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Investigation.



On the 27th July, 1888, at a Quarterly General Court of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, it was unanimously Resolved:—

That, having regard to the charges recently made against the management of this Institution, without recognising in the least that such charges are in any degree well founded, this Court is of opinion that, in the interests of the Institution, it is desirable that an impartial investigation into its discipline, expenditure, and administration, be forthwith undertaken; and that the Grand Registrar of the Order (V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Vice-Patron, Deputy Grand Master of Essex), be invited to associate with himself such members of the Craft, selected in equal proportions from London and the Provinces, being at least Life Governors of the Institutions, as he may think proper for the purposes of such enquiry. The result to be submitted as a Report to a subsequent General Court.

In conformity with the terms of the foregoing Resolution, the Committee was constituted as follows:—Bro. F. A. Philbrick, *Q.C.*, Grand Registrar, Vice-Patron, *Chairman*. London:—Bros. John Derby Allcroft, P.G. treas., Patron; Alderman Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., P.G.W., Vice-President; and Samuel Pope, *Q.C.*, P.G.D., Vice-Patron. Provinces:—Bros. John C. Malcolm, of Leeds, P.Pro.G.R., Life Governor; Lieut. Col. A. Thrale Perkins, of Wells, Somersetshire, P.G.D., Life Governor; and Robert Wylie, of Liverpool, P.G.D., P.Pro.G.S.W., Life Governor. Resolutions were also passed empowering the Committee to take all necessary measures to make the proposed investigation exhaustive.

It has been a long and anxious period for many interested in the welfare of the Institution from the date of the passing of the above Resolution to that of the presentation of the Report, and its general circulation amongst Governors and subscribers, but *at last* it is placed before them. And no dispassionate reader can rise from its perusal with even the shadow of a doubt that the enquiry has been abundantly justified. The exposure, for it is surely nothing else, of the mal-administration of many past years, dis-

closes the most astounding neglect of details of management which should have even more than ordinary attention in Institutions supported by voluntary contributions as are those connected with our Order. There are very many, probably a large majority, of the supporters of our Charitable Institutions, and amongst them ourselves, who could not have believed, until this Report was issued, that such a thorough "setting in order," as is recommended by the Committee of Investigation, is absolutely necessary. Last week we spoke of certain charges as being merely rumours, and were cautious to base our opinions on the possibility that such might not be correct; but we find not only that they are true, but that they are supplemented by others quite as grave. We reiterate, therefore, all our comments then made, and for the sake of the future of the Boys' School, hope that the Special Court which will have the Report of the Committee of Investigation before it for consideration will adopt such of the recommendations therein made, and such other measures as may be deemed advisable, to take the Institution out of the "road to ruin" it has been of late pursuing, and place it on the highway to better management and fortune.

We refrain from selecting for reproduction in the pages of a public journal a number of most extraordinary statements beyond those contained in the summary of the Committee's report, which we shall append hereto. Most of our readers have doubtless had the opportunity to note them as we have done (indeed our copy is more fully scored than was ever any report yet perused by us), and will assuredly seek explanations, which we hope, for the sake of those most nearly interested, will be forthcoming and satisfactory. It would seem that already members of the respective Committees of the Institution desire to repudiate some of the suggestions made in the report, and challenge the propriety of the inferences drawn from the evidence taken. As will be seen by reference to our Correspondence columns, they require the publication of the shorthand writer's notes, to which they state they fearlessly appeal. So absolutely necessary will it be for the good of the School that the scales of justice should be held with equal poise in this particular instance, having in view the certainty that where neglect or mal-administration shall be proved the penalty will be severe, that we hope unrestricted access to the stenographic notes will be accorded to the appellants. The paragraph in the report to which they take exception reads thus:—"We comprehend fully the difficulty of the present members of the House Committee, on which are brethren whose independence and character are beyond question. But they have followed in the course of their predecessors, and, except on some few occasions when they have asserted their views in opposition to the

Secretary, they have practically acquiesced in leaving the whole control in his hands. Thus for some time the Secretary has virtually managed the School, and the House Committee has been content, except in rare instances, to register and endorse his proceedings." This is strong enough to warrant any amount of exception if the shorthand writer's notes do not prove it up to the hilt. If it be found they do so there can be but one course open to the Committee, and which, possessing the "independence and character" attributed to them, they will, we presume, unhesitatingly take. On the other hand, if so much be not really proved, considerable condonation of other less important shortcomings would be admissible, and a reinstatement into the confidence of the subscribers most probably ensue. As matters now stand, and on the assumption that cause cannot be shewn in the manner indicated, the "starting with a strong Committee on an entirely fresh basis" is an absolute necessity. We personally regret to say this for many reasons which can be readily understood by our brethren, but nevertheless it must be said.

The concluding portion of the report, we are surprised to notice, has been already published in a non-masonic North of England paper, which, three or four days before the subscribers to the institution were permitted to know anything about it, must have been supplied with the *verbatim et literatim* extract. We are curious to know who supplied that information. It must have been some one outside the circle of those in the West of England who were to "keep the contents of the report entirely unknown to everyone," &c. We wonder who it was? However, no harm can come of re-production in this instance, so here it is:—"In any view, the alternative that there is and has been mismanagement and extravagance to a serious extent cannot be resisted, and we do not see how these evils can be adequately dealt with unless an entire change in the way the Institution is conducted takes place. We are unanimously of opinion that: (1) The School is in an unsatisfactory state as regards its management; (2) The Educational Staff is satisfactory, the teaching good, and the School discipline well maintained; (3) There is an antagonism between the Educational and Domestic Staff, which seriously impairs the usefulness of the Institution; (4) The effective control has fallen away from the House Committee; (5) The expenditure is extravagant, and not properly regulated; (6) The feeding and clothing of the boys are not such as are represented by the expenditure, and their health and comfort are not satisfactorily attended to by the Domestic Staff; (7) The Finance Committee exercises no real check on the expenditure; (8) The Accounts are not kept on a proper system, and those published are misleading; and (9) The Secretary has engrossed the control of the Institution into his own hands, and to this and the friction between him and the Domestic Staff on the one side, and the Head Master and his adherents on the other, the great part of the present evils is to be attributed. We therefore are of opinion that:—(1) An entire change in administration, and a thorough breaking away from the present practice, must take place before the management, discipline, and expenditure of the Institution will be satisfactory; (2) There should be but one head authority (*viz.*, the Head Master), at Wood Green, and the entire establishment there be subject to him; (3) The House Committee should be able and willing to take and keep the control in its own hands, must be in touch with the daily life of the School, and give more personal attention and exercise an intelligent authority in the Institution; (4) The questions of sufficient playgrounds and proper appliances for health and cleanliness of the pupils require immediate attention; (5) The Finance Committee should regulate the expenditure under the House Committee, and not rest its efforts after merely checking vouchers and books put before it; (6) The accounts should be kept as recommended by a qualified public accountant and annually published as audited and approved by the Finance Committee; and (7) The Secretary's duties should be strictly limited to the office, and he should not interfere at Wood Green save as the mere official channel of communication with the Head Master."

