traditions of many old Masons who had passed away, such as Christopher Wren, and many other great men who had contributed to its fame. They hoped to establish a Lodge which should not only excel for its work and Charity, but also be given to hospitality. In endeavouring to continue working in a London Lodge, and resuming Masonic activity, which had perhaps a little slipped away, owing to the occupations of everyday life, he should be coming back to that which was certainly his first love whilst sojourning in distant lands. He thanked them for the pleasant evening they had enabled him to spend in their society, and felt sure the principles they tried to inculcate in this Lodge were those which would do honour to the Craft. He fully endorsed all that the W.M. had said as to the aims and objects of Freemasonry, and to the welcome they extended to the Visitors; and he hoped that if any of them ever went to the shores of the Mediterranean, and tapped at the door of any of the Masonic Lodges there, the truth would come home to them of what Bro. Richardson had said as to the welcome they would receive. Meanwhile, if they preferred the excellent climate of this country, as experienced within the last few days, to the sunny shores of the Mediterranean, he hoped to welcome them to the brighter skies and genial warmth which would be extended to them from the Drury Lane Lodge. Bro. Ferrier then gave a humorous recitation on a "Scotch Courtship and Marriage," after which the W.M. proposed the Press, coupled with the name of the representative of this journal, who responded. The W.M. then sang "Once I Loved a Maiden Fair," and the health of the Officers of the Lodge having been proposed and acknowledged, the proceedings were brought to a close with the Tyler's toast.

ROYAL ARCH.

ST. MARYLEBONE CHAPTER, No. 1305.

THE Companions held their installation meeting on the 13th instant, at the Regent Masonic Temple, Café Royal. Comps. W. W. Tyler M.E.Z., E. White H. M.E.Z. elect, W. Mackie J., J. Austin P.Z. Treas., F. L. Baker Scribe E., E. B. Cox S.N., R. D. Cummings Principal Sojourner, C. M. Brander 1st Assistant Sojourner, H. Halliday 2nd Assistant Sojourner, Rhodes Janitor, &c. Visitors—Comps. W. F. Ferguson P.Z. 456, A. Fish P.Z. 95, Johnson 95, Austin 177, C. R. Wickett 704, Golding 1329, Stevens S.N. 173, C. P. Bellerby 1604, and J. E. Shand I.P.Z. No. 25. Chapter was formally opened by the Principals, and minutes were read and confirmed, after which the three Principals were duly installed by Comp. Austin P.Z. Treasurer, and the other Officers duly invested. Ballot was taken for five brethren for exaltation, including Bros. Lord Charles Beresford and Seager-Hunt S.W. 2030, the newly-elected Members of Parliament for the Marylebone Division, which proved unanimously in their favour, and they were impressively and ably exalted by Comp. E. White, the M.E.Z. The Audit Report was adopted, and a P.Z.'s jewel presented to Companion Tyler on the completion of his year of office. The Companions, about thirty, then dined in the usual *récherché* style, for which the Café Royal is proverbial, under the superintendence of Bro. Eugene Delacoste P.M. No. 1027. The usual R.A. toasts were given by Comp. White with his accustomed ability. Each was duly honoured. A most agreeable and enjoyable evening was spent, enhanced by some capital songs and recitations.

AMUSEMENTS.

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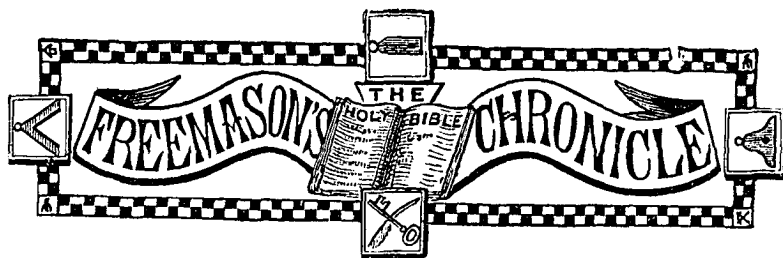
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**CONSECRATION OF THE BROWNLOW LODGE,
No. 2131.**

A Provincial Grand Lodge was held at the Town Hall, Ellesmere, by Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., for the purpose of consecrating a new Lodge, to be called the Brownlow Lodge, and numbered 2131. The brethren present were:—W. E. Harding Prov. G.J.W., the Revs. W. Humphreys and J. B. Meredith P.G. Chaplains, J. P. White P.G. Treasurer, V. C. L. Crump P.G. Reg., W. H. Spaul P.G. Secretary, J. Maclardy P.C.S.D., W. Lascelles Southwell P.G.J.D., Thomas James P.G.S. of W., T. Warren Thompson P.G.D. of C., R. A. Craig, G. J. Morgan P.G. Stand. Bearers, J. Sewell P.G. Organist, R. Blayne P.G. Assistant Secretary, J. Machin P.G.A.P., T. B. Hyde P.G. Tyler, J. Smith, J. Ginders, J. Blockley P.G. Stewards, J. F. Edisbury P.G.J.W. North Wales, E. Andrews P.P.G.W., Thomas Robert and W. Putman P.P.G.D., A. T. Akeroyd P.P.G. Organist, W. B. Newnes P.P.G. Tyler, C. K. Benson P.P.G.P. North Wales, the Rev. H. K. Southwell 357, A. C. Williams 721, J. W. Lawrence 2131, E. W. Prevost 592; from Lodge 117 were W. Belton W.M., A. C. Townsend J.W. and W. J. Ogg from 1124; Kyffin G. Salter and George Bonner; from 1432 J. H. Parsons I.P.M., J. Whitridge P.M., J. England S.W., J. H. Tomb and C. J. Fotherby; from 1574 Bastow W.M., from 1621 J. H. Cooksey W.M., Thomas Pratt P.M. and Secretary, and H. E. Roberts S.W. The Provincial Grand Lodge was opened, and letters were read from the Deputy P.G. Master and a number of other brethren apologising for their absence. All the Lodges of the Province were represented. The draft by-laws for governing the P.G. Lodge were submitted by the Committee appointed to draw them up, and after a few amendments, were approved. The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by the P.G. Secretary, then proceeded to consecrate the Brownlow Lodge, No. 2131. The Lodge was opened in the three degrees, and Bro. Rev. W. Humphreys P.G. Chaplain delivered an oration, in which he congratulated the R.W.P.G.M. that his first official act since his installation should be to consecrate a new Lodge, also that Masonry was increasing in the Province. This was a matter of congratulation in these days of controversy, as the Masonic Lodge was common ground on which men of all creeds and politics could meet as brothers. Prayer having been offered by the Rev. J. B. Meredith P.G. Chaplain, and the censer with incense having been carried round the Lodge, the Lodge was solemnly dedicated by the R.W.P.G.M. The Provincial Grand Lodge was then closed. The R.W.P.G.M., assisted by Bros. V. C. L. Crump P.G. Reg. and T. Warren Thompson P.G.D. of C., installed Brother E. W. Prevost the first W.M. of the Brownlow Lodge, who, after the ceremony was completed, invested the following Officers:—Bros. A. T. Akeroyd S.W., W. J. Ogg J.W., K. G. Salter Treasurer, the Rev. H. K. Southwell S.D., the Rev. H. Poole King J.D., J. W. Lawrence I.G. The names of several gentlemen were

proposed for initiation. The by-laws were approved, and after hearty good wishes the Lodge was closed, and the brethren adjourned to the Bridgewater Hotel, where a banquet was excellently served by Bro. Lawrence. The Loyal and Masonic toasts were given, and it was announced that the Provincial Grand Master, Sir Offley Wakeman, Bart., had consented to preside at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls, in May 1887, at the Freemasons' Hall, London.

