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PROGRESSIVE STUDIES.

HAVING been admonished as to the necessity of exercising due caution and prudence in his progressive studies, the E.A. very naturally casts about him for the sources of advice and counsel from which he may hope to derive the most sterling and reliable assistance. In this larva condition, so to speak, of his speculative attainments—when, as we have said, the mind of the young Mason is receptive, and capable of being moulded like the potter's clay—he very properly regards all by whom he is surrounded as new friends, bound together by an indissoluble tie of brotherhood, and from whom he has a right to expect nothing but sure and faithful guidance. If our Institution were anything but human in root and branch, and if the body of its members were immaculate, these infantile expectations could not fail to be realised to the utmost; but he must be a bold Mason indeed who would assert that perfection is attained by an average study only of the Masonic art. The adage holds now as ever that a good Mason must, perforce, be a good man. Practically to exemplify all the principles of morality and virtue contained in the *curriculum* of our system must be to raise the standard of the man to the highest perfection of human excellence; the closer he adheres to the ancient lines and landmarks which are set before him in the Order the more marked must be the uprightness of his thoughts and the rectitude of his actions; and that any departure from these elevating and refining precepts, which are the pivot upon which the whole system of Masonry revolves, is possible, the E.A. has yet to discover. With his foot upon the first round of that ladder whose summit reaches to the firmament of all that is pure and estimable, he is now, perhaps more than at any other period of his career, filled with an ardent and sincere determination to acquit himself as a worthy member of a society from which radiate at every point lessons of new and sublime import to his after life. What had hitherto been to him a passing show—a mere pageant, surrounded by a halo of fascinating mystery, but perhaps after all possessing but shallow foundation—he discovers to be a grand and tangible reality worth striving after, a study of which it is eminently desirable that he should be the master. Grasping, then, the banner with the strange device, his motto now is “Excelsior;” he looks not back upon the cavernous void from which he has safely emerged; and by the assistance of the effulgence which radiates from those three pedestals, he proceeds, with “firm but humble confidence,” on his journeyings in the pathway of Light. In this beautiful system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols, he sees Wisdom, Strength and Beauty depicted in every object upon which his eye rests within the tabernacle; and, if he be the pattern novice we would endeavour to portray, he longs to shape the rough ashlar into the perfect by a course of apt and judicious research. Care must here be exercised that a laudable ambition is not allowed to overleap itself into impetuosity—that rock upon which so many a promising barque has split. Nor is this necessary brake-power far to seek in a well-regulated Lodge. In the case of the seasoned Past Master, who knows that a kindly but firm application of the rein is essential to the right direction and development of all youthful aspirations, he will always be found guarded in his tactics towards the young Apprentice. Just as the expert master of any profession curbs the pardonable ambition of his pupil, who if left alone would attempt work beyond his power, and by acquiring a slovenly style would inevitably become but an indifferent workman,

so the Officers of a Lodge are responsible for the early training of those who are initiated under their rule, and for their gradual growth in Masonic knowledge. Under such auspices as we point out, the foundation is laid upon which the young Mason is enabled to raise a superstructure perfect in all its parts and honourable to the builder. He lays his lines and plans with a mind untinged by doubt or uncertainty; and under skilful direction from the overseers of the work he gains confidence as he proceeds to the more finished branches of his profession. Many a Mason who has become an ornament to the Craft, and a faithful monitor to those with whom he is associated, has occasion to reflect upon the “word in season” which was thus kindly administered to him at the outset of his Masonic journeying. To break in rudely or abruptly upon even seeming precocity is sometimes to nip a fair blossom in the bud, or to torture into deformity the promising sapling of a goodly tree. It is not merely the prerogative, but also the privilege, of the veterans to the Craft to guide and rule the recruits, and to mould the material at their command to the best possible uses. Taken thus in hand by benign and intelligent superiors, there are sanguine hopes that the initiate may take his onward steps with prudence mingled with zeal; and every advance made in this spirit, and under such surveillance, brings with it sheaves of ripened grain into the storehouse of his Masonic experience. Witness the increasing attention which he pays to the recurring sentences of the ritual, as—now entitled to sit amongst the brethren, clothed and in his right mind—he aids in the initiation of new comers into the Lodge. Carefully observing the attitude of the poor and penniless enquirer after light and truth, he is wont to follow inarticulately every word that falls from the Master and his Wardens, noting mentally the prominent passages which fell so grandly on his ear but a short time before. And then, that touch of Nature which maketh the whole world kin prompts him at the earliest convenience to commune with the students in his lower form, and with them to con over those lessons and instructions with which they have thus early been entrusted. “As iron sharpeneth iron, so doth the countenance of man his friend;” and nowhere is the scriptural proverb more fully illustrated than within the precincts of a Masonic lodge. With single eye to the upholding of those sacred precepts, and in anticipation of still higher illustrations of symbolic grandeur which he is admonished are to follow, the initiate concentrates his whole soul on the working out of those principles which adorn the profession to which he has attached his name. Expanding into a magnanimity which is the natural outcome of such teaching, he embraces every opportunity of practising those virtues which he has professed to admire and promised to support. Wise is the E.A. who eschews the too intimate acquaintanceship and example of those elder brethren who flaunt their “little knowledge” in profuse signs and grandiloquent phrases, and who regard the frivolities which occasionally surround Masonry as their chief concern, while they emblazon the eloquent symbols of our Order on every occasion on their trade marks. He regards the utilisation of membership for such purposes to be a violation of that professedly sincere declaration that he was prompted to unite himself with the brethren “from no mercenary or other unworthy motive;” and he has such a wholesome disgust at this prostitution of the system that he squeamishly avoids brandishing his own acquirements, or copying such unseemly example. Let the Officer who is careful for the dignity and wellbeing of the Lodge whose interests he is pledged to uphold encourage such traits in the character of those in whom he is able to trace the germs of an intelligent

apprehension of the highest attributes of the system he loves and adorns. Remember that to these young members we have to look for the building up and sustentation of the prestige we aim at in time to come; and to the rightly framing of the joints and interstices now, the substance and durability of the structure hereafter mainly depends. And, lastly, when the voice from the South calls the workmen to more congenial climes, let the same elevated sense of dignity and good sense pervade the periods of relaxation to which they are justly entitled as the reward of labour. Let us not be understood to insist upon a rigid transference of official stateliness to the banqueting hall. We would have the labours of the day relieved by an unrestrained and generous flow of peace and harmony, blended with the ever-to-be prized elements of moderation and good sense. But at times we have been pained to witness how easy in this degree is the descent from chaste allegory to ribald prose—from Parnassus to the gutter. Nothing is more calculated to inspire disgust in the mind of inexperienced members than the too lavish expenditure of attention—and of funds which should be devoted to Charity—on the more ornamental, and if convivial, accessories of Masonic gatherings. And it is not always inappropriate, or with affected egotism, they mentally inquire “why was not the price of this precious ointment given to the needy, instead of being squandered in unnecessary self-indulgence?” The essence of our system is Charity, and without a constant regard to this first great principle we realise nothing but sounding brass and tinkling cymbals—we perpetrate a misuse of ostensible professions, and assume a virtue we have not. There must be no hypocrisy or cant in the fulfilment of our Masonic obligations. We hope to revert to this subject in a future article; but, from the standpoint we have taken in regard to newly-admitted members, we may have said sufficient to remind Past Masters and Officers of some portion of the duty of discrimination they may have overlooked, and to stimulate them to unite in effecting such points of improvement in detail as may be expedient. By all those who desire to see maintained the beautiful symmetry and due decorum of their Lodges, and by their principle and example to infuse the same spirit amongst those who follow them in the paths of research, the wise caution in Dean Trench’s couplet will be taken well to heart:—

Would'st thou go forth to bless, be sure of thine own ground,
Fix well thy centre first, then draw thy circles round.

Let this be the fundamental maxim of those who undertake the responsible duty of ruling and governing their respective Lodges, and then we may be certain the instruction which will be imparted to future initiates will never go beyond that fixed circumference from which no Mason can materially err.

THE SCHOOL ELECTIONS.

THE selection of Boys and Girls from the lists of approved Candidates has just been made, and the proceedings excited quite the ordinary amount of interest and excitement, notwithstanding that the brethren were summoned from various parts of the country to Freemasons’ Tavern in the midst of a holiday week. In a general sense the Elections were satisfactory, though of course where there are so few vacancies compared with the numbers who deservedly claim the privileges afforded by our noble Masonic Institutions, many must of necessity be sent away disappointed. Thus, so far as the Boys’ School is concerned, only sixteen out of sixty-eight applicants could hope to succeed, whilst for the eighteen vacancies in the Girls’ School no fewer than forty-six names appeared on the ballot papers. The inadequacy of the funds and accommodation to meet all who are unfortunately so circumstanced as to need the benefits of our Institutions has, and we fear will long be deplored whenever an appeal is made on behalf of “Our Masonic Charities;” but that they are enabled to accomplish even their present ends is a source of unfeigned satisfaction, and ranks our Schools amongst the foremost and most glorious landmarks of the nation. For example, we note that since its establishment in 1788 no less than 1162 girls have been educated, clothed, and maintained within the walls of our Girls’ School at Battersea Rise. From small beginnings the School has grown into very considerable proportions, maintaining now a normal list of 200 Girls upon the books. The Boys’ School at Wood Green is doing an equally great work in its own department, and if any proof were needed of the efficient instruction imparted in our Schools we have only to point to the recent Cambridge Local Examinations, wherein our pupils of both sexes acquitted themselves in the most creditable and praiseworthy manner. It is not, however, necessary that we should here go into details respecting which the brethren do not fail to be frequently reminded; but merely, while congratulating those parents and children who have this week been successful in their efforts, assuring those who returned home disappointed that they

have the hearty sympathies of the brethren, mingled with their universal regret that circumstances will not allow of the Institutions flinging open their doors to admit all the cases of deserving need that are presented to them.

The Quarterly Court of the Governors of, and Subscribers to, the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls was held in the large hall of Freemasons’ Tavern, on Saturday last, when the chair was occupied by Bro. Lieut.-Col. John Creaton, Treasurer and Trustee. There was a very large attendance of the brethren, many of whom hold high rank in London and the provinces, and amongst whom were Bros. J. L. Hine V.P., O. F. Matier, A. E. Gladwell, T. J. Sabine V.P., J. E. Le Feuvre, C. J. Perceval V.P., W. H. Paull, J. Vaughan (Warwick), G. Wyatt (Isle of Wight), John Wordsworth 1019, J. G. Stevens, John Thompson 1019, T. J. Barnes, R. B. Webster, J. J. Berry, Robert Wylie (West Lancashire), J. P. Platt, Thomas Hill, W. H. B. Tomlinson and H. Smith (West Yorkshire), W. J. Murlis, A. H. Tattersall, T. W. White, Birch, E. P. Albert, Elford, Hubert, Dicketts, Æneas J. Macintyre G. Reg. V.P., Frederick Binokes, John Clabon, and others. Bro. Birch gave notice of motion for the meeting in October, for an alteration of one of the new rules, so as to enable provincial brethren to vote by proxy at any election for Secretary of the Institution. Bro. R. J. Macintyre, Q.C., proposed, and Bro. J. M. Clabon seconded, the re-election of Bro. Lieut.-Col. Creaton as Treasurer, and the resolution was carried unanimously, amidst loud cheering. The brethren then proceeded to elect 18 Girls out of a list of 46 candidates, and the scrutineers announced, shortly after four o’clock, the subjoined result. It will be seen from the number of votes recorded that nothing less than nine hundred could be reckoned on as a safe return, one under that number being the lowest polled in favour of any of the successful candidates. At the October election the least number successfully recorded was 1104, but then there were only four candidates, and if we trace the list down to 18 places, we find that the votes only overreached 300. Taking the successful candidates as they stand in order on the poll, it may be remarked that Rosamond Laybourne came before the Court for the second time, with but 346 votes brought forward in her behalf from the last election. Our Welsh brethren, however, appear to have laboured most zealously and well in her behalf, augmenting the number of her votes by 1213, and placing their candidate at the head of the poll with the grand total of 1559. Little Laybourne is a daughter of the late P.M. John Laybourne, of the Ica Lodge No. 683, of Newport, Monmouth, who, after subscribing to his Lodge for 15 years, died in 1872, leaving four children dependent on his widow. There was another candidate from the same Province, viz., Edith Corral Williams, who obtained 83 votes in October, but who, prior to this election, was for some reason withdrawn, leaving the brethren to concentrate their efforts on Laybourne. As we anticipated, Florence May Jones, coming with 884 votes to her credit, stood high upon the poll; having gained 556 on the day of the election, she was lifted into the second place with a total of 1440. The case was a deserving one, the mother having been left with five children, and the brethren of East Riding of Yorkshire are once more to be congratulated on their success. Our late Bro. Jones, P.M. of North York Lodge No. 602, also held provincial office, and had worked assiduously for ten years in the interests of Freemasonry. The third on the list is Florence E. M. Palmer, on whose behalf a second application was made, and who came fortified with 1018 votes to the good. Her late father was a brewer’s foreman, and a member of the High Cross Lodge No. 754; he died in 1873, leaving five children dependent on their mother, who resides at Romford. Next stands Helen Mary Busher, who brought the very respectable figure of 865 from the October Court, and who succeeded in raising that number on Saturday to 1310. It is a trite saying that the West Lancashire brethren, when determined and united, are hard to beat; can do anything they choose; and in the case of the Busher family we have a fair evidence of the veracity of the statement. Helen has already a sister in the Institution, and a brother in the Boys’ School; still the parents have seven children dependent on them. Bro. Busher had subscribed for fourteen and a quarter years to the Sincerity Lodge No. 292, Kendal, and doubtless the vigorous manner in which his cause has been continuously pushed by the brethren represents a vast amount of good work done by their P.G.S.B. for many years. We recently pointed out that in relation to Katherine Annie Peele, she was one of the candidates who, if unsuccessful on this occasion, would be debarred, by the age limit, from making another application, but the efforts of our Durham brethren were successful in raising their 344 votes in hand to a total of 1238, and in thus placing her fifth upon the list, Mrs. Peele has reason to feel grateful to her late husband’s Masonic friends, for he had only subscribed to his Lodge three and a half years, and does not appear to have held any office. Notwithstanding, there is already one daughter in the Institution, and this second success will entirely relieve her of maternal responsibilities. Sussex next figures on the list, with Catherine Frances Hide, whose widowed mother has one other child dependent on her, at Brighton. Our late Bro. Hide was a member of Yarborough Lodge, 811, for seven years; at the last election, his friends polled no fewer than 1256 votes in the child’s favour, this number unaided being sufficient on Saturday to place her sixth on the poll. Gloucestershire brought forward an eminently deserving case, and no one will begrudge the success scored on behalf of little Thurza Ann Veal, who with five other children, had been bereft of both parents. Their late father was a member of Prince of Wales’s Lodge, No. 951, for seven and three-quarter years, and we are pleased that the little orphan for whom 686 votes were polled on the last occasion, was successful now with a total of 1218. Another deserving case was that which stood next upon the ballot paper, viz., Mary Eliza May, whose success we had looked upon as almost a foregone conclusion. At the last election, the Western Division of South Wales scored for her 745 votes, and these on Saturday were raised to 1211, placing the candidate eighth upon the list. Our late Bro. Mott, who belonged to the St. David’s Lodge, No. 951, had served in several offices in the Pro-

vinces of Lancashire, Cumberland, and Westmorland, had subscribed to his Lodge fifteen years, and had also rendered valuable service as Steward to the Masonic Charitable Institutions. The widowed mother has still four children to maintain. It was only to be expected that on the third occasion our Essex brethren would contrive to carry in their candidate, Edith Mary Garnett, who had already in hand 836 votes. The mother is thus relieved of one of her two children. The Yarborough Lodge, 554, were successful, as we said they ought to be, on behalf of Ellen Amy Wadham, who, with three other children, had been bereft of both parents, and had been cared for by their aunt, Mrs. Stiles, at Anerley. This candidate brought forward 1149 votes, and these required no addition to make her election sure on this occasion. Blanche Adelaide Mitton comes twelfth in order, and brought 685 votes to support her second application, these being raised to 1112. Her late father was member of Eccleshall Lodge, No. 1034, Bradford, and he left three children entirely dependent on his widow. Wiltshire was successful with its two candidates. The first, Ada Mary Cook, who although only recording 43 votes, last October, was placed thirteenth on the list, with a total of 1058. Her late father was a member of the Royal Sussex Lodge, No. 355, and at his death, nearly five years ago, left four children dependent on his widow. The second, Ellen Mary Good, whose father is insane, and whose mother has still four other children to maintain, at Woodgates, near Salisbury, had gained 949 votes at a previous election, and these proved sufficient to give her a place amongst the successful company. There were peculiarly urgent reasons why little Florence Lizzie Duckett should obtain the success her friends desired for her, and the 1055 votes polled on her first application may be taken as a criterion of the interest manifested in behalf of the family. Our late Bro. Duckett was well known in journalism, and was, up to the time of his sudden demise, connected with the staff of the *Standard*. The mother was left with six children, and we are certain this assistance on the part of the brethren will be gratefully felt by her. Our West Yorkshire friends were again successful in the return of Ellen Senior, who received 1054 votes on this occasion alone, and of Kate Hebblethwaite, in whose behalf 783 were added to the 183 already recorded, swelling her total to 946. Lowest in point of numbers was Beatrice Mary Clark, one out of a family of ten fatherless children, and our Warwickshire brethren are to be congratulated upon their narrow escape from failure in this very deserving case. Annexed is the full return of the polling:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
22	Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	346	1213	1559
23	Jones, Florence May	884	556	1440
18	Palmer, Florence E. M.	1018	360	1378
15	Busher, Helen Mary	865	445	1310
7	Peele, Katherine Annie	344	924	1268
27	Hide, Catherine Frances	—	1256	1256
13	Veal, Thurza Ann	686	532	1218
14	Mott, Mary Eliza	745	466	1211
20	Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	1086	124	1210
2	Garnett, Edith Mary	836	345	1181
31	Wadham, Ellen Amy	—	1149	1149
5	Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	685	427	1112
10	Cook, Ada Mary	43	1015	1058
34	Duckett, Florence Lizzie	—	1055	1055
9	Senior, Ellen	—	1054	1054
37	Good, Ellen Mary	—	949	949
8	Hebblethwaite, Kate	163	783	946
11	Clark, Beatrice Mary	532	367	899

UNSUCCESSFUL.