Upon these recommendations, and doubtless upon other subjects named in the Report, a Special General Court

will shortly deliberate. In our opinion such deliberation cannot take place too soon, for the longer the present agitation in respect of the School is permitted to continue, the greater will be the amount of injury done to its best interests. The business is not settled by the presentation of the Report, as some may think, but awaits a further stage of progress. The sooner that is reached the better.

MASONIC MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The following is a detailed description of the Memorial Window recently erected in St. Nicholas' Church, Yarmouth, and which was unveiled on the 12th inst. by the R.W. Grand Master of the Province of Norfolk, the Lord Suffield, K.C.B. The work has been carried out under the superintendence of Messrs. Cox and Buckley, of London:—

The window, which is in three long lancet lights, consists of two stages of subjects, which are thus disposed:—The three larger pictures in the upper stage show the "Preparation," the "Dedication" of the Temple by Solomon, and the "Restoration" of the Walls of Jerusalem by Nehemiah.

The left hand light shows King Solomon consulting with Hiram and his workmen, the plan of the Temple being spread out before them.—1 *Kings* v., 18.

The centre light represents Solomon with outstretched arms, dedicating his labour to the Almighty and blessing his subjects, behind him are the Singers and Priests blowing the festal trumpets; while on either hand are Harpers and Incense Bearers.—2 *Chron.*, vi., 3.

In the right hand light Nehemiah and his Companions are pictured "building the walls in troublous times," each man with his sword ready girded to repel the enemies of the good work.—*Neh.* iv., 16, 17.

Below the larger subjects are three symbolical pictures with texts, applicable *not* directly to the historical events portrayed, but to the three "foundations" of all work "well and truly" done—Faith, Hope, and Charity.

The left hand panel (beneath the preparation of the Temple) shows the "storming of Jericho" by the Priests who bore the ark round the walls of the rebellious stronghold, blowing the while on their trumpets. The text reads, "If ye have *Faith* it shall be done."

The right hand panel (below the restoration of the walls) depicts the death bed of Jacob, the patriarch is shown resting on his staff and encouraging his sons by the vision of their future success. The text is, "I have a good *Hope* because of thy word."

The centre light (beneath the picture of the Dedication Festival) shows the charity of Job in reference to his own description of his life, *Job* xxix.—"I was eyes to the blind, feet to the lame, a father to the poor. I caused the widow's heart to sing for joy, when the ear heard me then it blessed me, when the eye saw me it gave witness to me." The text beneath this central panel is "The end of the Commandment is *Charity*." In the upper portion of this window, in the various spandrels and foils, are armorial bearings, and the Emblems of the Craft.

The Freemasons of Great Britain may be well congratulated on this evidence of their desire to beautify the sanctuary, and leave to their successors in the ancient and honourable Craft a memorial worthy of themselves and not unworthy of the building in which it stands.

THE MASONIC INSTITUTIONS.

R.M.I. BOYS.—The regular monthly meeting of the General Committee was held at Freemasons' Hall on the 4th inst. Bro. George Plucknett, P.G.D., *treas.*, presided, and there were present thirty-eight members and the secretary. Two petitions were considered and accepted. The resignations of Bros. Charles Belton and Dudley Rolls as members of the House Committee, and Bro. Henry Young as a member of the Audit and Finance Committee, were submitted and accepted. The following brethren were nominated for election next month as members of the House Committee, *viz.*:—Bros. A. Brookman, J. S. Cumberland, Richard Eve, W. Masters, and Edward Terry, proposed by Bro. C. E. Soppet; Bros. George Corble and John Glass, by Bro. Andrew R. Motion; and Bros. A. F. Godson, *M.P.*, H. W. Hunt, J. L. Mather, James Moon, T. Hastings Miller, J. Joyce Murray, W. Paas, F. W. Ramsay, *M.D.*, H. Venn, and John Wordsworth, by Bro. Charles Daniel—12 to be elected. The following were nominated for election as an Audit and Finance Committee, *viz.*:—Bros. Thomas Cubitt, G. P. Gillard, H. S. Goodall, Thomas Griffiths, C. F. Hogard, W. Maple, S. Richardson, W. A. Scurrah, and C. E. Soppet, by Bro. George Mickley—9 to be elected. It was resolved that the customary mark of distinction should be retained in the voting papers, those who are "old members" being distinguished by an * against their names, and the proceedings terminated with a vote of thanks to the chairman.

R.M.B.I.—The Committee of Management held its regular meeting at Freemasons' Hall, on Wednesday. Bro. Jabez Hogg, P.G.D., presided, and there were present 31 members and the Secretary. The deaths of one widow annuitant, and one widow candidate were reported. The Warden's report for the past month was read, and also that of Mr. Griggs on the purchase of land at Croydon. The draft report of the Sub-Committee, appointed to draw up the report of the proceedings during the past year, was read and approved, and a vote of thanks to the Chairman terminated the proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Freemasons of Maryland has presented Captain Murrell, of the Missouri, with a gold medal for rescuing the crew and passengers of the Danmark.

The Masonic "Poet's Corner."

(Original and Selected.)

HAIL, FREEMASONRY!

By BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M., P.Z.

Tune—"Hey, John Barleycorn!" (by the late Bro. J. B. Geoghegan, St. John's Lodge, No. 221).

Freemasonry, of all the arts, is fairest, first, and best;
Old as the hills, its glory fills North, South, and East and West.
Who'er obtain its honours, with its privileges, find
Its sterling worth o'er all the earth for men of ev'ry kind.

Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry!

Grand old Masonry!

In thy "charge" is the world at large,
Freemasonry!

All scientific is its base—all learning it invites—
All beautiful its ritual—all solemn are its rites.
Truth lies within its crystal well; its charity all bless'd,
In streams o'erflows to succour those whom fortune hath distress'd.

Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

For mortal man whose vessel frail is toss'd on life's rough main,
Our glorious Craft will aid to waft it safe in port again.
She leads the Brethren safely on through life to death's dark door,
Nor turns her head until they tread the Mason's golden shore.

Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

The Craft, all hail! in glowing strains as ever poet sung,
Honour and fame to Masons came while yet the world was young.
Ye rising Brethren, full of zeal, bestir yourselves to raise
Our standard high, 'neath ev'ry sky, as in the ancient days.

Chorus—Hail, Freemasonry! &c.

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OURS IS THE LIFE TO PURSUE.

By BRO. JOHN FAWCETT SKELTON, P.M., P.Z.

Tune—"Il Segreto" (Donizetti).

Come, let us be happy together,
Affectionate Masons all round;
Assisting and cheering each other,
Where in lodge or in life we are found.
Let us look to our glorious symbols,
And practice what they but suggest;
Our jewels keep bright on our bosoms till death,
For the life of a Mason's the best;

His life is the best,

His life is the best.

Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!

May ev'ry Freemason be true;

The world, then, were forc'd to confess it,

That ours is the life to pursue.

Chorus—Then here's to the Craft, &c.