UNVEILING A STATUE OF BRO. SIR HENRY EDWARDS.

ON 13th instant a statue of Sir Henry Edwards was unveiled at Weymouth, amidst great rejoicings, by the Mayor (Mr R. N. Howard). From 1866 to 1885, when the town ceased to be a parliamentary borough, Sir Henry Edwards represented it in the Liberal interest, and during that time his acts of munificence were many and great, his latest being to invest £5,000 for the benefit of the aged poor of the town. It is in order to perpetuate the memory of his public services, munificent charities, and private worth, that a statue, erected by public subscription, at a cost of 800 guineas, has been provided and placed at an angle of the Alexandra Gardens. The work was entrusted to Messrs. W. and T. Wills, of Gower-Street, London, who have produced a splendid work of art and a faithful likeness. The statue, which is 8ft. high, is carved out of Sicilian marble, standing upon a pedestal of Cornish grey granite 10ft high. It is in the Italian style, engraved with appropriate mouldings, and is altogether a splendid piece of workmanship. One remarkable feature in connection with this memorial was the ready manner in which all classes of the town contributed towards it. The whole of the friendly and benefit societies of the town formed a procession, which, meeting with the Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall, proceeded to the statue. The weather was most unfortunate in the early part of the morning, and threatened to mar the whole of the proceedings, but fortunately about eleven o'clock sunshine followed the rain and wind, and the unveiling ceremony was performed under fairly favourable circumstances. Amongst the distinguished visitors present were Sir Robert Fowler, M.P. (Ex-Lord Mayor of London), Sir Charles Forster, M.P., and Sir Gabriel Goldney, personal friends of Sir Henry Edwards, who is at present a guest of the Mayor. Mr. Robins, hon. Secretary of the Memorial Committee, detailed the many acts of benevolence and generosity which had marked Sir Henry Edwards's connection with the town, and then formally handed over the possession of the statue to the Mayor on behalf of the town. The Mayor took occasion to point out how in former times Weymouth was the only place besides London which returned four members to Parliament. The town had always been able to boast of its representatives in the House of Commons, not only of a Cecil, but of Sir Christopher Wren, Sir James Thornhill, Sir Fowell Baxton, and Sir Henry Edwards. Sir Robert Fowler said the inhabitants of Weymouth were doing honour to one who worthily succeeded those the Mayor had mentioned. All in the House of Commons appreciated Sir Henry Edwards's genial presence, and it was a source of great regret that he was no longer with them. As a citizen of London he (Sir Robert) could bear testimony to the great regard in which Sir Henry was held by all who came in contact with him, and he was very glad to see that the burgesses of Weymouth had shown their appreciation of the excellence of their late member by erecting in his lifetime this statue. Sir Charles Forster said he had been a member of the House of Commons for 33 years, during 20 of which he had been connected with Sir Henry Edwards by ties of the closest friendship. The great characteristic of that gentleman was his universal popularity, both in and out of the House. Though he was no longer their member, he was sure his memory would be long cherished by the people of Weymouth, and the erection of this statue to him evinced that they desired to remember his long services and many acts of benevolence. In order still further to perpetuate this memory of the past, he suggested that the Town Council should exercise the right granted them in the last session of Parliament by conferring on Sir Henry the honorary freedom of the borough. Sir H. Edwards's annual dinner to the aged poor took place in the afternoon. All the school children were feasted with tea and cake, the various benefit societies had either suppers or teas, and in the evening a banquet took place at the Royal Hotel, at which Sir Henry Edwards was the honoured guest of the gathering, and received a most gratifying reception. In responding to the toast of his health, he traced his association with Weymouth, and referred to the long and lasting friendships he had formed. He said that failing health prevented him going through the wear and tear of a contested election for the county, but had a member been returned for Weymouth he would have tried to be that member, or have died in the attempt.

ROYAL EAR HOSPITAL, FRITH STREET, SOHO.—The useful charity held its annual general meeting in the rooms of the Institution on Tuesday, the 12th inst. It is one of the oldest and most deserving of special hospitals; and during the 70 years it has been established, over 120,000 patients have been treated for various ear diseases within its walls. The report of the surgeons, Dr. Urban-Pritchard, F.R.C.S., and Dr. F. Matheson, C.M., was read. From it we learn that during 1885 there were 7,796 out-patient attendances, at which 2,463 separate cases received careful treatment. Forty-four patients were admitted into the in-patient wards, all serious cases and mostly children. This new department was reported to be a very great success, although it had considerably added to the expenditure. The accounts for 1885 were audited and passed. The financial condition of the hospital was shown to be far from satisfactory, as there was a considerable falling off in donations and subscriptions, funds are therefore urgently needed to prevent a reduction in the number of beds. A vote of thanks to surgeons, treasurer and secretary brought the proceedings to a close.

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FINANCIAL TABLES FOR THE YEAR.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I was pleased indeed to read Bro. Earle's letter, and to find that the Province of Herefordshire has contributed so munificently to the various Institutions, but if this Province chooses to hide its brilliant light from the Masonic world, I trust to be excused if I fall into error. I am afraid our worthy Brother Earle must have been sniffing from a fit of chafing if he could see anything but good-natured criticism in the remarks I made. I can assure him that "I nothing extenuate, nor set down aught in malice." I simply took my figures from the Festival Reports, and my object is, and ever will be, to remind the backward Provinces how small a sum they contribute as against the large amounts they take from the funds of the several Institutions. Likewise to stimulate to further exertion. As, however, these conditions of receiving does not apply to the Province of Herefordshire, such a condemnation as Bro. Earle has favoured me with was uncalled for.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. 1607.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—I have observed in certain Lodges of late, and with regret, a hesitation on the part of Visitors to address those greetings to the Worshipful Master which it has been, for the past thirty years, to my knowledge, the general custom amongst Freemasons to offer just previous to the closing of the work in Lodge.

On inquiry, I learn that a doubt has been expressed as to the propriety of any individual brother Visitor, not himself the Master of a Lodge, presuming to convey hearty good wishes in the name of the Lodge from which he hails, it being assumed that he has no direct authority from his Lodge so to do; and that this doubt is influencing some brethren who prefer to follow a lead without reasoning for themselves as to the direction towards which it tends.

It appears to many of my Masonic friends, and to myself, somewhat late in the day to make innovation in respect of a practice which, though not especially ordained, is, nevertheless, *lex non scripta* amongst Masons, having very much to recommend it, and, as far as one can surmise, nothing objectionable in its performance; and it will certainly require the exercise of considerable authority, and the exposition of strong reasons, to secure a general acquiescence in this proposed departure from Masonic etiquette.

If there were the slightest interference with any prerogative possessed by our "Rulers in the Craft," an argument for the abrogation of the custom might exist, but there is none such. The equality of Freemasons, *qua* Freemasons, places all present in a Lodge, except merely in respect of official duty then in course of performance, on a level, and one brother has as much right as another, nay, it is even his bounden Masonic duty, to be courteous to his hosts, and to offer his salutations on behalf of himself and his usual Lodge companions. How the reverse proposition can be maintained I know not, and should be glad to learn positively on what grounds the abandonment of the Visitors' pleasant greeting is sought for.

Yours truly and fraternally,

JAMES STEVENS P.M. P.Z.

Clapham, 16th January 1886.

"SIGN THE BOOK, BRETHREN, PLEASE."