1	Jay, Gertrude Alice	575	222	797
39	Hicks, Edith	—	792	792
16	Deeley, Agnes A.	300	462	762
40	Kirke, Alice Clara	—	753	753
3	Sampson, Mabel Jane	613	72	685
41	Lang, Margaret Ethel	—	672	672
25	Williams, Emma Eliza	252	305	557
12	Allison, Ethel Frances W.	158	389	547
36	Fellows, Charlotte Amelia	—	516	516
30	Hill, Emily S. H.	—	480	480
33	Dawson, Alice Mary	—	475	475
6	Keighley, Harriott Geraldine	248	211	459
45	Pratt, Clara	—	436	436
19	Hart, Eva C. H.	198	238	436
46	Tipper, Mabel Harrison	—	389	389
29	Cheek, Laura Sophia	—	360	360
32	Wain, Fanny Elizabeth	—	216	216
26	Cecil, Emily Alford	—	209	209
21	Priestley, Juliet S. H.	141	53	194
35	Evens, Mildred	—	139	139
28	Parker, Annie Sarah	—	135	135
44	King, Emily Beatrice	—	77	77
47	Wyatt, Mary Ann A.	—	75	75
4	Parker, Elizabeth Minnie	22	27	49
17	Brown, Edith	—	12	12
38	Gover, Annie	—	15	15
42	Hill, Annie Elizabeth	—	13	13
43	Howlo, Minnie	—	2	2

The Quarterly Court of the supporters of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys was held on Monday, at Freemasons' Tavern,

under the chairmanship of Colonel Creton. Among a very large number of brethren were Bros. S. Rawson, A. J. D. Filer, F. Snell, W. Winn, Edward Cox, John Constable, Henry Smith (West Yorkshire), Thomas Cubitt, D. M. Dewar, S. B. Wilson, A. H. Tattershall, Rev. A. F. Woodford, C. F. Matier, W. Hyde Pullen, W. H. Main, F. Adlard, Collard Montrie, W. Stephens, F. R. W. Hodges, John G. Stevens, G. Adamson, J. Pratt, John Thompson (Hull), A. E. Gladwell, D. D. Mercer, A. Middlemass, H. Massey, G. W. Verry, E. Hopwood, W. J. Marlis, R. W. Stewart, J. A. Birch, W. W. Morgan, George Neal, John Coutts, A. J. Ireton, and F. Binckes Secretary. A discussion arose as to altering one of the new laws (No. 55) by making a brother's subscription to his Lodge for seven years sufficient qualification for his son's candidature for the Institution, if the payments shall not be consecutive, the new law as it at present stands requiring that the seven years' subscription shall be consecutive. The laws, however, were allowed to stand as they are for the next six months, to prevent any difficulty, and Bro. Matior gave notice that at the October Quarterly Court he would move that the word "consecutive" be struck out. Bro. J. A. Birch also gave notice that he would at the same meeting move that the election of Secretary of the Institution should be conducted by voting by proxies as at the election of children. Bro. George Plucknett was elected Treasurer of the Institution, and the General Committee was re-elected, a new member being chosen, in the person of Bro. C. H. McKay, in the room of Bro. Jesse Turner deceased. The election of sixteen candidates was then proceeded with. From the number of votes recorded, it will be seen that in the case of William Richard Thorn, who heads the list of successful candidates, the London brethren laboured hard to secure the return of the nominee of St. James's Union Lodge, No. 180. Bro. Thorn was a member of this Lodge only a little over a year, and especial sympathy was extended towards the four little orphan children who had been bereaved of both parents, and who are under the care of friends in the Amersham-road, New Cross. Starting with 418 gained at the October election, the number was supplemented on Monday by 1174, raising a grand total of 1592. The second successful candidate, Arthur John Chandler, hails from Norwich, his father having been a P.M. of the Social Lodge, No. 93, and a subscribing member for ten years. His widow, who now resides at Walton-on-the-Naze, has three children dependent on her, but this selection will make the second benefit the family has received at the hands of the Institution, one having been previously entered in the Boys' School. The third in order of success is James Ward, who had failed at no less than three previous elections, but had scored a reserve fund of 1221 votes to be brought forward to his account last Monday. Though only 308 fresh votes were polled on the day, they were sufficient to ensure success, and our North Wales and Salop brethren may congratulate themselves upon having at length, after great perseverance, achieved their praiseworthy aim to relieve a deserving widow of one of her numerous family of nine children. Bro. Ward was the Worshipful Master of the Welchpool Lodge at the time of his decease, just four years ago, and he had been a subscribing member for no less a period than thirteen and a half years. The case was an eminently deserving one, and we are pleased that the friends of the family so resolutely adhered to the purpose which they undertook so long ago. John Greenwood Landless, who made so poor a start in October last, received no less than 1,525 votes on this occasion, and was thus raised to fourth position on the poll. As Secretary of the Zeland Lodge No. 852, at Salford, our late Bro. Landless had rendered good service to the Craft, and on his death, in 1874, left four children dependent on his widow. James Alexander Walker comes next, having scored 1,504 votes on the first application. The candidate's father was W.M. of the Mirfield Lodge No. 1,102, with which he had been connected about nine years, leaving three children at his death, which occurred nearly four years ago. In the case of Richard John Warner, who in October obtained a nucleus of 347 votes; received this time the substantial addition of 1,166, making a total of 1,503, and securing him sixth position on the list. Bro. Warner was W.M. of the Arboretum Lodge No. 731, Derby, at the time of his death, in 1876, and left four little children looking to the bereaved mother for support. Geo. Norman C. Keighley came forward for the third time, with a reserve of 734 votes, and these, we are pleased to say, were swollen up to 1,493, thus relieving Mrs. Keighley of one out of her family of seven children. Her late husband was initiated in the Excelsior Lodge No. 825, Calcutta, and was a subscribing member for five and a half years. Frank Sydney Ward, who has a sister in the Girls' School, ranks eighth upon the list, with 1,489 votes recorded on the first application. Our late Bro. Waud was J.W. of the Highcross Lodge No. 754, Tottenham, and left five children at his death. Great sympathy was felt towards the family, as was amply testified by the brethren, who worked so zealously as to secure the return of his candidate without even a single delay. Henry Hugh King added to his seven previously recorded votes 1,438, and ranks ninth on the poll. His father is a member of the Philanthropic Lodge No. 304, but afterwards joined the British Union Lodge No. 114, of which latter he was S.D. He unfortunately became insane, and is now confined in a lunatic asylum; and the election on Monday relieves the widow of the care of her only child. Richard Howell Nicholls appeared for the third time, and his case was rendered urgent by the fact that if unsuccessful on this occasion he would be debarred by the age limit from trying again. He had no less than 1,013 votes to the good, and to these were now added 418, making a total of 1,431. His late father was a P.M. of the Vitruvian Lodge No. 87, Lambeth, a joining member of St. John's Lodge No. 1443, Grays Thurrock, Essex, where he died in 1877, leaving six children to be cared for by his widow. Eleventh on the list is Ernest William Sissons, of Dover, who in his first application is successful with 1,419 votes. This speaks well for our Kentish brethren when they put their shoulders to the wheel in behalf of a deserving case. Our late Bro. Sissons was a member of both the Dover Lodges, and had subscribed for no less a period than twenty and a quarter years.

Both parents are dead, and there are seven children to be provided for, so that our readers will admit that the case was one really deserving of sympathy. Tom Allison, who made a start of 706 at the last election, polled only one less on Monday, and the united figures raised the total to 1,411. His late father had been connected with three Lodges, and at the time of his death, in 1875, was J.W. of Lodge of Industry No. 48, Gateshead; the widow being left with four children. Similarly situated is the mother of Arthur Salter, who was elected with 1,408 votes. She also was left with four children, her husband, who was treasurer of the Sphinx Lodge No. 1,329, Camberwell, having died a little over six months ago. Geo. Wm. Southam came with 254 votes from the last election, which number was increased to 1,387. Our late Bro. Southam was a member of St. Peter's Lodge No. 442, Peterborough, and left his widow with six children unprovided for. Last but one within the charmed circle of success is James Baker Green, who on his first application last October secured 554 votes. On Monday, these figures were supplemented by 772, to the great satisfaction of the Dorsetshire brethren, who had laboured hard and unitedly to ensure such a result. The case was a very deserving one, a family of six children being bereft of both parents. Our late Bro. Green, who died just over five years ago, was a member of the Honour and Friendship Lodge, No. 1266, Blandford, where for many years he was deservedly respected. Last on the list was John Gibbs, for whom second application was made, with 117 votes to the good. To this number were added 1173, making a total of 1290, a figure that was very closely approached by some of the unsuccessful boys. Bro. Gibbs belonged to the Nyanza Lodge, No. 1197, Ilminster, and at his death six years ago, left a widow and two children. Our Somersetshire brethren had a very close run, but they maintained their confidence to the last, and we congratulate them upon well-earned success. Of course, there were many disappointments, with all of whom the friends of the Institution sympathise, but which they are powerless to meet under present circumstances. The following is a detailed return of the voting, as declared at four o'clock:—

SUCCESSFUL.

No. on list	Name	Forward	Polled	Total
33	Thorn, William Richard . . .	418	1174	1592
11	Chandler, Arthur John . . .	1153	419	1572
12	Ward, James . . .	1221	308	1529
42	Landless, John Greenwood . . .	3	1525	1528
50	Walker, James Alexander . . .	—	1504	1504
40	Warner, Richard John . . .	347	1156	1503
18	Keighley, Geo. Norman C. . .	734	759	1493
64	Waud, Frank Sydney . . .	—	1489	1489
37	King, Henry Hugh . . .	7	1438	1445
15	Nicholls, Richard Howell . . .	1013	418	1431
53	Sissons, Ernest William . . .	—	1419	1419
35	Alison, Tom . . .	706	705	1411
51	Salter, Arthur . . .	—	1408	1408
28	Southam, George William . . .	254	1133	1387
39	Green, James Baker . . .	554	772	1326
14	Gibbs, John . . .	117	1173	1290

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2	Wilkinson, Percy Charles . . .	919	666	1285
8	Parker, George Shadwell . . .	708	547	1255
6	Allin, Charles James Fox . . .	375	844	1219
47	Colbeck, Frank . . .	—	1065	1065
38	Henderson, John . . .	4	925	929
34	Beckett, Ernest George . . .	272	647	919
67	Garstin, Paul Belmore . . .	—	—	861
36	Norrish, Herbert . . .	340	479	819
13	Spalding, Edmund Parcell . . .	437	328	765
7	Barclay, Henry G. Hackett . . .	466	210	676
30	Brooks, George Bertie . . .	290	329	619
32	Hounslow, Herbert Rich . . .	231	383	614
41	Thomas, John M. Alex. . .	19	556	575
3	Wait, Emanuel . . .	477	64	541
65	Stone, Percy Herbert . . .	—	512	512
27	Bazley, William Henry . . .	94	306	400
29	Gauntlett, George Fredk. . .	212	165	377
17	Scott, John Sheppard . . .	203	172	375
31	Grave, Richard Arthur . . .	194	164	358
59	Kennedy, Arthur James . . .	—	316	316
63	Seddon, James Albert . . .	—	313	313
4	Ridpeth, Lovell Hope . . .	216	18	234
48	Wagstaff, Charles C. . .	—	199	199
44	Wilton, Ernst Colville C. . .	34	132	166
66	Shrapnell, A. E. Scrope . . .	—	158	158
43	Crane, Harry Samuel J. . .	2	140	142
26	Tracy, William . . .	93	42	135
5	Frost, Christian Frederic . . .	10	117	127
60	Neville, Fredk. John . . .	—	106	106
54	Follows, Arthur . . .	—	103	103
62	Coe, Albert Edward . . .	—	102	102
21	Marshall, Phillipson . . .	50	51	101
68	Woolons, Walter H. . .	—	84	84
56	Goldsbrough, Jno. Tom . . .	—	79	79
57	Unwin, Fras. Arthur . . .	—	57	57
45	Fellows, Herbert M. . .	7	42	49
22	Jones, Ernest Handel . . .	23	22	45
1	Cole, Alfred Thomas . . .	10	32	42
9	Bell, James Herbert . . .	15	7	22
52	Brown, Walter Boston . . .	—	16	16
19	Gay, George John . . .	14	1	15
10	Giles, Frank Arthur . . .	3	7	10
24	Bartley, William James . . .	8	—	8
46	Steinhauer, George W. . .	—	5	5
20	Winter, Richard Thomas . . .	—	5	5

23	Read, John . . .	—	2	2
16	Black, William . . .	—	2	2
25	Bowman, George Frederick . . .	—	—	—
49	Hawke, Edwin Ernest . . .	—	—	—
55	Barker, Arthur . . .	—	—	—
58	Foot, William Robert D. . .	—	—	—
61	Pratt, Robert Williamson . . .	—	—	—

The proceedings closed with the usual votes of thanks to the Chairman, Scrutineers, and others, and Bro. F. Binckes, the Secretary, intimated that the successful boys will be admitted by the School Committee at the end of August next, and that the parents or guardians would have due notice, with the particulars of admission of every candidate who had just been elected. The company then separated.

CORRESPONDENCE.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the opinions of our Correspondents.
We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.
All Letters must bear the name and address of the Writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

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BRO. NORTON'S CRITICISMS.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Your frequent correspondent, Mr. Jacob Norton, in his comments on the series of papers furnished by me to the "CHRONICLE," raises many interesting points, upon the majority of which I offer no remark at present; though it will afford me pleasure to discuss them hereafter, when my book has seen the light, and to attempt to vindicate myself from the charge of undue credulity, which is inferentially preferred in the friendly strictures of this excellent Masonic critic. In the examples given of Bro. Preston's inaccuracy, it is, indeed, only fair to observe that Bro. Norton understates his case. No account of the history and privileges of the old Lodges appeared until 1781 (3rd Ed. Illustrations of Masonry), when Preston was under sentence of expulsion from the Society, and it is reasonably to be inferred that the circumstances under which he then applied himself to the task of recording the privileges of his Lodge would operate in favour of a more trenchant assertion of its rights than might have occurred before the memorable secession of the Lodge of Antiquity (A.D. 1778.)

I think, however, we should go too far in rejecting all his statements which are incapable of verification. The proper course, as it seems to me, being to take them for what they are worth, or, in other words, to yield credence to such only as are not improbable or inconsistent with well attested facts. I cannot bring myself to believe that in any case Preston resorted to sheer invention, and think therefore that he expressed views which were in entire harmony with the traditions of his era. I am unable to follow Bro. Norton in the conclusions he arrives at with regard to "Ancient Landmarks." According to my view, there are, and must be, certain settled customs, ceremonies, and obligations of the Craft upon which Grand Lodges (or the brethren at large) are powerless to innovate. Indeed, were this not the case—by a general vote of the fraternity the "Freemasons" of to-day might be turned into the "Fenians" (or anything else) of to-morrow. It must, however, be freely admitted that many alterations have been made in the "Old Constitutions," notably at the Union in 1813. But this deplorable fact should, I think, rather stimulate us to preserve what "Ancient Landmarks" are remaining, than to break down all the "old inclosures," and thus indefinitely extend the boundaries of the Society. For my own part, I deprecate change of any kind; but if any alteration or amendment of the existing Masonic system is, in the fulness of time, judged expedient and desirable, I heartily trust the views of the "backward" school may prevail, and that we may return to the native simplicity of the only Rite which was known to our Masonic ancestors.