How ancient the Craft that we treasure!

Our service, how beautiful through!

Our music, how grand in its measure!

Our precepts, how noble and true!

Then let us be proud of our Order,

The oldest, the fairest, the best;

The grandest of all ever founded on earth;

By Heaven supported and blest;

Supported and blest,

Supported and blest.

Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!

May ev'ry Freemason be true;

The world, then, were forc'd to confess it,

That ours is the life to pursue.

Chorus—Then here's to the Craft, &c.

May "the Architect Great" that's above us,

Guard us and Freemasonry, too;

Enlighten, encourage, and love us,

And strengthen our Order anew!

It bids us adore Him—our Maker—

The Light of the Lodge-Room above!

And, here, to our Brethren, and neighbours, and all

To act with truth, friendship, and love!

Truth, friendship, and love,

Truth, friendship, and love.

Then here's to the Craft, and God bless it!

May ev'ry Freemason be true;

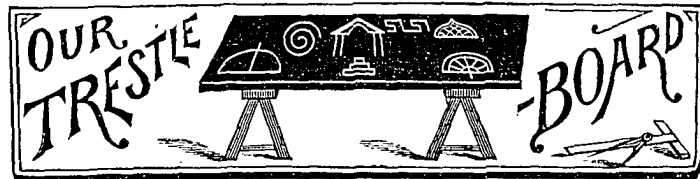
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That ours is the life to pursue.

Chorus—Then here's to the Craft, &c.

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THE HORNSEY CHAPTER OF IMPROVEMENT—No. 890.—A Convocation was held at the Porchester Hotel, Cleveland Square, Paddington, W., on Friday, 10th April, A.L. 5889. E. Child, P.Z. 538, M.E.Z.; W. C. Williams, J. 733, H.; W. H. Chalfont, N. 975, J.; H. E. Dehane, P.Z. 890, S.E.; G. March, P.S. 733, N.; J. T. Mickelburgh, P.Z., 834, Treas., P.S.; J. R. Allman, 890; J. Cruttenden, 779; J. Smith, P.S. 890. The Chapter was declared open for the purpose of improvement. The minutes of the last Convocation were read and confirmed. The ceremony of Exaltation was rehearsed, Companion Allman being candidate. After good wishes, the Chapter was closed. An interesting discussion took place as to whether it should be a Chapter of Improvement or of Instruction. The S.E. was requested to endeavour to obtain an opinion from companions, authorities in such matters, if possible.



We heard at a Lodge of Instruction, an evening or two ago, a congratulation offered by one of the brethren to a W.M. elect on his approaching Installation, in a somewhat neat paraphrase. The chair of K.S. was described as a place "where *Preceptors* cease from troubling, and the *Master* takes his rest." Not so bad! but we are not quite sure that in every instance the paraphrase would hold good in connection with Paradise.

The *Voice of Masonry* very fairly complains of the insertion in our columns (March 7th and 14th) of two selections from its pages without credit, and on enquiry we find that the inadvertence of one of our staff has justified the complaint, although in one instance the name of the author was stated, and it was thought to have appeared elsewhere. We are entirely against re-production unaccompanied by acknowledgment, and have directed greater care to be taken in future in this respect. Our contemporary asks for an *amende honorable*. Will this suffice? And will other journals kindly note that we share the feelings which our contemporary has expressed? We find much of our own in other papers "without credit."

Our attention has been called to an error in our report of the consecration of the London Scottish Rifles, Lodge No. 2310, on the 2nd inst., and we gladly take the first opportunity to correct it. It appears that the South Middlesex Lodge, No. 858, takes precedence of the Macdonald Lodge, No. 1216, in the roll of lodges connected with, or attached to, the Volunteer Corps of the Metropolis. The South Middlesex was consecrated in 1861, the first W.M. being the late Bro. Lord Ranelagh, K.C.B., the chief of the battalion, and on its roll are many notable men both in masonic and volunteering circles. The Macdonald was not constituted until 1868.

We are obliged to the W.M. of No. 858 for correcting us in this matter, there being personal reasons why the mistake might be misunderstood. We know upon what excellent terms the South Middlesex and First Surrey Corps have ever been, and the same may be said as to the respective Lodges; indeed, if we do not make another mistake, the Lodges have represented their respective regiments in more than one shooting competition. We saw lately at the Macdonald Lodge a massive and magnificent Setting Maul, elaborately mounted in silver, and bearing the devices of four regiments, of which we know the South Middlesex and the Macdonald were two, and we believe the London Rifle Brigade and the Queen's Westminster were the others. This Maul was the handsome gift of W. Bro. Major Lambert, is of great value, and was given as a challenge prize to be shot for annually by members of the four Lodges, the winning Lodge holding the trophy, but allowing it to form part of the table decorations on the occasions of the several Installation Meetings of the non-winners.

The *Era* is responsible for the following:—"It may not be generally known to professional Freemasons that Herr Unthan, the marvellous performer who was born without arms, is one of the Craft. At the Paragon, last Saturday week, Bros. Barwick and Eaton put him to the test, and not only did he prove himself a proficient Craftsman, but he also gave all the grips accurately with his right foot. It would interest and surprise a Masonic brother to see Bro. Unthan give the signs, which he does satisfactorily and clearly, in a manner that is, of course, entirely his own."

The foregoing is in direct disagreement with the practice in America of refusing admission to the Order to such as are unfortunately defective by want or loss of limb. From the *Voice of Masonry* (March, 1889) we learn that only recently an order was issued by the Grand Master of the State of Illinois calling attention of the Lodges to "an unquestioned landmark in Masonry—that is, one which prohibits the making of any man a Mason whose 'maim or defect in his body renders him incapable of conforming literally to what the several degrees respectively require of him,' and surely no one will claim that the loss of a leg or arm (hand or foot), though replaced with one of wood or any other material, permits such persons 'conforming literally to what the several degrees require of him!'"

The late W. Bro. Dr. Rob. Morris, of Kentucky, must have had this "Landmark" in mind when he wrote in his beautiful poem, *Masons' Vows*, "and build the mystic walls of those in *body perfect*," &c. But since when has this Landmark, if it be such, been neglected under the English Constitution? There may be very much to be said against as well as for the principle laid down; and it would be interesting to learn the views of some of our intelligent readers on this subject.

Governors and Subscribers to the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution are again reminded that the election of candidates will take place on Friday next, the 17th inst. A careful observance of the instructions for voting, and early polling, will greatly lighten the labours of the Scrutineers, in whose interests we have shown the necessity for such attention.

Brethren who may not have disposed of their proxies for R.M.B.I. election on Friday, and are in doubt how to use them, will probably bear in mind the cases we have referred to—Bro. Dodson, case No. 25, and Bro. Knill, case No. 38, and fill up their voting papers accordingly. We have to acknowledge the receipt of several proxies on their behalf, and thank the donors for the same.

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Original Correspondence.

Without in any way holding ourselves responsible for, or even approving of the opinions expressed, we freely throw open our columns for the proper discussion of all matters of a general character relating to Freemasonry.