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Have you ever heard the above expression as the brethren are filing out of the Lodge room to the banquetting hall? No doubt you have; but have you ever turned back over the leaves of the book and admired the pretty pictures (?) there presented? I attended a Lodge meeting the other night, and was anxious to see how many years had elapsed since my last visit. What a set of hieroglyphics met my astonished gaze! Zounds! what signatures. And how blotchy and blotty and smeared the pages were. It seemed to me that there had been a sort of calligraphic earthquake amongst the signatures, for they ran higgledy-piggledy one into another, and were leaning in all directions, like you often see tombstones in an old disused churchyard. It surely cannot be that the brethren are "top-heavy" when they enter the Lodge, whatever they may be later on. But there the names were at all manner of angles and tangents, smudged with blots—such wretched scrawls! Many were the signatures of foreign brethren, difficult enough to decipher under the most favourable circumstances, but utterly unintelligible now. The reason was not far to seek. At that hotel, which shall be nameless, they appeared to have raked up the oldest and most worn-out quill pens that could be found amongst the sweepings of an office, and with them the brethren were expected to sign legibly! How was it possible? Why you might just as well have dipped a lucifer match into the inkpot.

I mention this, not as an isolated case, and brethren will agree with me that the fault is a very common one amongst hotel proprie-

tors to be too economical, and unwisely so, in respect to the writing materials they supply for Masonic purposes. My contention is that books, if kept at all, should be well kept, and that the brethren should be provided with proper writing materials. If a boy at school blot his copy-book he gets his ears boxed for his slovenly stupidity. If a clerk in the office commits such an offence often in his master's ledger, the chances are that his notice to quit comes upon him earlier than is congenial to his feelings. Why, then, should not a Masonic attendance book be kept in the same cleanly, tidy manner? The attendance book is a permanent record, to which brethren like to refer at frequent intervals; and to see the pages smudged and blotted in the way they often are must be a source of irritation and annoyance to many besides,

Yours fraternally,

CACOETHES SCRIBENDI.

A Masonic Ball, under the auspices of the five Leicester Lodges, in aid of the Masonic Charities, will be held at the County Assembly Rooms, Leicester, which have been granted for the purpose by Sir Henry St. John Halford, Bart., P.D.G.M. Leicester and Rutland, who has also lent his patronage to the Ball, on Tuesday, 16th February 1886. The gathering will also be under the distinguished patronage of the Right Honourable the Earl of Carnarvon M.W. Pro Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl of Lathom R.W. Deputy Grand Master of England, the Right Honourable the Earl Ferrers R.W. Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, His Grace the Duke of St. Albans R.W. Prov. G.M. Nottinghamshire, the Most Noble the Marquis of Hartington, M.P., R.W. Prov. G.M. Derbyshire, William Kelly, Esq., F.S.A., F.R. Hist. Soc., R.W. Past Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, S. S. Partridge, Esq., Deputy Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, George Toller, Esq., P.G.S.B. England, Past Deputy Prov. G.M. Leicestershire and Rutland, His Worship the Mayor of Leicester Israel Hart, Esq. Brethren will wear full Masonic clothing, and Officers of the Army, Navy, and Auxiliary Forces are invited to appear in uniform. Tickets, which will include supper and light refreshments, —12s 6d each, double ticket 21s—may (upon the introduction of a Mason) be obtained from any member of the Ball Committee. Nicholson's Royal Quadrille Band, under the direction of Bro. Henry Nicholson, has been engaged. Further information can be obtained of Bro. S. A. Marris, Hon. Sec., Freemasons' Hall, Leicester.

An entertainment was given at the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, Wood Green, on Saturday, the 16th inst., by a number of ladies and gentlemen who take considerable interest in the School and those cared for in it. Several songs and recitations were first given, these were followed by a farce, in one act, by W. Martin, Esq., entitled "D'ye know me now?" which was itself succeeded by more songs, recitations, &c. A pleasant evening was spent by all who listened to the performances. We were pleased to see that the boys, who had that day returned to School after their holidays, were accorded the place of honour during the entertainment, they occupying the front rows of the auditorium.

The Ball of the Royal Savoy Lodge took place on Wednesday, the 13th inst., at Freemasons' Tavern, Great Queen Street, and proved to be one of the most successful gatherings ever held in connection with the Craft; there being two hundred and eighty-five guests present. Dancing was carried on with enthusiasm until close on midnight, when supper was served in the Crown and Glee Rooms. A feature of the supper was that it was served hot—a veritable Masonic banquet, as many of those present observed. After supper, dancing was resumed, and the festivities were kept up until a late hour. Brother J. W. Smith the W.M. of the Lodge and the Committee of the Ball were most assiduous in the discharge of their duties, and have the gratification of knowing that their efforts proved successful. Great praise is also due to the manager of the Tavern, for his exertions on this occasion; he was most energetic in securing the comfort of all assembled, and his attention added considerably to the enjoyment.

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GREY FRIARS LODGE, No. 1101.

THE regular meeting was held on Wednesday, 13th inst., at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Bros. Prickett, W.M., Dowssett acting I.P.M., Ravenscroft S.W., Creed J.W., Bennett acting S.D., Briggs acting J.D., Stransom Treasurer, Greenaway Secretary, Pulley P.M. D.C., Slaughter I.G., Sherwin (a visitor of No. 1024) acting as Organist, Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. Hurley, Blackwell, Margrett; also Bros. Brown, Parkes, Stewart, Jones, Smallwood. Visitors—Bros. Lindars 1714, Nichols P.M. 1714, Bunting W.M. 1714, Blyth Secretary 1714, Staniford Steward 1714, W.M. 2043, Cook jan. Treasurer 2043, Stabington Secretary 2043, Millard Steward 2043. Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting were read and confirmed. Bro. Smallwood, a candidate for degree of F.C., having answered the usual questions in a very satisfactory manner, was entrusted and retired. Lodge was opened in the second, and Bro. Smallwood was re-admitted and passed, the ceremony being correctly performed by the W.M. Bro. Jones, a candidate to be raised, gave satisfactory proof of his zeal, and in due course was raised to the sublime degree; the ceremony was performed by the W.M. in a very impressive manner. Later on Bro. Danks's motion, "That the sum of £10 10s from the funds of the Lodge be voted and added to the W.M.'s list, on his attendance at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution," was proposed, in the mover's absence, by Bro. Dowssett; it was seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft S.W. and carried. Bro. Pulley moved a resolution that a petition be presented from this Lodge to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, on behalf of the son of Bro. Freeman P.M., for election into that Institution; this was seconded by Bro. Stransom (Treasurer) and carried. Bro. Margrett P.M. proposed, as a joining member to this Lodge, Bro. H. G. Sherwin, Professor of Music, of the St. Peters Lodge, No. 1024; this was seconded by Bro. Ravenscroft, and carried. After the usual routine the Lodge was closed according to ancient form, and adjourned.

LEOPOLD LODGE, No. 1571.

THE installation meeting of this comparatively sound, but prosperous Lodge, was held on Monday, the 11th inst., at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, when there was a large and influential attendance of the members and visiting brethren. Lodge was opened in accordance with ancient rites, and after the minutes of the last meeting had been read and confirmed, Bro. Duffield was presented for the benefit of installation, the ceremony being admirably rendered by Bro. Youngman P.M. The newly-installed Master having been saluted with the customary honours, invested his Officers for the ensuing year, as follow:—Bros. S. Greenwood S.W., Bowley J.W., Correy S.D., Jones J.D., Packer I.G., H. J. Layton D.C., Kemble W.S., J. Penny P.M. Secretary, H. Sawtell Treasurer. At the conclusion of the business, the brethren and Visitors partook of an excellent banquet, when the usual Loyal and Craft toasts were duly honoured and responded to, the proceedings of the evening being diversified by a choice selection of vocal and instrumental music.