Yours fraternally,

R. F. GOULD.

FREEMASONRY AND ITS CHARITIES.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—It is the duty of every Freemason to subscribe to our noble Charities. We often hear this; we frequently read it in the Masonic press; whenever we attend a Lodge meeting we are reminded of this claim upon us. Seldom do we sit down to a Lodge dinner without an invitation to place our names on the lists of one or more Stewards. On paying fees at the Lodge of Instruction we are informed that the whole of the funds are devoted to Masonic Charities. The postman brings appeals from energetic brethren, urging us to take tickets in a monster raffle for Life Governorships; Masonic acquaintances button-hole us at street corners for donations; charity associations solicit us to become members; everywhere the same, same cry,—Give, give.

Are these repeated appeals responded to? The best answer to this question is in the summaries you furnish from time of the ever increasing amounts announced at successive Festivals. The Committees have little reason to complain that donors are either few or niggardly; or that Stewards are sparing of their trouble or pockets, in their efforts to secure satisfactory returns. During the past year there appears to have been a total of about \$27,000 placed at the

disposal of the Committees of the two Schools; and in return we are surely entitled to put forward our claim on them,—Give, give.

We want intelligible accounts of the expenditure of the funds so freely provided; we should like to be convinced, by the evidence of clear balance sheets, that the large sums annually subscribed are judiciously laid out. We desire, when canvassing, to be able to assure our friends that monies will, not only be thankfully received, but be faithfully applied; and we wish to show a better result to our elections than the disappointment of seventy per cent. of the candidates whose claims have been admitted, and whose parents have, in many cases, answered freely to the call,—Give, give.

What has been done with £27,000? All we know is that 210 Boys and 200 Girls are reported to have been provided for at an average cost of upwards of sixty-five pounds each for the year! "A SUBSCRIBER" last week referred in the CHRONICLE to the cost of the children in the Royal Albert Orphan Asylum, being at the rate of £19 17s 1d per head. The report of a large Metropolitan School now before me shows the average annual expenditure per head, during the past ten years, to have been about £31, including every charge; admissions may be bought into many institutions at about £25 per annum paid in advance; but the monies subscribed for Masonic orphans appear to have been squandered at the rate of £65 per head. Yet, again, the Stewards are hard at work repeating their never ceasing cry,—Give, give.

Possibly the Committees may render accounts which will make it clear that there has been no extravagance, no waste. They may be able to show that the care of Masons' children necessarily costs more than twice the amount required for the offspring of the popular world who are not Masons. In any case, they possess information which the subscribers require, and it should be as much a pleasure to them as it is a duty to,—Give, give.

Yours fraternally,

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LONDON MASONIC CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR,—Having gathered from the remarks made in the columns of your contemporary that this Association had ceased to exist, my surprise was great to see its promoters actively engaged at the Elections on Saturday and Monday last, a feeling greatly intensified by the result of the Boy's Election; the scrutineers returning 117 votes only as having been recorded for C. F. Frost, and but 7 for F. A. Giles. Surely such a termination to its labours is far from commensurate with the trouble and expense the Association must have been put to; it, in fact, merely illustrates the fable of the mountain in labour. The friends of the two candidates, Frost and Giles, must have felt themselves considerably disappointed, inasmuch as virtually the two cases were, to use a Masonic term, *blackballed*. It might have happened that had less prominence been given to their candidatures a different position would have been assigned to them by the scrutineers on the declaration of the poll. The Craft will be keenly on the alert for the publication of the next report of the Association, as, doubtless, the Executive will thereby throw light on much which, at the present moment, is shrouded in obscurity.

Yours fraternally,

A SUBSCRIBER.

16th April 1879.

[We are enabled to state that the members of the London Masonic Charity Association who had conduct of the votes on the occasion of the election on Monday, finding it was impossible to secure the election of either of the candidates they had promised to support, made the best use possible of their proxies by lending them to assist in the election of another child, the result in that case being a success. They therefore, are in a position to demonstrate their ability at the next election to carry a case, and we hope in October next to record they have been successful.—Ed. F. C.]

CHARITY ASSOCIATION.

To the Editor of THE FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Will your correspondent, Bro. C. J. Perceval, give the West Yorkshire Masons particulars as to the Editor of the *Freemason* being "One of the fathers—if not the father of a similar organisation 'in West Yorkshire' to the London Masonic Charity Association?"

Many brethren in the West Riding do not credit the Editor of the *Freemason* with being the "Father" of any such association. I have no doubt that whilst he was a Provincial Grand Officer for West Yorkshire Bro. Woodford helped on the cause of charity, but his being the founder of our West Yorkshire organisation is unknown to many of the Craft in this Province.

Yours fraternally,

P.M. W. Yorks.

Huddersfield, 5th April 1879.

A NICE POINT.

To the Editor of the FREEMASON'S CHRONICLE.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,—Would you kindly inform me if, when a Brother Mason resigns voluntarily, for certain reasons, based on substantiated facts, and that he communicates orally these reasons to the Lodge duly opened, and afterwards hands over the communi-

cation to the W.M., the fact of his resignation and the circumstances or reasons leading thereto are to be registered on the minutes?

It appears to me evident that they should. For if at once or at some future time that Brother wishes to join another Lodge, according to Constitutions, under heading "Members and their Duty," Art. 5, he would be obliged to produce a certificate stating the circumstances under which he left. So if these are not registered on the minutes, I fail to see how he is to obtain that certificate, especially if a series of years has elapsed before it is asked, and when it is possible that a new Secretary may be there, and in fact many, perhaps even all the members composing the Lodge may be comparatively new, and would know nothing whatever of the matter. I ask you this, as Secretary of a Lodge, and would feel greatly obliged if you would give me a reply by return.

I remain, yours respectfully,

Sir and Brother,

A SEC. AND P.M.

[It is unreasonable to imagine that the Secretary of a Lodge should take a *verbatim* account of everything that transpires in his Lodge. Of course, it is very awkward to attempt to give an opinion upon such a point; it is rather for the brethren in question, when the minutes are brought forward for confirmation, to consider whether they are sufficiently explicit or not. At all events, so far as we are able to see, no fixed rule can be laid down for a matter of this sort.—Ed. F. C.]

PLACES WORTH KNOWING ABOUT.

By A PERIPATETIC BROTHER.

WHERE to dine is almost as perplexing a matter to the City man as the annual question is to Paterfamilias—Where shall we go for our holiday? And the main difficulty lies in the selection from the myriad hotels, restaurants, and eating houses which abound on every hand, and from which are emitted the most savoury odours "daily from twelve to three o'clock," as the *menu* says. Demosthenes junior lamented the plenitude of books, and considered that his learning availed him nothing now that his fellows had an equal chance of gaining information. If we argued on the same grounds, we might say that because of the legion of inviting luncheon bars and dining saloons which meet us at every turn it is no good to eat. We think it was Byron who asserted that—

"Happiness for man—the hungry sinner
Since Eve ate apples—much depends on dinner;"

and there is no doubt a considerable amount of moral force in the assertion. Seeing, therefore, that meals are indispensable, and that the readiest way to find your way into a man's good graces is through his digestion, we look around for the most likely and suitable places we can find. We are not overburdened with this world's goods, in these depressed times, and a little money must be made to go much further than it used to do, unless one would fall into the difficulties which beset Mr. Richard Swiveller. In the first place, then, cleanliness is the chief recommendation to a house where diners most do congregate. The best dinner in Christendom is spoiled, by dirty plates and cutlery, and a slovenliness in the disposition of the various concomitants of the diner's use. A clean tidy saloon—with cheerful attendance—into which you can "pop" at stated hours, and be sure of getting good viands and drinks at a moderate tariff, is sure to prove attractive, and the best proof of success is when you see the same satisfied faces at the same rendezvous on successive days.

Travelling every day by the South Eastern line to and from Cannon Street, I have noticed with pleasure, as no doubt many of my fellow-voyageurs have done also, the great improvements which have been made by Bros. Smith and King of the Cannon Tavern, at the corner leading into Walbrook. Not long ago I turned into this bar with a friend to transact a business matter; I well remember the stuffy tap-roomy aspect of the place compared with what it is now. Then but one joint was cooked, at mid-day, and it was Hobson's choice with the few who frequented the tavern,—more from motives of convenience than preference,—it being near their offices in this part of the City. The close atmosphere seemed to condense divers steaming odours that ascended from some subterranean vault, and the whole place was stuffy, sticky, and uncomfortable. Now all is changed; and that our Bros. Smith and King have been enabled to effect so great a transformation in so short a time since their occupancy is only another proof of the omnipotency of enterprise and business aptitude. The size of the bar has been doubled, the whole of the serving business being transacted in the central part; whilst around the rectangular counters there is ample space for customers to sit at ease and enjoy comfortably their chop, steak, or more substantial fare. The interior fittings of this tavern are of the most brilliant and attractive description, the walls being painted in that delicate green which is at all times so grateful to the eye, whilst the cornices and pillars are illuminated in gold and colours after the most fanciful and elegant designs. Without question this is, as I heard a gentleman remark the other day, "one of the prettiest bars in the City of London." It is extremely picturesque, without being showy, and the embellishments exemplify exceeding good taste in the application of decorative art. Over the central counters depend three six-light gaseliers, the frames of which are adorned with blue and white picked out with gold; and along the side walls are bracket lights of similar manufacture. These, when lit at night, give to the room an aspect of dazzling brilliancy, combined with luxury and comfort. The lights are reflected in a series of large mirrors all round, glinting on gilded pillars and fretwork of Japanese design, setting forth exquisitely pretty and chaste devices, amongst which bouquets

of flowers are tastefully dispersed, the whole forming a *coup d'œil* such as the habitués of the Cannon Tavern would hardly have thought possible six months ago. But, bright and glowing as the house is at night, there are halls of more dazzling light in London, and it is by no means for the sake of attractive appearance only that discriminating customers flock in and out of its doors "daily, from twelve to three o'clock." Equally, if not more inviting in daylight than later on, we find that by the alterations effected we have a lofty and well-ventilated saloon, on whose spacious tables can be served up a varied and excellent *menu*, promptitude and economy being the two very necessary and acceptable maxims observed. Everything is "as clean as a new pin," and the attendance, under the personal supervision of Bro. King, is all that could possibly be desired. The cooking apparatus is quite away from the luncheon bar, so that there is no unpleasant sense of the nearness of culinary operations, whilst by the introduction of patent swing seats, in lieu of the old-fashioned chairs and stools—which were constantly being knocked over each other—not only is greater comfort afforded to diners during their gastronomic deliberations, but being easily turned back to the wall they are compactly stowed away beneath the tables beyond the risk of breaking the shins of customers at a time when attendance is more numerous and shifting. You can speak conscientiously of the excellence of the viands and the wines parveyed by Bros. Smith and King, for be it known I purposely dropped in unawares the other day and witnessed for myself an ordinary example of the way in which they cater for their patrons. Taking stock from a designedly obscure corner, I should say that at least from 150 to 200 gentlemen made requisition upon the *cuisine* between the hours quoted on the bill of fare, and all appeared to be highly delighted with the place, the hosts, and the manner in which their requirements had been administered to. Dropping in on one or two occasions since, I have noticed the same faces, men who are evidently on terms of intimacy with the proprietors and their staff—a fact which proves conclusively that they regard the place as "all k'rect." In those days of competition one is not obliged to curry favour, or even put up with small inconveniences; if the customer is not suited he moves to more congenial regions, and seldom returns to old quarters which have not turned out to his entire satisfaction. There is no fear of such a *contretemps* at the Cannon, under its present management. Whilst congratulating Bros. Smith and King upon the vast improvement they have effected at this busy corner within the past six months, we may express a hope that they may go on and prosper in a manner commensurate with their efforts to deserve success. Every appliance is at hand for supplying, on any scale that may be desired, banquets, *déjeuners*, race hampers, and indeed the whole minutiae of the catering business is here present in the most unique and complete form. In conclusion, let me say that for the three great essentials of a dining bar,—cleanliness, excellence, and economy,—commend me to Bros. Smith and King's, directly opposite the Cannon-street railway station.

Whilst on the subject of "dining out," perhaps you will be able to find a corner in which I may mention another worthy brother of ours, well-known, I should say, to everybody who has visited the Crystal Palace—I refer, of course, to Bro. F. J. Sawyer. Chancing the other day to be on my way for a sea-blow at Southend, I arrived at Fenchurch Street station "just in time to be too late," and as a means of beguiling half an hour or so before the departure of the next train, I looked into what I had hitherto known as the "Station" restaurant, and could not resist expressing my surprise at the marvellous transformation that had taken place since my last visit,—a few weeks previously. I had recollected the place as in perfect unison with the locality in which it is situated—dingy, dull, and smoke-begrimed. The joints and general window display had caught the contagion of the universal smokiness which hangs over this locality, where merchants in every department of shipping, commerce, and agriculture are for ever jostling each other in this throbbing artery of the great City. In a word, the place rose in my memory as a "dowdy" one; and there is no other word I can command sufficiently expressive to convey to my readers its gloomy and forsaken aspect. By whom the restaurant was now kept, or who had been bold enough to expend such skill and taste upon a remodelling of the interior I had no idea. But, happening casually to take up the bill of fare, and prepossessed with the charmingly clean and pretty appearance of the dining-room, methought I'd appease the gentle admonitions of nature by indulging in a frugal meal. Passing through the luncheon-bar, with its mirrors set in arcades of virgin cork, under a massive archway of the same material, I found myself in a spacious dining-room, capable of seating comfortably, I should say, 150 persons. I sought in vain amongst the happy-looking company assembled at the respective tables for a face that I knew, so determined to proceed farther, and by descending a spiral staircase came into the grill-room, a commodious apartment, with handsome bar, and set out with tables, over which pretty young ladies were affably doing the honours to the infinite satisfaction of a numerous party. Following suit, I was promptly supplied with a splendid steak, which—knowing that the *chef* will not see this, and become vain in consequence—was done "to a turn." Nothing requires greater art than to cook a steak; and I was immensely struck with the idea that the *chef* at the "Station" restaurant knows precisely how to do it. After discussing a very excellent meal—at the cost of which I must confess I was most agreeably astounded—I had leisure to survey the *salon*, and wondered, as I dare say many others have wondered too, at the existence of so elegant and spacious a grill-room in a neighbourhood where elbow-room is scarcely to be obtained for love or money. And yet here we are, in the very heart of the City, possessing a *salle de manger* as light, airy, and comfortable as any that could be found at the West-end. There is ample room to dine at least 150 persons; and, although the room is partially underground, yet there is no oppressiveness, no stuffiness, no unpleasant odour, notwithstanding that in the corner roars an enormous fire, and hisses a wide-spreading grill. All around the room are mirrors, with fantastic and pretty borderings of cork, and the aspect of a well-arranged bar, presided over by engaging young ladies, gives to the

place a most attractive appearance. Having made these mental notes and finished my lunch, I asked the inevitable question, "How much?" "What have you had, sir?" was the anticipated interrogation, to which I rejoined, "Rump steak, two vegetables, bread and cheese." "One and a penny, please sir," said the twinkling little waitress, and believe me I had to take a second glance at the *menu* before I could be brought to understand that my attendant had not very much understated her dues. However, it was correct, and the fact speaks so plainly for itself that I need scarcely enlarge upon that phenomenon. Strolling upstairs into the cooler upper atmosphere of the dining-room, which is sumptuously seated, I soon found myself behind a fragrant havannah, and through its curling wreaths I beheld the cheery visage of my esteemed friend, Bro. Sawyer. The recognition was mutual, and after learning from him that he had shifted his *venue* from Sydenham to Fenchurch Street, I could do no less than offer him my sincere congratulations upon the alteration and improvement he had effected in this well-known City restaurant. My friend instantly replied, with a smile, that he had "hardly begun yet," adding that he intended to effect still farther amendments and extensions in order to meet the increasing trade he thought sure to follow. I had known Bro. Sawyer when his father was at the London, and at Pim's, in the Poultry, and the experience he gained there he carried with him most successfully to the Crystal Palace Buffet, over which he presided with such ability and satisfaction for upwards of seven years. There yet remains a few finishing touches to be put on the interior adornments, which are already of a chaste and elegant description, and when completed we shall have to go far before we find a restaurant which in all its desirable features—central locality, ease, comfort, and luxury, at accessible prices—are so well combined as at Bro. Sawyer's. All I can say, I left my friend with a hearty shake of the hand, with the most enjoyable impression of my first visit to the "Station" restaurant under Bro. Sawyer's presidency, though I suspect that my merry twinkle in his eye would have been slightly dimmed had he any suspicion that I was about to put my "experiences" of his place into print. With the utmost confidence I would recommend all who are passing Fenchurch Street Station to look in at the adjoining restaurant, where they will find in Bro. Sawyer's management everything that the heart can desire, in the way of excellence of *menu* at surprisingly moderate tariff.

ST. CUTHBERT'S LODGE OF MARK MASTERS.

The annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held at the Freemasons' Hall, Berwick-on-Tweed, on the evening of the 9th instant, when there was a large attendance of the brethren, who was joined by visitors from other Lodges in the district. The Lodge having been opened in form, and some preliminary business disposed of, the ceremony of installing the W.M. for the ensuing year was proceeded with. Bro. the Rev. E. L. Marrett P.P.G.C. P.P.J.G.W. P.M. 135, J.P., vicar of Lesbury, was the installing Officer, and the manner in which he conducted the installation of Bro. C. Hopper elicited the admiration of all the brethren present. The W.M. having received the salutations of the brethren, invested his Officers as follow:—Bros. J. A. Forbes I.P.M., R. Weatherhead S.W., J. J. Oswald J.W., R. Thompson M.O., G. F. Steven S.O., J. Carr J.O., J. Marshall Secretary, G. Moor Treasurer, R. Craik S.D., J. Moor J.D., H. Heron R.M., J. Wallace Organist, A. L. Miller I.G., F. Turnbull Tyler. On the motion of Bro. A. L. Miller, seconded by Bro. Captain Forbes, an enthusiastic vote of thanks was passed to Bro. Marrett for his services as installing Officer. In the evening the brethren dined together at the King's Arms Hotel, where an excellent repast was provided. The W.M. presided, and Bro. R. Weatherhead S.W. was in the vice chair. After dinner, the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts were honoured, and the proceedings were characterised by the utmost harmony and good feeling.

We have perused with interest a concise little pamphlet, giving a short account of the Masonic Charities, compiled for the use of the brethren of Lodges 414 and 1101, of Reading, by Bro. Charles Oades, the W.M. of No. 414. The object of the *brochure* is to give in terse and intelligent manner an answer to the enquiry frequently asked, especially by the younger brethren:—"What are the Masonic Charities? Where are they situated? For whose benefit were they founded?" To these several points the compiler has furnished, in succinct language, all the salient features of our various Charitable Institutions, and the object he has in view, viz., that of endeavouring to make the brethren feel more fully the duty of contributing to those benevolent institution for the relief of the aged and distressed, for the support of the widows, and for the education and rearing of the orphans is one eminently to be commended by the Craft. If only such instances of individual exertion were more common, the vagueness which exists in the minds of many as to the extent and character of our Institutions would be dissipated, and the result would be a substantial addition to the means placed at the disposal of the executive to meet the cases which press so urgently upon their attention.

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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 Meeting, &c., as we have decided to insert only those that are verified by the Officers of the several Lodges.

SATURDAY, 19th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1364—Earl of Zetland, Old Town Hall, Mare-street, Hackney.
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1641—Crichton, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W. at 8.
- R. A. 308—Affability, Station House Hotel, Bottoms, Stansfield.

MONDAY, 21st APRIL.

- 1—Grand Master's, Freemasons' Tavern, W.C.
- 45—Strong Man, Sportsman, City-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 174—Sincerity, Railway Tavern, London-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 180—St. James's Union, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 185—Tranquillity, Guildhall Tavern, Gresham-street, E.C.
- 186—Industry, Bell Tavern, Carter-lane, Doctor's-commons, at 6.30. (Instruct.)
- 548—Wellington, White Swan, High-street, Deptford, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 704—Camden, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 720—Panmure, Balham Hotel, Balham.
- 1260—John Hervey, Albion Hall, London Wall, E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1306—St. John of Wapping, Gun Hotel, High-st., Wapping, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1425—Hyde Park, The Westbourne, Craven-rd., Paddington, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1489—Marquess of Ripon, Pembury Tavern, Amhurst-rd., Hackney, at 7.30. (In.)
- 1623—West Smithfield, New Market Hotel, King-st., Snow-hill, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1625—Tredegar, Royal Hotel, Mile End-road, corner of Burdett-road. (Inst.)
- 77—Freedom, Clarendon Hotel, Gravesend.
- 236—York, Masonic Hall, York.
- 331—Phoenix of Honour and Prudence, Public Rooms, Truro.
- 359—Peace and Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Southampton.
- 424—Borough, Half Moon Hotel, Gateshead.
- 466—Merit, George Hotel, Stamford Baron, Northampton.
- 622—St. Cuthberga, Masonic Hall, Wimborne.
- 725—Stoneleigh, King's Arms Hotel, Kenilworth.
- 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 925—Bedford, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham.
- 934—Merit, Derby Hotel, Whitefield.
- 985—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Holbeach.
- 1030—Egerton, George Hotel, Wellington Road, Heaton Norris, near Stockport.
- 1037—Portland, Royal Breakwater Hotel, Portland.
- 1141—Mid Sussex, Assembly Rooms, Horsham.
- 1170—St. George, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1199—Agriculture, Honey Hall, Congresbury.
- 1208—Corinthian, Royal Hotel, Pier, Dover.
- 1238—Gooch, Albany Hotel, Twickenham.
- 1449—Royal Military, Masonic Hall, Canterbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1502—Israel, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 32—Jerusalem, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- R. A. 139—Paradise, Freemasons' Hall, Surrey-street, Sheffield.
- R. A. 210—Faith, Bowling Green Hotel, Denton.
- K. T.—Faith, New Masonic Hall, Darley-street, Bradford.
- K. T.—Prince of Peace, Bull Hotel, Preston.

TUESDAY, 22nd APRIL.

- Audit Committee, Girls' School, at 4.
- 14—Tuscan, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 55—Constitutional, Bedford Hotel, Southampton-bldgs., Holborn, at 7. (Inst.)
- 65—Prosperity, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 92—Moira, Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
- 141—Faith, 2 Westminster-chambers, Victoria-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 145—Prudent Brethren, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- 177—Domestic, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 186—Industry, Freemason's Hall, W.C.
- 205—Israel, Cannon-street Hotel.
- 551—Yarborough, Green Dragon, Stepney. (Instruction.)
- 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 860—Dalhousie, Sisters' Tavern, Pownall-road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1196—Urban, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's Gate, Clerkenwell, E.C.
- 1349—Friars, Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1360—Royal Arthur, Prince's Head, Battersea Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1446—Mount Edgecombe, 19 Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1471—Islington, Three Bucks, 23 Gresham-street, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1472—Henley, Three Crowns, North Woolwich, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1507—Metropolitan, 269 Pentonville-road. (Instruction.)
- 1602—Sir Hugh Myddelton, Crown and Woolpack, St. John's-st.-rd., at 8. (In.)
- 1719—Evening Star, Freemasons' Hall, W.C.
- Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, at 6.30.
- 117—Wynnstay, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 241—Merchants, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 253—Tyrian, Masonic Hall, Gower-street, Derby.
- 820—Lily of Richmond, Greyhound, Richmond, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1016—Elkington, Masonic Rooms, New-street, Birmingham.
- 1609—Dramatic, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1675—Ancient Briton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 199—Peace and Harmony, Royal Oak Hotel, Dover.
- R. A. 823—Everton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- K. T.—Fidelity, Masonic Hall, Carlton-hill, Leeds.

WEDNESDAY, 23rd APRIL.

- Lodge of Benevolence, Freemasons' Hall, W.C. at 8.
- 193—Confidence, Railway Tavern, London-street, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 201—Jordan, Devonshire Arms, Devonshire-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 212—Euphrates, Masons' Hall, Basinghall-street, E.C.
- 228—United Strength, Hope and Anchor, Crowndale-rd., Camden-town, 8. (In.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 538—La Tolerance, Green Dragon, Maddox-street, W., at 7.45. (Inst.)
- 791—Merchant Navy, Silver Tavern, Burdett-road, E., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 813—New Concord, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
- 862—Whittington, Red Lion, Poppin's-court, Fleet-street, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1044—Wandsworth, Spread Eagle, Wandsworth. (Instruction.)
- 1185—Lewis, King's Arms Hotel, Wood Green, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1196—Urban, The Three Bucks, Gresham-street, at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1279—Burdett Coutts, Salmon and Ball, Bethnal Green-road, at 8. (Inst.)
- 1288—Finsbury Park, Earl Russell, Isledon-road, Holloway, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1524—Duke of Connaught, Havelock, Albion Road, Dalston, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1553—Duke of Connaught, Faunce Arms, Kennington Park, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1797—Eleazar, Angel Hotel, Edmonston, at 8. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 177—Domestic, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-st., at 8. (Instruction.)
- R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
- 32—St. George, Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool.
- 112—St. George, Masonic Hall, Fore-street-hill, Exeter.
- 117—Salopian of Charity, Raven Hotel, Shrewsbury.
- 220—Harmony, Garston Hotel, Garston, Lancashire.
- 721—Derby, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 972—St. Augustine, Masonic Hall, Canterbury. (Instruction.)
- 1039—St. John, George Hotel, Lichfield.
- 1264—Neptune, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1392—Egerton, Stanley Arms Hotel, Stanley-street, Bury, Lancashire.
- 1511—Alexandra, Masonic Hall, Hornsea, at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1633—Avon, Freemasons' Hall, Manchester.
- 1723—St. George, Commercial Hotel, Town Hall-square, Bolton
- R. A. 1356—De Grey and Ripon, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- M.M.—Northumberland and Berwick, Masonic Hall, Maple-st., Newcastle.

THURSDAY, 24th APRIL.

- General Committee, Girls' School, Freemasons' Hall, at 4.
- 3—Fidelity, Yorkshire Grey, London-street, Fitzroy-sq., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 15—Kent, Chequers, Marsh-street, Walthamstow, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 27—Egyptian, Hercules Tavern, Leadenhall-street E.C., at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 87—Vitruvian, White Hart, College-street, Lambeth, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 99—Shakespeare, Albion Tavern, Aldersgate-street, E.C.
- 211—St. Michael, George, Australian Avenue, Barbican, E.C., at 8. (Inst.)
- 435—Salisbury, Union Tavern, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8. (Inst.)
- 754—High Cross, Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1227—Upton, King and Queen, Norton Folgate, E.C., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1348—Friars, Cheshire Cheese, Crutched Friars, E.C., at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1426—The Great City, Masons' Hall, Masons'-avenue, E.C. at 6.30. (Instruction.)
- 1523—St. Mary Magdalen, Ship Hotel, Greenwich.
- 1563—City of Westminster, Regent Masonic Hall, Air-street, Regent-street, W.
- 1614—Covent Garden, Ashley's Hotel, Honricetta-street, Covent Garden, 8. (Inst.)
- 1677—Crusaders, Old Jerusalem Tavern, St. John's-gate, Clerkenwell, at 9. (In.)
- R. A. 217—Stability, Anderton's Hotel, Fleet-street, E.C.
- R. A. 753—Prince Frederick William, Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood, at 8. (Inst.)
- 49—Industry, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead. (Instruction.)
- 78—Imperial George, Assheton Arms Hotel, Middleton, Lancashire.
- 100—Friendship, Crown and Anchor Hotel, Quay, Great Yarmouth.
- 111—Restoration, Freemasons' Hall, Archer-street, Darlington.
- 203—Ancient Union, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 21—Hope and Unity, White Hart Hotel, Brentwood, Essex.
- 249—Mariners, Masonic Hall, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 286—Samaritan, Green Man Hotel, Bacup.
- 313—St. John, Bulls Head Inn, Bradshawgate, Bolton.
- 594—Downshire, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 784—Wellington, Public Rooms, Park-street, Deal.
- 807—Cabbell, Masonic Hall, Theatre-street, Norwich.
- 904—Phoenix, Ship Hotel, Rotherham.
- 935—Harmony, Freemasons' Hall, Islington-square, Salford.
- 966—St. Edward, Literary Institute, Leek, Stafford.
- 1313—Fermor, Masonic Hall, Southport, Lancashire.
- 1325—Stanley, 214 Gt. Homer-street, Liverpool, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1459—Ashbury, Justice Birch Hotel, Hyde-road, West Gorton, near Manchester
- 1505—Emulation, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1626—Hotspur, Masonic Hall, Maple-street, Newcastle.
- R. A. 216—Sacred Delta, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- R. A. 266—Naphthali, Masonic Hall, Market-place, Heywood.
- R. A. 324—De Burgh, 34 Denmark-street, Gateshead.
- R. A. 431—Oglo, Masonic Hall, Norfolk-street, North Shields.
- R. A. 1086—Walton, Skelmersdale Masonic Hall, Kirkdale, Liverpool.
- M. M. 34—St. Andrew, Freemasons' Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester.

FRIDAY, 25th APRIL.

- Emulation Lodge of Improvement, Freemasons' Hall, at 7.
- 25—Robert Burris, Union Tavern, Air-street, W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 507—United Pilgrims, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 569—Fitzroy, Head Quarters, Hon. Artillery Company, City-road, E.C.
- 766—William Preston, Feathers Tavern, Up. George-st., Edgware-rd. 8. (Inst.)
- 834—Ranelagh, Bell and Anchor, Hammersmith-road. (Instruction.)
- 902—Burgoyne, Red Cap, Camden Town, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 933—Doric, Duke's Head, 79 Whitechapel-road, at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1056—Metropolitan, Portugal Hotel, 155 Fleet-street, E.C. at 7. (Instruction.)
- 1153—Belgrave, Jermyn-street, S.W., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1288—Finsbury Park M.M., Earl Russell, Isledon-road, N. at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1298—Royal Standard, Alwyne Castle, St. Paul's-road, Canonbury, at 8. (In.)
- 1365—Clapton, White Hart, Lower Clapton, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 1642—E. Carnarvon, Mitre Hotel, Goulborne-rd. N. Kensington, at 7.30. (Inst.)
- London Masonic Club Lodge of Instruction, 101 Queen Victoria-street, E.C., at 8.
- R. A. 79—Pythagorean, Portland Hotel, London-street, Greenwich, at 8. (Inst.)
- R. A. 1471—North London, Crown and Woolpack, St. John-st.-rd., at 9. (Inst.)
- 789—Royal Alfred, Star and Garter, Kew Bridge, at 7.30. (Instruction.)
- 810—Craven, Devonshire Hotel, Skipton.
- 1385—Gladsmuir, Red Lion, Barnet.
- 1393—Hamor, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.
- 1621—Castle, Crown Hotel, Bridgnorth.
- 1712—St. John, Freemasons' Hall, Grainger-st., Newcastle.
- General Lodge of Instruction, Masonic Hall, New-street, Birmingham, at 7.
- R. A. 61—Sincerity, Freemasons' Hall, St. John's-place, Halifax.
- R. A. 242—Magdalen, Guildhall, Doncaster.
- R. A. 680—Sefton, Masonic Hall, Liverpool.

SATURDAY, 26th APRIL.

- 198—Percy, Jolly Farmers' Tavern, Southgate-road, N., at 8. (Instruction.)
- 1612—West Middlesex, Institute, Ealing, at 4. (Emergency)
- 1624—Eccleston, Grosvenor Club, Ebury-square, Pimlico, at 7. (Instruction.)
- Sinai Chapter of Instruction, Union, Air-street, Regent-street, W., at 8.
- R. A. 1044—Mid Surrey, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- R. A. 1329—Sphinx, Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, S.E.
- 1293—Burdett, Mitre Hotel, Hampton Court.
- 1462—Wharcliffe, Rose and Crown Hotel, Penistone
- 1464—Erasmus Wilson, Pier Hotel, Greenhithe.

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London, W.C. on Saturday, 12th of April 1879,

COL. J. CREATON, TREASURER AND TRUSTEE IN THE CHAIR.

After the General Business was disposed of, the Governors and Subscribers
proceeded to the Election, by Ballot, of Eighteen Girls into the Institution,
from a list of 46 approved Candidates, when the following were declared duly
Elected:—

No. on List	No. on Poll	No. on List	No. on Poll
22 Laybourne, Rosamond E. A.	1559	2 Garnett, Edith Mary ...	10 1181
23 Jones, Florence May	2 1440	31 Wadham, Ellen Amy ...	11 1149
18 Palmer, Florence E.M.	3 1378	5 Mitton, Blanche Adelaide	12 1112
15 Busher, Helen Mary	4 1310	10 Cook, Ada Mary ...	13 1058
7 Peele, Katherine Annie	5 1268	34 Duckett, Florence Lizzie	14 1055
27 Hild, Catherine Francoise	6 1256	9 Senior, Ellen ...	15 1054
13 Veal, Thursa Ann ...	7 1218	37 Good, Ellen Mary ...	16 989
14 Mout, Mary Eliza ...	8 1211	8 Hebblethwaite, Kate ...	17 916
20 Harbord, Elizabeth Alice	9 1210	11 Clark, Beatrice Mary ...	18 899

The votes recorded for unsuccessful candidates will be carried forward to
their credit at the next Election, if eligible. Lists showing the votes polled for
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F. R. W. HEDGES, Secretary.

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Inn-fields, London, on Monday, the 14th day of April 1879, V.W. Bro. Lt.-Col.
J. Creaton (G. Treas.) V. Patron and Trustee in the Chair. A Ballot took place
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when the following were declared to be duly elected:—

1 Thorn, William Richard ...	1592	9 Waud, Ek. Sydney ...	1489
2 Chandler, Arthur J. ...	1572	10 Nicholls, Richard H. ...	1431
3 King, H. H. ...	1545	11 Sissons, Ernest William ...	1419
4 Ward, James ...	1529	12 Allison, Tom ...	1411
5 Landless, Jno. G. ...	1528	13 Salter, Arthur ...	1403
6 Walker, James Alexander ...	1504	14 Southam, George William ...	1387
7 Warner, Richard Jno. ...	1503	15 Green, James Baker ...	1326
8 Keighley, George N. Crozier	1493	16 Gibbs, John ...	1290

Lists, with full particulars, of the successful and unsuccessful candidates may
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INSTALLATION MEETINGS, &c.