Correspondents must be as brief as possible, must write plainly, only use one side of the paper, and cannot expect the return of rejected contributions.

Every contribution must be accompanied with the name of the writer, not necessarily for publication, but as a guarantee of good faith.

ROYAL MASONIC INSTITUTION FOR BOYS.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

We shall be obliged by the insertion of the enclosed copy of letter as delivered this day, to the Chairman of the Committee of Inquiry.—Yours fraternally,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D.

CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD.

V.W. Bro. F. A. Philbrick, Q.C., Grand Registrar, Chairman Committee of Inquiry.

V.W. Sir and Brother,

The members of the House, and Finance and Audit Committees have had under consideration the Report of the Committee, presented by you as Chairman to the Quarterly General Court of this Institution on Friday, 26th ult.

They desire to avoid any want of courtesy to yourself, or any member of that Committee, yet they cannot—in justice to themselves—refrain from an expression of astonishment at the conclusions as set forth in the Report. With the knowledge previously possessed by some, and now acquired by other, members of the two Committees of the shorthand writer's notes of the evidence, this feeling is greatly intensified. They challenge the publication of those notes, as to them they would fearlessly appeal. Without unrestricted access to those notes it is manifestly impossible to draw up an exhaustive reply to your Report, but the members of both administrative Committees unanimously concur in entering a protest against decisions which were arrived at in their opinion contrary to the weight of evidence. They indignantly repudiate the suggestion that they have on any important point subordinated their views to any official influence whatever, and that they have failed to maintain the most steady allegiance to the important interests entrusted to their care. They deeply regret to mark the tone that pervades the whole Report, which is best exemplified by paragraph 1, p. 29. In answer to that they can only say that they are all equally bound by the acts of the Committee, and every individual member rejects for himself the invidious distinction sought to be drawn by this unmasonic paragraph.

We are obliged to send a copy of this letter to the Masonic press, as it is the only ready means available for an appeal to the large constituency affected by the issue of the Report.—Faithfully yours,

F. W. RAMSAY, M.D., Rota Chairman,

On behalf of the House Committee.

CHAS. FREDK. HOGARD, Rota Chairman,

On behalf of the Finance and Audit Committee.

9th May, 1889.

"HEARTY GOOD WISHES."

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER,

As an officer of one of the oldest lodges in the province of East Lancashire, it comes as a surprise to me on reading the lines on your "Trestle Board," that an objection is raised to the courteous expression, "Hearty good wishes," when given on behalf of his lodge by a visiting brother. I cordially agree with your remarks, and am certain that in this district the brethren would be grieved to see the custom, which is general here, discontinued. The utmost amity and fraternal feeling exists among the brethren of all the lodges, and any visitor who omitted to give expression to that friendliness on the part of the other brethren composing his lodge, would be considered guilty of an act of discourtesy, to say the least of it. Granted that a brother visits of his own motion, he is warmly welcomed, and is made at home, and surely nothing can be lost and much may be gained by a kindly expression of the good wishes which the other members of his lodge entertain towards those brethren. Such expressions are properly appreciated, are received with pleasure, and are duly acknowledged. They do much to maintain the kindly feeling which should, and, I am pleased to know, do prevail between the different lodges. There is far too little courtesy prevailing now-a-days in every walk of life, and I have sadly misused the time I have devoted to studying the principles of Freemasonry if I am to understand that those little courtesies, which help so much to make our intercourse with our fellows pleasant and agreeable, are not to be especially extended to our brethren of the craft. If they are not to be met with in lodge, where may we expect to find them? I am aware there are among Masons, some brethren, who demand chapter and verse for everything that is done, and are crotchety enough to object to whatever has not been laid down in so many words by constituted authority. Such, while adhering to the letter, which often kills, forget the spirit of Masonry, which should keep alive the fact that (to quote from one of the lectures) we "are united by a strict and endearing relation, as creatures of the same God, children of the same first parents, and brethren of the same solid tie."

Yours fraternally,

J. R. BARTON.

FREEMASONRY.

To the Editor of THE MASONIC STAR.

DEAR SIR,

Will you kindly favour me with the following information as to what amount it would cost any "ex pupils" of the R. M. I. B. to become Freemasons, out of London—say Liverpool, Manchester and Birmingham for instance, in order to settle a difference of opinion? I allege that any "old boy" can become a Freemason at a *much reduced sum*, whatever the amount is in the provinces. Kindly say if that is so, and what would be the amount to join a lodge of ordinary standing, and if the "old boys" could obtain their regalia, &c., from any of the large manufacturers *cheaper* than any other person who is not an ex-pupil of the R. M. I. B., and thus allow them some little advantage in order to promote the interests which they have at heart for the good old Masonic School; bearing in mind that in some instances the boys of our school are left without father and mother, and have to fight the battle of life single-handed, and make some provision for their younger members of the family.

Your esteemed reply will be appreciated by

PALMAM QUI MERUIT FERAT.

April 25th, 1889.

* * Answer next week.—ED. M.S.

Answers to Correspondents.

W. F. H.—S.W. 463.—Your report was wrongly addressed, and reached us at the moment of going to Press. Will do our best next week.

G. C.—S.W. 1068.—Shall be always pleased to hear from you. Let us know if what you will find in this number fairly represents the details you forwarded.

PLUMB RULE.—We will answer your letter, as to appointment of officers, in "Our Trestle Board" next week.

J. WILLIAMS.—Will consider your communication, and probably write.

IGNORANCE.—See "Our Trestle Board" next week; we will answer your enquiry fully there.

Press Exchanges and Books Received.

Voice of Masonry, Chicago; Society; Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana; Report of the Punjab Masonic Institution; The South African Freemason; Freemasons' Chronicle, Sydney; Latomia; Masonic Advocate.

The George Gardner Lodge, No. 2309, was consecrated at Datchet on the 13th inst., when W. Bro. George Gardner, a Past Master of the Chiswick Lodge, No. 2012, was installed as first W.M.

"GOULD TESTIMONIAL FUND."—Contributions have recently been received from the following:—Sir Robert W. Fowler, Bart., M.P., P.G.W.; Robert Grey, President Board of Benevolence; H. J. P. Dumas, P.G.D.; Col. James Peters, P.G.Swd.B.; H.H. the Maharaja of Kuch Behar, G.C.I.E., P.G.W.; H. W. Partridge, P.M. 79; H. F. Auldjs, P.M. 92; F. W. Halliwell, 1611; G. Greiner, J.W. 92; J. Coleman Hughes, P.Dist.G.R., Hong Kong; Sydney Shorter, P.M. 92; John Taylor, J.D. 328; Joseph Whiteheart, 1536; E. W. Carus Wilson, 331; A. J. P. Wise, 92; J. Lambert Sim, P.P.G.W. Surrey; Josiah Houle, P.M. 92; Bertram Noakes, P.M. 92; Col. R. Townley Caldwell, Grand Supt. R.A. Cambridgeshire; J. C. Smith, Grand Master, Illinois; General Charles Roope, Past Grand Master, New York; Martin Collins, Grand Chamberlain, S.C. 33° Washington; and Robert McCoskey Graham, 33°, of New York.