HONOR OAK LODGE, No. 1986.

THE election meeting of this Lodge was held at the Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge, on Wednesday, 9th inst. Brother H. M. Williams opened the Lodge at 5.30 p.m., supported by his Officers:—Bros. H. Stokes S.W., J. W. Hartley J.W., W. Hopkirk P.M. Treas., John Hammond P.M. P.P.G.D. Middlesex Secretary, H. Hooper S.D., A. Darch P.M. J.D., J. Fuller as I.G., F. Franco D.C., J. H. Worsencroft A.D.C., W. H. Simons Organist, G. R. Langley Assistant Secretary, C. Shepperd Tyler. There were also present Bros. C. H. Phillips I.P.M. J.W., Hiscox P.M., Arter, Bennett, Mordey, T. Letchford, J. Letchford, R. L. Lawson, W. H. O'Reilly, E. Bye sen., and other members. The Visitors were Bros. S. Richardson W.M. 183, J. Harling W.M. 30, James Stevens P.M. 720, 1216, 1426, C. Wise P.M. 1158, W. H. Williams P.M. 104, John Mason P.M. 309 P.P.G.S.D. Middlesex, G. W. Knight S.W. 1507, E. C. Hiscox S.W. 1159, Sydney Hill Organist 1216, E. Schults 1745, J. Nunnerly 1815, J. Pike 1536, J. Sutton 1558, and E. Bye jun. 141. The minutes of the previous meeting were read by the Assistant Secretary, and confirmed. A ballot was taken for the initiation of Mr. William Taylor Cae, which was declared clear. Bros. C. W. Bennett and W. W. Arber proved proficiency, and were passed to the F.C. degree. Mr. Cae being then in attendance, was introduced and initiated into the mysteries of the Order. The respective ceremonies were very ably rendered by the W.M., and were made more than usually impressive by the perfect working of the several Officers, and the appropriate musical accompaniments by Bro. Sydney Hill, who officiated as Organist. The election of Bro. Henry Stokes as W.M. for the ensuing year, by unanimous vote of the Lodge (which was a foregone conclusion, that worthy brother enjoying the highest esteem of every member), was announced amidst acclamation; as was also the re-election of Bro. Hopkirk P.M. as Treasurer. Bro. C. Shepperd was elected Tyler. On the proposition of Bro. C. H. Phillips I.P.M. a Past Master's jewel, of the Lodge pattern, was voted for presentation to the retiring Worshipful Master Bro. Williams, as a well-deserved recognition of valuable services, and a zealous and faithful discharge of the duties of the chair during the past year. The Bye-Laws of the Lodge were then read by the Assistant Secretary, Bro. G. R. Langley, who, prior to the closing of business, made a very earnest and feeling appeal to the brethren for assistance on behalf of Richard Turner Groombridge, a candidate for election to the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, and a son of the late Bro. Groombridge, publisher, of Paternoster Row. The special nature of this case made Bro. Langley's appeal one which deserved and received the sympathy of the brethren, and in the result promises of material support were given, both as regarded Lodge votes and

those of individual members. "Hearty good wishes," that good old form of expressing the courtesy of guests toward their hosts, and of cementing Masonic friendships and the bond of union between our several Lodges, having been exchanged, the Lodge was closed in due form. Shortly afterwards the brethren assembled for dinner, and on the clearance of the cloth the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were briefly given from the chair. The health of the W.M., proposed by Brother C. H. Phillips I.P.M., was drank with great cordiality, and the toast was ably responded to by Brother Williams, who modestly transferred a portion of the laudatory remarks of the proposer to his Officers for their combined exertions in perfecting the ceremonial and other work of the Lodge during his term of office, and so enabling him to vacate the chair of K.S. with credit to himself and satisfaction to all the members. The Initiate was also well received, and after the E.A. song in his honour, sung by Brother James Stevens, had been heartily "chorussed," Brother Cuo expressed his great satisfaction with the introduction into Freemasonry he had that evening received, and the hope that the solemnity of the ceremony might continue to influence his future career as a member of the Order. The Masonic Charities, a toast which is far too frequently placed too low down in the list to receive that attention which its importance demands, was next given by the W.M., who referred to his intention to act as one of the Stewards at the approaching Festival of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, and solicited support. He knew the present need of that Institution for generous assistance this year to maintain its power to help those of our Order who had borne the "heat and burden of the day," and who now, in their old age, required the careful and substantial sympathy of their former associates. He was very pleased to see Brother John Mason, the esteemed Collector for the Institution, present as a guest, and would couple his name with the toast. Bro. Mason in response acknowledged the service about to be rendered by the Worshipful Master, and in a very forcible speech emphatically pressed the undoubted necessity for a strong effort to maintain the efficiency of the particular Charity with which he is connected. The falling off in number of Stewards this year, as compared with the last (no less than 60 or 70), the late increase of liability, and the present increase in the number of candidates for election, were subjects of great anxiety to his Committee, their Secretary, Brother Terry, and himself, and he trusted that whilst time afforded the opportunity, for there was yet an interval of six weeks before the Festival, the laudable example of the W.M. and members of the Honor Oak Lodge would be emulated by many other Lodges. For the extremely cordial welcome given by the W.M. to the Visitors individual responses were made by those present, one and all expressing the pleasure the proceedings of the evening had afforded them. The remaining toasts—the Past Masters, the Officers, and the Tyler's—were duly proposed and acknowledged, and the brethren then separated. The musical arrangements were under the direction of Brother W. H. Simons, the Organist of the Lodge, who sang two or three, of his best songs, in fine style, and was assisted by Brother Sydney Hill Organist 1216, and by the vocal efforts of Bros. Darch, James Stevens, and others.

The consecration of the Drury Lane Lodge, No. 2127 will take place on Monday next, 25th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, at 2.45 p.m. Bro. Lord Londesborough P.G.S.W. of England is the W.M. designate, Bro. Augustus Harris the S.W., and Bro. Sir John Eldon Gorst, Q.C., M.P., Solicitor-General, the J.W. The Grand Secretary will perform the ceremony of consecration.

The installation meeting of the Sincerity Lodge, No. 174, was held on Wednesday, 20th instant, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, when Bro. Frederick Joseph Dellow was installed as Worshipful Master. We shall give a report of the proceedings in our next issue.

At yesterday's meeting of the House Committee of the Royal Masonic Institutions for Boys, it was arranged that the new buildings for the Preparatory School be formally opened for the reception of the candidates elected in October last. An inspection of the new buildings was to take place at three o'clock; the reception of elected boys, in the New Assembly Hall at four; while refreshments were to be served in the dining hall of the new buildings at five. We hope to give further details next week.

A dispensation has been granted for the brethren of the Craft and Mark degrees to wear their Masonic clothing at the Ball in connection with the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, which takes place on Friday, 29th instant, at the Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge.

The following Festivals were held at the Freemasons' Tavern during the week ending Saturday, 23rd January 1886:—

Monday—Grand Master's Lodge, Royal Albert Lodge, Mr. Amber's Dinner. Tuesday—Cadogan Lodge, Salisbury Lodge. Wednesday—Novomagiens, Grand Stewards' Lodge, Oak Lodge, Metropolitan Dairymen's Ball. Thursday—Universal Lodge, Great Northern Lodge, St. Mary's Lodge, Globe Lodge. Friday—Jerusalem Lodge, London, Ross and Cromarty Ball, Emulation Lodge, Peace and Harmony Lodge, Urban Lodge. Saturday—St. James's Soirée, Bachelor's Quadrille Party.