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WHEN the history of our Lodges comes to be written, and we are enabled to take a retrospective glance over the track of Time, how few instances will be found in which the course of the promoters has been free from disappointment and vicissitude. It may be safely averred it is not possible to command success, but it may as emphatically be urged that more than half our so-called troubles might have been greatly ameliorated, if not altogether prevented, had we taken about half as much pains to soothe, as we frequently do to foment and increase them. It is not, however, our purpose here to inflict upon our readers a lengthy sermon; yet we may remark that we have been led to these reflections by the remembrance that the career of this Lodge—which is now progressing successfully—has not been entirely free from trouble and vexatious change. The installation meeting was held on Wednesday, the 9th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Great Queen-street, when the Lodge was opened at five o'clock by the W.M., Bro. J. H. Southwood, who was supported by Bro. John Hervey, Grand Secretary, the Officers of the Lodge, and the following Visitors:—Bros. E. B. Grabham P.M. 19 P.P.S.G.W. Middlesex, Thomas G. Davy 1471, H. Burrage 1115, W. Vail 1155, H. A. Brown 87, G. R. Britten P.M. 183, G. Fyson 1314, T. J. Woolls 1475, R. Saxby, James Pearce 720, John Green P.M. 27, J. A. Pitman 1796, C. R. Kempe 1615, E. Mackney P.M. 299, R. T. Hill I.P.M. 95, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, E. A. Wells J.D. 15, E. Stimson 15. The minutes of the last regular meeting, as also those of an emergency held on the 15th ult., were read and confirmed. The report of the Auditors was then presented and adopted. Bro. Edward Jones Goodacre, the S.W., was now presented by Bro. Southwood to the Grand Secretary, Bro. John Hervey, who had kindly undertaken to act as Installing Master. The ceremony proceeded, and in due course Bro. Goodacre invested the following Officers:—Bros. Southwood I.P.M., J. T. Spalding S.W., O. L. M. Latreille J.W., Charles Atkins P.M. 27 Sec., W. Ryan S.D., H. Evans J.D., H. H. Topham I.G., H. J. Dean Org., G. T. Salmon M.C., J. R. Cox and F. Beeton Stewards, C. T. Speight Tyler. The worthy and esteemed Bro. Dr. Jabez Hogg P.M. P.G.D. was prevented by illness from attending, and his re-investment as Treasurer, to which post he was re-elected at last meeting, necessarily had to be deferred. Bro. Hervey, who appeared to be in capital spirits, and in better health than he has latterly enjoyed, gave the addresses most impressively, and resumed his seat amidst the congratulations of all present. Routine business followed. The I.P.M. announced that, in addition to the liberal support the brethren had accorded him in his Stewardship at the Festival of the Royal Masonic Institution, in February, his list for the approaching Festival of the Girls' School showed an amount of fifty guineas; this was extremely gratifying to him, as he should not have taken the responsibility of a second Stewardship in one and the same year, had it not been to fulfil a promise he with others had made Bro. Hedges on his appointment to the Secretaryship of the Institution. Lodge was closed, and the brethren repaired to the Crown Room, where a most sumptuous banquet was served by Bro. Alfred Best, who personally superintended, and was ably assisted by Bro. E. Dawkins. The musical arrangements of the evening had been entrusted to the Organist, Bro. H. J. Dean, who had secured the services of Bro. T. J. Davy and the Misses Ada Lincoln and Muriel Wood. The W.M., Bro. Goodacre, made a capital President; he introduced the several toasts with appropriate remarks. In speaking to that of the Pro Grand Master the Earl of Carnarvon, the Deputy Grand Master Lord Skelmersdale, and the rest of the Grand Officers Past and Present, the W.M. announced that he had received a letter from Bro. Dr. Hogg, in which he expressed his best wishes for a pleasant meeting to them all, and his regret at inability to attend. Bro. John Hervey, in replying to the toast, regretted the absence of Bro. Dr. Hogg, to whose lot, had he been present, it would have fallen to reply to this toast. However, since he had been called upon, he must congratulate the brethren that they would be spared the infliction of a second speech from him. Personally, he felt deeply indebted for the many honours that had been conferred upon him. The first honour done him was in the fact that the Lodge had taken his name; secondly, the I.P.M. had purchased his portrait, and had presented it to the Lodge; thirdly, the brethren had done him further honour by petitioning the Grand Master to permit them to change the name, in order that the Lodge might be still further identified with him. Lastly, he had that day acted as Installing Master. He felt this a still further compliment—his being asked to act in that capacity. Now, to come more closely to the toast. The two noblemen whose names had been mentioned had made their mark in the world's history. He sincerely trusted they might always have men of equal merit and ability at the head of Masonic affairs. Bro. Hervey then paid Bro. Dr. Hogg some well merited compliments for the deep interest he always evinced in this Lodge's progress, and trusted they might soon have a better report as to the state of his health. The Grand Secretary concluded by remarking that perhaps he had already said too much, but he would ask permission to add a word or two more,—and that was to cordially thank them for the many kindnesses they had always extended to him. Bro. Southwood rose to propose the health of the W.M.; Bro. Goodacre was well and favourably known to the members. He had passed through the several offices in the Lodge, and it was with feelings of great pleasure he (Bro. Southwood) now took the place on his immediate left. The acquaintance between himself and Bro. Goodacre had now existed for some years, and had ever been of a pleasant character. He was assured that the W.M.'s conduct would commend him to the good opinion of the members, and he would ask them to do full honour to the toast. After a song by Miss M. Wood, Bro. Goodacre replied. After the flattering remarks of Bro. Southwood, he felt the wind was almost taken out of his

sails. He hardly felt he could command words to acknowledge their kindness. He trusted, however, they would overlook his shortcomings, and he assured them he would strive to follow in the footsteps of his predecessor. The health of the Visitors was the next toast given, and this elicited replies from Bros. Grabham, Hill, Stimson, and others. The Past Masters were then honoured. The W.M. regretted they had but one present. Bro. Southwood had conscientiously performed the duties of the chair during the past two years. It was his pleasure to be the medium for presenting, on behalf of the members, the jewel he now held, and he trusted they might see Bro. Southwood wearing it for many, many years. He had also another gift to offer for Bro. Southwood's acceptance. This was an elegantly engrossed testimonial on vellum, which was handsomely framed, and altogether reflected credit on those who had been engaged in its production. It bore the following inscription:—

JOHN HERVEY LODGE, No. 1260.

This Testimonial, together with a Past Master's Jewel, Was, by the unanimous vote of the brethren, presented to

W. Bro. J. H. Southwood,
9th April 1879,

As a token of esteem and regard, and in cordial recognition of the zeal and ability with which he conducted the affairs of his Lodge during the two years, 1877 and 1878,

He held the office of Worshipful Master.

May the G.A.O.T.U. preserve him in health and strength long to adorn this Lodge.

E. J. GOODACRE S.W.

J. T. SPALDING J.W.

CHAS. ATKINS P.M. Secretary.

Bro. Southwood, on rising, said he had striven to the best of his ability during the two years he had presided over the Lodge to advance, not simply its financial prosperity, but to promote unity and good fellowship among the members, and the exercise of truly Masonic charity; and the gratifying testimony of success is attested in our attendance book, which shows an increased attendance of members at Lodge labours equal to 50 per cent. during the last year, while the support given by the members to various stewardships and other works of charity for which he had solicited their assistance during the last three years, amounted to more than £350. He had frequently before expressed how deeply he felt himself indebted to his Officers, especially to Bro. Chas. Atkins, the painstaking and courteous Secretary, for the valuable assistance they had at all times rendered. Now at the end of his term he found himself thus endowed. When he gazed on this elegant testimonial of their regard, and felt it was but five years back that he stood at the door of their Lodge a candidate for joining, he could scarcely realise how successful he had been. The jewel he should ever look upon as a talisman that would be always prized by those who might succeed him. At this stage of the proceedings Bro. Morgan, by request, gave the "Fall of Wolsey." After which the toast list was proceeded with, and Bro. C. Atkins, Secretary, and other of the Officers replied. The Masonic Press, with which was associated the name of Bro. Morgan, was not overlooked, and it was a late hour before the Tyler was summoned. Bro. Dean and the ladies already enumerated bravely exerted themselves to entertain the company, and the Cornet playing of Bro. T. J. Davy was much applauded; his solo—"The Exile's Lament," was exquisitely rendered. We must not omit to mention that Bro. Latreille, the J.W., gave most feelingly Longfellow's description of the "Wreck of the Hesperus."

ISLINGTON LODGE, No. 1471.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge took place at the Cook Tavern, Highbury, on Thursday, 10th instant, when there were present:—Bros. Braine W.M., Bausor S.W., Knell J.W., Cook Treasurer, Holness Secretary, Saunders S.D., Blinkhorn J.D., Bro. Cox I.G., Halestrap W.S., Lake D.C., Mather P.M., Bowyer P.M., Davy P.M.; Bros. Shaw, Hunt, Davies, Baker, and several members of the Lodge. Visitors—Bros. Dosell P.M. 55 P.P.G.D.C. Surrey, Shipley J.W. 30, Ford 1580. The Lodge was opened in the first degree, and the minutes having been read and confirmed, Bro. Colmer answered the usual questions, and was entrusted. The Lodge was then advanced, and Bro. Colmer was passed to the degree of F.C. The Lodge resumed in the first degree, and Mr. Samuel Henry Wallis was regularly initiated into Freemasonry by Bro. Braine, in ancient form. The Lodge again resumed in the second degree, and the dispensation granted by the M.W.G.M. to enable Bro. Bausor, the W.M. elect, to take the chair of this Lodge (he being at present W.M. of the Cranbourne Lodge, No. 1580) was read, and Bro. Bausor, having been presented, was installed into the chair by Bro. Braine. The following appointments were made:—Bros. Braine I.P.M., Knell S.W., Saunders J.W., Blinkhorn S.D., Cox J.D., Lake I.G., Halestrap D.C., Shaw W.S. At the close of the business the members adjourned to a banquet provided by Bro. Baker (who is a member of the Lodge), at which the usual loyal toasts were given. The toast of the P.M.'s, I.P.M., and Installing Master, afforded an opportunity to present the retiring Master with a P.M.'s jewel. The toast of the Initiate was received with great enthusiasm, and responded to briefly by Bro. Wallis. The toast of the Visitors followed, and Bro. P.M. Dosell, in responding, thanked the Lodge for the hospitality extended to the Visitors, and also for the Masonic treat he had enjoyed in witnessing the able working of the Installing Master. He said that during an experience of more than twenty years in Freemasonry, and having heard the ceremony of installation worked by many Grand Officers and Masters of Lodges, he had never before heard it rendered in so perfect a manner as on this occasion. He also alluded to the able working of the ceremony in the first degree, and trusted the present W.M. would be able to instal his successor in like manner. Other toasts followed, and the proceedings were enlivened by some excellent songs, Bro. Braine being well to the fore with his "Five o'clock 'Bus."

DALHOUSIE LODGE, No. 860.

THE annual meeting of the members of this Lodge was held on Thursday, the 10th inst., at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, when, in addition to the installation of the W.M. elect, there was rather a heavy list of items on the agenda paper. It was somewhat a matter for regret that, the date falling on the eve of Good Friday, when most people were engaged in preparation for the Easter holidays, the attendance was not so numerous as had been anticipated. However, the fact must not be overlooked that Masonry must ever be subservient to other pressing engagements; and, seeing that the business of the week had all to be crowded into three or four days, it could hardly have been a matter of surprise that the muster did not come up to the strength which the Officers and promoters of the Lodge might have desired. The Lodge was opened shortly after half-past three o'clock, under the presidency of the retiring W.M., Bro. Thomas B. Dodson, and amongst those present we observed:—P.M.'s Bros. Bates, Underwood, L. F. Littell (Secretary), Senical, Wallington and Dalwood; Visitors, Bros. W. R. Blanks D.C. 188, E. Weissmüller S.W. 195, T. Cubitt P.G.P., F. W. Farmer 25, J. Driscoll P.M. 30, J. W. Holt 1766, T. Franklin W.M. elect 1662, J. H. Dodson P.M. 55, B. Taylor I.G. 1624, H. Prestage J.D. 1278, G. Fein, S. Gribbell 217, J. Hallet 907, R. Vernon I.G. 1441, E. Harding 1524, John Cartmel 41, C. Blain 174, P. Harnett 813, E. Pierdon 948, H. Lloyd P.M. 1278, R. Smith 1278, W. W. Morgan Sec. 211, Mammon 1589. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and confirmed, and after the transaction of the ordinary business, Lodge was advanced. Bro. Scott having sought after and proved worthy of the privilege, was raised to the sublime degree, the ceremony being performed in masterly manner by the retiring W.M. Subsequently Bro. Vale was passed, under the able direction of P.M. Bro. Dalwood, who acquitted himself to the entire satisfaction of the brethren. The auditors' report, copies of which had been distributed amongst the members, was taken as read, and the Treasurer's balance sheet showed that the Lodge was in a most flourishing and satisfactory financial condition. The ordinary business matters having been duly adjusted, Bro. George F. Weige, the W.M. elect, was presented for installation, for which purpose a Board of Installed Masters was at once formed, and on the re-admission of the brethren the newly-installed Master received the honours and hearty congratulations of the brethren assembled. The whole of the installation ceremony was sustained by the I.P.M., Bro. Dodson, in such a manner as to elicit the unbounded admiration of all present. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the newly-installed W.M. bestowed the collars for the ensuing year as follow:—Bros. T. B. Dodson I.P.M., E. T. Worsley S.W., W. G. Dickens J.W., W. Wallington P.M. Treas., L. F. Littell P.M. Sec., Smith S.D., Boden J.D., Barker I.G., Seymour Smith Org., Jones W.S., and Marsh (acting for Gilchrist) Tyler. Each Officer on his investiture was admonished in suitable and courteous manner as to the fulfilment of his respective duties during the year; and, in addressing the acting Tyler, the W.M. took occasion to point out very properly the necessity of suppressing that levity which too frequently accompanies the introduction of candidates into Lodge. We heartily endorse the sentiments which fell from the lips of the worthy W.M., and feel assured that if his advice is followed out strictly during the ensuing year, many of the initiates will run less danger than in some Lodges of forming erroneous impressions of the solemnity of the initiatory rite. At the close of Lodge business the brethren sat down to a sumptuous banquet, under the genial presidency of W.M. Bro. Weige, who was supported by a strong array of P.M.'s, the Wardens of course doing the honours of the vice-chairs. In the course of the post-prandial proceedings, the Masonic toasts were most enthusiastically received, the W.M. paying a suitable tribute of loyalty and esteem to the Grand Officers, whose names were embodied in the earlier toasts. Bro. Cubitt P.G.P., in responding, recounted the sterling qualities displayed by the Grand Officers, and stated that he had the honour of being acquainted with the D.G.M. in his own Province of Lancashire. Speaking of the Royal brethren the Duke of Connaught and Prince Leopold, he said they, with the rest of the Grand Officers, were always at their posts and ready to devote their best efforts to the furtherance of Masonry when any matters arose claiming their attention. Bro. Seymour Smith having rendered, in his inimitable style, the song of "The Lord Mayor's Show," which evoked the heartiest merriment and applause, I.P.M. Bro. Dodson proposed the health of the W.M. in eulogistic terms. He believed the whole of the brethren shared with him the pleasure he experienced at seeing their Brother Weige in the principal chair of that Lodge, and it was to himself individually a source of especial felicitation, seeing that they had worked together step by step in Freemasonry, and for the success of this Lodge. The toast having been received with a bumper, and the musical honours having subsided, the W.M. responded in a few happily-chosen sentences. He rose with mingled feelings to express his thanks to the brethren for the confidence they had reposed in him, and the honour they had conferred upon him by raising him to the exalted position he now occupied. At the hazard of being thought tedious, he would take this opportunity of expressing his heartfelt gratitude to the I.P.M. and other Officers and members who had rendered him such efficient assistance in the past—assistance of which he should gladly avail himself in the discharge of his onerous duties during the ensuing year. In turn he proposed the health of the I.P.M., a task which he approached with unmixed pleasure. Bro. Dodson had set to himself the task of officiating as Installing Master on this occasion, and they would all be prepared to accord to him the highest credit for the excellent way in which he had acquitted himself. He would take this opportunity of presenting the I.P.M., in the name of the brethren, with a P.M.'s jewel, to which he had entitled himself by assiduity and excellent services, and which it was their unanimous hope he might long live to wear, in the course of his further Masonic progress. In acknowledging the compliment paid to him, the I.P.M. gracefully returned thanks for the jewel which had been placed

upon his breast, and also for the cordial and kindly expressions with which the toast of his health had been received. With respect to the ceremony they had witnessed to-day, he assured them that, six weeks ago, he had no intention of undertaking so onerous a task. But many of his friends urged him to make an effort to perfect himself in the acquirement of the ritual, telling him it was only a duty he owed to himself as well as to the Craft. He had, therefore, done his utmost to carry out the ceremony efficiently, and if he had succeeded in giving satisfaction it was his best reward. The health of the Past Masters was next given, and the Visitors was responded to by Bro. Charles Blain and Bro. Driscoll, the latter of whom gave some sound and wholesome advice, especially to young Masons. Several other toasts, including the Treasurer and Secretary and the Officers of the Lodge, were duly honoured and responded to, and amidst an abundance of good singing, in which Bros. Seymour Smith, Farmer and others rendered valuable assistance, the brethren contrived to pass a most harmonious evening.