Masonic "Bitter-Sweet."

"The web of our life is of a mingled yarn; good and ill together."—*Shakespeare.*

A very "swagger" meeting indeed was that of the Euston Council of Royal and Select Masters, held at Red Lion Square on Wednesday last. Among those present were the popular Earl of Euston, Col. Shadwell Clerke, Major A. B. Cook, and Sir Lionel Darell, while the list of candidates included such deservedly well known names in their craft as Bros. Robert Grey, Sir Reginald Hanson, Bart., General Coysgarul Sim, Frederick Mead, &c., &c.

The very interesting ceremony was carefully performed by Bro. R. B. Bryant, who was assisted by Bros. Matier and Frank Richardson.

I marvel much there is no sumptuary law as to the clothing of Grand Officers. I was at a meeting not long ago, in daylight by the by, at which nine present or past Grand Officers were present, and there were *nine* different shades of what the Masonic clothier calls—Purple, and the Book of Constitutions—Garter Blue. Perhaps the greatest authority in the world on "ribbons," Garter King at Arms, will lay down the law.

The meeting of Great Priory was largely attended, and really was a very pretty sight. I was sorry to see that the Great Sub-Prior was suffering from a sharp attack of his old enemy, gout. The new grand officers were all well received, especially the ubiquitous Bro. Augustus Harris, who, what with theatrical enterprise, County Council and Freemasonry, must find the twenty-four hours of the day quite insufficient for labour, to say nothing about refreshment.

By the alteration of the qualification of a candidate, one year as a master mason, instead of two, I think the Great Priory have scored heavily. The order ought now to increase both in members and preceptories.

The performance of "Sweet Lavender" (all sweet here and no bitter) at Bro. Terry's Theatre on Saturday evening last, was witnessed by H.R.H. the Princess of Wales, accompanied by T.R.H. the young Princesses and Prince George of Wales.

It will be a "bitter" reflection to me if it be true as stated in "the largest circulation" that a "fish famine" in London is imminent. I am one of those who believe in the excellent qualities of a fish diet, and shall not take kindly to the Paris Exhibition if it becomes the cause of a diminished supply during the ensuing season.

Asparagus, plovers' eggs, strawberries and other fruits are likewise threatened with scanty supply, and these being delicacies I am much inclined to, their absence at "refreshment after labour" will be anything but consolatory. I say with Bishop Still, "I cannot eat but little meat, my stomach is not good," and therefore the more shall I feel the diminished supply of those lighter viands with which my inner man is in full agreement.

"Little Dinners by a Live Lord," a series of very readable articles in *Society* interest me greatly. In the eleven chapters already published there are some grand hints in relation to the "art of dining"; and the opinions given of the respective vintages of high class wines are especially valued by

THE DINER OUT.

We Notify that:—

—It is anticipated that the forthcoming Provincial Grand Lodge of Essex will be held at Eastern Lodge, the county seat of the Provincial Grand Master, Lord Brooke, under the banner of Rosslyn Lodge, No. 1543, at Dunmow.

—The Lebanon Lodge, No. 1326, W. Bro. Edwin Arthur Smith, W.M., will meet at the Railway Hotel, Feltham, on Saturday, the 18th inst., at 3 p.m. Work in the first degree, and refreshment after labour.

—The Board of General Purposes will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 21st inst., at 4 p.m.

—The Board of Benevolence will meet at Freemasons' Hall, London, on the 22nd inst., at 6 p.m.

—Brethren in South Africa, as well as at home, may be interested in learning that Messrs. Henochsberg & Pool, South African merchants, late of Australian Avenue, London, E.C., have removed into new premises, "33, Jewin Crescent, E.C."

—The Panmure Lodge, No. 720, Bro. Frederic Purkiss, W.M., will meet at the Balham Hotel, Balham, on Monday next, at 3 p.m. Installation of Bro. Dr. Lewis Jones, three initiations and one raising, and banquet.

—The East Surrey Lodge of Concord Lodge of Instruction No. 463, completed its winter session on the 7th inst., and has adjourned until further notice.

—Bro. Frederick Topham, P.M. 551, will give his first Dramatic Recital in London, at the Steinway Hall, Lower Seymour Street, W., on Monday afternoon next, 20th inst., at 3 p.m., under distinguished patronage.

—The Kintore Lodge of Mark Master Masons, No. 333, W. Bro. B. R. Bryant, W.M., will meet at the Surrey Masonic Hall, Camberwell, on Monday next, 20th inst., at 6.15 p.m., for the advancement of an approved candidate, and the installation of Bro. Lieut.-Col. C. H. Nevill as W.M. for the ensuing year. Mourning to be worn for the late M.W. Grand Master, the Rev. Canon Portal.

—A Royal Ark Mariners' Lodge, Kintore, No. 333, W. Bro. Capt. James Hepburn Hastie, W.C.N., will be held previous to the above meeting, and opened at 5.45 p.m.

—The annual general meeting of the Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution and election of male and female annuitants will take place at Freemasons' Hall, London, on Friday, 17th inst., at high twelve.

—The 101st anniversary festival of the Royal Masonic Institution for Girls will be held in London, on the 22nd inst. The Right Hon. the Lord Henniker, Prov. G.M. Suffolk, presiding.

—A special general court of Governors and Subscribers to the R.M.I. Girls will be held at Freemasons' Hall, London, to-day (16th), at 3 p.m., to empower the Centenary Committee to accept a tender for the new buildings in a sum not exceeding £31,000.

—The House Committee R.M.I.G. will meet on the 23rd inst., at 4.30 p.m.

COLONIAL, DISTRICT AND FOREIGN ITEMS.

MONTREAL.—"The Post-Diluvian Period and the Great Pyramid of Ghizeh" was the subject of a very interesting lecture, given by W. Bro. Greig in the Masonic chambers, before a large audience of Masons and their friends. The origin, history and discovery of the great pyramid were explained in an interesting and graphic manner. W. Bro. W. Cooper acted as chairman.

MELBOURNE.—On the 23rd March, after the inauguration of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, a special convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Collins Street, for the purpose of forming a Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Freemasons. His Excellency Chief Justice Way, the Grand Z. of South Australia attended, and performed the duties of Installing Principal, and the first Grand Officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria were then appointed.

CAIRO.—An esteemed correspondent at Cairo sends us some interesting particulars in relation to Freemasonry at that place from which we extract the following:—"The Order is flourishing here, and we have now got a Masonic Hall in which are working the Bulwer Lodge, No. 1068; the Bulwer Chapter attached thereto, the Mark Masters Lodge of Egypt, No. 311, with the R.A. Mariners Lodge attached. The hall is in the most fashionable quarter, and is considered one of the finest fitted-up and prettiest Masonic Halls out of England. It accommodates also the Bulwer Masonic Club which draws a number of brethren together nightly, and is a great boon to the members. In connection with the club a series of monthly smoking concerts have been arranged, the latest of which took place on the 2nd inst., and was a great success." We congratulate our Cairo brethren on their possession of so many advantages, and hope that the progress of the Bulwer Lodge in promoting the welfare of Freemasonry in its district may never be impeded. We note that the Bulwer Lodge was constituted in 1865, but had ceased working for some years prior to 1882, when the present members, chiefly military brethren, set to work as soldiers know how to work, resuscitated its fallen fortunes, and once more set it "doing well." All honour to them: and so much the more dishonour if their successors should fail to maintain its present prestige and usefulness.