The Millais Exhibition.—In the Grosvenor Galleries we have a very typical, though not complete, collection of Sir John Millais' works, which allows the younger generation another chance of seeing the pictures which first raised such a storm thirty-five years ago. From the earlier pictures we miss the "Vale of Rest," and from the latest "Cinderella," and "Cherry Ripe," but we get a very good notion of the scope of the work, and of the right to be called a great artist which is claimed by his admirers for the exhibitor. The work of arranging the pictures has not been particularly well performed, as the different periods appear to be mixed somewhat at random, and though this sometimes makes an effective contrast, as when we find the "Carpenter's Shop" and the "Portrait of Henry Irving" visible at a glance, it is unsatisfactory, in that we cannot see the development, or rather the various phases, of the artist's labours. And why does Mr. Stephens trouble us with extracts from all the past inanities of criticism, laudatory as well as vituperative, unless it be to excite derision? Who is interested, for instance, in the opinion of "a critic of the time," that "the Rescue" is one of those subjects which illustrate our ideal of the proper functions of art? Mr. Stephens himself is sometimes comic. Concerning the "Huguenot," we are told "profound emotions disturb her countenance, and absorb our admiration; but if we conceive the features undisturbed by anxiety or terror their loveliness becomes apparent, and the painter's art is rightly estimated." That is to say, if we avoid looking at the picture we begin to appreciate it. Concerning the "Black Brunswicker," Mr. Stephens says, "it was the intention of the painter to render, in the expression and air of the 'Black Brunswicker,' that soldier's sense of the renewed loss to his country at Ligny." This is interpretation with a vengeance. It must be conceded that as a mere taker of likenesses Sir John Millais excels. He has to an almost marvellous extent that faculty, more dramatic than artistic, of throwing himself into the character of his subject; of subordinating his own individuality to that of his sitter, a quality which is much appreciated in a portrait painter. But this lack of individuality also touches the vital distinction of the artist. Now he is Rossetti, now an early Italian, now Gainsborough, now Titian, now Reynolds, and within the last few years he has very nearly been respectable dull Frank Holl—but he is never himself. The large canvas, "Hearts are trumps," in which the heads of the three ladies are really admirably painted, is simply spoilt as a picture by the way in which he has crammed into one canvas what really belongs to half-a-dozen. It looks as if the inlaid card tables in the foreground were put there merely to show some foolish people that John Millais can paint card tables so as to look exactly like real ones. The flowers on the left are not in it—they have no business there whatever. The grey dresses are merely fidgetting and distracting, instead of being of a piece with the heads; and so throughout the picture, which is really one of his best. There is not much to choose in all his various "manners," but in mere quality he has distinctly deteriorated with prosperity. Note the delicacy, the reverence, the simplicity, almost to childishness, of the quality of painting in the Isabella, and then compare it with that of his later and popular works, such as the North-west Passage. But there is really no occasion to mourn over Millais, as some critics are doing over "The Lost Leader." He never was a leader,—only a follower. All that can be said is, that if Millais had come under the influence of a true artist, he might have been a better workman. As it is, Millais is a master of the brush and palette, a consummate imitative genius, a great interpreter of character, a man of much natural refinement, but a great artist—never.

Novelty.—"The Babes" must be getting pretty old by now, nevertheless they seem none the less attractive than when they first saw light on a public stage. They have made a small fortune for more than one house,—and their domicile has been so frequently changed that it would be hardly possible to describe them as of any particular locale. They have now settled down in London, at the Novelty, where they are drawing full houses, and are sending the audiences away night after night with sides aching from the laughter they provoke. The principal parts are still sustained by Bros. Lionel Brough and Willie Edouin, with Miss Alice Atherton, while these artistes are supported by a strong company. As "The Babes" will have to make room ere long for a new burlesque, by Mr. George Dance, we advise our readers to take an early opportunity of paying them a visit, at the Novelty.

THE FIFTEEN SECTIONS

WILL BE WORKED

By brethren of the King's Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 1732, at the Fidelity Lodge of Instruction, No. 3, held at the Alfred Hotel, Roman Road, Barnsbury, N., on Wednesday, the 27th instant. Bros. J. Hemming J.D. 1287 W.M., D. T. Davies 72 S.W., J. Thom 957 J.W. First Lecture—Bros. Hozegood, Kauffman, Nickolls, Barling, Paul, Mulvey, Hemming. Second Lecture—Bros. Parsons, Burgess, Procter, Davies, Whiting. Third Lecture—Bros. Bathard, Greenway, Thom. Bros. W. J. Ferguson P.M. 177 P.Z. 1056 1507 is the Preceptor, F. Silvester S.W. 193 Treasurer, G. Treadwell 1076 Secretary. Lodge will be opened at 7.30 p.m.

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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, 23rd JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Gr. y, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers', Southgate Road, N., 8. (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1304—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7. (Instruction)
 1521—Eccleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1679—Henry Mugeridge, Masons' Hall Tavern, E.C.
 1871—Gostling-Murray, Town Hall, Hounslow
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Turnham Green, at 7.30 (In)
 Sinai Chapter of Improvements, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 149—Peace, Private Rooms, Meltham
 453—Chigwell, Forest Hotel, Chingford
 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court
 M.M. 14—Prince Edward's, Station Hotel, Stansfield, Todmorden

MONDAY, 25th JANUARY.

- 4—Royal Somerset House and Inverness, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2—Loughborough, Cambria Tavern, Cambria Road, near Loughborough Junction, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 26—Castle Lodge of Harmony, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 28—Old King's Arms, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 E. 45—Strong Man, Excise Tavern, Old Broad Street, E.C., at 7 (Instruction)
 79—Pythagorean, Ship Tavern, Greenwich
 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, Railway Place, Fenchurch Street, at 7. (In)
 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 183—Unity, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street, E.C.
 212—Euphrates, Mother Red Cap, High Street, Camden Town, at 8. (Inst.)
 648—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8 (Instruction)
 902—Burgoyne, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 905—De Grey and Ripon, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 975—Rose of Denmark, Gauden Hotel, Clapham Road Station, at 7.30. (Inst)
 1425—Hyde Park, Porechster Hotel, Leinster Place, Cleveland Gardens, at 8 (In)
 1445—Prince Leopold, Printing Works, 202 Whitechapel Road, E., at 7 (Inst.)
 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Queens Hotel, Victoria Park, at 7.30 (In)
 1507—Metropolitan, The Moorgate, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1585—Royal Commemoration, Railway Hotel, High Street, Putney, at 8. (In.)
 1608—Kilburn, Queen's Arms Hotel, Kilburn
 1698—Kilburn, 46 South Molton Street, Oxford Street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 1615—Bayard, Masonic Hall, 33 Golden-square
 1623—West Smithfield, Clarence Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. at 7 (Inst.)
 1632—Stuart, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell
 1693—Kingsland, Cock Tavern, Highbury, N., at 8.30 (Instruction)
 1745—Farrington, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1828—Shepherds Bush, Athenaeum, Goldhawk road, W.
 1891—St. Ambrose, Baron's Court Hotel, West Kensington. (Instruction)
 1901—Selwyn, East Dulwich Hotel, East Dulwich. (Instruction)
 R.A. 25—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 188—Joppa, The Albion, Aldersgate Street
 R.A. 1201—Ecclectic Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 1237—Enfield, Court House, Enfield
 M.M. 5—Mallet and Chisel, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 48—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead
 62—Social, Queen's Hotel, Manchester
 148—Lights, Masonic Rooms, Warrington
 382—Royal Union, Chequers Hotel, Uxbridge. (Instruction)
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool at 8. (Instruction)
 827—St. John, Masonic Temple, Halifax-road, Dewsbury
 999—Robert Burns, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1177—Tenby, Tenby, Pembroke
 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 1477—Sir Watkin, Masonic Hall, Mold
 1891—Herschell, Masonic Rooms, Slough
 R.A. 189—Sincerity, St. George's Hall, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
 R.A. 241—Friendship, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 310—Union, Freemasons' Hall, Castle Street, Carlisle
 R.A. 331—Loyal Cornubian, Masonic Hall, Truro
 R.A. 1045—Stamford, Town Hall, Altrincham
 R.A. 1205—Elliott, Caroline Place, East Stonehouse
 R.A. 1222—Inkerman, Masonic Hall, Weston-super-Mare
 M.M.—The Old York, Masonic Hall, Bradford
 M.M. 146—Moore, Masonic Rooms, Athenaeum, Lancaster