ST. JOHN OF WAPPING, No. 1306.

THE annual meeting of this Lodge was held on the 9th inst., at Bro. T. Mortlock's, Gun Hotel, Wapping. There being much important business upon the agenda paper, the brethren were summoned for three o'clock, and at about quarter-past three Bro. Coleman W.M. opened the Lodge in due form. The minutes of the last Lodge meeting having been confirmed, Bro. P.M. Mortlock undertook the W.M.'s duties, to examine and entrust Bro. T. B. Ryton for the ceremony of passing; later in the evening he, in his usual obliging manner, also passed Bro. J. Sommers, who had been unable to attend earlier, all of which work was most ably rendered. Bro. W. Poore I.P.M. then occupied the chair, and raised Bro. H. Parsons to the degree of M.M. This being satisfactorily performed, Bro. Poore proceeded to furnish the *pièce de resistance* of the evening by installing Bro. William Henry Hayward, the W.M. elect, into the chair of K.S., in which ceremony he was most ably assisted by Bros. P.M.'s Dawson and Beck as the S. and J. Wardens respectively, and Bro. P.M. Mortlock as D.C. Upon the return of the brethren to the Lodge, the W.M. received the homage due to his exalted position, and the Installing Master delivered the impressive charges in a finished and masterly style. Bro. W.M. Hayward appointed as his officers—Bros. C. Veal S.W., T. Magrath J.W., T. Wooding S.D., J. Horsley J.D., J. Carrociero I.G., H. Harbert D.C., W. Bates W.S., Bro. W. Hayward was re-elected Treasurer, and H. T. Hardy Secretary. Some formal business was then disposed of, and the Lodge was closed. The brethren repaired to partake of an excellent banquet prepared by the worthy host, Bro. Mortlock, in a style which would compare favourably with many a West End establishment. The brethren having paid proper attention to the good cheer, after grace had been said, the W.M. introduced the usual toasts, "The Queen and Craft," "H.R.H. the Prince of Wales M.W.G.M.," and "The Grand Officers past and present." This was done in brief but appropriate terms, and all were loyally and heartily received. Bro. Coleman I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M., wishing him a prosperous year. The W.M. thanked the brethren for drinking his health, and Bro. Coleman for the kind manner in which he had proposed it. He claimed the hearty co-operation of his officers and goodwill of the members to support him in making it a successful year. He was sure they all desired to serve with credit to themselves and the Lodge. The toast of the P.M.'s was given in appreciative terms—the W.M. recognising the eminent services of Bros. Poore, Beck, and Dawson, on that afternoon and on many previous occasions. He felt proud of their Installing Master, the onerous duties he had performed reflected great credit on the Lodge. Bro. W. Poore in replying for the P.M.'s thanked the brethren for the honour done them by the hearty response to their health. They had at all times endeavoured to do all they could to further the Lodge and would continue to do so. For the part he had taken that day he would express his thanks to Bro. Coleman who had kindly allowed him to install the W.M., which duty afforded him much gratification and pleasure. The "Visitors," the W.M. stated, was a toast of toasts with the St. John of Wapping Lodge, nothing was more pleasant to a Lodge than to be honoured by the presence of Visitors; he extended a hearty welcome to the brethren who were present. The toast was cordially received, and Bro. G. V. Henly, in response, thanked the W.M. for the excellent reception they had received. He had had the honour of attending the consecration of the Lodge, and could not but notice the loss of many dear friends' faces. He was pleased to be there, and could not remember a more cordial reception on any former visit. Bro. Frost could reiterate the remarks of the previous speaker. He had also been gratified with the kindness shown, and especially struck with the excellent working of Bro. Poore. It was evident from his labours in the Lodge that Bro. Poore had a head to mark and a heart to love and work for the good of Freemasonry. Bros. Rendall and G. H. Stephens having also expressed their thanks, the W.M. toasted the Officers, which, he said, was a most important one. It was most essential to have good officers, for the Master might do his utmost and yet the work be marred by inefficient officers, who must, in addition to their ability, be punctual in their attendance to their duties. Bro. Veal would prove an aspiring and able S.W. Bro. Magrath had ability and time to devote to the attainment of his duties. Their Treasurer, Bro. Hayward, would look well to their funds, and would not complain if the brethren placed a deal of labour on his shoulders as Treasurer. Bro. Hardy was a hard working and excellent officer; his past services alone justify their opinion. Bro. Wooding has always been regular in attendance to the Lodge, and we hope he will have plenty of work as S.D. Bro. Horsley J.D. is an excellent worker. Bro. I.G. will do his duty well, and we all feel he will in time, with the other Officers, ascend to higher posts. In answer to the appeal, the toast was most heartily received. Bro. Veal S.W. said he felt very small indeed in the position

the W.M. had placed him. He thanked him for the appointment, and promised his utmost support towards making the year a prosperous one. Bro. Magrath J.W. said he felt very big in his position. He would work hard, and hoped he would not be found wanting in his efforts to support the W.M. Bro. Hayward reviewed the rise of the Lodge, and alluded to the opportunity now afforded the young members to work up. He hoped the Lodge would be prosperous. Bro. Wooding S.D. thanked the W.M. for placing him in the position, which he would endeavour properly to fill. The other Officers having replied, the Tyler's toast soon brought the meeting to a close. The Lodge may be congratulated upon having such pleasant quarters, and especially a master of the house who not ably provides in first-rate style for the creature comforts, but is at all times willing to fulfil any duty the Lodge may require. The after dinner speeches were enlivened by some good singing by Bros. Poore, Henly, Stephens, Beck, and a quaint duet by Bros. Henly and Mortlock. Bro. Coleman, as usual, lent his valuable aid in accompanying, and added to the pleasures of the evening. The Visitors were—Bros. G. Kendall 141, G. V. Henley 186, E. Frost 511, H. Harbert 901, C. H. Stephens, and W. Hixon 1744.

THE FRIARS LODGE, No. 1349.

THE Installation Meeting of this Lodge was held on the 16th ult. at the "Cheshire Cheese" Tavern, Crutched Friars, E.C. Bro. T. Foxall W.M. opened the Lodge at 4 p.m., well supported by the brethren. The minutes of the election meeting were read and confirmed, and the Lodge was opened up. Bro. Friedeberg was tested as to his efficiency, and having acquitted himself satisfactorily he was entrusted. The W.M. next raised him to the degree of Master Mason, in a very impressive manner: the ceremony being rendered more effective by the excellent playing of Bro. Barr upon the harmonium. The report of the Audit Committee was received and adopted, showing a fair balance in hand. Bro. W. Musto P.M., proceeded to present Bro. John Shepherd W.M. elect to Bro. Foxall for the benefit of Installation. Having complied with the usual ceremony he was duly obligated, and a Board of Installed Masters was formed, and he was inducted into the Chair of K.S. The brethren having saluted him according to rank, Bro. W.M. Shepherd proceeded to invest his Officers as follows:—Bros. H. R. Hallam S.W., R. Durell J.W., W. Musto P.M. Treasurer, W. Hogg P.G. Secretary, T. Foxall I.P.M., A. Peterken S.D., H. L. Godolphin J.D., E. B. Barr I.G., J. Spencer A.W.S., Steedman Tyler. Bro. T. Foxall then delivered the beautiful charges, which were listened to with the utmost attention, eliciting a hearty response at the conclusion. Bro. W. Musto acted as D.C. in his usually able manner, while Bro. W. H. Myers P.M. and Bro. J. Wright P.M. P.G. respectively filled the S. and J.W.'s chairs. On the motion of Bro. Musto the sum of five guineas was voted from the Lodge funds towards a suitable testimonial to Bro. Foxall in recognition of his able conduct in the chair for the past twelve months. Bro. Musto explained that as Bro. Foxall had already received a P.M.'s jewel from the Lodge, it would be well to present him with a testimonial on vellum instead of the usual jewel. Later in the evening the brethren supplemented handsomely the amount voted in Lodge. There were present—P.M.'s J. Calverley I.P.M., T. Foxall, J. Wright P.G.P., W. H. Myers, W. Musto Treasurer, W. Hogg Secretary; also Bros. J. Allison, A. Wright, E. B. Barr, J. Durell, J. K. Revell, R. S. Sadd, E. Friedeberg, S. J. Shayer, H. Kingston, J. Quincey, D. Durell, J. Spencer, F. Ward, J. Wright, H. S. Wharton, Allcock, Steedman Tyler, &c. Lodge was then closed, and the brethren sat down to banquet, Bro. J. Wright's catering again giving every one present satisfaction. The grace having been said, the W. Master gave the usual Loyal and Masonic toasts, which received a hearty response. In proposing the health of the Queen, he said no words of his would be requisite to obtain a hearty response. Her Majesty had a place in all hearts, particularly in the hearts of Freemasons. Of the M.W.G.M. the W.M. said those who witnessed the manner in which the Prince of Wales performed his duties in Grand Lodge must be struck with the perfect rendering, which it was a pleasure to witness. Of the G.O. present and past, the W.M. could not say much from actual experience; but the excellent discharge of their respective duties had gained for the Grand Officers the warmest respect of the Craft. He called upon Bro. J. Wright P.G.P. to respond, who, in the name of the Grand Officers, thanked them for their mark of appreciation. All, no doubt, were stimulated in their prominent positions by the marks of approval the brethren were pleased to bestow, and would strive to do all they could to promote the welfare of the Craft. The Visitors was next given, in reply to which Bro. Maples P.M. 1361 responded, as did Bro. Stephens, thanking their brethren for the marks of goodwill. Bro. Foxall I.P.M. having assumed the gavel, gave the health of the Worshipful Master. Bro. Shepherd had not that day had any work to do; but we know that when we meet he is fully capable to render the ceremonies in a creditable manner. For some years he has been steadily building up a mass of knowledge, and we may confidently expect very good working at his hands. The toast was most heartily received, and Bro. Shepherd, in thanking the brethren for this mark of esteem, said he fully appreciated the good feeling of the members towards him. The W.M. next gave the P.M.'s. He had many times heard the toast proposed, but had not mastered its significance until that evening. Sitting as he did in the chair for the first time, he could testify to the great need of P.M.'s and of the valuable services rendered by them to the Worshipful Master in the chair. Brother T. Foxall Immediate Past Master was pleased to hear the value the Worshipful Master placed on their services. They knew their value, and were always pleased to do all to further the interests of the Lodge that might be in their power. The Treasurer and Secretary were next toasted. The W.M. said the Secretary and Treasurer have a great deal of work to do, and what is more, they have perform it to the satisfaction of the Lodge and with credit to themselves. Bro. W. Musto P.M. in reply for him-

self and Bro. Secretary said he was exceedingly thankful for the manner the W.M. had proposed, and the brethren had received, the toast. It was always a pleasure to serve the Lodge, and while he felt his labours were appreciated he would continue to seek the suffrages of the members. The W.M. next gave the Officers, of whom he said all would be found able to give a good account of themselves. Bro. H. R. Hallam S.W. suitably responded; he said he was proud of the honour of being one of the leaders of the Lodge. If the other Officers entered into their duties in Freemasonry as he did, he was sure the year would be a prosperous one. The Visitors were Bros. E. T. Worsley S.W. 860, W. J. Smith S.D. 860, A. Colver 933, J. H. Maples P.M. 1361, G. H. Stephens, &c. Between the toasts and speeches, Bro. Barr favoured the brethren with many musical pieces, the Lodge being fortunate in having a really good harmonium in its room. Bros. Durell, Friedeberg, Stephens, and others favoured the company with songs, and the evening was most enjoyable throughout. The Tyler's toast brought the meeting to a close.

Pens, and especially those generally used at Lodge meetings, will splutter. Thus, in our report last week of the installation meeting of the Amherst Lodge the title was inadvertently spelt Amhurst, and the initials of Bro. Banks, the newly-installed W.M., should have been "W. C." instead of "C."

ROYAL ARCH.

The Frederick Chapter of Unity, No. 452.—A Convocation of the above was held at the Greyhound Tavern, Croydon, on Tuesday, 8th April. Present: Comps. Frances P.G.D.C. P.Z., Ohren P.Z. S.E., J. W. Sugg H.P.G.S.B., C. H. Edmonds J., Evans P.Z., Pawley N., and Comps. Dickenson, Mount, Manning. The business of the evening was to exalt Bro. Steele, Kensington Lodge, and to elect Officers. In the absence of Comp. W. Sugg the M.E.Z., the chair was taken by Comp. Frances, and the ceremony of this exalted degree was impressively rendered, he being well supported in the work by Comps. J. W. Sugg and C. H. Edmonds as H. and J. At the conclusion of the ceremony, the election of Officers for the ensuing year took place. The Comps. expressed great regret that owing to illness Comp. Robins, who had held the post of Treasurer for many years, would not offer himself for re-election. On ballots being severally taken, the following were declared elected:—Comps. J. W. Sugg M.E.Z., C. H. Edmonds H., Pawley J., Evans Treasurer, Magnus Ohren S.E., Mount N., Jeffreys O.S. The Comps. then adjourned to banquet, where, after the toasts of the Queen, the G.Z., and Officers had received due honour, the M.E.Z. gave the toast of the Grand Superintendent of the Province, General Brownrigg, with the Provincial Grand Officers, enjoining the fair and impartial manner in which the duties of the Prov. G.M. and G.S. were carried out, especially with regard to the appointment of his Officers. Comp. Sugg, as P.G.S.B., replied on behalf of the P.G. Officers in an excellent speech. In giving the health of the newly exalted Comp. Steele, the M.E.Z. took occasion to remark on the sad circumstance that since Bro. Steele had been proposed for exaltation, his proposer, Comp. Masterman P.Z. of the Chapter, had died, and he (Comp. Frances) as an old friend, took the opportunity of paying a tribute of respect to the memory of a most worthy Mason, and much respected member of the Chapter. Comp. Ohren, in replying to the toast of the S.E., remarked that the M.E.Z. had praised him for the admirable and business-like manner in which the duties of his office were performed, and he knew the M.E.Z. would not make the remark unless he felt it was a truth. He also quite agreed with the comments that had been made on the G.S., as he knew General Brownrigg took every pains to ascertain, by personal knowledge, or reliable information, that the Provincial honours he bestowed found worthy recipients. Other toasts were duly honoured, and the Janitor's brought to an end a most agreeable evening.

Metropolitan Chapter of Improvement.—The usual Convocation was held on Tuesday evening, 16th April, at the Jamaica Coffee House, St. Michael's-alley, Cornhill. Comp. Frederick Brown presided as M.E.Z., John Wyer H., H. Thompson J., Thomas W. White S.E., Thomas Cull P.S., R. A. Bianchi S.N., and others. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Thomas Charles Edwards candidate. All who have witnessed the working of Comp. Brown need not be told that the ceremony was ably and accurately performed. Comp. Brown was well sustained by his Principals; nor should a word of commendation be withheld from Comp. Cull, who ably carried out the duties of P.S.—a duty he has to perform in his mother Chapter. If Comp. Cull goes on as he has begun, there can be no doubt that when he arrives at the summit of this supreme degree he will acquit himself with great credit, and reflect honour on the Chapter to which he belongs. Comp. Wyer, the acting H. of the evening, also showed his proficiency in working. He occupies a similar position in the Beadon Chapter, to which he is attached, and when the time comes that he will be still further advanced, there is little fear but that the prestige of this Chapter will be fully maintained. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Comp. Edwards was elected a member of this Chapter of Improvement, and in a few well chosen words returned thanks for the honour conferred upon him. The election of Officers for the next fortnight was then taken, and resulted as follows:—Comps. Wyer M.E.Z., White H., Lee J., Bianchi S.N., and Catterson P.S. In addition to the above, there were present Comps. G. L. Walter and Thomas Massa. The Chapter was closed in due form, and the Comps. adjourned.