PROVINCIAL.

NORFOLK.—YARMOUTH.—A handsome New Masonic Memorial Window has been erected by the Freemasons of the borough in St. Nicholas Church, Yarmouth, and was unveiled by the R.W. Bro. Lord Suffield, A.C.B., the Provincial Grand Master, on Sunday afternoon, the 12th inst., in the presence of a large number of brethren, who attended in full Masonic regalia. As it will doubtless interest many of our readers, we reprint from the *Yarmouth Gazette*, in another column, a detailed description of this fine work of art.

SUFFOLK.—STOUR VALLEY LODGE—No. 1224.—A regular meeting of this lodge was held at the Masonic Hall, Sudbury, on the 10th inst., W. Bro. C. Joslin, W.M. The Deputy Grand Master, V.W. Bro. the Rev. C. J. Martyn, was present, as also were W. Bros. W. J. Mason, I.P.M., and Pratt, Emmerson, Ardley, Alston, and Grimwood, Past Masters; Bros. Reid, J.W.; Bailey, S.D.; Andrews, J.D.; Harris-Hills, I.G.; J. F. Hills, treas.; F. Wheeler, sec.; Hurst, org.; George Grant, Sheehan, Garrett, and other members and visitors numbering between 40 and 50. Bro. Henry Flower Martyn, a son of the Deputy Grand Master and a resident of Florida, U.S.A., who had been initiated and passed in this lodge in 1886, was raised to the third degree by the W.M. in a very able manner, and the ceremony was completed by the delivery of the traditional history by the Dep. G.M. The beautiful ceremony of the degree was made most effective by the accompanying appropriate music, rendered on the large organ by the talented organist, Bro. Hurst. After the lodge had been closed, the brethren adjourned to that most comfortable of hotels, the Rose and Crown, where Bro. George, the host, had prepared one of his characteristic feasts, "the very best and plenty of it," and where a most harmonious evening was spent in thoroughly Masonic good fellowship.

YORKSHIRE.—WEST RIDING.—The Lodge of St. George, No. 242, held its Installation meeting on the 3rd inst., at the Masonic Rooms, Doncaster, when the retiring W.M. Bro. G. C. Wilkie, gave place to Bro. A. W. Fretwell, who was ably inducted into the chair of K.S. by Bro. F. D. Walker, P.M., P.P.G.J.D., the ceremony being accompanied by full musical service. A large number of brethren attended from surrounding Lodges, and a banquet was given at the Reindeer Hotel.

YORKSHIRE.—N. & E. RIDINGS.—The sixty-second anniversary of laying the foundation stone of the Humber Lodge, No. 57, was celebrated on the 7th inst., at Freemasons' Hall, Hull. After presentations had been made to W. Bros. John Clark and A. King, P.M., P.P.G.S.D., and the closing of the Lodge, a banquet was given in the banquetting hall. There was a large attendance of members and of visiting brethren present on this occasion.

Reports of Lodges, &c.

INSTALLATION MEETINGS.

THE MACDONALD LODGE, No. 1216—Head Quarters, First Surrey Rifles, Camberwell, S.E.—This popular Lodge, in connection with the Volunteer service, attained its majority on the 9th inst., having been established in association with the First Surrey Rifle Corps, in 1868. It has justified the expectations which were then formed as to its progress, and the possibilities which might be the outcome of military discipline conjoined to the practice of Masonic ceremonial, and has always held a deserved reputation for the excellent character of its work. Although young in years, the annals of the Lodge contain many interesting episodes, which at some future date will doubtless have a bearing on Masonic history, whilst on its register of members will be found the names of many who have assisted in making the history of the nation, amongst the first of whom, and within a few months of Consecration, were initiated Bros. Hormuzd Rassam and Henry Blanc, who had but just previously been prisoners in the hands of the King of Abyssinia. On the occasion of the late meeting, many of these episodes were remembered with much satisfaction. The Lodge was opened by W. Bro. A. R. Cranch, and business was at once proceeded with. This comprised the initiation of Mr. Frank Roberts, who was introduced into Masonry by the W.M.; the installation of Bro. T. V. Turner as W.M. for the ensuing year; and the subsequent initiation of Messrs. W. W. Payne and H. J. Pearn. The respective ceremonies were effectively performed, Bro. Cranch carrying out the duties of installation most creditably, and the newly installed Master “fleshing his maiden sword” in perfect accordance with the traditions of the Lodge. The P.M. jewel, a combination of masonic and military emblems specially designed for the “Macdonald,” was presented to Bro. Cranch in open lodge, and was suitably acknowledged. A very excellent banquet was served in the spacious “canteen,” and subsequently the toast list was supplemented by a musical entertainment, under the direction of the I.P.M., Bro. Cranch, who was assisted by Bros. W. H. Symons, Edward Dalzell, F. P. Baxter, and Sydney Hill (Organist of the Lodge). A most enjoyable evening was the result and the Visitors were most earnest in their expressions of satisfaction with “labour and refreshment,” and the hearty character of their reception. Amongst those who had the satisfaction of sharing in the festivity connected with the Lodge’s majority, and in addition to those already named, were the officers for the ensuing year, viz., Bros. W. S. Harvey, S.W.; A. G. White, J.W.; Capt. A. Styan, Treas.; W. J. Messenger, P.M., Sec.; F. P. Baxter, S.D.; R. A. Marshall, J.D.; Major Easterbrook, I.G.; Capt. G. H. N. Bridges, P.M., D.C.; — Medcalf, Assist. D.C.; Sydney Hill, Org.; — Pitcher and F. Chapman, Stewards; Past Masters James Stevens, G. Waterall, W. C. Hale, Lieut.-Col. Nevill, A. C. Bradley, A. J. Style, T. A. Fitzer, and C. W. Davis; Bros. C. J. Henton, E. W. Dubois, J. F. Sims, S. F. Cornish, H. F. Mawby, H. Keeley, &c., &c., and Visitors, Bros. G. R. Steel, P.M., and Percy Leftwich, of No. 1; J. P. Probert, P.M.8, P.G.S.; J. G. Milner, 26; J. N. Bate, P.M., 72; J. H. Ellis, 177; J. G. Dunn, 192; W. S. Payne, P.M., 1669; J. H. Cureton, 2182; J. N. Callaway, Sec. London Scottish Rifles, 2310, &c.