TUESDAY, 26th JANUARY.

- Audit Committee Girls' School, at 4.
 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, W.C.
 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-blvds., Holborn, at 7 (Inst)
 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 92—Moir, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 141—Faith, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
 141—Faith, Victoria Chambers Restaurant, Victoria Street, S.W., at 8. (Inst)
 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 165—Honour and Generosity, Inns of Court Hotel
 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 186—Industry, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 188—Joppa, Champion Hotel, Aldersgate-street, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel, E.C.
 259—Prince of Wales, Willis's Rooms, St. James's
 265—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)
 864—Dallonsie, Sisters' Tavern, Rywall-road, Dalston, at 8 (Instruction)
 861—Finsbury, King's Head, Threadneedle Street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction)
 1011—Wandsworth, East Hill Hotel, Alma Road, Wandsworth (Instruction)
 1153—Southern Star, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 1321—Emblematic, Red Lion, York Street, St. James's Square, S.W., at 8 (In)
 1348—Blunty, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, W.
 1499—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1500—Royal Arthur, Beck Tavern, Battersea Park Road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1511—Kennington, The Horns, Kennington. (Instruction)
 1411—Lvy, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell New Road
 1440—Mount Edgumite, Three Stars, Lambeth Road, S.W., at 8 (Inst)
 1441—Islington, Champion, Aldersgate Street, at 7. (Instruction)
 1472—Healy, Three Crowns, North Woolwich (Instruction)
 1510—Chaucer, Old White Hart, Porough High Street, at 8. (Instruction)
 1501—Ravensbourne, George Inn, Lewisham, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 1695—New Finsbury Park, Ramsey Wood Tavern, Finsbury Park, at 8 (Inst)
 1707—Glenora, Trocadero, Broad-street-buildings, Liverpool-street, 6.30 (Inst)
 1714—Royal Saxe, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1919—Brixton, Prince Regent Dulwich-road, East Brixton, at 8. (Instruction)
 Metropolitan Chapter of Improvements, White Hart, Cannon Street, 8.30.
 R.A. 21—Cyprus, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 229—United Strength, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street

- R.A. 704—Camden, The Moorgate, 15 Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 8 (Inst)
 R.A. 1275—Star, Ship Hotel, Greenwich
 R.A. 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clanton
 R.A. 1612—Earl of Carnarvon, Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill, W., at 8. (Inst.)
 21—Newcastle-on-Tyne, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle 7.30 (In)
 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool (Instruction)
 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby
 299—Emulation, Bull Hotel, Dartford
 310—Unions, Freemasons' Hall, Castle-street, Carlisle
 357—Apollo University, Masonic Hall, Oxford
 448—St. James, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax
 463—East Surrey of Concord, King's Arms Hotel, Croydon, at 7.45. (Inst.)
 510—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Liskeard.
 573—Perseverance, Shearstone Hotel, Hales Owen
 1016—Elkington, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham
 1358—Torbay, Town Hall, Plaignton
 1479—Halsey, Town Hall, St. Albans
 1566—Ellington, Town Hall, Maidenhead
 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1636—St. Cecilia, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1823—Royal Clarence, Masonic Hall, Clare, Suffolk
 2025—St. George, St. George's Hall, Stonehouse, Devon
 R.A. 47—Abbey, George Hotel, Nottingham
 R.A. 94—De Lambton, Freemasons' Hall, Queen Street, Sunderland
 R.A. 103—Beaufort, Freemasons' Hall, Park Street, Bristol
 R.A. 124—Concord, Freemasons' Hall, Old Elvet, Durham
 R.A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover
 R.A. 418—Staff rdshire Knot, Freemasons' Hall, Hanley
 R.A. 815—Blair, Town Hall, Hulme, Manchester
 R.A. 1094—Temple, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
 M.M. 262—St. Martin, Masonic Hall, Caustonbury
 K.T. 114—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds

WEDNESDAY, 27th JANUARY.

- 2—Antiquity, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 3—Fidelity, Alfred, Roman Road, Barnsbury, at 8 (Instruction)
 30—United Mariners', The Lugard, Peckham, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 72—Royal Jubilee, Unity Tavern, Strand, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 73—Mount Lebanon, Windsor Castle, Southwark Bridge Road, at 8. (Inst)
 193—Confidence, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, at 7. (Instruction)
 212—Euphrates, Masonic Hall, Masons' Avenue, Basinghall-street, E.C.
 223—United Strength, The Hope, St. Mark's Street, Regents Park, at 8 (Inst.)
 533—La Tolerance, Portland Hotel, Great Portland Street, at 8 (Inst)
 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham, at 7 (Instruction)
 751—High Cross, Seven Sisters' Tavern, Page Green, Tottenham
 781—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E. (Instruction)
 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. (Instruction)
 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poona's-court, Fleet-street, at 8 (Instruction)
 898—Temperance in the East, 6 Newby Place, Poplar
 902—Burgoyne, Victoria Hotel, Farringdon Road, at 7. (Instruction)
 1017—Montefiore, Regent Masonic Hall, Air Street, W.
 1056—Victoria, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 1280—Finsbury Park, Cook Tavern, High Wycombe, at 8 (Instruction)
 1475—Peckham, Lord Wellington Hotel, 516 Old Kent-road, at 8. (Instruction)
 1521—Duke of Connaught, Royal Edward, Mare-street, Hackney, at 8 (Inst)
 1589—St. Dunstan's, Auderton's Hotel, Fleet-street
 1604—Wanderers, Adam and Eve Tavern, Palmer St., Westminster, at 7.30 (In)
 1662—Beaconsfield, Chequers, Marsh Street, Walthamstow, at 7.30 (Inst.)
 1681—Londesborough, Berkeley Arms, John Street, May Fair, at 8. (Instruction)
 1768—Progress, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 1818—Clapham, Grosvenor Hotel, Victoria Station
 1820—Sir Thomas White, Holborn Viaduct Hotel
 1922—Earl of Lathom, Station Hotel, Camberwell New Road, S.E., at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 17—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8 (Instruction.)
 R.A. 435—Mount Lebanon, Ship and Turtle, Leadenhall Street
 R.A. 933—Doric, 202 Whitechapel-road, at 7.30 (Instruction)
 M.M.—Thistle, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C., at 8. (Instruction)
 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool
 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Sarisbury
 163—Integrity, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 210—Duke of Athol, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton
 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire
 271—Tranquility, Boar's Head Inn, Newchurch, near Manchester
 290—Huddersfield, Masonic Hall, South Parade, Huddersfield
 304—Philanthropic, Masonic Hall, Great George-street, Leeds
 363—Keystone, New Inn, Whitworth.
 439—Scientific, Masonic Room, Bingley
 625—Devonshire, Norfolk Hotel, Glossop
 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 750—Friendship, Freemasons' Hall, Railway-street, Cleekeaton
 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction)
 996—Sondes, Eagle Hotel, East Dereham, Norfolk
 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield
 1083—Townley Parker, Brunswick Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester
 1085—Hartington, Masonic hall, Gower street, Derby. (Instruction)
 1119—St. Bede, Mechanics' Institute, Jarrow
 1219—Strangeways, Masonic Rooms, King Street, Manchester
 1261—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction)
 1283—Ryburn, Central Buildings, Town Hall Street, Sowerby Bridge
 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley street, Bury, Lancashire
 1403—West Lancashire, Commercial Hotel, Ormskirk
 1511—Alexandra, Hornsea, Hull (Instruction)
 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester
 1638—Browning, Sun Hotel, Kingston-on-Thames, at 8. (Instruction)
 1953—Prudence and Industry, George Hotel, Canrl, Somersetshire
 1967—Beacon Court, Gluzee Fort Hotel, New Brompton, Kent
 R.A. 86—Lebanon, Masonic Hall, Prescott
 R.A. 236—Zetland, Masonic Hall, Duncombe Street, York
 M.M.—Howe, Masonic Hall, New Street, Birmingham
 M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 M.M. 19—Rowke, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 M.A. 24—Roberts, Masonic Rooms, Ann Street, Rochester
 K.T.—Alphas, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 K.T. 19—Prudence, Freemasons' Hall, Ipswich