Sincerity Lodge, No. 174.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held on Wednesday, at the Guildhall Tavern, Gresham Street, City. Bro. G. T. H. Seddon W.M., C. H. Webb S.W., G. Jones J.W., J. Newton P.M. Sec., C. Lacey, G. J. Hilliard, E. J. Moore, and W. C. Barlow P.M.'s, Fred Brown S.D., J.S. Frasier J.D., A. H. Brown I.G., Miller W.S., and numerous brethren. Lodge having been regularly opened, the ballot was brought into requisition, the names of two gentlemen being submitted for initiation, the result proved to be in their favour. Lodge was advanced to the second degree, and Bro. Mumford was passed. On the resumption of the Lodge, Messrs. John William Walker and Samuel Green were introduced, and received from the W.M. the benefit of initiation. There being no other business to transact, the W.M. proceeded to close the Lodge, and the brethren repaired to supper. At its conclusion the usual toasts were introduced. The Lodge of Sincerity was, the W.M. said, at all times delighted to honour the toast of the initiates, and always pleased to welcome gentlemen whom they felt assured would be a credit to the Lodge. One of the initiates of the evening had been known to the W.M. from his boyhood. His father had worked well for the Craft and its Charities, and the W.M. had no doubt the son would follow in his good ways. Bro. Green came among them well recommended, and would doubtless prove an acquisition. Bro. Walker tendered his thanks for having been admitted to the Lodge, as also did Bro. Green. He would do everything that lay in his power to make himself worthy of the confidence reposed in him. Bro. Newton next proposed the health of the W.M. His Masonic qualities were well known. The way in which he that evening performed the two ceremonies which were required of him showed that he was quite capable of conducting the affairs of a Lodge. The candidates could not but have been impressed with what they had witnessed. He concluded by tendering, on behalf of the members, hearty good wishes to Bro. Seddon, and wished him long life and a prosperous career. Bro. Seddon expressed the pleasure it afforded him to be so kindly received as he was in the Sincerity Lodge. He regretted he had not been able to perform the work of the day to his own satisfaction, but he was suffering from so severe a cold that he was unable to make the ceremony as impressive as he wished. He need hardly say it was his desire to do the work of his office as well as it is possible for it to be done. He now gave the health of the visitors. The Lodge of Sincerity prided itself, among other things, on its hospitality. He was sorry that Bro. John Stevens and Bro. John Berry, both of whom had promised to attend, were not among them. Two visitors having acknowledged the toast, that of the Past Masters followed. The brethren of 174 had every reason to be proud of their Past Masters; so long as they were among them they were certain of success. The W.M. referred to the absence, through illness, of the I.P.M., and expressed a wish that Bro. Appleby would be able to join them at the next meeting. He also mentioned the condition of Bro. Gee, one of the oldest P.M.'s of the Lodge, who, he regretted to say, was near his end. The doctors had dismissed him, saying they could do nothing, and it was only a matter of a very few days ere their brother would be no more. Bros. Barlow and Newton replied. The toast of the Charities was next brought to the consideration of the brethren. The W.M. could never forget the reception he, as W.M. of Sincerity Lodge, received at the Festival of the Benevolent Institution; it showed him that the efforts of the brethren had won a name for the Lodge of which they could boast, and of which they must be extremely proud. It had urged him on to further efforts. They had two members of the Lodge at work as Stewards—Bro. Perceval, representing the Girls' School, and Bro. C. Lacey, the Boys'. Both are worthy brethren. When they say they will represent the Lodge the brethren may rest assured it will not be their fault if they do not do so creditably. Bro. Perceval had had the pleasure of representing the Lodge at the Festivals of our Institutions on two previous occasions, on one of which he had taken up 125 guineas, and on the other 110 guineas. His present list amounted to £60. He hoped the brethren would enable him, before the day of the Festival, to increase this to a three figure total. Bro. Lacey esteemed it a great honour to be entrusted with the representation of the Sincerity Lodge. He had done so at several previous Festivals, and had always been well supported. He asked for a continuance of aid from the brethren, and trusted he should have as liberal a response as was accorded Bro. Perceval. To the toast of the Officers, Bros. Webb, Jones and Miller replied; after which the Tyler's toast was given, and this brought the proceedings to a termination.

St. David's Lodge, No. 1147.—The regular monthly meeting was held at the Masonic Hall, Cooper-street, Manchester, on Tuesday, the 10th inst. Present—Bros. J. Davies W.M., T. Elliott I.P.M., J. Taylor S.W., Wm. Hadden J.W., J. O. Evans Sec., F. Griffin Treas., T. R. Williams P.M. D.C., R. Barlow S.D., J. B. Seel J.D., E. Stavely I.G., W. Palmer and J. Brown Stewards, Jas. Sly Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. T. Gibson, E. Williams, E. Jones, T. R. Peel, and Bros. R. Chadwick, D. Rough, G. H. Hewardine, E. Tootill, &c. Visitors—C. Downey 460, W. Batty 1387, T. Heighway 1357, S. Davies P.M. 1052, &c. The Lodge was opened, and the minutes of last regular meeting read and ratified. The ballot was taken for Mr. Murray, and resulting in his favour, that gentleman was initiated into the mysteries of ancient Freemasonry. The ceremony was ably performed by the Worshipful Master, considering this was his first candidate, and it being only his second night in the chair. W. Brother Davies is very impressive, and this tends to stamp on the mind of an initiate the beauty and solemnity of our ceremonies. The working tools were explained by the W.M., and the charge delivered by Bro. S. Warden. Lodge was closed in peace and harmony, and the brethren adjourned, by command of the W.M., to supper, where each enjoyed the ample but not extravagant fare provided. On the removal of the cloth, the Loyal and Masonic toasts were proposed by the W.M., and heartily honoured by the company. In due course the Worshipful Master rose to propose the health of Bro. Murray. This, as might be

expected, gave him an infinite amount of pleasure. He had known Bro. Murray long as a friend, now he greeted him as a brother in Freemasonry. Bro. Murray would find that this term was not an empty one; the outside world know nothing of its application, because the uninitiated know next to nothing of our grand institution. Every principle taught tended to raise a man higher from a moral standpoint. All its ritual and precepts bind man to man more closely; all its teachings are worthy of the great men who from age to age have been found in our ranks. Every post held by a brother in his Lodge, he (the W.M.) considered an honour, and every brother by merit might attain to the highest rank. He trusted that the gentleman who had been initiated that night would find Freemasonry a blessed profession, and would seek to attain those positions which were the reward of Masonic worth. He now called upon all to drink most heartily to the toast. This was done with full honours. Bro. Elliott gave the Entered Apprentice song. Brother Murray, in reply, felt in a position different to any he had experienced of in his previous life. He felt the words of the song implied he was now numbered among the brethren of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masonry. It was not for him to say what he should do; he would, however, endeavour to follow the rule set down; he was pleased to recognise the beauty of the refined morality conveyed in the ceremony. His mind had from boyhood been trained to adore the Creator. He was agreeably surprised to meet brethren whose friendship he had cultivated previously, and thanked them all for the kindness shown. Bro. T. R. Williams P.M. D.C. proposed the health of the Visitors. He extended, in the name of the Lodge, a hearty welcome to each and all; was glad to see his old friend Bro. Batty, also Bros. Downey, Heighway, and Past Master Davies. No Lodge gave a more fraternal greeting to its visitors; he called on the brethren to honour the toast in the good old style. Bros. Batty, Davies, Heighway, and Downey replied for the honour done the Visitors, expressing themselves well pleased with the administration of the Lodge. Bro. Past Master Davies, as a P.M. of the Callender Lodge, explained the eventful history of the late Bro. R. Callender's portrait, and its safe return to the keeping of the Lodge; but, as we have before alluded to this, we may pass it over on this occasion. Bro. E. Williams P.M. proposed the important toast of the health of the Worshipful Master. The success of a crew, he said, or the rank and file, depend on the commander. So it is with a Lodge. The brethren of St. David's Lodge have every confidence in their W.M., as a man of honour and a Mason of integrity. This he stated for the information of visitors. The work the W.M. had done that night showed he could do his duty. The method and manner in which the ceremony was given must produce a beneficial effect on an initiate. Bro. J. Davies has the right inspiration. He therefore called upon the brethren to drink to the very good health of the W.M., in a bumper. This was cheerfully complied with, the D.C. leading the honours. The W.M. returned his heartfelt thanks for the kind words spoken, and the great sympathy shown by the brethren. He also thanked the Visitors for their kind remarks. He felt the praise was more than his efforts merited, but he hoped when his metal was further put to the test he would deserve their applause. He felt that every Mason ought to discharge his sacred trust efficiently. He regretted that the Craft was misunderstood in this age of enlightenment. People erroneously misconstrue the tendencies of Freemasonry. He alluded to the death of Brother Roose, of Anglesea, in touching terms; exhorted the brethren to live a life of rectitude as that worthy brother did, so that when we leave this sublunary abode, we may die in honours, and ascend to those eternal mansions where the G.A.O.T.U. lives and reigns for ever. Bro. Hewardine had the honour of proposing the health of the Past Masters of the Lodge. He need not urge the brethren to welcome this toast, they were always eager to testify their regard by receiving it with acclamation. It was a great consolation to him and the brethren of the St. David's Lodge to know that their Past Masters in their daily lives carried out those admirable principles they had so ably taught in the Lodge. The worthy brother in a very able manner upheld the dignity of the Craft, and dwelt on the excellence of its teachings, which clearly proved that there is talent of no narrow compass "on the benches" as well as in the East in this happy Lodge. Before submitting the toast Bro. Hewardine said, Happily for this Lodge we have Members and Past Masters in whom we have examples so good as to make us rejoice. The toast was drunk with every cordiality and musical honours. Bro. Gibson P.M. replied briefly for the honour done the last toast, and the handsome manner in which it had been proposed. Bro. Ellis Jones P.M. in his usually facetious manner responded. He observed that Bro. Gibson had placed the load on the willing horse, and he had carried it for many years. He had with pleasure watched the cosmopolitan tendency of this Lodge, originally founded by Welshmen. It had embraced as members Russian, Roumanian, German, Irish, Israelite, Scotch, Greek, English, and Welsh, which clearly demonstrated that a Welshman in the nobleness of his heart under proper impulse was a brother to every nationality. Bro. Jones saw in the St. David's Lodge the all-pervading influence of Freemasonry, which demonstrated on a small scale the universal aspect of the Royal art. The universal Brotherhood constituted the power of Freemasonry. The cosmopolitan nature of British subjects and the diversity of Great Britain's possessions constituted the Empire's greatness. Liberty was the watchword of both, and each carried the light of progress. Bro. E. Williams P.M. proposed the Masonic Press. In doing so he regretted that this would be the last time Bro. Davies would be among them. Knowing something of the commercial Press, he felt that it must be difficult to convey interesting matter where the pen was so restricted as it is in Masonic journalism. He hoped that, in whatever locality he (Bro. Davis) might be placed, and in whatever capacity he might undertake, he would be rewarded for his efforts on behalf of the Craft, and live long and happily. This toast was received very heartily. Bro. Davies expressed his appreciation of the kind sentiments conveyed in Bro. Williams' remarks, and assured the brethren that his task had been a very difficult one to perform. During

the evening some capital music was rendered by Bros. Davies, Hewardine, Downey, Griffin, and the W.M., who kindly gave, in Welsh, "The Land of my Fathers."

Asaph Lodge, No. 1319.—The above Lodge, composed of members of the musical and theatrical professions, met on Monday, the 7th inst., at the Freemasons' Hall, Gt. Queen-street, at 2 o'clock. The W.M. Bro. Geo. Buckland opened the Lodge, supported by Bros. E. Swanborough S.W., E. Willard J.W., E. Stanton Jonas P.M. Sec., E. F. Cox S.D., Meyer Lutz J.D., F. Delevante D.C., J. Maclean I.G., C. E. Timney Org. P.M.'s Bros. J. M. Chamberlain, Jas. Weaver, C. S. Jekyll, C. Coot, E. Terry, and Bros. Burgess, Schnoider, Baker, Kent, &c. The minutes were read and confirmed. Ballots were taken for the admission of Messrs. Emil and Julian Girard. The result was unanimous in their favour, and they were duly initiated into the Order. Bro. E. H. W. Wright, having shown his proficiency, was passed. Great credit is due to the W.M. for his careful and impressive working. The same remark applies to all Officers. Bro. Wright was elected a joining member. Three albums were tendered, to form a record of the Past Masters and members, the gift of Bro. B. Lemere. A brother was relieved from the Lodge Funds with the sum of £20. Bro. E. Terry I.P.M. stated it was his intention to serve as Steward for the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls; he hoped to have the co-operation and support of the Lodge. All business being ended, Lodge was closed. The Visitors were Bros. E. Wright 179, J. Howton 568, Mat Robson 1609, J. W. Elvin 538, W. Murray 1201, and H. M. Levy P.M. 188.

Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1607.—This is what the brethren are pleased to term a "summer" Lodge, but the most genial aspect about the meeting of Saturday last was the warm and fraternal reception given by the members to those who, despite the counteracting discomfort of wind and snow, ventured to the Alexandra Palace. It is not our province to descant here on the variability of the English climate, or to detail the wretchedness attending a journey when you have to traverse the streets up to your ankles in a mixture of half-melted snow and mud, but we may remark that it must have been very gratifying to Bro. Webb, the Worshipful Master, to find that on such a day as was experienced he should be supported so well. This Lodge is one of two of the same name consecrated the same week in 1876; the other one being The Lodge of Loyalty, No. 1533, which holds its meetings at Marlborough, and which forms one of the ten Lodges of the Province of Wilts. The first Worshipful Master of No. 1607 was our respected brother John-Newton P.M. 174; he was followed by Bro. Frederick Brown, and under the rule of these energetic members of the Craft, the Lodge has steadily progressed, and has made its mark as a staunch supporter of the Charitable Institutions associated with the Order. The brethren assembled at the Alexandra Palace at 3.15, when the following Officers supported Bro. Charles Henry Webb the W.M.:—Bros. Charles J. Percival S.W., Beedell J.W., E. G. Legge P.M. Treasurer, John Newton P.M. Secretary, Jones J.D., Frederick Carr I.G., Dr. Newham W.S., Verry Tyler. Visitors:—Bros. Walter Rawley 174 Sec. 1805, G. C. Pulsford S.D. 1593, Thomas Slaughter 804, Albert Escott, W. D'Oyley 1457, and W. W. Morgan Sec. 211. The members, in consequence of the decease of Bro. Wyatt the J.W., wore Masonic mourning, and at a later stage of the proceedings a vote of condolence was passed, and a record of the same ordered to be sent to the relatives of our deceased brother. After the formal opening the minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed. The names of three gentlemen as candidates for initiation appeared on the agenda paper, and for the first of these—Mr. Charles John Percival, a son of the Senior Warden—a dispensation had been granted by the Most Worshipful the Pro Grand Master, the aspirant not having attained his twenty-first year. This gentleman had for his Masonic sponsors his father and the Worshipful Master. The other candidates were Mr. Charles Amis Morgan, proposed by Bro. P.M. Brown and seconded by the W.M., and Mr. Samuel Gittens, who came forward with the recommendation of the W.M. and had for a seconder Bro. Frederick Carr. The ballot was unanimous in each case, and the candidates were severally introduced and received their first glimpse of Masonic light. In the course of routine business Bro. P.M. Brown gave an account of his Stewardship at the recent Festival for the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution, when, by the liberality of the members, he had been enabled to take up a list of between £144 and £145, which amount gave him the privilege of standing as No. 5 from the highest sum realised on that occasion, and certainly evinces that the members of this Lodge were "loyal" in sustaining the claims of the Charities. The W.M., referring to the election at Freemasons' Hall, for candidates for the Girls' School, stated that he had received from the Officials at Grand Lodge three votes out of those placed at their disposal, and these he had appropriated in support of the application of Mary Ann A. Wyatt, daughter of their late respected J.W. After some other matters had received consideration, Lodge was closed. A most *recherché* banquet was served by Bros. Bortram and Roberts, and the good things were greatly enjoyed. On the removal of the cloth the toast list was fully considered. The loyal toasts were honoured, and then Bro. P.M. Brown proposed the health of the W.M. He referred to the amount of energy Bro. Webb had displayed in advancing the claims of the daughter of their late J.W., and felt assured that at the future election he would receive substantial support from the members. He commented on the zeal and perseverance ever manifested by the W.M. in his conduct of all business pertaining to his Lodge and the Craft at large, and concluded his remarks by trusting that Bro. Webb's year of office would close as it had commenced, with a continuance of happiness and prosperity. The W.M. in reply remarked that Past Master Brown had truly stated he had latterly been very hard at work. Two years ago, when their late Bro. Wyatt, who was one of his oldest and truest friends, had joined their Lodge, everything seemed to be prospering. Bro. Wyatt had a good wife, a comfortable home, and children in whom his best

hopes were centred. However, illness came on, and within six months both he and his wife had been called hence, leaving their children at the mercy of the world. Bro. Webb then read a telegram he had just received, which gave the number of votes polled that day for the child he asked their support for; he also stated that knowing he would not be able to carry his case at this election, he had lent a considerable number of the proxies he had received, and made a strong appeal to all present to support the case at the election next October; he concluded by thanking those present for the way they had received the mention of his name. The next toast given was the health of the initiates, to which graceful replies were made. Each of the Visitors acknowledged the compliment the W.M. paid them, and Bros. Brown, Newton and Legge responded in their several capacities of I.P.M., Secretary, and Treasurer. The Officers were next complimented, and after Bro. Verry had given the closing toast, he recounted some incidents attending the travels of those aerial visitants which the next meeting of this summer Lodge may make us better acquainted with.