THE JOHN CARPENTER LODGE—No. 1997.—This young and prospering lodge, emanating from the companionship and intercourse of former pupils of the City of London Schools, and consequently carrying into its working one of the very first principles of Masonry, held its installation festival on Friday, the 10th inst., at the Albion Tavern, Aldersgate Street. The lodge was opened by the W.M. Bro. C. J. Wilkinson-Pimbury, the following officers and members being present during the evening, viz.:—Bros. H. Wilson, S.W.; A. Norris, J.W.; Jas. Pender, sec.; J. Inskipp, S.D.; Mount Brown, J.D.; C. Lamb, I.G.; Lewis Ferguson, D.C.; J. P. W. Goodwin, W.S.; Frank Taylor, I.P.M.; J. M. May, P.M.; Sir Henry Knight, P.M.; G. Waterall, P.M.; T. Noton, P.M.; E. Solomon, D. King, J. G. Maydon, P. E. Clann, P. J. Bellingham, F. J. Archer, John Chisman, G. Inskipp, and M. Goddard, P.M., tyler. The visitors were Bros. G. Scammell, 353; James Stevens, P.M. 1216; C. E. Ferry, P.M. 65; H. P. R. Robinson, 27; C. Stevens, P.M. 1793; H. Shaw, P.M. 834; G. A. Pickering, J.W. 890; J. C. Higgs, 1694; R. Dyson, P.M. 65; F. Read, 1987; W. Crawford, P.M. 129; E. Holsworth, 1607; G. Austin, 1457; M. Woolf, 766; J. Sachy, 1297; C. D. Singer, 12; E. W. Allen, P.M. 173; R. D. Armstrong, 1563; and J. W. Haden, J.D. 766. Bro. John Chisman, of Lodge Harmony, No. 275, Huddersfield, having been elected a joining member, W.Bro. Wilkinson-Pimbury at once proceeded with the installation of Bro. Alfred Norris, the W.M. Elect, who was presented by W.Bro. Frank Taylor for that purpose. In faultless style the beautiful ceremony was performed by the Installing Master to the general satisfaction of all present; and when, at the termination of his labours, Bro. Pimbury received from the hands of his successor the reward of merit in the form of a handsome P.M. jewel, the acclamation of the brethren proved how well it was deserved. The new Master was also cordially greeted, and when it became known at a later period of the evening that his father had been some fifty years ago a Grand Deacon of England, wishes were freely expressed that in course of time a somewhat similar dignity might await him. We took occasion to notice especially the cordiality which prevailed throughout this meeting; the remembrance of its several honorary members and their apologies for necessitated absence; the receipt of numerous telegrams from others unable to be present at the banquet (notably one from Bro. W. Crawford, P.M. 129, who, having witnessed the “labour” in lodge was compelled to forego “refreshment,” and conveyed his “hearty good wishes” by wire in a lengthy message and “regardless of expense”), and the general desire evinced for the happiness and comfort of each and all associated in the evening’s proceedings, which were to the fullest extent enjoyable. The after dinner toasts alternated with some excellent songs and recitations, by, amongst others, Bros. J. P. W. Goodwin, org.; L. Ferguson, James Stevens (*Masons’ Vows*), Jules Bellingham, F. J. Archer, and F. Inskipp. The officers appointed for the ensuing year are Bros. Hugh Wilson, S.W.; F. Inskipp, J.W.; C. W. C. Hatton, P.M., P.G.D., treas.; Jas. Pinder, P.M., sec.; Mount Brown, S.D.; C. Lamb, J.D.; L. Ferguson, I.G.; J. P. W. Goodwin, D.C. and org.; S. H. Simon, W.S.; G. Inskipp, asst. W.S., and Goddard, tyler.

THE PANMURE CHAPTER—No. 720. The installation convocation of this Chapter was held on Monday last, the 13th inst., at the Horns Tavern, Kennington. There was a goodly attendance of

Metropolitan Lodge and Chapter Meetings for the Current Week.

“All Lodges held within Ten Miles of FREEMASONS’ HALL, LONDON, are LONDON LODGES.”—General Laws and Regulations.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(THIS DAY) THURSDAY, MAY 16th.		
55	Constitutional	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
813	New Concord	Guildhall Tav., E.C.
1227	Upton	Three Nuns Hot., Aldgate, E.
1320	Blackheath	Trafalgar Hot., Greenwich
1321	Emblematic	Bridge House Hot., S.E.
1365	Clapton	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1963	Duke of Albany	Albert Palace, Battersea Park
R.A.C.		
63	St. Mary's	F. M. H.
217	Stability	Anderton's Hot., E.C.
507	United Pilgrims	F. M. H.
742	Crystal Palace	Thicket Hot., Anerley
834	Andrew	Windsor Castle Hot., Hammersmith
1216	Macdonald	Hd. Qrs. 1st Surrey Rifles, Camberwell
1383	Friends-in-Council	33, Golden Square, W.
(3rd) FRIDAY, MAY 17th.		
6	Friendship	Willis's Rooms, St. James's, W.
143	Middlesex	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1118	University	F. M. H.
(3rd) SATURDAY, MAY 18th.		
1185	Lewis	King's Arms Hot., Wood Green, N.
1329	Sphinx	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
1584	Loyalty and Charity	Star and Garter Hot., Kew Bridge
1767	Kensington	Ladbroke Hall, Notting Hill
R.A.C.		
1572	Carnarvon	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
1706	Orphans	Holborn Restaurant, W.C.
(3rd) MONDAY, MAY 20th.		
1	Grand Masters	F. M. T.
8	British	F. M. H.
720	Panmure	Balham Hot., Balham
2060	La France	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
R.A.C.		
59	Royal Naval	F. M. H.
1593	Trafalgar	Ship Hot., Greenwich
1057	Aldersgate	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
Mark.		
333	Kintore	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
K.T.		
154	Shadwell Clerke	M. H., 33, Golden Square, W.

No. of Lodge.	NAME OF LODGE AND CHAPTER.	PLACE OF MEETING.
(3rd) TUESDAY, MAY 21st.		
194	St. Paul's	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
704	Camden	Anderton's Hot., Fleet Street, E.C.
857	St. Mark's	Surrey M. H., Camberwell
2045	Wharton	Wilkesden, Middlesex
2191	Anglo-American	Criterion, Piccadilly, W.
R.A.C.		
19	Mount Sinai	Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C.
26	Castle Chap. of Harmony	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
46	Old Union	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
205	Israel	Cannon Street Hot., E.C.
228	United Strength	Guildhall Tav., Gresham Street, E.C.
2021	Queen's Westminster	Holborn Rest., W.C.
(4th) WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd.		
2	Antiquity	F. M. H.
212	Euphrates	Holborn Rest., W.C.
753	Prince Frederick William	Lord's Hotel, St. John's Wood
754	High Cross	Seven Sister's Hot., Tottenham, N.
1017	Montefiore	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1719	Evening Star	F. M. H.
(4th) THURSDAY, MAY 23rd.		
34	Mount Moria	F. M. H.
99	Shakespeare	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street, E.C.
211	St. Michael's	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
507	United Pilgrims	Bridge House Hotel, London Bridge
861	Finbury	191, Bishopsgate St., E.C.
1421	Langthorne	Angel Hotel, Ilford
1523	St. Mary Magdalen	Café Royal, Regent Street, W.
1623	West Smithfield	F. M. H.
1658	Skelmersdale	Surrey M. H., S.E.
1974	St. Mary Abbots	Town Hall, Kensington
R.A.C.		
5	St. George's	F. M. H.
29	St. Albans	Albion Tav., Aldersgate Street
157	Bedford	F. M. H.
657	Canonbury	Mason's Arms, Basinghall Street
766	William Preston	Cannon Street Hotel, E.C.
1601	Ravensbourne	Town Hall, Catford
1623	West Smithfield	Anderton's Hotel, E.C.
Mark.		
13	Hiram	Greyhound Hot., Richmond