THURSDAY, 28th JANUARY.

- General Committee Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4
 22—Neptune, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7.30 (Instruction)
 31—Mount Mariah, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 63—Prosperity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
 65—Generations', Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 87—Yarburton, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8 (Instruction)
 99—Shakespeare, Albion, Aldersgate-street
 117—Justice, Brown Bear, High Street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction)
 135—Sunderbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8 (Inst.)
 307—United Pilgrims, Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
 794—Camden, Lincoln's Inn Restaurant, 50 High Holborn, at 7 (Instruction)
 719—Belgrave, The Clarence, Aldersgate Street, E.C. (Instruction)
 751—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8 (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, City Terminus Hotel, Cannon-street, E.C.
 871—Royal Oak, White Swan, Deptford
 879—Sailmakers, Sir James's Woodley, Warran St., Rotherhithe New Rd. (In)
 901—City of London, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30. (Instruction)
 1153—Southern Star, Park and, Saxe, Westminster-blvds., at 8 (Inst.)
 1155—Lewis, Kings Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7 (Instruction)
 1279—Burdett Courts, Swan Tavern, B. thnal 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)
 1421—Langthorne, Swan Hotel, Stratford
 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons' Avenue, E.C., at 6.30 (Inst)
 1524—Duke of Connaught, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
 1535—D. Connaught, Palmerston Arms, Grosvenor Park, Camberwell, at 8 (In.)
 1602—Sir Hugh Myddleton, White Horse Tavern, Liverpool Road (corner of Theberton Street) N. (Instruction)
 1614—Covent Garden, Bedford Head Hotel, Maiden Lane, W.C., at 8. (Inst.)
 1622—Rose, Stirling Castle Hotel, Church Street, Camberwell. (Instruction)
 1625—Tredegar, Wellington Arms, Wellington Road, Bow, E., at 7.30. (Inst.)
 1658—Skolmersdale, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
 1673—Langton, White Hart, Abchurch Lane, E.C., at 5.30. (Instruction)
 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. Joan's Gate, Clerkenwell, at 9 (Inst)
 1714—Royal Savoy, Yorkshire Grey, London Street, W., at 8 (Instruction)
 1791—Creton, Wheatheaf Tavern, Goldhawk Road, Shepherds Bush. (Inst)
 1816—Victoria Park, Queen's Hotel, Victoria Park Road
 1950—Southgate, Railway Hotel, New Southgate, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1974—St. Mary Abbots, Town Hall, Kensington

- R.A. 5—St. George's, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 177—Domestic, Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street
 R.A. 531—Polish National, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 R.A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (In.)
 R.A. 1471—North London, Alwyne Castle Tavern, St. Paul's Road, Canonbury, at 8. (Instruction)
 R.C. 97—Rose and Lily, 33 Golden Square, W.

- 51—Angel, Three Cups, Colchester
 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire
 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Darlington
 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool. (Instruction)
 214—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex
 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction)
 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup
 343—St. John, Bull's Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton
 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 651—Brecknock, Castle Hotel, Brecon
 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal
 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre Street, Norwich
 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham
 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Salford
 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford
 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire
 1325—Stanley, 214 Great Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8 (Instruction)
 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, nr Manchester
 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 1580—Cranbourne, Red Lion Hotel, Hatfield, Herts, at 8. (Instruction)
 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle
 1892—Wallington, King's Arms Hotel, Carshalton. (Instruction)

- R.A. 57—Humber, Freemasons' Hall, Hull
 R.A. 129—Kendal Castle, 12 Stramondgate, Kendal
 R.A. 266—Naphali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood
 R.A. 292—Liverpool, Masonic Hall, Liverpool
 R.A. 303—Benevolent, Holland's Road East, Teignmouth
 R.A. 424—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
 R.A. 732—Royal Sussex, Royal Pavilion, Brighton
 R.A. 1037—Portland, Masonic Hall, Portland, Dorset
 R.A. 1099—Prince of Wales, Private Rooms, Temple Hall, Tredegar
 M.M. 32—Union, Freemason's Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester
 K.T. 8—Plains of Mamre, Bull Hotel, Burnley
 K.T. 34—Albert, Masonic Rooms, 23 Ann-street, Rochdale

FRIDAY, 29th JANUARY.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
 25—Robert Burns, Portland Arms Hotel, Great Portland Street, W., at 8 (In)
 144—St. Luke, White Hart, King's-road, Chelsea, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 766—William Preston, St. Andrew's Tavern, George St., Baker St., at 8. (In)
 780—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge. (Instruction)
 831—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)
 1159—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction)
 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 9. (In)
 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction)
 1642—E. Carnarvon, Ladbrooke Hall, Notting Hill, at 8. (Instruction)
 1789—Ubique, 79 Ebury Street, Pimlico, S.W., at 7.30. (Instruction)
 2012—Chiswick Lodge Hall, Star and Garter Hotel, Kew Bridge
 R.A. —Panmure C. of Improvement, Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell
 R.A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich. (Inst.)
 M.M.—Old Kent, Crown and Cushion, London Wall, E.C. (Instruction)
 M.M. 355—Royal Savoy, Moorgate Tavern, Finsbury Pavement, E.C., at 7. (In)
 K.T. 26—Faith and Fidelity, Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
 453—Cligwell, Public Hall, Station Road, Loughton, at 7.30 (Inst)
 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton
 1303—Pelham, Freemasons' Hall, Lewes
 1395—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet
 1391—Commercial, Freemasons' Hall, Leicester
 General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7
 R.A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster
 R.A. 471—Silurian, Freemasons' Hall, Dock Street, Newport, Monmouthshire
 R.A. 897—Loyalty, Masonic Buildings, Hall Street, St. Helens
 R.A. 945—Abbey, Abbey Council Chambers, Abingdon

SATURDAY, 30th JANUARY.