Lodge of Union, No. 414.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Tuesday the 15th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. Charles Oades W.M., Samuel Bradley S.W., Charles Stephens J.W., M. J. Withers Sec., J. A. Strachan P.M. Treas., F. Blackwell (acting) S.D., F. Ferguson J.D., Rev. N. S. Garry Chaplain, S. Wheeler and D. H. Witherington Stewards, W. Hemmings Tyler. P.M.'s Bros. E. Baker I.P.M., A. M. Yetts, J. Morris, C. Smith, J. Long, J. Weightman, W. W. Moxhay, S. Slingsby Stallwood. Members—Bros. Hart, Moffatt, Higgs, Field, Davis, McDowell, Hawkes, Butler, Biggs P.M. (Hon. Member). Visitors—Bros. T. R. Vowles 1426 and 1101, Hurley P.M. 1101, T. Smith P.M. P.Z. Marylebone 1305, W. P. Ivey P.M. and Sec. 1101. Business—The Lodge was opened in the first degree. The minutes of the last regular meeting were read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bros. Davis and Field having given proof of their efficiency, were entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree. Bros. Davis and Field were raised to the sublime degree of M.M. The Lodge was resumed in the second and first degrees. Bro. Hayward was admitted and initiated into the secrets and mysteries of Antient Freemasonry. Bro. Weightman P.M. called the attention of the Lodge to the great want of respect shown by the members to departed worth by their non-attendance at the funeral of the late Dr. R. T. Woodhouse P.D.G.M. of the Province. He gave an epitome of the Masonic career of that venerable brother, who joined the Lodge in 1836, was present at the laying of the foundation stone of the church in the Reading Cemetery, was installed as W.M. of the Lodge in 1837—rescued the Lodge from obscurity, by reforms in various ways, by having it removed from a public-house to a comparatively respectable home in the Ferbury, and other services too numerous to mention. Bro. Moxhay P.M., &c. perfectly coincided with the remarks made by Bro. Weightman, and passed a splendid eulogy on the venerable brother, which he gave from personal experience. The W.M. said he had consulted some of the P.M.'s of the Lodge on the subject, and said that as the brethren were in mourning for the late Treasurer, and the late venerable brother not being a subscribing member, only honorary, he did not think it necessary to show a manifestation on the subject. A vote of two guineas to the Hungarian Grand Lodge of St. John, and two guineas to a brother of 1101 in distress followed. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed.

Wandsworth Lodge, No. 1044.—A meeting—the closing one for the season—was held at the Spread Eagle Hotel, Wandsworth, on Wednesday evening, Bro. W. A. Morgan, the W.M., presiding. Bros. T. Arnison and W. Bell were raised. Bro. A. M. Nowons was chosen as the W.M. elect. It was resolved, after some discussion, to remove the Lodge from its present quarters.

High Cross Lodge of Instruction, No. 754.—A meeting was held on Thursday the 10th inst., at the Coach and Horses, Lower Tottenham. Present—Bros. S. Turquand P.M. W.M., S. J. Byng S.W., C. K. Killick J.W., J. H. Thompson I.P.M., J. Garrod Sec., W. Binnie P.M. I.G.; also Bros. Oxley, Everdell, Taverner, Peach, Rev. P. Kilduff, Powell, Slaughter, Wells, French, Clements, Mattocks, and others. The Lodge was opened in ancient form, and the Fifteen Sections were worked by the following: **FIRST LECTURE**—Bros. Peach, Everdell, Taverner, Clement, Killick, Killick; **SECOND LECTURE**—Bros. Oxley, Powell, Garrod, Byng, Slaughter; **THIRD LECTURE**—Bros. Clement, Everdell, Garrod. A cordial vote of thanks was accorded to the W.M. for the able manner in which he had presided; also to Bro. S. J. Byng, the S.W., and members who worked sections. Bro. French was elected a member, and the Lodge was closed in due form.

Dalhousie Lodge of Instruction, No. 860.—In spite of the holiday season and its counter attractions, the members met on Tuesday evening last at Bro. Smyth's, Sisters Tavern, Pownall Road, Dalston. Bros. J. Lorkin W.M., Christian S.W., Forss J.W., Williams S.D., Clark J.D., Bigg I.G., Dallas Sec., Smyth Treas., P.M. Walington Preceptor; also Bros. Collins, Webb, Giller, Weige, Smyth, Polak, Wyman, C. Lorkin, and others. Lodge was opened and minutes of last meeting read and confirmed. Bro. Carr answered the questions, the Lodge was opened up, and the ceremony of raising was rehearsed—Bro. Carr as candidate. Bro. Webb worked the third section of the lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the second degree. Bro. Webb worked the first section of that lecture, assisted by the brethren. The Lodge was closed to the first, and Bro. Webb worked the fourth section of the lecture in that degree, assisted by the brethren. Bro. M. Christian was elected W.M. for next Tuesday evening.

Grey Friars Lodge, No. 1101.—This Lodge held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, the 9th of April, at the Masonic Hall, Reading. Present—Bros. William George Flanagan W.M., Juno. Early Danks S.W., Wm. Ferguson J.W., W. P. Ivey P.M. Sec., J. T. Stransom Treasurer, E. J. Blackwell S.D., Richard Dowsett, J.D., W. Hickie Organist, Thomas Newman D.C., W. W. Ridley and J. H. Hawkes Stewards, C. R. Honey I.G., W. Hemmings Tyler; Past Masters Bros. Welch I.P.M., Margrett. Members—Bros. Prickett, Tegg, Hunt, Pulley, Bailey, Ravenscroft, Rbind. Visitors—Bros. R. Bradley P.M. 414 Prov. G. Sec. Berks and Bucks, Higgs 414, C. Stephens J.W. 414 Prov. G. Treasurer Berks and Bucks, Butler 414, Hawkes 414, Williams 1399. The Lodge having been opened in the first degree, the minutes of the last regular Lodge were read and confirmed, the Lodge was opened in the second degree. Bro. Ravenscroft having given satisfactory proof of his efficiency, was entrusted and retired. The Lodge was opened in the third degree, Bro. Ravenscroft was raised to the sublime degree of M.M., the interesting ceremony being performed in a most correct and impressive manner, the effect of which was considerably heightened by the introduction of vocal and instrumental music by Bro. Hickie the Organist of the Lodge. The Lodge was resumed in the second degree and closed down to the first degree. The Secretary then read a letter from the Prov. G. Sec. enclosing an address from the M.G. Lodge of Hungary, which had been sent to him by the Grand Sec. of England, setting forth the dire calamity which had happened to many thousand Hungarians, at Szegedin, and to a great number of members of the Craft. An interesting discussion took place, which resulted in a vote of two guineas from the Lodge funds towards the relief of our foreign brethren. The W.M. called the attention of the members to a case of distress, in which a member of the Lodge and P.M. had been reduced to a state of poverty through legal proceedings, and gave notice of motion "that the sum of ten guineas from the funds of the Lodge be applied to the relief of the brother." The Secretary called attention to the paucity of attendance of members of the Craft at the funeral of the late Bro. Dr. Woodhouse P.P.D.G.M. of the Province, which he thought arose from the want of notice by the Lodge of Union, No. 414, of which the late venerable brother was an hon. member. The I.G. announced that the opening of St. Bartholomew's Church would take place on the 30th inst., and hoped he should see many of the brethren there. All business being ended, the Lodge was closed according to ancient form.

Eboracum Lodge, No. 1611.—The regular meeting of this Lodge was held at York, on Monday. Present—Bros J. S. Cumberland W.M., T. B. Whythead I.P.M., C. G. Padel S.W., J. T. Seller J.W., G. Balmford P.M. Treas., J. Kay Sec., T. Humphreys Assist. Sec., M. Millington S.D., T. D. Smith J.D., G. Simpson M.C., H. Jackson as I.G., P. Pearson Tyler, together with several other brethren and visitors. The work of the evening consisted of the ceremonies of passing Bros. Huslam and Atkinson to the second degree, after which the following presentations were made to the Lodge:—Three Masonic works from the Library Committee of the G. Lodge of Pennsylvania; Illuminated vote of thanks from the Mary Commandery of Knight Templars, Philadelphia, for the hospitality and attention shown to their Pilgrims when in York last year; four beautifully framed water-colour drawings of the four ancient Gateways or Bars of the City of York, from Bros W. P. Husband, J. Marshall and A. T. B. Turner; Plate of the Arms of the Grand Lodge of England, from Bro. W. J. Hughan; Hughan's Masonic Register, and photographic groups of the Mary Commandery Pilgrims from Bro. T. B. Whythead. After the close of the Lodge a very harmonious evening was spent, the Loyal and Masonic toasts being duly honoured, and Health and Bon Voyage drunk to Bro. J. Haslam, who is proceeding to South Australia, where he has received a government appointment. The proceedings were enlivened by the part singing of Bros. Cumberland, Lee, Humphries and other members of the Lodge Glee Club, accompanied by Bro. C. G. Padel.

Kingsland Lodge, No. 1693.—Held its regular meeting on Tuesday the 1st instant at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, under the able presidency of Bro. A. H. Trewinnard, who was efficiently supported by Bros. H. P. Isaac S.W., S. Hawkins J.W., Crosbie Treasurer, C. K. Killick sen. P.M. Secretary, A. W. Fenner S.D., H. Hall J.D., Burtle I.G., Opperman W.S., Western D.C., Thompson A.D.C., Steedman Tyler; and a good attendance of members, including C. K. Killick jun. I.P.M. The following were Visiting Brethren—W. B. Kidder P.M. Fortitude and Old Cumberland No. 12, R. C. Read P.M. Jordan 201, and F. R. Callow Strong Man 45. Lodge being opened in ancient form, the minutes were read, and duly confirmed. Lodge was opened up, and Bros. Stanbrook and Pummell gave proofs of their efficiency, were entrusted, and in due course raised to the sublime degree, in a very impressive manner. The ballot was taken for the admission of Mr. William Williams; it proved unanimous; that gentleman being in waiting, was duly initiated. The following routine business was then transacted. Bro. Secretary read the Bye-laws (according to the Book of Constitutions). The election of W.M. for the ensuing year, which proved unanimous in favour of the S.W. Bro. H. P. Isaac, who received the congratulations of the brethren. Bro. Crosbie was re-elected Treasurer, for which he returned thanks. Bro. Steedman was re-appointed Tyler by show of hands. The Auditors were then appointed. All Masonic business being ended, the brethren adjourned to a plain supper. The Loyal toasts were given, and duly honoured. Bro. I.P.M. proposed the health of the W.M. Nothing gave him greater pleasure, as, from the known ability of the W.M., a great deal of trouble was saved the I.P.M. He trusted every brother who might be elevated to that high position would carefully

imitate the present W.M., and he called upon the brethren to do honour to the toast. The W.M. said he hoped he should always be found working for the best interests of the Lodge, and for the welfare of the brethren, in the future as in the past. In proposing the health of the initiate, the W.M. remarked that Bro. Williams was a gentleman who had been well recommended, and he trusted he would soon become an honour to the Craft. After this compliment had been acknowledged, the Visitors' toast was given; in proposing it the W.M. observed they had been generally honoured with Visitors; on this occasion they had very distinguished ones, and as W.M. he felt proud at receiving them in the Kingsland Lodge. He called upon the brethren to do the toast full honour. In responding, Bro. Kidder congratulated the W.M. on his excellent working; he trusted the brethren who should succeed to the honours of the chair would carefully imitate Bro. Trewinnard; he thanked the brethren for the kind and hospitable manner in which he had been received. Bro. P.M. Read followed; he fully endorsed all that Bro. Kidder had said. Bro. Callow returned his thanks for the very kind reception accorded him; he was but a young Mason, yet he was proud to say he had spent many happy evenings amongst members of the Craft. The I.P.M., the W.M. elect, and the Officers' toasts were severally given, and the Tyler brought a very pleasant evening to a close. Bros. P.M. Killick jun., Read, and Opperman contributed to the evening's enjoyment by some excellent singing; Bro. Isaac gave a reading from Othello, and Bro. Hawkins a comic recitation, "Daniel v. Dishclout."

Constitutional Lodge of Instruction, No. 55.—On Tuesday, 8th inst., at the Bedford Hotel, Southampton-buildings. Present—Bros. T. B. Dodson W.M., J. Soper S.W., Sandle J.W., Dickins Sec., Low S.D., Gruggen J.D., Hallam I.G.; Bingham P.M. Preceptor, Jackson, Todd, Cornu, Sanders, J. H. Dodson, Bond, H. Soper. The Lodge was opened to the third degree, and the ceremony of installation rehearsed; Bro. Abell invested the Officers. The ceremony of passing was afterwards rehearsed by Bro. Abell, Bro. Sanders candidate. The first section of the lecture was worked by Bro. Dickins. Bro. J. Soper was elected W.M. for Tuesday, 22nd April. The Lodge having decided to adjourn over the Easter holidays, a vote of thanks was ordered to be recorded on the minutes to Bro. T. B. Dodson for his working of the installation ceremony; and honorary membership was also conferred upon him. The Lodge was then closed in perfect harmony, and adjourned to Tuesday, 22nd April.

Percy Lodge of Instruction, No. 198.—A meeting of the brethren of this Lodge was held at Bro. Fysh's, Jolly Farmers, Southgate-road, on Saturday last. Present—Bros. P. J. A. Powell W.M., J. Millington S.W., J. Lorkin J.W., Percy Preceptor, Fenner Sec., Hallam S.D., Mullord J.D., H. Hall I.G.; also Bros. Mackie, Garrod, Phillips, Ross, Williams, Weige, Hirst, Stock, R. H. Halford. All formalities having been complied with, Bro. Garrod gave sufficient proofs of his proficiency to warrant his being entrusted, which was done, and the Lodge advanced. The ceremony of passing was then rehearsed, Bro. Garrod being the candidate. Bro. Garrod gave the lecture on the tracing board. Bro. Percy worked the first, second and third sections of the lecture, assisted by the Brethren, after which Lodge was resumed. Bro. Millington was elected W.M. for this (Saturday) evening. The Fifteen Sections will be worked at this Lodge of Instruction next Saturday evening, under the able presidency of Bro. Percy the Preceptor, W.M. of United Strength Lodge, No. 228.

La Tolerance Lodge of Instruction, No. 538.—A meeting was held on Wednesday, at the Green Dragon, 2 Maddox-street W. Present—Bros. G. Cundy W.M., L. Langdon S.W., E. Child J.W., C. Davis Treas., J. Hurdell Sec., A. Ginger S.D., Russ J.D., F. Green sen. I.G.; P.M.'s Bros. E. Farwig, E. Baber, and several members. The first section was worked. The initiation ceremony was rehearsed, Bro. C. Smith candidate; also the ceremony of passing, Bro. J. Hemming candidate. Lodge resumed, and the second section was worked. The Fifteen Sections will be worked on Wednesday, 30th April, when Bro. John Hurdell I.G. 1348, Hon. Sec. of the Lodge of Instruction, will preside. Lodge will be opened at seven p.m.

Friars Lodge of Instruction, No. 1349.—Held at Bro. Pavitt's, the Liverpool Arms, Canning Town, 15th April 1879. Present—Bros. Worsley W.M., Smith S.W., Johnson J.W., Roberts S.D., Barker J.D., Pavitt, I.G., Musto P.M. Preceptor; Bros. Andrews, Spencer, Sadler, Ellis, and others. The Lodge was opened in due form with prayer. The minutes of the previous Lodge meeting were read and confirmed. Lodge was opened in the second degree and the candidate having answered the necessary questions and being entrusted, the Lodge was opened in the third, and the ceremony of raising worked by the W.M. The Lodge was then closed down, and the discussion on the Bye-laws was resumed. It was resolved that they be printed and distributed among the members of the Lodge. It was proposed by the W.M., seconded by Bro. J.W., and carried unanimously, that Bro. Smith the S.W. be W.M. for the ensuing week. Nothing further being offered for the good of Freemasonry, the Lodge was closed in due form with prayer, and adjourned to Tuesday next. We perceive by the Bye-laws that on the fourth Tuesday in each month sections only will be worked, by members of the Lodge, and questions put from the Chair, as when the fifteen sections are worked. This must be a boon to members at the East End.

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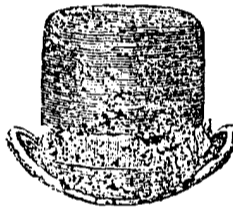
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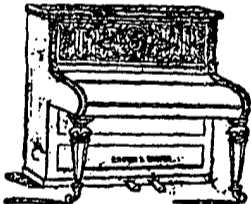
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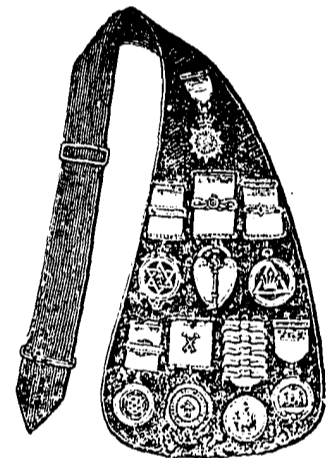
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