Past Principals of the Chapter itself as well as of other companions, the M.E.Z. for the past year retiring with much credit to himself, and the new First Principal being expected to do much to enhance the prosperity of the Chapter during his year of office. The proceedings of the evening were interesting and agreeable. The M.E.Z. Comp., H. C. Jefferys, having with Ex. Comps., G. Treves, H.: W. H. Tilling, J.; and Past Principals. John Read, James Stevens, M.; S. Larham, Thos. Poore, W. Watts, J. S. Terry, and R. Field, opened the Chapter, and, other companions having been admitted, Ex. Comp., Thomas Poore, P.Z. and Scribe E., installed, in his usual perfect and effective style, Comps. Treves, Tilling and Stephen Richardson as Z.H. and J. respectively. Comp. T. Poore was then re-invested as S.E.; Comp. Terry as Treas.; Comp. Thomas Owens as P.S. A handsome P.Z. jewel was presented to Ex. Comp. Jefferys on the completion of his year of office, and after some routine business, the Chapter was closed. At the subsequent banquet the usual loyal toasts were honoured and harmony prevailed. Comp. A. C. Wood, of the Crystal Palace Chapter, No. 742, returning thanks for the visitors.

The seventh annual festival of the Vestis Lodge of Instruction, held under the warrant of the East Medina Lodge, No. 175, was held at the Masonic Hall, Ryde, on the 8th inst., under the presidency of W. Bro. Francis Newman, P.P.S.G.W., who, as Section Master, worked the whole of the fifteen sections, assisted by Bros. Ernest Groves, S.W.; O. B. Gabell, J.W.; W. H. Long, S.D.; T. W. Fair, J.D.; H. A. Matthews, I.G.; Watts, Keet, Smith, Anslie, G. Mullins, Stroud, J. Ellery, Andrews, Sweetman, and H. Durrant, sec. The whole of the work was performed in a most creditable manner and gave general satisfaction.

STAR CHAPTER OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1275.—On Friday, 10th inst., at the Stirling Castle, Church Street, Camberwell. Present: Comps. F. Hilton, P.Z., M.E.Z. and Preceptor; T. Grummant, P.Z.; H. Stone, J.; C. H. Stone, S.E.; C. N. M. North, S.N.; C. Woods, P.S.; H. Martin, A.S.; Towers and Whitby, P.Z. The ceremony of exaltation was rehearsed, Comp. Towers candidate. Comp. Grummant was elected M.E.Z. for the next meeting. Notice of motion was given that the Chapter do adjourn at the end of the present month for the summer.

RAVENSBORNE LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1601.—May 8th, at the George Tavern, Lewisham, Bros. George Pickering, W.M.; Thomas, S.W.; Alfred Morris, J.W.; Walter Smith, Treasurer; Chas. Atkins, Secretary; Dr. Visger, S.D.; J. Joyce, J.D.; Walker, I.G.; H. Shaw, P.M., Preceptor; Shelton, Drew, P.M.; W. Martin, James Stevens, P.M.; Newbould, Clark, and others. The ceremony in the second degree was ably worked by the W.M., Bro. Shelton as candidate. Bro. Morris, who is W.M. elect of the John Carpenter Lodge, No. 1997, rehearsed the investiture of officers. Bro. Thomas was elected W.M. for the ensuing week. The festival of this Lodge of Instruction is to be held on Thursday, the 30th inst., at 7 p.m.

JOPPA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 188.—On Tuesday, the 14th May, at the Manchester Hotel, Aldersgate Street, E.C. Present: Bros. J. Goodridge, W.M.; E. Ansell, S.W.; Dodd, J.W.; S. Dancyger, Preceptor; H. Saqui, Sec.; M. Cohen, S.D.; A. Cohen, J.D.; Garrard, I.G.; A. J. Marks, J. Davis, Jun., A. Botibol, A. Quadratstein. The ceremony of passing was rehearsed, Bro. Quadratstein as candidate. The 1st section of the 2nd and the 1st and 2nd sections of the 1st lectures were rehearsed. Bro. Ansell was elected W.M. for ensuing week. Notice of motion given that the W.M. takes the chair at 8 p.m. instead of 7 p.m. Secretary notified that a ballot for a Life Governorship would take place next Tuesday, and proceedings terminated.

LANGTON LODGE OF INSTRUCTION—No. 1673.—Held at the White Hart Tavern, Abchurch Lane, E.C., Thursday, the 9th May, 1889. Present—Bros. Brewer, W.M.; Marshall, S.W.; C. W. C. Webb, J.W.; Hall, S.D.; De Paiva, J.D.; Godfrey, I.G.; Hobbs, Preceptor; Mapleton, sec.; Burne and Leaver, and Wood (visitor). The ceremony of initiation was rehearsed, Bro. Leaver acting as candidate. The ceremony of installation was rehearsed, Bro. Burne acting as candidate. Bro. Marshall was elected W.M. for the ensuing meeting, and gave notice that the ceremony to be rehearsed would be that of passing, and the explanation of the tracing board would also be given. Bro. Wood was elected a member of the lodge.

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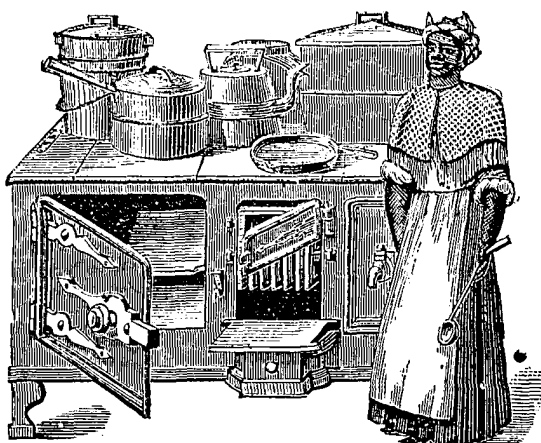
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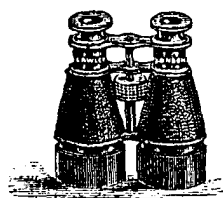
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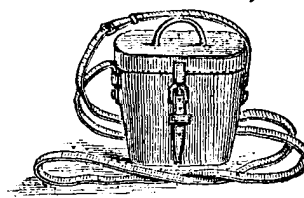
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