- 179—Manchester, Yorkshire Grey, London St., Tottenham Court Rd., at 8 (In)
 193—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8 (Instruction)
 1275—Star, Five Bells, 155 New Cross-road, S.E., at 7. (Instruction)
 1361—Earl of Zetland, Royal Edward, Triangle, Hackney, at 7 (Instruction)
 1624—Reeleston, Crown and Anchor, 79 Ebury Street, S.W., at 7 (Instruction)
 1706—Orpheus, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
 2012—Chiswick, Ye Old Tabard Inn, Bedford Park, Tarnham Green, at 7.30. (In)
 Signal Chapter of Improvement, Union Air-street, Regent-st., W. at 8.
 R.A. 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 8. (Instruction)
 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe

"The Charge of Death" is the title of a contribution which the author of "Lorna Doone" will make to the first number (for February) of Mr. Francis George Heath's new threepenny review, "Illustrations," to be published next week by Messrs. Wells, Gardner, Darton, and Co. Amongst various illustrated articles will be "A Few Words on Angling," by Mr. R. B. Marston, editor of the *Fishing Gazette*; "Fabledom," by the author of "Familiar Wild Flowers"; a Ghost Story, by Mr. H. C. Davidson; and "Fern Gossip," by the Editor.

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Faith Lodge of Instruction, No. 141.—At the meeting held on the 19th instant, at the Victoria Mansions, Victoria Street, Bros. Wilton W.M., Misefield S.W., Hules J.W., Cortebrano P.M. Preceptor, Cross Secretary, Chipman I.G., Weeks Tyler. Lodge was opened and the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Brother Cross candidate. The S.W. was unanimously elected W.M. for the next meeting, and appointed his Officers in rotation. It was proposed, seconded, and carried unanimously, that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had performed his duties for the first time in the Lodge. All Masonic business being ended, Lodge was closed in perfect harmony.

Justice Lodge of Instruction, No 147.—On Thursday, 21st instant, at the Brown Bear, High-street, Deptford. Bros. Walters W.M., Penrose S.W., Prior J.W., S. R. Speight P.M. Sec., Dundridge S.D., J. Bedford Williams J.D., Mansfield I.G.; P.M.'s Hutchins (Preceptor), E. Good; also Bros. Springer, Greener, Hunt, Keylock, Leng, Joyce, and Emblin. After preliminaries, the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leng candidate. Lodge was called off, and on resuming was opened in the second degree, and the usual questions were well answered by Bro. Greener. Lodge was advanced to the third degree, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed. The Lodge was then resumed, and Bro. T. D. Leng, of the Lodge of Justice, was elected a member. Bro. Penrose was elected W.M. for the first Thursday in the ensuing month, and a vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Walters for the able manner in which he discharged the duties of W.M. All business being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned.

Confidence Lodge of Instruction, No. 193.—Held at Bro. Lashbrook's, Hercules Tavern, 119 Leadenhall Street, on Wednesday, 20th instant. Bros. Campbell W.M., Saint S.W., Da Costa J.W., Valentine Deacon, Belchamber Preceptor, Leveine I.G., Pitt Secretary, Moss, Lashbrook, E. Valentine. Lodge was opened in due form and the minutes of previous meeting were confirmed. Brother South offered himself as candidate for initiation, when the ceremony was rehearsed, much to the satisfaction of the Lodge. Brother Moss worked the fifth section of the lecture, assisted by Brother Belchamber. The first section was worked by Brother Da Costa, assisted by the brethren. Bros. Smith 193, Leveine 1319, Valentine 15 were elected members. Brother Saint was unanimously elected W.M. for the ensuing week. Brother Saint proposed that Bro. Belchamber be elected Preceptor of this Lodge of Instruction. Brother Moss seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. All labour being ended, Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned to Wednesday next, at 7 o'clock.

Tredegar Lodge of Instruction, No. 1625.—Held at the Wellington Arms, Wellington-road, Bow. At the weekly meeting on Thursday, the 14th instant, there was a numerous attendance of the brethren to meet Bro. T. J. Barnes, who presided; Bros. B. Stewart S.W., W. H. Myers J.W., Moss S.D., B. Da Costa J.D., Maloney I.G., C. N. Fox Hon. Secretary. Lodge was opened, and the minutes read and confirmed. Lodge was resumed to the first, when the lecture was worked by the following:—Bros. L. A. Da Costa, Isaacs, E. Da Costa, Moss, Myers, and Stewart. Lodge was resumed to the second degree. Bros. B. Da Costa, Musto, Myers, Hogg, and McDonald worked the lecture. Lodge resumed to the third degree. Bros. Moss, McDonald, and Musto worked the lecture. Lodge closed in the third and second degrees in due form. Bro. Moss proposed, and Bro. Musto seconded, that Bros. L. A. Costa, Rosenthal, Isaacs, Beatty, Mead, Warman, Toole, Culver, Smith, and West become members of this Lodge of Instruction. This was carried unanimously. Bro. Musto proposed, and Bro. Myers seconded, that a vote of thanks be recorded to Bro. Barnes for presiding, and Bro. Musto expressed the great pleasure it gave him and the brethren to see Bro. Barnes again amongst them. Bro. Barnes, in thanking the brethren, said it gave him a deal of pleasure and satisfaction in presiding that evening, and at seeing so many young Masons working so efficiently, and proposed that a vote of thanks be recorded on the minutes to the Officers and Brethren who had so ably assisted him. Bro. Cary seconded the proposition, which was carried unanimously. The Lodge was closed in due form, and adjourned until the 21st instant.

Chiswick Lodge of Instruction, No. 2012.—On Saturday, 9th inst., at the Windsor Castle Hotel, Hammersmith. Present: Bros. George Gardner (Treasurer) W.M., Wing S.W., Gomm J.W., Johnson Secretary, Williams S.D., Brown J.D., Stroud I.G., Weeks Tyler, Past Masters Bros. Ayling, Johnson, Pierpoint, Pardue, Recknell, Spigel, Gilbert, Sims, Dodson 831, Hardy 201, Bros. Williams, Davis, Hopkins, Walden, Tilbury, Farze, Smither, Wimpsey, Wood, Craggs. Lodge opened in the three degrees, and resumed to second, when the ceremony of installation was most ably rendered by Bro. Ayling P.M. The Officers were invested by the Worshipful Master, after which the ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Williams candidate. Lodge closed in perfect harmony. This was a most successful meeting, at the new quarters of the Lodge of Instruction. Brethren are earnestly invited.

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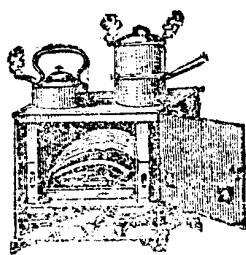
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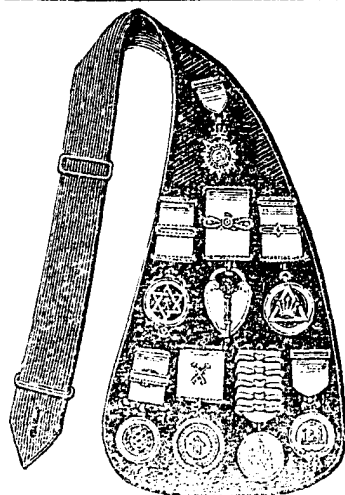
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